

## Margaret Hunter Rawlings, 89

Margaret Hunter Rawlings, 89, of Prescott, Ariz., a homemaker, artist and lover of the outdoors, formerly of Bigfork and Libby, died Sunday, Aug. 7, 1994.

She was born in Anaconda to Jessie and Swift Hunter, early Montana residents, and was the widow of Carl Denzil Rawlings, cowboy, rancher and logging company employee.

Survivors include her daughters, Peggy Hamann of Sheridan, Wyo.,

and Sue Hotzel of Havre; her son, Donn Rawlings of Prescott; 10 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Barbara Powell of Helena.

No services will be held. Donations may be made in her name to the American Friends Service Committee, 1501 Cherry Street, Philadelphia, Pa. 19102; or Greenpeace, P.O. Box 96128, Washington, D.C. 20090-6128.

## 1994 Merlin D. Raybourn, 62

Merlin D. Raybourn, 62, of Kalispell, died in the Brendan House on Wednesday, May 4.

He was born Aug. 27, 1931, in Shelby, to Paul and Dinah Raybourn. He received his schooling in Vancouver, Wash. On Jan. 28, 1961, he married Clarice Engebretson Wood, in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

He worked as a power lineman and live in various places following employment with Christian Electric. He was a member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers for 43 years. He was also a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, the Moose Lodge and American Legion.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Raymond.

He is survived by his wife at the family home; his children, Marcy Raybourn and Jan Thueringer, both of Phoenix, Pam Ellis, of Renton, Wash., Rick Wood, Sharrell Gregg, Steve Raybourn and Rick Raybourn, all of Kalispell; 16 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be 2 p.m. Monday at Conrad Memorial Cemetery, Pastor Jerry Innis, of Calvary Chapel, officiating. Friends will meet at the cemetery for the service. Arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary.

## Edward J. Reed, 85

Edward J. Reed, 85, of rural Columbia Falls, died Saturday, Feb. 12, 1994, at North Valley Hospital.

He was born Oct. 29, 1908, in Redwood Falls, Minn., to Edward and Amelia Reed.

He moved to Duly with his parents in 1911. They later moved to Sweet Grass, where he met Jeanne Tintinger. They married on March 10, 1934, at St. Ann's Cathedral.

In 1940, they moved to a homestead at Fairfield. In 1952, they moved to Columbia Falls. He worked as a carpenter and was a 4-H leader. He was active in the Flathead Valley Good Sam and North Valley Seniors. He enjoyed fishing, camping, smoking fish, making wine and gardening.

He is survived by his wife at the



family home; six children: Tom Reed of Escondido, Calif., Sandra Turner and Terry Reed, both of Kalispell, Jerry and Todd Reed, both of Columbia Falls, and Mike Reed of Whitefish. He is also survived by eight grandsons, six granddaughters and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, Jess, Chet and Bill Reed, as well as sisters Rose Engelking and Hazel Anderson.

A funeral is scheduled at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Austin Funeral Home, Rev. David V. Kauffman, of the Whitefish Christian Church, officiating. Burial will follow at Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls. Visitation is scheduled at Austin Funeral Home 5-8 p.m. Monday and 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday.

The family suggests memorials to the North Valley Senior Center, or to Dogs for the Deaf, 10175 Wheeler Drive, Central Point, Ore., 97502.

## Howard Dean Redpath, 71

Howard Dean Redpath died Wednesday, Feb. 2, 1994, at Kalispell Regional Hospital of complications following emergency surgery. He was 71.

He was born in Joplin and raised in Somers. He was the youngest child of Frank and Martha Redpath. He was born Nov. 9, 1922. He graduated from high school in Kalispell. On Oct. 11, 1941, he married his high school sweetheart, Katherine L. "Peggy" Brash.

He has four children, Janet Bourne and her husband, Dan, of Kalispell, Connie Stein and her husband, Frank, of Lakeside, Dennis Redpath and his fiancée Robyn Gillies, of Kaneohe, Hawaii, and Randee Morrow and her husband, John, of Lakeside.

Grandchildren are Monica Redpath of Anchorage, Alaska, Dennis Redpath Jr., of Somers, Shannie Bourne Lopaka and her husband, Keoni, of Kalispell, Corrie Bourne, of Kalispell and Maren Morrow, of Lakeside. Other survivors are one great-grandchild, Kyle Redpath, son of Monica, and another great-grandchild due in April to Shannie.

His children lovingly referred to him as "the Great White Father."

His family also includes a brother, Don, and his wife, Helen, of Helena; his sister Charlotte Managhan and her husband, Bill, of Libby, his sister-in-law Marion Redpath of Helena, and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Louella Boehmer, and brother, Gordon Redpath.

He worked part time during high

school delivering groceries for Everit Sliter's grocery store. He hauled the first load of lumber ever sold from Sliter's. He worked at Sliter's Lumber Co. for about 40 years. When he retired in 1977, he claimed "it took six guys to replace me."

He and his wife developed the Hillside Homes subdivision in Lakeside and built many of the homes there.

After he retired, he made a hobby of visiting garage sales. At garage sales, he always asked organizers "Do you have any old watches or gold jewelry?" He loved to talk to people and make deals. He enjoyed buying and selling cars.

He was a member of the Eagles for more than 50 years. He was in Monday night bowling league for many years and was an early member of the Somers Lions Club.

His wife and family loved him very much. They and his many friends will miss him.

Visitation is 2-6 p.m. today at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. A funeral will be at 3 p.m. Monday at Lakeside Chapel, with burial afterward at Conrad Cemetery in Kalispell. A reception will be at Eagles Hall in Kalispell after interment.

Memorials may be made to the Lakeside Quick Response Unit, PO Box 911, Lakeside.

## Fay Edward Reed Jr., 32

Fay Edward Reed Jr., 32, of Kalispell, died Tuesday, April 5, 1994, in Whitefish.

He was born April 29, 1961, in Whitefish, to Myrtle and Fay Edward Reed Sr. He attended Whitefish schools and had then served in the U.S. Army.

He returned to the Flathead Valley and was employed as a pipefitter and welder for Semitool.

He was married to Debbie and later divorced, and married Lynn and they were divorced. On Aug. 4, 1993, he was married to Guyla Jurgens in Phoenix, Ariz.



He enjoyed the outdoors, fishing and camping.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and is survived by his wife, Guyla, and two sons, Dennis and Jesse, of Kalispell; two daughters, Holly Reed in California and Amanda Reed in Kalispell; stepdaughter, Aurora Jurgens, of Kalispell; a brother, Carl Stem, in Arizona; three sisters, Sue Linn and Brenda Norris, both of Kalispell, and Cindy Shouse in California; his grandmother, Catheran Reed, in California; and a number of other relatives.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. on Friday in Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Burial will be in Conrad Memorial Cemetery, where military honors will be conducted by the United Veterans Organization.

## Lester R. Reed, 71

Lester R. Reed, 71, died Friday, Jan. 21, 1994, at his home in Martin City.

He was born April 28, 1922, in Oxbow, Sask., to Ira Reed and Flossie Leona Pier-son. He moved to Kenmare, N.D., at age 5. He moved to Bigfork at age 15.

On Feb. 26, 1942, he married Catherine "Katie" Nigg in Kalispell.

His work in construction and the railroad took him to various areas, including Conrad, Hungry Horse, Kalispell and Spokane. He always loved the Big Sky Country. He lived in Martin City since 1968.

He was always there for his family and friends and was always ready with a humorous remark or story.

He was a member of the carpenter's union and the Fraternal Order of the Eagles, 4081.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Janet Sue, and a sister, Loy Jorstad.

Survivors include his wife in Martin City; daughters Floreen "Punky"



Johnson, Darleen Gossard and Donna Reed, all of Spokane, and Leona "Nonie" Reed of Bigfork; his mother, Flossie Leona Haack, and two brothers, Robert and Ben Reed, all of Spokane; and a sister, Ree Whallon, of Bremerton, Wash.

Surviving grandchildren are Brad, Brian and Bret Meyer, Tom Smith and Debbie Jones, all of Spokane; Brenda Meyer of Walla Walla, Wash., Bart Meyer of Sacramento, Calif., Mary Keith, of Havre, Michele Nedved, of Whitefish, Dan Nedved, Donald Church, Sarah Church and Derik Church, all of Martin City.

Nine great-grandchildren survive, Casey Nedved, Austin and Ryan Jones, Justin, Steven and Ashley Meyer and Malinda, Darren and Michael Keith.

Also surviving are many nieces and nephews, including Lyle Reed of Coram; and many friends.

A prayer vigil is scheduled at 7 p.m. today at Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated by Father Joseph P. Sullivan at St. Richards Catholic Church in Columbia Falls, 2 p.m., Monday.

## Leonard G. Reeves, 72

Leonard G. Reeves, 72, of Columbia Falls, died Thursday, Feb. 17, 1994, at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

He was born July 4, 1921, in Columbia Falls to Orletus "Ora" and Clarissa Reeves. He was raised in Columbia Falls, and educated there. He served in the Army from 1940 to 1945. He was honorably discharged and was awarded several medals, including the purple heart and two bronze stars.

Leonard married Faye Warner in 1945. He is survived by her at the family home. Other survivors include a son, Charles, of Columbia Falls; daughters Carol Ost, Debora Loucks and Lenora Harward, all of Columbia Falls; sister Betty Forler, of Renton, Wash.; 13 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by a broth-

er, G. N. "Buzz" Reeves and a sister, Lola Reeves.

He loved the outdoors and enjoyed sharing his knowledge with his grandchildren. He taught anyone who cared to learn how to take care of our natural resources, showing the way by helping to preserve the big cedars at Ross Creek. He had a life-long passion for prospecting, enjoying the search more than the find. He worked as a sawyer for most of his life, working for local timber companies. His family loved him very much and will miss him tremendously.

A memorial service is scheduled at 3 p.m. Tuesday at Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. Military graveside rites will be conducted by the VFW honor guard. Inurnment will be in the Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls following the services.

## Eva Josephine Reimers, 81

Eva Josephine Reimers, 81, died at her home in Kalispell on Friday, Dec. 16, 1994.

She was born Nov. 21, 1913, in Chicago, to Stanley and Stella Tylinski. She was employed at Jaymar Ruby in Michigan City, Ind., where she lived until 1965, when she moved to Valparaiso, Ind.

She farmed with her last husband, Herman Reimers, in Valparaiso. They had been married 27 years when he died. In 1993, she came to Kalispell to live with her grandson, Christopher, who cared for her in illness. She was a devoted and loving mother and grandmother.

She is survived by a son, Stanley J. Jacobs Sr., of Michigan City; a daughter, Shirley Lane, of

Brooksville, Fla.; a brother, Raymond Tylinski, of Michigan City; four grandsons, Christopher MountainBird of Kalispell, Corey Greaves of Lincoln, Ill., Craig Jacobs of Michigan City, and Stanley Jacobs Jr.; three granddaughters, Jennifer Greaves Rubin and Tracey Greaves Baughman, both of Michigan City, and Amie Greaves Martinez of Brooksville; and seven great-grandchildren.

Mass of the Christian Burial was held Tuesday at St. Matthew's Catholic Church with the Rev. Robert Noonan as celebrant. The body was forwarded to Bartholemews Funeral Home in Valparaiso where burial was at Blachley Cemetery.

## 1994 Mary E. Rendahl, 88

Mary E. Rendahl, 88, loving mother of Katherine Herbertson, of Atlanta, Ga., Vera Zinn, Jean Driscoll, Jim Rendahl, of Whitefish, and Ben Rendahl, of Newberry Park, Calif., went to be home with her Lord on Friday, July 29, at North Valley Extended Care in Whitefish.

She was the second of four children, who survive, Theresa Henschied and Ann O'Halloran, of Idaho and Nick Wagner, of Donner, Calif., on Dec. 5, 1905, to Joseph and Mary Wagner, in Chicago. She was raised and educated in Twin Falls, Idaho.

On Aug. 24, 1928, she married Kenneth N. Rendahl. After the birth of their daughters, they moved to San Francisco, where the boys were born. She moved to Whitefish in 1988, where she lived until her death.

She will always be remembered for her dedication to her family, which includes five children, 13 nieces and nephews, 25 grandchildren and 37 great-grandchildren. She faithfully

remembered each on birthdays, anniversaries and holidays with cards, letters and presents. She will also be remembered by all for her unswerving faith, her love for letter writing, her friendly smiles and her outrageous cinnamon rolls. She will also be remembered for her continuous, 80-year friendship with her school chums from the first grade: Lina, Marge, Gertrude and Mary Bell.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations in the name of Mary Rendahl be made to the extended care facility of North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

Christian wake services will be 7 p.m. today at Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish. Mass of Resurrection will be celebrated 11 a.m. Monday at the St. Charles Catholic Church in Whitefish, with the Rev. Charles Roman as celebrant. Burial will follow at St. Richard's Catholic Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

## Edna Irene Rexford, 81

Edna Irene Rexford, 81, died at her home in Kalispell on Thursday evening, Oct. 20, 1994.

She was born April 19, 1913, in Velva, N.D., to Herman and Nora Lukenbill. She moved to the Flathead with her family at an early age. She attended school at Somers and Boorman schools.

On June 3, 1931, she married Walter Rexford in Kalispell. The couple lived in the Boorman area until moving to Kalispell.

She was a lifelong member of the Nazarene Church. She enjoyed gardening, house plants, reading poetry, her family and the Lord.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Walter, on Oct. 19, 1988, three infant daughters and a brother, Frank Lukenbill.

She is survived by four daughters,

LaVonne Eastman, of Kalispell, Joanne Rexford and Agnes McNally, both of Spokane and Glenda Eagle-son, of Kalispell; two stepchildren, Grace Miller, of Oregon and Arizona, and Phil Rexford of Camp Verde, Ariz.; four sisters, Thelma Rales, of Hot Springs, Anna Holmquist and Lu Lukenbill, both of Kalispell, and Lena Rogers, of Phoenix, Ariz.; 10 grandchildren and many great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren and nieces and nephews.

A funeral is scheduled at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Church of the Nazarene with Dr. Guy Nees officiating. Burial will be at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Friends may call at the Johnson Mortuary for visitation 1-4 p.m. today and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday.

## Hiram E. Reynolds, 82

Hiram E. Reynolds, 82, a lifetime resident of North Lincoln County, died Sunday, Jan. 3, 1994, at Mountain View Manor in Eureka following an extended illness.

He was born at Trego on June 20, 1911, to Herbert and Mary Reynolds.

He was raised and educated at Trego and Fortine and married Ila Mae Fluid on July 1, 1934 at Trego.

He worked in an area sawmill and was later employed by Montana State Forestry for many years until his retirement.

He was preceded in death by his

wife, Ila in 1986; a son, Keith Reynolds in December 1993; and a sister, Edna Falser.

Survivors include two sons, LeRoy Reynolds and Carol Reynolds, both of Eureka; eight grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Friends may call at Vial Funeral Home in Eureka from 1-6 p.m. Friday.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. at the First Church of God with the Rev. Warren Pomeroy officiating. Cremation will follow the services. Inurnment and burial will be in the Tobacco Valley Cemetery.

## 1 Oct 1994 Cecil Y. Richey, 89

Cecil Y. Richey, 89, a long-time resident of the Kootenai Valley, died Saturday at the Libby Care Center.

He is survived by his wife Eleanor of Libby; a son, Elmore, of Troy; two daughters, including Maribeth Faris of Libby; and eight grandchildren.

Friends may call at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home from 1-8 p.m. Wednesday and until noon on Thursday. Services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. at the Nazarene Church with the Rev. Lloyd Howell officiating. Burial will be at Milner Lake Cemetery in Troy.

## Charles E. 'Hap' Riebe, 75

Charles E. "Hap" Riebe, 75, died Saturday, July 9, 1994, at his home in the Lake Blaine area after a lengthy illness.

He was born May 3, 1919, in Kalispell to John and Ruth Radel Riebe. He grew up in the Niarada area, attending the Battle Butte School in Hog Heaven. In 1927 he moved with the family to Kalispell, where he attended grade school and Flathead High School.

In the 1930s he worked with the CCC on the Going-to-the-Sun Highway, was a miner for Flathead Mine, and operated heavy equipment on road construction in northwest Montana. However, his life work was associated with the trucking industry as a mechanic, operator, shop foreman for such companies as Consolidated Freightways, Claude Walter, Aronow Refinery, United Buckingham and Ed Marks Trucking. He later owned his own trucking business, H & J Trucking.

On October 21, 1946, he married Helen Frost in Kalispell. Chuck and Helen started their family in 1947 and followed his work to Great Falls, Billings, Havre and other locations in Montana.

In 1967, he worked as a millwright for CC Plywood, where he was injured and was forced to retire.

He then attended Flathead Valley Community College, graduating in 1970 with an associates degree in liberal arts with a major in journalism. For a short time he worked for the Missoulian, but always enjoyed writing poetry and prose.

Chuck was a talented musician, playing guitar in several bands. He could play any instrument; however, he could not read a note and had no formal training.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Martin; and an infant son, L.G. Riebe.

He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Helen; sons, Jerry and wife Ellie, Dan and wife Hazel, all of Kalispell, Jeffrey of Libby, and Jay and wife Patti, of Washington; and daughters, Linda Greeson of Kalispell and Dianne and her husband Ron Guyton, of Whitefish.

He is also survived by a brother, Francis Riebe in Polson; a sister, Dorothy Bain and her husband, Art, in Kalispell; two sisters-in-law, Evelyn Shepard of Kalispell and Alvina Cyr of Missoula; 13 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Cremation has taken place at Austin Funeral home. A private Memorial Service is scheduled at a later date.

## Pearl Rider, 89

Pearl Rider, 89, died Wednesday morning, Jan. 19, 1994, at North Valley Extended Care Unit in Whitefish of natural causes.

Pearl was born Oct. 10, 1904, near Thackerville, Okla., to James and Lillie Rhoads. She was raised and attended schools in Oklahoma.

Pearl came to the Flathead Valley in 1955 and had resided here since.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Martin (Bethena) Metcalf in West Glacier, and a granddaughter, Melissa Metcalf of Kalispell.

Visitation will be from 1-2 p.m. Friday at Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

Private graveside services will be at 2:30 p.m. Friday at Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls with the Rev. Harley Bennett officiating.

## Carley Ridenour, 55

Carley Ridenour, 55, of Kalispell, died in the Brendan House on Thursday, June 2, 1994, of heart failure.

She was born Aug. 18, 1938, in Kalispell, to Elmer and Irene Ridenour. Her early years were spent in Lower Valley. The family moved west of Kalispell in the early 1950s.

She graduated in 1956 from Flathead High School. She then attended Whitman College in Spokane, Wash., the University of Washington and Montana State University; where she was a cheerleader.

She played the piano and organ for numerous years for the First Baptist Church. She also taught piano. She was a member of the Christian Center Church.

Survivors include her sisters, Netia Pederson of Cheney, Wash.,

and Julie Connolly of Sacramento, Calif.; three nieces, Tesha Kropidowski of Cheney, Wash., Laron Glover of Everett, Wash., and Sendi Houdyshell of Missoula; and one nephew, Tom Connolly of Citrus Heights, Calif.

Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. on Saturday in Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. John Weaver of Christian Center Church officiating. Burial will be in Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Friends may call at Johnson Mortuary for visitation from 1-6 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Saturday.

The family suggests memorials to the Mary Ballenger Fund, c/o Christian Center Church, 255 Summit Ridge Road, Kalispell.

## Elmer R. Ridenour, 83

Elmer R. Ridenour, 83, of Kalispell, died in Kalispell Regional Hospital on Thursday, March 3, 1994.

He was born Feb. 19, 1911, in Billings, Okla., to Raymond and Sylvia Ridenour. In 1916 he moved with his family to Kalispell, and they homesteaded in the Lake Five area. He received his education in Columbia Falls and Kalispell, graduating from Flathead County High School in 1930.

On April 21, 1933, he married Irene Gray in Kalispell. During World War II he worked in the shipyards in Tacoma, Wash. He farmed in the Lower Valley and west of Kalispell.

He later worked for McElroy & Wilkin from 1962 until he retired. He was a member of the Lower Valley Grange and the First Baptist Church,

where he served on the Board of Deacons.

He enjoyed gardening and loved his roses. He was a test grower for Jackson Perkins Rose Growers.

He was preceded in death by his wife in 1991.

Survivors include daughters Carley Ridenour, of Kalispell, Netia Pederson, of Cheney, Wash., and Julie Connolly of Sacramento, Calif.; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A funeral is scheduled at 2 p.m. Monday at the Johnson Mortuary Chapel, with Rev. Ken Mottram of the First Baptist Church officiating. Burial will be at Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Visitation is 1-4 p.m. today and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday at Johnson Mortuary.

## George Byron Rightmire, 72

George Byron Rightmire, 72, of Somers, died in St. Joseph's Convalescent Center in Polson on Sunday, July 10, 1994, of natural causes.

He was born March 9, 1922, in Binghamton, N.Y., to Floyd and Phoebe Rightmire. He had attended schools in Binghamton, N.Y., Harrisburg, Va., and Hanover, Pa.

In 1941 he enlisted in the U.S. Army and was trained as a medical technician at Walter Reed Hospital. He was sent to Trinidad BWI, where he served in the hospital there. He was sent back to the States after numerous Malaria attacks and was then sent to Europe as a combat medic. He was with the armies fighting the Battle of the Bulge and was with the first medic group to reach Dachau Concentration Camp when it was liberated.

In June 1952 he was married to Laverne Fritz and she preceded him in death in 1983. They had lived in the York, Pa., area where he worked as a teamster for Motor Freight Express for 28 years until he was disabled and retired in 1977.

He moved to Arizona and married Lois DeWinter in 1983. They spent the winters in Arizona and the sum-

mers in Somers.

He was a retired member of Teamsters Local 430, York; and a lifetime member of Disabled American Vets in Kalispell and Polson. He had been a resident of St. Joseph's Convalescent Center in Polson for three years due to disabilities.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, Sam, Bill and Jim; and one sister, Delia.

Survivors include his wife, Lois of Somers; one daughter, Jane and family from Chesapeake, Pa.; stepdaughters, Penny and family of Red Lion, Pa., and Diane and family of York; stepson, Lanny of Tampa, Fla.; brothers, Jack of Binghamton, N.Y., Floyd of Oakland, N.J., and Frank of Colorado Springs, Colo.; and sisters, Madge of New Oxford, Pa., Carrie of Chenango Falls, N.Y., and Dottie of Binghamton.

Cremation has taken place. Private burial of urn will be in Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

The family suggests memorials may be made to the local Disabled American Vets, c/o Jim Rehbein, 212 Sommerset Drive, Kalispell.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary.

## 1994 Arno W. Rinck, 87

Arno W. Rinck, 87, of Columbia Falls, died Saturday, May 28, at the Montana Veteran's Home, due to complications from congestive heart failure and diabetes.

He was born July 1, 1906, in Hackensack, N.J. to Arno and Charlotte Hupfauf Rinck. He graduated from Hackensack High School in 1924 and attended Stephens Institute of Technology in Hoboken, N.J., studying engineering.

He was employed by the United Piece Dye Works in Lodi, N.J. until World War II. During the war he served in the Army in Italy, France and Germany. After the war he started the Easter Model Railroad Co., a



small retail and mail-order business which he moved to Hungry Horse in 1963. He retired in the early 1980s.

On Aug. 27, 1938, he married Frances Kelly in Rogers Forge, Md. He is survived by her at the family home in Columbia Falls. He is also survived by a son, Bill Rinck and his wife, Vicki Byrd Rinck, of Coram and three grandchildren, Cecilia, Moses and Claudette.

A service is scheduled 10 a.m., Tuesday, at St. Richard's Catholic Church, Father Joe Pat Sullivan officiating. Memorials may be made to the St. Richard's Emergency Fund.

## *DW* Dale W. Riley 1994

Memorial services for Dale W. Riley, 66, of Columbia Falls, are 2 p.m. Friday at the Assembly of God Church in Columbia Falls. He died Friday at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

He was born July 31, 1928, in Racine, Wis., to Verena and Wade B. Riley. He moved to Missoula as a child and spent the last 42 years in the Flathead Valley. He was a member of the Montana National Guard and was employed at Columbia Falls Aluminum Co. for 28 years as a painter and pin puller.

He married Mary F. Worthington on July 25, 1949, in Missoula.

He was president of the Eagles Club, a Royal Ranger at the Assembly of God Church in Columbia Falls, and a member of the Moose Club in Kalispell. He was an avid golfer, played bingo, did woodworking and outdoor activities.

He loved children and spent 38 years as Santa's helper.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his stepfather, George Stevens, and a daughter, Pamela Preston.

Survivors include his wife, Mary, of Columbia Falls, his children, George Riley of Columbia Falls, Dale Riley, Jr. of Kalispell, and Cindy Hollis of Kalispell; his stepmother, Tonya Stansberry of California; a sister, Pat Godsey of Columbia Falls; five grandchildren, one great-grandchild, and many nieces and nephews.

The Rev. Darrell Newby will officiate at Friday's services. The family suggests memorials to the Columbia Falls Volunteer Ambulance Association. *HH*



**Dale W. Riley**

## Leola Ritter, 84

Leola Ritter, 84, of Kalispell, died in the Heritage Place on Monday, Jan. 17, 1994, of natural causes.

She was born May 17, 1909, in Hopkins, Mo., to Erma and Orpha Ingram. She moved to Valier at an early age where she received her education graduating from high school there.

She moved to Kalispell where she taught in the Smith Valley School and also the Lakeside School for five years.

She was married to Phil Dalager. She worked as the school clerk for District 53 in Trego from 1950 until her retirement in 1969.

In 1942, she was married to Walter Ritter in Libby and he preceded her in death in 1979.

She had been a member of the Presbyterian Church.

She was also preceded in death by two brothers, Hilbert and Wilbur; and two sisters, Mildred Lynch and Marie Kinney.

Survivors include her daughter, Phyllis Savka of Grass Range; two sons, Leroy Dalager of Kalispell and Wilbur Ritter of Seeley Lake; four sisters, Irene McQueen of Kalispell, Violet Mohn of Washington, Irma Smithers of Eureka and Alta Tunnicliff of Great Falls; two brothers, Robert Ingram of Kalispell and Ray Ingram of Bigfork; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. on Thursday in Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. James Huff, pastor of the Bible Presbyterian Church officiating. Burial will be in Glacier Memorial Gardens.



## Reda Ritzman, 80

Reda Ritzman, 80, of Kalispell, died at Kalispell Regional on Thursday, June 16, 1994, from injuries sustained in a vehicle accident.

She was born Aug. 1, 1913, in Callaway, Neb., to James Curtis and Elva Florence Crowder. In 1916, the family moved to eastern Montana where Reda received her schooling. The family set down roots on the Missouri River at Eight Point, 45 miles south of Glasgow.

In 1937, Reda married George Powell in Glasgow. In 1939, they moved to Victor. Two children, Florence and Georgia, were born. Reda married Robert H. Ritzman in 1948, and two children, Robert and Alice, were born.

In 1944, she moved to Kalispell. She was an active member of the Jeho-

vah's Witnesses and devoted much time to the organization.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her daughter, Georgia; a brother, Jim; and her husband, Robert "Bud" Ritzman.

She is survived by her children, Florence McIntosh of Kalispell, Alice Ritzman of Phoenix, Ariz., and Robert Ritzman, of Rigby, Idaho; a brother, Robert Crowder, of Phoenix; a sister, Beatrice Crawford, of Phoenix; eight grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. on Johnson Mortuary Chapel with Jim Lawrence officiating.

Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary.

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## Otis Robbins Jr., 70

Otis Robbins Jr., 70, of Kalispell, died at his home on Saturday, Feb. 19, 1994.

He was born Nov. 25, 1923, in Colmar, Ky., to Dorothy and Otis. From there, the family moved to western Pennsylvania where he graduated from high school.

He received a bachelor of science degree from the University of Pittsburgh in zoology. He went on to obtain a master's degree at Iowa State College in wildlife management.

He served in the Army Infantry from 1942 to 1945. He married Jean Wagamon in 1947 and began his career as a wildlife professional for the Pennsylvania Fish and Game Commission. He later conducted work for the Federal Fish and Wildlife Service in Eastern Pennsylvania.

In 1961, Otis and his family moved to Kalispell to conduct a creel census on Flathead Lake. Following that project he was hired as the information and education office for Mon-



tana Fish and Game Department. He retired from the department in 1980.

Since his retirement he has been active in many community and state affairs. Among his activities include president of the Kalispell Golf Association (twice), Board of Directors at FVCC, assisted in the expansion of the Buffalo Hill Golf Course, was active in tourism, writer of a weekly outdoor column, and host of an outdoor radio talk show.

His greatest hobbies included fishing, golfing, and skiing. He was an avid hunter.

Survivors include his wife, Jean; a brother, Dennis; a sister, Bea; two sons, Hal and Ken; a daughter, Nancy; and three grandchildren, Debbie, Michelle, and Heidi.

A memorial service is being held on Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Epworth United Methodist Church. A short reception will follow at Buffalo Hill Golf Course Clubhouse.

For anyone who desires to contribute to a memorial fund, the family suggests: Samaritan House, P.O. Box 592, Kalispell, or ALERT Foundation, 325 Claremont Street, Kalispell.

Arrangements and cremation are being handled by Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

## Arthur William Roberts, 80

Arthur William Roberts, 80, of Ronan, died of natural causes Wednesday, Feb. 23, 1994, at St. Joseph Convalescent Center in Polson.

He was born Nov. 1, 1913, in Hulett, Wyo., to James and Ida Roberts. He was educated in Hulett.

On Sept. 23, 1939, he married Freda Brimmer in Sundance, Wyo. They moved to Whitefish in 1954 and then to White Sulphur Springs and finally to the Ronan-Pablo area in 1969. He worked for John Deere for several years as a farm mechanic. He was a member of the Apostolic Lutheran Church and was an avid outdoor sportsman.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one son, Dwight; one daughter, Carolyn; two brothers; one sister; two grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Survivors include his wife, Freda of Ronan; his children, Vonda Nobles

of Hot Springs, Charlotte Moler of Sumner, Wash., Lance Roberts of White Sulphur Springs, Alane Rohletter of Hungry Horse, Mary Etta Roberts of Plains, and Nancy Mallery of Kalispell; five sisters, Virgie Lipe of Sheridan, Wyo., Frances Blakeman of Moorcroft, Wyo., Peggy Blakeman of South Dakota, Sally Daniels of Spearfish, S.D., and Cleo Stewart of Sheridan; three brothers, Ed Roberts of Fort Meade, S.D., David Roberts of Carlile, Wyo., and Jim Roberts of Chamberlain, S.D.; 23 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be from 1-8 p.m. today at Shrider's Mortuary in Ronan.

Services will be at 2 p.m. on Saturday in Shrider's Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Paul Heidegger officiating.

## Nina Amy Roberts, 87

Nina Amy Roberts, 87, of Kalispell, died in Kalispell Regional Hospital on Wednesday, March 9, 1994.

She was born Oct. 12, 1906, in Montford to Henry and Edith Brown. She received her education in Montford, Creston, Mountain Brook and Kalispell schools. On July 17, 1924, she married Orville Roberts in Kalispell.

They made their home at Mountain Brook, raising their family. In 1955 they moved to Kalispell. They were active in logging until retirement in 1987. She was of the Jehovah's Witness Faith. She enjoyed reading, cooking, gardening and especially loved her rose garden.

She was also a hunter, having shot an elk at age 57. She was greatly

loved by her grandchildren and family and will be missed by all.

She was preceded in death by two sons, Vernon and Richard, and one daughter, Lida.

Survivors include her husband at the family home; sons Raymond and Henry Roberts, both of Kalispell, Ervin Roberts, of Oregon, and Ernest Roberts, of Missoula; daughters Gloria Pearse, of Kalispell, Vivia Nottingham, of Manhattan, Mont., and Judith Kirkland of Plains; 47 grandchildren, many great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren, plus nieces and nephews and many friends.

A funeral is scheduled at 2 p.m. Monday at Johnson Mortuary Chapel with Norman Nelson officiating.

Burial will be in Lone Pine Cemetery. Friends may call at the Johnson Mortuary for visitation 1-4 p.m. today.

## Darlene Joy Robinson, 62

Darlene Joy Robinson, 62, died of coronary disease at her Kalispell home on Wednesday, Feb. 16, 1994.

She was born Dec. 19, 1931, in Kalispell, to Vern and Abbie Cooper Hopkins. She attended Bigfork schools. On Jan. 7, 1953, she married Ralph F. Robinson, in the Bigfork Methodist Church.

She has lived in Kalispell for the last 30 years.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Harold Hopkins, and two sisters, Dorothy Olson and Sandra Hopkins.

She is survived by her husband, Ralph, and son, William, at the family home; sons, Raymond and his wife, Diane, Kevin, Herbert and Clifford Robinson, all of Kalispell, and daughters Dorothy Robinson, of Kalispell, and Wanda Robinson, of Las Vegas,

Nev.; five sisters, Helen Hanson, of Fairbanks, Alaska, Louise Vance and Pat Weigum, both of Kalispell, JoAnn Otto, of Post Falls, Idaho, and VernRay East, of San Luis Obispo, Calif.; three grandchildren, Tiffany, Matthew and Abigail and many nieces, nephews and other relatives.

A funeral is scheduled at 2 p.m. Monday at Johnson Mortuary Chapel, with Rev. Ron Pierce, pastor of Swan Chapel, officiating. Cremation will follow the services.

Visitation will be 1-4 p.m. Sunday at Johnson Mortuary. The family suggests memorials to the Heart Fund, c/o LaVonne Aiken, 623 2nd Ave. E., Kalispell. A reception for family and friends will be held at the Evergreen Fire hall following the funeral service.

## John C. 'Bob' Robertson, 77

John C. "Bob" Robertson, 77, of Columbia Falls, died Dec. 25, 1994, after a long battle with cancer.

He was born July 21, 1917, in Kalispell, to John M. and Margaret L. Robertson. Bob grew up and had early schooling at Nyack. He was a Whitefish High School graduate and went on to earn his degree in wildlife biology from the University of Montana in Missoula.

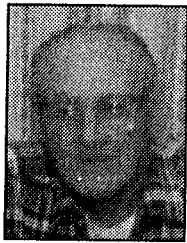
Bob married Wilma "Willie" Alice Field, of Whitefish, on Aug. 26, 1936.

He spent his early years packing, guiding and spending a lot of time in the outdoors, hunting and fishing. He got his first taste of firefighting during the summer of 1941 as a smoke chaser for Glacier Park.

He was a Navy pilot from 1942-1946 during World War II. He worked as a pilot flight instructor, charter and spray pilot from 1946 to 1952. Then, from 1953 to 1956, he flew as a contract fire-control pilot for the Forest Service.

He served 11 years on the Flathead Forest as an engineering technician, wildlife biologist, forester, assistant district ranger, and finally ranger for the Hungry Horse district.

He then transferred to the Gallatin National Forest in Bozeman as the U.S. fire control and timber staff officer. Two years later, he transferred to Missoula, where he was on the aviation and fire management staff for 12 years, serving as regional fire coordinator, aviation and fire suppression group leader, regional air officer, and finally, fire control section head. He retired in December of 1979.



He and Willie moved back to the Flathead to their present home in Columbia Falls in 1986, to be closer to their four daughters.

He was an avid fisherman and hunter and enjoyed being out in the woods for any reason. He taught his four daughters to hunt and fish at early ages and was always proud of their accomplishments in the field, especially when daughter Linda caught a 13 1/2 pound rainbow out of Duck Lake, at the age of 9. He was involved in Ducks Unlimited and the National Rifle Assoc. for many years.

He is survived by his wife, Willie, at their home in Columbia Falls; daughters, DeeAnn and husband, Jerry Anders, Gail Margaret and husband, Mark Stanley, all of Columbia Falls, Linda Rae and husband, Cork Hill, of Nyack, and Carla Jean and husband, Doug Jensen, of Condon; 11 grandchildren, Jackie Anders Fitzgerald, Scott Anders, Cindee Anders Anderson, Kendee and Beau Hill, Kim Brenden, Shay, Keri and Tyler Stanley, and Boone and Cody Jensen; three great-grandchildren, Timmy and Ashley Fitzgerald, and Mariah Jensen; and two sisters, Betty Funseth of Whitefish, and Virginia Grat of Los Angeles.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Gordon M. Robertson and Donald Robertson; and his parents.

Services will be held at 2 p.m., Wednesday, at Columbia Falls Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Rick Buzzell, of the Hungry Horse Chapel, officiating. Arrangements and cremation are with Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials to Ducks Unlimited or the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 1002, Kalispell, MT 59903, or a charity of their choice.

## John F. Robinson, 63

John F. Robinson, was born Jan. 19, 1930, at Ferndale, to Viola and Oliver Robinson. He died Jan. 1, 1994, at Kalispell Regional Hospital following a 9 1/2 year battle with multiple myeloma (plasma cell cancer).

He received his education at the Bigfork Schools, graduating from high school in 1949. He attended the University of Montana one year and Montana State University for one year. He worked on an oil pipeline in Texas for one winter.

On March 1, 1953, he was married to Lois Ann Collins in Polson. They made their home in Bigfork and John lived all of his life in Bigfork.

He began working for the U.S. Forest Service in 1945 on Crane Mountain Lookout. He continued to work for the service on trails, phone lines, as a packer, a log scaler, a fire dispatcher, as Region One's first law enforcement officer and as the fire staff officer for the Flathead National Forest. He retired in 1984.

He was an active member of the Bigfork Volunteer Fire Department for 25 years. He served on the Bigfork School Board of Trustees for six years and as the board chairman for five years. He served on the ALERT

board from its beginning and for several years until his retirement.

He is survived by his wife, Lois at their home in Bigfork; three daughters and their families, Jerrian and Boone Jones of Stevensville, Jewell and Cliff Benjamin of Shelby, Lisa and Andy Kelly of Kalispell; seven grandchildren, Randy and Wesley Jones, Lyle, Brenda, Sharon, Roy and Kevin Benjamin; his mother, Viola Forbragd of Kalispell; one brother, Donald "Bud" Robinson of Bigfork and Yuma, Ariz.; his aunt, Mable Morton of Bigfork; and several cousins.

He was preceded in death by his father in 1950.

Some of John's special interests included hunting and fishing, riding and packing family camps into the backcountry, going along on wagon trains and farming and ranching with his sons-in-law.

Funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. on Thursday at the New Life Alliance Church affectionately known as the "Little Brown Church" in Bigfork. Interment will follow the service in the Lone Pine Cemetery.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary.

## Anna Rogers, 92

Anna Rogers, 92, died Wednesday, July 27, 1994, Libby Care Center. She was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ben Severson on March 27, 1902, at Minnesota. She and her husband James Rogers resided in North Dakota before coming to eastern Montana, living at Frazer and Wolf Point for many years. Her husband James preceded her in death in 1970. She came to the Troy area in 1975 where she resided until entering Libby Care Center three years ago.

Survivors include a son, James Rogers, Missoula; grandchildren Laurie Orr, Vicki Rogers, Nancy Michels and Loren Rogers, all of Libby; Jamie Rogers and Jeanne Rogers, both of Missoula; Joel Rogers, North Dakota; and Ruth Hedge of Troy.

Services were Aug. 1 at Milnor Lake Cemetery with Pastor Ed Cain officiating.

## Allen Raymond Rogers, 48

Allen Raymond Rogers, 48, of Ronan, died of a heart condition Thursday, Jan. 6, 1994, in Orlando, Fla.

He was born March 7, 1945, in Minneapolis to Emanuel and Marie Rogers. He attended schools in Ronan and graduated from Ronan High School in 1963. He was in the Army National Guard special forces.

He worked for Northern Pacific Railroad and worked on the tunnel project at Libby Dam. He later worked at Danielson Lumber Mill in Pablo. For six years he worked at Skyline Supply in Polson. In 1975, he started Woody's Lumber Yard in Ronan and expanded to Polson in 1977.

On July 2, 1967, he married Joyce K. Dickson at Polson.

He is preceded in death by two nephews.

Survivors include his parents and wife, all of Ronan; daughter Ann Fal-lat and her husband, Ted, of Ft. Hood, Texas; son Will and his wife, Ruth, and another son, John, all of Ronan; brothers Glenn Rogers of Ronan and Roy Rogers of Columbia Falls; and numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Visitation is at Shrider's Mortuary in Ronan from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday. A funeral is scheduled at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Ronan High School gym, with Father Bernard Koenig officiating. Burial with military honors is to be at Calvary Cemetery in Ronan. Memorials are suggested to the Ronan High School Scholarship Fund.

## Meredith Marie Rogge, 59

Meredith Marie Rogge, 59, of Somers, died at her home on Tuesday, Aug. 16, 1994, of cancer.

She was born Dec. 9, 1934, in Formoso, Kan., a daughter of Ernest and Ethel Hyde. She attended school and graduated in 1952. Following graduation she attended Brown Mackie School of Business in Salina, Kan.

On Oct. 17, 1952, she was married to Raymond Leonard Rogge in Linn, Kan. Meredith had dedicated her life to helping others.

She was preceded in death by her father, Ernest, and one daughter, June.

Survivors include her husband, Raymond, of the family home in Somers; three children, Rose Bjornstad and her husband, Robert, of Missoula, Timothy Rogge and his wife, Jennifer, of Bozeman and Kimberly Davore and her husband; Dan, of

Somers; her mother, Ethel Hyde of Kansas; one brother, Paul Hyde of Kansas; three granddaughters, Felicia, Halcyon and Jocelyn Bjornstad, all of Missoula; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Private graveside services and burial will be held in Lone Pine Cemetery in Bigfork. Memorial services will be held at 5:30 p.m. today in the Eidsvold Lutheran Church in Somers with the Rev. Wayne Pris officiating.

The family suggest memorials may be made to the Eidsvold Lutheran Church, Somers; the American Cancer Society, Box 1002, Kalispell; Flathead Hospice, 1280 Burns Way, Kalispell; or to the charity of the donor's choice.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary.

## Verna L.S. Rolfson, 75

Verna L.S. Rolfson, 75, of Polson, died Monday, July 11, 1994, from natural causes at her home in Polson.

Verna was born Jan. 25, 1919, in Fertile, Minn., to Severt and Olena Opheim. As an infant, her family moved to their homestead just south of Scobey. She attended and graduated from high school in Wolf Point.

She married Marselius "Mars" Rolfson on June 23, 1939, in Bainville. For the first year, they lived in Wolf Point, then moved to Bremerton, Wash., where their son, Marcus, was born. They remained there during the war years.

In the spring of 1946, the family moved to Polson, where Verna and Mars began building the Queens Court Motel, which Verna managed for the next 31 years.

During her free time, Verna loved to entertain and play bridge. Upon arriving in Polson, she and friends formed a bridge club that remained together for many years.

She was also very active in various clubs and organizations in the

Polson area, including the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and Eastern Star of which she was past worthy matron.

She is preceded in death by her parents; her son, Marcus in 1979; and a brother, Johan Opheim, who died in France during World War II.

Survivors include her husband, Mars of Polson; two brothers, Knute Opheim of Vancouver, Wash., and Kermit Tjon of Wolf Point; four sisters, Martha Anno of Cody, Wyo., Otilia Morrison of Scobey, Eunice Smith of Polson and Delores Bannan of Rancho Cordova, Calif.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held on Friday at 2 p.m. at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Polson. Burial will follow at Lakeview Cemetery in Polson.

The family suggests memorials be made to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Memorial Fund or to a memorial of the donor's choice.

Arrangements are by Mosley-Shrider Funeral Home in Polson.

## Beulah Amy Root, 85

Beulah Amy Root, 85, of Kalispell, died in Kalispell Regional Hospital on Thursday, Feb. 10, 1994.

She was born July 16, 1908, in Plainville, Wisc., to Lida and Bill Roberts.

On April 14, 1927, she married Claud Root, in Kevin. They moved to Birch Grove Farm in 1931, where they farmed until 1974. That year, they moved to Kalispell, where they lived since.

She was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother. She was preceded in death by her husband, a brother and two sisters.

Survivors include daughter Dorothy Haverfield and granddaugh-

ter Dorothy Haverfield, both of Arizona; brothers Orville and Jack Roberts, both of Kalispell, Bob Roberts of Olney and Billie Roberts of Salmon, Idaho; sisters Peggy Alysworth, of Ronan, and Donna Bishop, of Canada, plus many nieces and nephews.

She was loved by all her friends and family and will be missed.

A funeral is scheduled at 1 p.m. Monday at Johnson Mortuary Chapel, Rev. Ralph Werner officiating. Burial will be at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Visitation is at Johnson Mortuary 1-4 p.m. today. The family suggests memorials to the charity of the donor's choice.

## 16 Jan Dorothy M. Rose, 90

Dorothy M. Rose, 90, of Kalispell, died Sunday at Heritage Place.

She spent many years in California working as a beautician. She had taken care of many movie stars' hair styles in the

'30s and '40s.

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She has no known survivors. She left many friends.

No services are planned at her request. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements and cremation.

## 11 Dec Earl Ross 1994

Earl E. Ross, 73, died Sunday at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.

He was born Jan. 4, 1921, in Summersville, Mo., to Jess and Lou Ross. He was raised and educated in Missouri. Earl served in the U.S. Army from 1942 to 1945.

He worked on farms and ranches for many years, and had resided at the Montana Veterans Home since 1974.

Survivors include two brothers, Virgil Ross of Mesa, Ariz., and Jesse Ross of Summersville, Mo.; two nephews, Larry Ross of Albuquerque, N.M. and Ronald Ross of St. Louis, Mo.; two nieces, Helen Frazier of Eminence, Mo., and Katie McAffrey of Gering, Neb.; and his friend, Jennie Ladenburg of Columbia Falls.

A graveside service was held Wednesday at the Montana Veterans Home cemetery in Columbia Falls, with the Rev. Ray Davis of the United Methodist Church officiating. Military graveside honors were provided by the Veterans of Foreign Wars. The family suggests memorials to the Montana Veterans Home Fund.

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## 1994 Viola Grace Rossing, 85

Viola Grace Rossing, 85, of Kalispell, died in the Kalispell Regional Hospital, Saturday, April 30.

She was born June 19, 1908, in St. Paul, Minn. At an early age she moved with her family to Lethbridge, Alberta, where she received her education. She then moved to Flaxville, where she met Clarence W. Rossing. They were married Oct. 26, 1924, in Scobey.

They farmed in Daniels County in the Scobey area until 1961, when they came to Kalispell. They lived in the Deer Park area until 1972, when they moved into Kalispell. She was a member of the Calvary Lutheran Church; Eastside Grange; Farmers' Union; Scandinavian Fraternity of America; Home Demonstration Club; Sunroot Ladies Club; the Rose Society and the Kalispell Senior Citizens.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Clarence, on August 16, 1977; daughter Myrtle Knudson and grandson Kevin McCann.

She is survived by one son, Orman Rossing, and his wife, Anita, of Libby; daughters Joyce McCann and her husband, Don, of Plentywood, Donna Knapp and her husband, Keith, of Antioch, Calif., and Ilo Wendt and her husband, Rodney, of Columbia Falls; 19 grandchildren and 30 great-grandchildren and a number of nieces, nephews and other relatives.

"Grandma" was very enthusiastic, independent and caring all through her life. She cherished her family

and friends and the love that they brought to her. She was there to lend a listening ear and give advice, even sometimes unwanted. Much time was spent with her flowers and garden. She had a violet collection that was the envy of all. Her back porch was graced yearly by begonias, fuchsias and geraniums, which always flourished under her tender loving care. She didn't like to dilly-dally.

She took numerous trips to learn and see more about the United States. She got her feet wet on the shores of Hawaii, traveled the Yukon Highway and saw the depths of the Grand Canyon. When she wasn't touring with her new friends she was busy with card parties, oil painting and needlework. She spent Friday and Saturday evenings playing pinochle and whist, enjoying a good laugh.

Her other hours were filled capturing the beauty of nature on canvas and fabric. She painted numerous landscapes and still-lives, and embroidered pillows with intricate floral designs. The pillows were given to each of her children and grandchildren, who will treasure them always.

Grandma, though not with us in body, will live on in hearts and memories. Grandma, we love you!

A funeral is scheduled 10 a.m., Wednesday at Calvary Lutheran Church, Rev. Robert Nilsen officiating. Burial will be in Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary.

**WHITEFISH — Mauro J. Rozzoni, 71,** of Happy Valley near Whitefish, died Nov. 23, 1994, of natural causes at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish. He was born March 24, 1923, in San Francisco, Calif., to Louis and Germana Rozzoni. He is survived by his wife, Mary, at the family home. Funeral services were Monday at the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish, with Father Joe Pat Sullivan of St. Richard's Catholic Church in Columbia Falls officiating. Interment was in Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Kalispell. *11/1*

## Albert W. Ruggles, 74

Albert W. Ruggles, 74, of Yakima, Wash., died Wednesday, Aug. 17, 1994, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center of Yakima.

He was born on September 13, 1919, in Elmdale, Mont., to Isaac and Mary (Turner) Ruggles. He began his education near Elmdale and at age 14, he moved with his parents to Kalispell where he graduated from Flathead High



School. While attending high school, he apprenticed and learned his trade of cabinet making.

Mr. Ruggles served in the Merchant Marines during World War II and following his discharge, returned to Kalispell where he continued his trade as cabinet maker for several years. In about 1960 he moved to Wenatchee, Wash., where he continued in his craft.

Before his retirement, he worked for Eastmont School District in East Wenatchee in building maintenance. Following his retirement, he moved to Prosser where he lived until 1993 when he moved to Yakima.

On Aug. 18, 1972, he married Betty Cockrum in Chelan, Wash.

He was a member of the Methodist church for many years and more recently, the Wiley Heights Covenant Church. He enjoyed baseball, fishing, hunting and woodworking.

Besides his wife, Betty Ruggles, of Yakima, he is survived by a son, Charles A. Ruggles of Prosser; four daughters, Margaret Pfeifer of Seattle, Lynn Freeman and husband, Jim, of Beaverton, Ore., Chris Rehkoof of Arlington, Wash., and Georgine Sterley and husband, Brad, of East Wenatchee; stepchildren, John Cockrum and wife, Cathy, of Yakima, Dennis Cockrum and wife, Kathy, of Omak, Wash., and Janet Young and husband, Brent, of Yakima; 12 grandchildren and one great-granddaughter; and one brother and one sister, Robert Ruggles and Maxine Stubbs, both of Kalispell.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Sandra Champagne; and a brother, Burdette Ruggles.

Memorial services will be Friday at 2 p.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church of East Wenatchee. Inurnment and graveside rites will be Monday at 2 p.m. at Conrad Cemetery in Kalispell.

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

Shaw and Sons Funeral Directors of Yakima are in charge of arrangements.



## Charles L. Rush, 45

Charles L. Rush, 45, of Kalispell, went to be with His Lord on Tuesday, April 26, 1994, in the Swedish Hospital in Seattle following a lengthy stay in the hospital with leukemia.

He was born Dec. 31, 1948, in Mountain Home, Idaho, to John and Irma Rush. At an early age he moved with his family to Montana, where he received his education, graduating from C.M. Russell High School in Great Falls.

Following his graduation, he moved to Kalispell, and on June 29, 1968 he was married to Linda Swor in Kalispell.

Charles had worked for Plum Creek Lumber Co. for 17 years. He was an avid hunter and fisherman; he enjoyed golfing, gardening, wood-working and being in the mountains.

Charles had attended the Christian Center Church in Kalispell.

He was preceded in death by his father and one daughter, Laura Rush.

Survivors include his wife, Linda Rush of Kalispell; one son, David Rush of Kalispell; one daughter, Lisa Rush of Kalispell; his mother, Irma Rush of Estacada, Ore.; four brothers, Ray Rush of Estacada, Ore., Wayne Rush of Port Angeles, Wash., Ben Rush of College Station, Texas, and Les Rush of Tucson, Ariz.; and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday in Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. John Weaver of Christian Center Church officiating. Burial will be in Glacier Memorial Gardens.

The family suggests memorials may be made to the Charlie Rush Memorial Fund, c/o Christian Center Church, 255 Summit Ridge Road, Kalispell.

## Lorraine M. Russell, 81

Lorraine M. Russell, 81, of Columbia Falls, died at North Valley Hospital after a lengthy illness.

The funeral will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the Holland Bonine Funeral Home in Havre. *Mo*

She was born in Havre to John and Susan Buell and attended schools there. In 1939 she married Howard T. Russell in Great Falls and lived there until 1944, when he entered the military service.

She operated Lorraine's Beauty Shop in Havre from 1950 to 1964. In

1964 the family relocated to Kalispell and in 1971 they moved to Columbia Falls.

She was an avid bowler, and loved cooking and knitting. She was a member of St. Richards Catholic Church in Columbia Falls.

Surviving are her husband, of Columbia Falls; sons Raymond, of Watertown, S.D., and Richard, of Columbia Falls; and sister Alice Edman of Los Angeles. *DeWich*

She was preceded in death by a brother and two sisters. *30 Oct 1974*

## Erma Marie Ryan

Erma Marie Ryan died Sept. 22, 1994, in Spokane, Wash., where she had lived for 40 years.

Born in Crosby, N.D. to Winfield and Edna DeTray, she worked as a school teacher in Montana, Alaska, and for School District 81 in Spokane for 38 years. She had owned a farm near Somers in the late 1940s and taught at a country school there.

She was a member of the Millwood Presbyterian Church, the Washington State Retired Teachers Association, Alpha Delta Sorority and the Estella Pomeroy Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star No. 68 in Columbia Falls.

She is survived by four sisters, Jean Peterson of Otis Orchards, Wash., Dorothy Graber of Myrtle

Creek, Ore., Margaret McKain of Central Point, Ore., and Elaine Bruce of Guayaquil, Ecuador; a brother, W.C. DeTray of Clarkston, Wash.; and numerous nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her husband, Thomas C. Ryan, in 1954.

Memorial services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. at the Chapel of Flowers, Riplinger Funeral Home, N. 4305 Division, in Spokane, with the Rev. Raymond Blackstone officiating. Private family graveside services and burial are being held in Kalispell.

The family suggests memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Spokane, Box 2215, Spokane, WA 99210 or to the American Cancer Society, N. 900 Maple, No. 200, Spokane, WA 99201.

## Mabel Jane Ryker, 88

Mabel Jane Ryker, 88, went home to be with the Lord on Thursday, March 24, 1994.

She was born on March 15, 1906, the eighth of 10 children born to Alex and Lilly Independence Dixon near Fallsville, Ark. She grew up on a farm and attended school in Arkansas.

She married Elmer Ryker on Feb. 18, 1923. In 1931, during the Great Depression, she moved to Montana where she joined her husband and settled near Whitefish, later moving to Kalispell.

From 1944-1946 during World War II, she lived in Vancouver, Wash., where she was employed in the Kaiser ship-building war effort as an insulator. After the war, she returned to Kalispell where she made her home for the rest of her life.

She was employed for several years at the Kalispell Laundry and later as a clerk/bookkeeper at Lundeen Grocery.

Mabel Jane loved the home that

she and her husband built in 1948 and was able to live in this house until the end. She was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother with strong family values.

She is survived by her four daughters, Dorothy Marie Chaney of Billings, Ruth Suzanne Lovette of Vancouver, Wash., and Edythe Hill and Ardath Lee Gendreau, both of Kalispell. She is also survived by seven grandchildren, Terry Hill and his wife, Sydnee; Linda Hill Burton and her husband, Bill; Douglas Hill and his wife, Sheila; Larry Gendreau and his wife, Susan; and Paula Gendreau Burton and her husband, Richard, all of Kalispell; Laura Lovette Hancock of Brush Prairie, Wash.; and Pamela Chaney Wong of Billings. Mabel had 21 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be held at 3 p.m. today at Whitefish Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary.