

## Clara Baker, 86

Clara G. Baker, 86, a longtime resident of Columbia Falls, died Wednesday. *19 April 1995*

She was born in Kalispell to Max and Martha Neathe. She was raised in Kalispell and graduated from Flathead High School in 1927. She married Everett Baker in Kalispell and they moved to the Bad Rock area south of Columbia Falls.

She was primarily a housewife and mother but had worked at the flour mill in Kalispell before marriage and for about a year at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.

She was a member of the Busy Bees, a charter member of the First Christian Church in Columbia Falls and a member of

the Bad Rock Fire Department Auxiliary. She enjoyed knitting, playing the piano at church and reading.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Everett, and brothers Eric and Max Neathe.

She is survived by a daughter, Sylvia Hatten, of Columbia Falls; four sons, including Leroy Baker of Libby and Larry Baker of Columbia Falls; 13 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at the First Christian Church in Columbia Falls with the Rev. Edith Parrish and the Rev. Fred Krause officiating. Columbia Mortuary is in charge of all arrangements.

## Matthew Badger, 15

Matthew John Badger died June 5, 1995.

He was born Jan. 25, 1980, in Santa Clara, Calif., to John and Marsha Badger. In July of that year, the family moved to Havre. They moved to Kalispell in 1985.

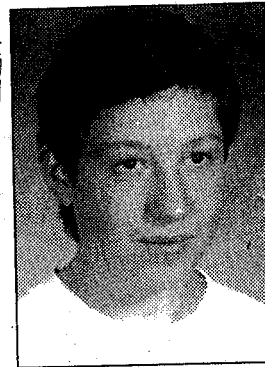
He attended local elementary schools and the ninth grade at Kalispell Junior High School. He was an honor student and avid skier.

He is survived by his parents, John and Marsha Badger, and his sis-

ter, Allison, at the family home in Kalispell; grandmothers Fay Badger of Redding, Calif., and Jean Spicher of Lakeside.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home with Rev. Marvin Northcutt of Epworth United Methodist Church officiating.

Memorials are suggested to the Matthew Badger Scholarship Fund, c/o 300 Ponderosa Lane, Kalispell, MT 59901.



MATT BADGER

## Irma Millicent Bailey, 82

Irma Millicent Bailey, 82, of Kalispell, died June 11 at the Heritage Place nursing home.

She was born Sept. 28, 1912, in Vancouver, B.C., to Frank and Jesse Smith.

The family moved to San Diego when she was an infant. She was raised and educated in San Diego.

On Aug. 25, 1932, she married Albert C. Bailey in San Diego. They lived in Lolo for many years, where

they owned and operated the Town House Restaurant in Missoula and the Leisure Park Trailer Court in Lolo.

They were active members of the Church of the Nazarene.

She was preceded in death by her husband after 58 years of marriage.

She is survived by a daughter, Patricia B. Hanson, of Duarte, Calif.; sons, Albert C. Bailey Jr., of Paradise

Valley, Ariz., and Carl L. Bailey, of Kalispell. She is also survived by a brother, Kenneth Smith, of San Diego; eight grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

A funeral will be 2 p.m., Saturday, June 24, at the Church of the Nazarene, Rev. Hugh Hines officiating. Burial will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary.

## Myrna Ball, 77

Myrna L. Ball, 77, died Tuesday, Oct. 26, 1995, at St. Patrick Hospital in Missoula.

She was born to Eva Russell Lewis and Vernon E. Lewis on Nov. 10, 1917, in Great Falls. She was raised and educated at Fort Benton, later attending Rocky Mountain College in Billings.

She married Irving Ball on Sept. 25, 1938, at her family home in Fort Benton. Following their marriage they moved to St. Ignatius. They lived and ranched in the Mission Valley for 24 years.

They moved to Libby in 1962, living there and at their home on Flathead Lake near Polson until the time of her death.

They celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in 1988. She was a lifetime member of the United Methodist Church and was active in numerous church activities in both St. Ignatius and Libby. She was also a longtime member of the Order of the Eastern Star, the Minerva Minions Club and the Libby Dam Good Sams.

She was a licensed ham radio operator and was active in all local and area hamfests. She also served as a

volunteer ham radio examiner for the FCC.

She enjoyed doing crafts and handwork of all types, as well as gardening. Her greatest joy was caring for others as was evident in her lifetime devotion to being mother and "Grandma Myrna" to her family and friends.

Survivors include her husband of 57 years, Irving; a daughter, Rayna Larsen and her husband, Otto, of Ferndale, Mich.; three sons, Lewis Ball and his wife, Fran, of Missoula, Daryl Ball of Whidbey Island, Wash., and Keith Ball and his wife, Laurie, of Havre; two sisters, Verneva Salisbury of Fort Benton and Margaret "Meg" Huffman of Big Timber; seven grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Friends may call from 1-8 p.m. Sunday at Nelson & Vial Chapel. Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at the United Methodist Church with the Rev. Derf Bergman officiating. Interment will be in the City of Libby Cemetery. Remembrances in her name may be made to the United Methodist Church.

## Milton 'Milt' T. Bailey, 73

Milton "Milt" T. Bailey, 73, died June 13, 1995, at Kalispell Regional Hospital.

He was born Aug. 28, 1921, in Butte, to Ed and Faye Bailey.

He served with the Air Force for 22 years. He loved the military. After retiring from the Air Force, he began his second career with the Federal Aviation Administration.

He and his wife, Betty, always considered the Flathead their home. They finally retired here permanently, first in Lakeside, then Kalispell.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Anne Michael; daughter Patricia Bailey and granddaughter Karie Fritz.

He is survived by his wife at the family home; daughters Barbara Macho and her husband, John, of

Seattle, Susan Fritz and her husband, Gary, of Clarkfield, Minn., and Pamela Searles and her husband Robert, of Minnesota; grandchildren, Kathy and David Sheriff, Sean and Mylie Becher, Keith and Laura Fritz, Kevin Fritz, Kent Fritz, John Melton Macho, Beth Macho, Phillip Searles and Barbara Searles; and two great-grandchildren, Karrissa Sheriff and Evan Fritz.

A memorial service will be 10 a.m., Monday, at Christ Church Episcopal, Rev. Paul Taylor and Rev. Russell Peck officiating. Urn burial will be at C.E. Conrad cemetery with the Flathead Valley Veterans conducting the services. Memorials to the Christ Church Episcopal in his name will be appreciated. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements and cremation.

## Spinson 'Spence' Bare, 77

Spinson "Spence" Bare, 77, died Thursday, July 20, 1995, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

He was born April 19, 1918, in Watts, Okla., to Guy and Katherine Bare.

On March 1, 1965, he married Gloria Jenkins at Lake Tahoe, Nev. In 1979 they moved to Bigfork.

He had his own music group in Phoenix, Ariz., for 11 seasons. He worked in planning and engineering in Phoenix and then was a manager and singer for the Ted FioRita Band. He and the band traveled the Nevada circuit for three years. He also worked for the Harrah's Club at State Line, Nev., on Lake Tahoe for eight years, then retired to Montana. He

played and sang for Flathead Lake Lodge and Lake View Care Center in Bigfork.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Russell and Donvall Bare, and a sister, Lola Hargrove.

He is survived by his wife, Gloria, at the family home; daughter Nancy Bouyear and son Ron Bare, both of Orange County, Calif.; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be at 1 p.m. following regular morning services on Sunday at the Ferndale Community Hall, South Ferndale Drive, with Rev. Jim Holman officiating. Cremation and arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary.

## Marie 'Amanda' Barge, 88

Marie "Amanda" Barge, 88, died Thursday, March 23, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

She was born Oct. 20, 1906, in Grafton, N.D., to Joseph and Nellie Goulet. She was the oldest of 11 children.

The family homesteaded 320 acres at Scobey in 1909. After attending high school, Amanda married Julius E. Johnson on Jan. 30, 1926.

She worked for Canfield's Department Store in Cando, N. D., as a buyer for ready-to-wear for 20 years. After Julius' death in 1950, she moved back to Montana. She worked as a teller for Citizen's State Bank in Scobey. In 1963, she moved to Kalispell.

On Jan. 7, 1964, she married Lester Barge. He died in 1988. She worked as a nurse's aide at Immanuel Lutheran

Home for 10 years.

She was a member of the Royal Neighbors. She loved to read, sew, crochet and cook.

She is survived by sisters Doris Johnson, of Kalispell, Pearl Moore, of Spokane, Cora Safty, of Scobey and Gerry Lindsay, of Littleton, Colo.; brother Raymond Goulet, of Cofax, Calif. She is also survived by her nephew, Daryl Goulet and his wife, Rose, and a niece, Audrey Maze, all of Kalispell.

Visitation is 1-4 p.m. today at Johnson Mortuary. Christian Wake service will be 7 p.m. today at Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Mass of the Christian Burial will be 10 a.m., Monday, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church, Rev. Father Paul McKane celebrant. Burial will be at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

## Glenn Rose Barrett, 66

Glenn Rose Barrett, 66, died Tuesday, Aug. 1, 1995, at her home in Lakeside.

She was born July 25, 1929, in London, Ky. to William B. and Farce Crook.

She was loved by everyone who knew her: She was the type of person you automatically liked. She would help anyone who needed help. She will also be remembered for her fabulous sense of humor. She was devoted to her family; they always came first. She was a devout Christian, believing strongly in God.

She lived for several years in California where she worked for Naval Weapons Center in China Lake.

She married Alan G. Barrett in Carson City, Nev. After they retired from civil service in 1974 they moved to Lakeside. They built a home there where she has lived ever since.

She was a member of the National Association of Federal Retired

Employees.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband.

She is survived by a son, Cheyenne Allen, of Lakeside; two daughters, Patty Le Bourgeois and Connie Hallmark, both of Lakeside; six grandchildren, Nathan and Melody Allen of Lakeside, Todd and Dana Le Bourgeois of Franklin, La., Sgt. Tammie Hallmark of Ft. Knox, Ky., and C.W.2, Eddie Hallmark of Ft. Rucker, Ala.; two great-grandchildren; two sisters, Joy Scovil of Tampa Bay, Fla. and Royce Dowd Smith of Polson; numerous nieces and nephews and many, many friends.

Memorial services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. at the Baptist Church in Lakeside with the Rev. David Driskill officiating. Urn burial will be Monday at Conrad Cemetery in Kalispell. Memorials to the Lakeside Q.R.U. would be appreciated. Arrangements and cremation are by Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

## 1995<sup>3</sup> Maggie Barrish<sup>July</sup>

Graveside services for Maggie Barrish, 89, who died Monday, are 2 p.m. Friday, July 7 at the City of Libby Cemetery.

She died July 3 at North Valley Extended Care in Whitefish of natural causes.

She was born Sept. 12, 1905, in Teton Basin, Idaho, one of 15 children born to Andrew and Anna Bell Hansen. She lived most of her life in Montana.

In 1926, she married Joseph F. Barrish and they had two sons, Paul (deceased), and Joseph Barrish, who now lives in Great Falls. Her husband passed away in 1931.

She then married Phillip J. Miller in 1933. They had three children who survive: Lester Miller in Kalispell, Norma Miller in Columbia Falls, and Lloyd Miller in Libby. She is also survived by two brothers, Golden Hansen of Mountain Home, Idaho, and David Hansen of Sunny Valley, Ore.; two sisters, Lilly Leigh of Whitefish, and Lila Lauman in Oregon; 11 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren, most of whom live in Montana and Washington.

Visitation is 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday (today) at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. *HH*

## Geneva 'Neva' Strong Barrett, 81

Longtime Flathead Valley resident Geneva "Neva" Strong Barrett died Oct. 25, 1995, in Lafayette, Colo. at the home of her son, Jack Strong.

She was born Nov. 22, 1913, in Moore to Margaret and John Hendricks. She attended school in Lewistown.

On Sept. 1, 1931, she married R. Stephen Strong in Harlowtown. He died July 6, 1966.

On Feb. 14, 1968, she married Fred Barrett in Great Falls. They retired to Mesa, Ariz. He died Feb. 3, 1979.

She loved cooking, gardening and homemaking.

She is survived by her son, Jack Strong, and his wife, Joyce, in Lafayette and by her daughter, Jan Rippey, and her husband, Charles, in Bigfork. Also, she is survived by seven grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Services were held in Colorado. She was buried in Conrad Cemetery, next to her first husband.

## Carmen Mae

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Carmen Mae Barry, 5, died Friday from complications of acute peritonitis at Kalispell Regional Hospital.

She was born in Whitefish on Dec. 30, 1990, the oldest of two children born to

Wanda Mae Hawks and James Lewis Barry IV.

The family lived in Columbia Falls.

Last Wednesday, she developed "flu-like" symptoms, and she died Friday of complications of acute peritonitis.

She had just started pre-school at the Glacier Christian School in Columbia Falls, and had recently completed beginners swimming lessons. She was a dedicated animal lover, and had been caring for three kittens and her pet mule, "Hee-Haw." She also had a large collection of stuffed animals.

Carmen and her Gramma Hawks had become "best buddies" since Gramma Hawks bought a home in Columbia Falls.

Her family includes her parents, James and Wanda Barry of Columbia Falls; a brother, James Lewis Barry V; two half-sisters, Tina Richardson and Wendy McSloy, both of Columbia Falls; paternal grandparents, James Barry III of Kansas City, Mo., and Ann Munholland of El Dorado Springs, Mo.; maternal grandmother, Frances Hawks of Chester; maternal great-grandfather, Alva Shettel of Chester; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her maternal grandfather, Leo Hawks of Chester.

Funeral services were Monday at the United Methodist Church in Columbia Falls with the Rev. Pat Pierce and Rev. Darrell Newby officiating.

Friends serving as pallbearers included Olaf Fisher, Charlie Fisher, Perry Pagett and Russ Vukonich.

Graveside services were at the Chester Cemetery in Chester, on Tuesday. Graveside prayers were by Rev. Darrell Newby.

## Ralph Barton, 41

Ralph Dale Barton, 41, of Bigfork, died Sunday, Sept. 3, 1995, at Kalispell Regional Hospital of a brain hemorrhage.

He was born March 1, 1954, to Charles H. and Marlene B. Barton in Kalispell. He made Bigfork home all his life.

His career with the U.S. Forest Service on the Swan Lake District spanned 23 years. He earned many awards for outstanding conduct and service.

He was the third generation Barton to be a member of the Bigfork Volunteer Fire Department. He joined the department in 1979 and enjoyed the opportunity to serve the community he loved.



He is remembered as an enthusiastic supporter of high school athletics and for an extraordinary knack of lending a compassionate ear to family and friends.

Survivors include his parents, Charles and Marlene Barton; his brother and sister-in-law, Dave and Sharon Barton; and his wife-to-be, Marilyn Reese, and children Ashley and Travis.

Visitation will be until 6 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. until noon Thursday at Johnson Mortuary. Services will be at 2 p.m. on Thursday at the New Life Alliance Church (formerly the Little Brown Church), with Rev. Ron Pierce officiating. Burial will follow in Lone Pine Cemetery.

The family suggests memorial contributions to the Montana Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 2411, Great Falls, MT 59403 and/or the Bigfork Quick Response Unit.

## Charles Bartos, 59

Charles L. Bartos, 59, died Tuesday evening, Sept. 5, 1995, at his home near Columbia Falls.

He was born Aug. 16, 1936, in Dora Lake, Minn., to Charles and Beatrice Bartos. He was raised and educated in Dora Lake.

He served in the Army from 1955 to 1957. After his discharge, the family moved to Montana. He worked on the east side of Montana for several years.

He was married to Darlene Allan on Feb. 14, 1959, in the First Baptist Church in Columbia Falls.

He worked for Plum Creek lumber company for 29 years.

He attended the First Baptist Church in Columbia Falls and was a charter member of the Loyal Order of Moose in Kalispell. He loved hunting, fishing and camping.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his wife, Darlene, at the family home; three sons and their spouses, Alan and Cindy Bartos of Spokane, Charles and Tammy Bartos of Great Falls, and Brian Bartos of Kalispell; two grandchil-

dren, Kyle and Cody Bartos of Spokane; a sister, Carolyn Bivens of Columbia Falls; and a brother, Francis Bartos of Chicago.

A funeral service will be Saturday at 10 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Columbia Falls. Rev. Glen Small and Rev. Jerry Buchanan will officiate. Burial will follow in Fairview Cemetery. Military graveside honors will be conducted by the United Veterans of the Flathead.

Visitation will be today until 8 p.m. at Columbia Mortuary.

## Esther M. Basacker, 88

Esther M. Basacker, 88, of Columbia Falls, died Sunday, Jan. 29, 1995, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

She was born July 13, 1906, in Rock Elm, Wisc., to Elizabeth and Samuel Ingalls. She graduated from Eau Claire Normal School and taught there for several years.

She met and married Lawrence Basacker in 1928. They lived in Eau Claire until moving to Albany, Calif., in 1944.

She retired from the Lucky Stores in California, where she worked as a clerk. She and her husband lived in Oakland, Calif., and later Arnold, Calif., before moving to Corvallis in 1976. She moved to Columbia Falls in 1989.

She had numerous hobbies. Her first love was playing her Baldwin organ. She also enjoyed knitting, crocheting and card playing. She was a member of Faith Lutheran Church in Hamilton before moving to Columbia Falls, where she was a member of

Our Savior's Lutheran Church.

She is preceded in death by her husband of 60 years and four brothers.

She is survived by her four children, Marion Basacker, of Stevensville, LeRoy Basacker, of New Jersey, William Basacker, of Livermore, Calif., and Arlys Drace, of Columbia Falls; 18 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; seven great-great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held Thursday at 2 p.m. at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Columbia Falls with Rev. Thomas Gopp officiating. A funeral service will be Friday at Faith Lutheran Church in Hamilton at 1 p.m. with Rev. Stephen Van Gelder officiating. Burial will follow in the Corvallis Cemetery.

Our mother will be dearly missed by all her family members and friends.

Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is in charge of arrangements.

## Eleanore 'Ebie' Bauman, 82

Eleanore "Ebie" Larson Bauman died at Immanuel Lutheran Home on Oct. 13, 1995, at the age of 82.

She was born July 6, 1913, in Batavia, Ill. In 1933 she moved to San Pedro, Calif., with her mother and three brothers.

On March 7, 1935, she married Joseph P. Bauman, who served in the U.S. Navy. In 1943 the Baumans moved to Pasadena, Calif., where he was a machinist. They moved to Sun City West, Ariz., in 1984.

She moved to Kalispell in 1989 and resided in Buffalo Hill Terrace Apartments and then Immanuel Lutheran Home. She was a member of St. Matthew's parish in Kalispell. She was a medical secretary for a psychiatrist and worked for a surgeon until she retired.



She was preceded in death by her husband, Joe, in 1986; brother, Arthur Larson; and daughter, Mrs. Patty Davis.

She is survived by brothers John Larson of Anaheim, Calif., and Robert Larson of Valley Center, Calif.; daughter Mrs. Kathy Hadwin of Kalispell; four grandchildren, Matthew and Scott Hadwin of Vancouver, Wash., and Jamie Levy and Trisha Powers of Scottsdale, Ariz.; and four great-grandchildren.

Christian wake services will be at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Mass of the Christian burial will be at 10 a.m. on Friday in St. Matthew's Catholic Church with the Rev. Robert Noonan as celebrant. The family suggests memorials to St. Matthew's Parish, Immanuel Lutheran Home or Alzheimers Disease Association. Cremation will follow services. Urn burial will be in the National Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Phoenix, Ariz.

## Gary Beach, 55

Gary Kurtis Beach, 55, of Kalispell, died at Brendan House on Sunday, Oct. 1, 1995.

He was born Feb. 4, 1940, to Florence Collins Beach and Guy V. Beach in rural Grand Rapids, Minn.

He was a delightful little blond boy that could always be found right beside his dog, Shep. Through life he had a gentle and loving heart.

For many years alcohol had charge of his life, causing a lot of pain and strife both to him and those who most loved him. He beat that demon, however, and enjoyed the past years renewing old relationships and trying to be optimistic.

He told us that he had wonderful care at Brendan House, but he did want to get back to his apartment that he so much enjoyed for a while before he was called to his final home, but that was not to be.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two half-brothers, Dallas and Wayne Eaton, and an infant son.

He leaves to cherish his memory his son, Lance, of Kalispell; his sister, Jerise "Jeri" Nelson, and her husband, Donald, of Long Prairie, Minn.;

his niece and closest confidant, Kali Christensen, of Eagle Bend, Minn.; and a nephew, Mark Nelson, of Long Prairie, Minn.

He was fortunate to have regained the friendship of his former wife, Pixie, who cared for him and looked after him as he looked after her, in later years. Pixie's daughter, Dawn, was also near and dear to Gary. He also left behind a very dear friend, Amanda Skare, to cherish his memory. They, too, were always there for each other.

His life was much too short but the length of our lives and those we love is determined by someone more "in charge" than we are. We are comforted in the knowledge that he is now with our loved ones who have gone before and there will not be any more pain and struggle for Gary Kurtis Beach, beloved son, dad, brother, uncle and friend.

Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday at Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Friends will meet at the cemetery for services. Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary.

## Barbara Ann Baxter

Barbara Ann Baxter, age 69, passed away November 11, 1995, at Brendan House in Kalispell. Barb was born September 28, 1926, in Berkeley, Calif., to Robert and Maude Baxter.

She worked for many years as a probation officer in Calif.

Private urn burial will take place later in Calif. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

## Wesley L. Beach, 86

Wesley L. Beach, 86, of Columbia Falls, died Friday, March 24, 1995, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

He was born Dec. 25, 1908, in Grove Lake, Minn., to Lewis and Georgia Beach.

In 1943, he married Lois M. Smith and they lived in Grafton, Minn. for five years.

He worked for the D. C. Dunham Lumber Co. near Bemidji, Minn. from 1943 until 1945. The Beach family moved to Columbia Falls in June, 1949. He worked for Plum Creek Lumber Co. as an edgerman for 24 years. He retired on March 16, 1973.



After his retirement, he did a lot of fishing.

He was preceded in death by a son, Richard, and a brother, Don.

He is survived by his wife, Lois, at the family home; two sons, Roland "Skip" and Randy Beach, of Columbia Falls; a daughter, Jane Beranak, of Columbia Falls; a son-in-law, John Beranak, of Columbia Falls; two daughters-in-law, Ruby Beach of Columbia Falls and Kyle J. Beach, of Missoula; a sister in Minnesota; a brother in Arizona; and 11 grandchildren.

No services are scheduled. Cremation has taken place.

There will be a luncheon on Thursday, from 1-3 p.m. at the family home at 262 1st Ave. W.N. in Columbia Falls.

Columbia Mortuary is in charge of disposition.

## 10 Sept Elmer Beanblossom, 68 1995

Elmer Louis Beanblossom, 68, died Sunday at his residence in Fortine.

He was born April 27, 1927, in Somers to Floyd and Louise Beanblossom.

He married Mertie Tiffany on June 27, 1950. They later moved to Michigan for a year and then returned to North Lincoln County. He worked for Plum Creek for more than 30 years and retired in 1987.

He enjoyed spending time outdoors.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mertie; a daughter, Charlene Ann; both parents; and two brothers and three sisters.

Survivors include two daughters,

Karen LaChapelle of Fortine, and Faye Heavyrunner of Eureka; two sons, Merton Beanblossom of Newburg, Mo., and Marvin Beanblossom of Phoenix, Ariz.; two brothers, Floyd "Art" Beanblossom of White Court, Alberta, and Vick Beanblossom of Rocky Mountain House, Alberta; two sisters, Edna Shields of Milo, Alberta, and Myrtle Beanblossom; and nine grandchildren.

Services will be Monday, Sept. 18, 1995 at 2 p.m. at the Tobacco Valley Cemetery with the Rev. David Kauffman officiating. Funeral arrangements were made by Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Eureka.

## 1995 Orville L. Bechtel, 68

Orville L. Bechtel, 68, of Columbia Falls, died Thursday, Jan. 19, at Kalispell Regional Hospital.

He was born April 4, 1926, in Lewistown, son of Oscar E. and Myrtle A. Bechtel. He received his education in Lewistown. He entered the U.S. Army, serving during World War II. He returned to Lewistown after his discharge.

In 1955, he moved to Columbia Falls. He worked for the Anaconda Aluminum Co. in the rod mill and later as potman, until he retired.

He enjoyed hunting, bowling and traveling. He was a member of the Eagles Lodge.

He was preceded in death by his wife and two brothers.

He is survived by daughter Leslie

Calhoun, of Jupiter, Fla.; granddaughter Lindsey Calhoun, also of Jupiter; eight nieces and nephews, Barbara Bechtel, Nyleen Martin, Darcy Bechtel, Edward Bechtel and Robert Bechtel, all of Columbia Falls; Tracey Allen, of Denton, Steve Bechtel of Colstrip and Ron Bechtel, of Lewistown.

A funeral will be 10 a.m., Tuesday at Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. A graveside service will be 11 a.m., Thursday, at the veterans section of the Lewistown City Cemetery. The Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls and the Cloyd Funeral Home in Lewistown are in charge of arrangements.

Visitation will be 1-8 p.m. Monday at Columbia Mortuary.



## Marie Bear, 89

Marie K. Bear, 89, died Tuesday, Dec. 19, 1995, in Montgomery, Ala., where she lived since 1976.

She moved with her family to Montana at an early age and later graduated from high school in Kalispell.

She married Marion L. Bear in Chinook in 1927 and they lived in the Creston area until his passing in 1968.

She was a devout Christian Scientist. She was a member of Ada Chapter 17 O.E.S.

She was preceded in death by her two brothers, Howard Kappes of Havre and Bernard Kappes of Miles City.

She is survived by three daughters, Glenna Lee Small and her husband, Harold, of Kalispell, Marilyn Servoss of Great Falls and Meredith Mott of Montgomery; son, Howard and his wife, Rae, of Montgomery; seven grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be until 6 p.m. today at Johnson Mortuary. Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday at Conrad Cemetery. Friends will meet at the cemetery for the services. The family asks, in lieu of flowers, that any memorial contributions be made to one's favorite charity.

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## Colleen 'Coco' Bee, 43

Colleen "Coco" Bee went to be with the Lord Jesus Christ on Sept. 16. She died peacefully at home, surrounded by her family, after a 10-year battle with cancer.

She was born in Wolf Point on Oct. 16, 1951, to Don and Vonnie Carpenter. She graduated from Wolf Point High School in 1969 and attended the University of Montana for two years, majoring in political science. She later received a bachelor's degree in interior design from Montana State University. In 1976, she married Benny Bee Sr. They moved to Whitefish in 1978 to start Bee Broadcasting Inc. (B98, KJJR and KDBR.) They have one daughter, Cassie.

She loved the Lord, her family, her church, her friends, young people and Whitefish. She was an active member of the First Presbyterian Church, served on the Whitefish City Council for four years and enjoyed skiing, gardening, interior design, and home-making. She was friends with many people, young and old, throughout the community. She is loved and will be missed by her husband, Benny; daughter Cassie; stepsons, Benny Jr., and Dennis and his wife, Tammy, and daughter, Nicolette; sister Cathy and husband, Tom; brother Kendall and his wife, Gina; her mother, Vonnie; father, Don; nephews Toby, Kris, Kole and Charley; her niece, Mari; grandmother, Addie Carpenter; and her many friends in

Whitefish, Kalispell and Wolf Point.

A funeral will be at 1 p.m. Monday at First Presbyterian Church in Whitefish with Rev. Jack Deere presiding. Interment will be at Whitefish Cemetery immediately after the funeral.

One of the Bible passages that guided and strengthened her and that she shared with others is Corinthians 4:13-18: "It is written: 'I believed; therefore, I have spoken.' With the same spirit of faith we also believe and therefore speak because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you in his presence. All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause our thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God. Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal."

Memorials in her memory may be sent to Cross Currents Christian School, 820 Ashar Ave., Whitefish, which she helped design and which she loved, or to any bank in Whitefish.

## Joseph 'Clyde' Bekkedahl, 91

Joseph "Clyde" Bekkedahl, 91, died Friday, Feb. 24, 1995, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

He was born Aug. 23, 1903, in Jamesville, Wisc., to Mavorite and Knud Bekkedahl. They homesteaded on the Little Missouri badlands, near Watford City, N. D. His love of horses brought him to his first job of breaking horses for the U.S. Cavalry during World War I.

On Aug. 8, 1925, he married Sarah Winge. They lived on the Little Missouri until they lost their farm during the Great Depression. Their lands are now part of Roosevelt National Park.

He then began a career with Union Construction, transferring his family first to Missoula, then to Kalispell in 1944. He retired from road construction while working for McElroy and Wilkens.

They had four children, Omar, Virginia, Joseph and Robert.

He was a devoted Christian who ministered through his music and genuine compassion for people. He was known throughout the valley for playing his accordion. This love of music brought those around him decades of

entertainment and inspiration.

For many years he was a member of the Kalispell Church of the Nazarene and worked diligently for the Salvation Army. He had a lifelong love of horses and animals. His ability to tell a good tale will be long remembered by those who knew him.

He was blessed with a long and happy marriage of 69 years. He was the first resident of Heritage Place and first president of the Resident Council.

He was preceded in death by his son, Joseph, in 1983; brother Al Bekkedahl and sister, Edna.

He is survived by his wife, Sarah, at Heritage Place; son Omar at Post Falls, Idaho; daughter Virginia Danielson, at Heritage Place; son Robert, of Tacoma, Wash.; sisters Bernice, of Nebraska, and Thelma, of Arizona; 14 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

A funeral will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Johnson Mortuary Chapel. A special memorial service will be at 10:45 a.m. Tuesday at Heritage Place. Burial will be at Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Visitation is 1-4 p.m. today at Johnson Mortuary.

## 1995 John Robert Belcher, 59

John Robert Belcher, 59, died Saturday, Jan. 7, 1994, at his home in Ferndale, from an apparent heart attack.

He was born Feb. 5, 1935, in Nashville, Ind., to Orville and Ethel Belcher. He attended school in the Nashville area.

He enlisted in the Marine Corps for six years. After discharge, he enlisted and spent four years in the Army. He was a hard worker, and one of the best auto mechanics around.

He married Carolyn Richman and they moved to the Flathead Valley in 1976.

He loved hunting and fishing and spent many hours out in the woods doing both.

The past several years, he spent taking care of his family. He loved to spend time with his grandchildren.

He was one of the most giving people in the world, whether it be through economics, or support, or whatever was needed. He was very generous, good hearted, and especially very loving. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

He is survived by his wife, Carolyn, at home in Bigfork; daughters, Jacki Gray of Sandpoint, Idaho, and Jennifer DeHar, of Kalispell; sons, Dan Breese of Seeley Lake, and Tim Belcher of Bigfork; six grandsons, Jason and Alex, at the family home in Ferndale, Zachary Breese, Sean Breese, Zane Gray, and Sam DeHart; and a granddaughter, Keely Gray.

Memorial services will be held Tuesday at 1 p.m. at Bigfork Funeral home with the Rev. Knutselln, of Bethany Lutheran Church of Bigfork, officiating. Cremation has taken place.

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## Alice White Benedict, 84

Funeral services for Alice White Benedict, 84, of Rimbey, Alberta, Canada were held Dec. 20, in Rimbey, followed by cremation. Graveside memorial services and burial will be held at Glacier Memorial Gardens in Kalispell, probably in June. The exact date will be announced later. Family and friends are encouraged to attend.

She was preceded in death by her parents, three sisters, a daughter, Nancy McLaughlin, and former husband, Fred H. Bowman

She is survived by her husband, Elmer G. Benedict, of Rimbey; a daughter, Zola Bowman Ockers, son-in-law, Stan Ockers, and grandson, John Ockers, all of Lockport, Ill.; grandchildren, Jim Ockers of Dearborn, Mich., David Powell of Sante Fe, N.M.; Christa Powell of Spokane, Allison Powell Gunderson of Kalispell, and Ann Lancaster Spurlock of Spokane; seven great-grandchildren; a step-daughter, Florence Brito, of Deer Park, Wash.; and many step-children. Also surviving her from her pre-

vious marriage is brother-in-law, Earl Bowman, of Kalispell; sister-in-law, Pearl Harder, of Spokane; and many nieces and nephews.

She was born in Rimbey on Dec. 14, 1911, to parents of U.S. origin. In 1915 her family came back to the states in a covered wagon, in which they spent the first winter at Swan Lake. Later they settled in Kalispell.

She was an excellent student, graduating as salutatorian at Flathead High in 1930. She attended Blair Business College in Spokane for two years until her brief marriage to Clifton McLaughlin in 1932.

In 1936 she married Fred Bowman of Kalispell. They were married nearly 50 years until his death in 1986. They lived on a sheep ranch in eastern Montana where she was ranch cook. Later they resided in Marion where she made many wonderful friends in a sewing circle.

While living in Marion she made the most important decision of her life. The Rev. Ralph Werner of Columbia Falls was holding Bible

classes at the little white schoolhouse across the road from where she lived. On one of those Tuesday evenings, she and her daughter, Nancy, both accepted Jesus as their personal savior. From that time on she craved Bible study and developed a rich prayer life.

After moving back to Kalispell she held secretarial jobs at the courthouse, Glacier Memorial Gardens, Furgeson Lighting and a music store. She loved music and served as pianist and organist in Baptist churches for many years.

There are givers and takers in life. She was always a giver, reaching out to meet people's needs. She and her husband retired in Spokane where he died.

She married Elmer G. Benedict in 1987. They resided in Rimbey where she was very happy. She and her husband enjoyed camping, boating and fishing. She spent her last three years in a health-care center where she was well-cared for and loved.

She went home to her savior on Dec. 16, 1995. It was a peaceful passing.

## Gladys E. Bennett, 63

Gladys E. Bennett, 63, died Sunday, Dec. 24, 1995, at Kalispell Regional Hospital.

She was born Aug. 16, 1932, in Milnor, N.D., to Edward and Lydia Wilke. She attended school in the Milnor area, graduating from Milnor High School.

She moved in 1963 to Kalispell, where she has lived ever since. She loved to hunt, fish, knit, sew and garden. She loved her family; they meant everything to her.

She was preceded in death by her father, Ed Wilke, and a sister, Eunice O'Lexy.

She is survived by her mother, Lydia Wilke, of Kalispell; 10 chil-

dren, Linda Port of Kalispell, Frederick Sletvold of Hawaii, Dale Sletvold of Kalispell, Nels Sletvold of Columbia Falls, Junell Berrett of Kalispell, Brenda Siefke of Kalispell, Perry Van Orden of Houston, Texas, Monte Van Orden of Kalispell, Pam Shields of Kalispell, Marty Van Orden of Colorado, and foster daughter, Silvia James of Kalispell; sisters, Alberta Ferry of California and June Hair of Kalispell; 23 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Private family serviced will be held this spring. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is in charge of cremation and arrangements.

## Reese Bennett, 84

Reese E. Bennett, 84, of Troy, died Jan. 15, 1995, at St. John's Lutheran Hospital in Libby. He was born March 9, 1910, at Kalispell, to Charles and Maybelle Bennett. He was raised and educated in the Troy and Libby area. He was a retired musician and high school music teacher at Mead, Wash. He was active in the Spokane Symphony, local dance bands and KHQ Radio for many years. He had been an active Mason since 1948, being a member and past master of Troy Lodge 126, AF&AM, as well as a member and past patron of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Survivors include his wife Evelyn Cummings Bennett of Troy; a daughter, Maxine E. Cross, Everett, Wash.; a stepson, Claude Imbert, Spokane; a grandson Mark Cross, St. Louis, Mo.; and Ann Cross, Renton, Wash.; a stepson, Ike Cummings, Wenatchee, Wash.; and a step-daughter, Linda Rollings, Thorn Bay, Alaska; two sisters, Bernice Pilane, Prosser, Wash.; Lucie D'Andrea, Spokane.

Private service arrangements were by Nelson & Vial Funeral Home. The family suggests remembrances to Troy Lodge 126, AF & AM, Troy, MT. 59935. *Libby*

## Margaret Bennett, 97

Margaret Bennett, 97, a long-time resident of Whitefish, died Sunday, Oct. 15, 1995 at North Valley Hospital Extended Care.

She was born Jan. 15, 1898, in Balloch, Scotland, to William and Mary Benman.

She moved to Bernie, British Columbia, Canada, in 1913. She married Charles A. Bennett on April 24, 1916. In that year they moved to Whitefish where Mr. Bennett was a locomotive engineer on the Great Northern Railway. He preceded her in death on Jan. 8, 1970 in Whitefish.

She was a member of the Whitefish Methodist Church and a member of the O.E.S. Vista Chapter 44 in Whitefish.

She was also preceded in death by her parents and nine brothers and

sisters.

She is survived by nephews James E. Madole of Wolfax, Wash., Charles A. Madole of Albuquerque, N.M., and Donald P. Madole of Ukiah, Calif.; nieces, Arlen Madole of Boise, Idaho and Iris Holloway of Motherwill, Scotland; four great-nieces and -nephews and six great-great nieces and -nephews and other relatives.

Graveside rites will be Wednesday at 1 p.m. at the Whitefish Cemetery with the Rev. Susan Adams-Trembath of the Whitefish United Methodist Church officiating.

Arrangements for cremation at the Hillside Crematory and urnment at the Whitefish Cemetery were made through Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish.

## 1995 Irvn William Bergen, 80

Irvn William Bergen, 80, died at his home in Kalispell on Friday, Jan. 20.

He was born Dec. 21, 1914, in Chinoook, to Henry and Minnie Bergen. He moved with his family to Main Centre, Saskatchewan, where he received his education. He graduated from high school in Swan River, Manitoba, and attended Canadian Bible College in Regina, Saskatchewan. He traveled with a men's trio, singing for the Lord.

He married Gladys Potter on Sept. 18, 1941, in Whitetail. They then moved to Bremerton, Wash., to attend Simpson Bible College and work in the naval yards during World War II. In 1947, he moved his family back to eastern Montana to farm.

In 1957, they moved to Belgrade. In 1962, they moved to Kalispell. He was employed by Glacier Motors until he retired in 1979.

He was a longtime, active member

of the Evergreen Alliance Church.

He is survived by his wife at the family home; two sons, Donn and his wife, Kathy, and Dick and his wife, Karla, both of Salem, Ore.; daughters Doreen Guthner and her husband, Dan, of Vancouver, Wash., and Dorothy Istre, and her husband, Drew, of Kalispell; daughter-in-law Cheryl Myhre; 13 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, David Bergen, in 1979.

All who knew him respected him for his total commitment to the Lord. He has been loved and now he is missed, but his family rejoices that he is home with his Lord.

A funeral will be 2 p.m., Monday, at Evergreen Alliance Church, with Rev. Gary Toaves officiating. Burial will be in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Friends may call at the Johnson Mortuary for visitation 1-4 p.m. today. The casket will be closed for the service.

## Gerald Betson, 92

Gerald Eugene Betson, 92, of Columbia Falls died Sunday, Aug. 13, 1995, at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

He was born Aug. 19, 1902, in Astoria, Ill., one of 12 children of James H. and Lula Mae Betson. He was raised and educated in Astoria and when he was 19 moved to the Tacoma, Wash., area.

He was primarily a machinist in saw mills. He also worked at various other jobs, including as a carpenter building homes.

He attended music school and played the saxophone in bands that played at ballrooms in the Tacoma area.

He was a member of the Eagles and the Catholic church. He enjoyed creating jewelry, gardening, fishing and

hunting.

He was preceded in death by 10 brothers and sisters and by a son, Don Betson.

He is survived by his wife, Bella, at the family home in Columbia Falls; a sister, Gladys Leach, of Tacoma; four sons, Alfred and Duwayne Gardner of Columbia Falls, Ted Gardner of La Rouge, La., and Emil Gardner of Cloverdale, Calif.; a daughter-in-law, Molly Betson, and grandson, James Betson of Kalispell; a granddaughter, Randi Miller of Kalispell; three great-granddaughters; and two great-grandsons.

Visitation will be 12-7 p.m. Thursday at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. A Christian wake service will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home chapel. A mass of

the Christian burial will be at 10 a.m. Friday at St. Richards Catholic Church with Rev. Joe Pat Sullivan as celebrant.

1995 **Lucille Harriette Carter Bird, 84**

Lucille Harriette Carter Bird, 84, of Kalispell, was carried to the throne of her Lord on Tuesday, March 14, while sleeping in her home.

Family and friends will celebrate her loving memory 1 p.m., Monday, at Kalispell Church of the Nazarene, Rev. Ross Lougheed officiating. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

The daughter of William and Lottie Spensley Carter, she was born July 23, 1910, in Lambert. She attended school there, graduating with honors.

On Dec. 18, 1929, she married William "Hoyt" Bird in Sidney. They resided in the Lambert area, where he farmed. In 1941, health problems forced them to move to Kalispell.

She worked in the motel industry, was employed by Wards for 20 years and was involved in many civic activities. Along with serving as city-wide president of the PTA, she was an active member of the Church of the Nazarene. Her responsibilities for the church included Sunday school teacher and president of the missionary society.

She was preceded in death by an infant son, Theodore, in 1939, daughter Carol Wasinger, in 1977, husband



Hoyt, in 1979, brothers Pershing, Gerald, and William Carter and sister Madge Carter.

She will be greatly missed by her family, which includes: Lt. Col. Eugene K. Bird, retired, of Berlin, Germany,

his two daughters and six grandchildren; Ed and Shirley Wasinger, of Lolo, their four children and six grandchildren; Marilyn B. Meyers, her four children and seven grandchildren; Donnadell Sampson, her six children and nine grandchildren; Robert H. and Dee Bird, of Helena, their two sons; W. James and Beverly Bird, of Townsend, their two sons; Patricia and Raymond Keeler, of Libby, their four children and three grandchildren; Michael L. and Nancy Bird, of Wasilla, Alaska, and their three children. She is also survived by two sisters, Doris Kohlman, of Havre, and Virginia Aassen, of Rapid City, S.D., along with many nieces and nephews.

Arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary.

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### **Vernon Anthony Bischoff, 80**

Vernon Anthony Bischoff, 80, of Kalispell, died Sunday, Feb. 5, 1995, at Brendan House.

He was born Aug. 9, 1914, to David and Mary Bischoff in Dubuque, Iowa. He received his education and lived there until Aug. 9, 1988.

On May 2, 1945, he married Violet Rogers in Dubuque.

He was a member of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association and was enlisted in the Navy from 1941 to 1945. The family moved to Kalispell in 1988.

He was preceded in death by his

wife, Violet, on Dec. 31, 1989; and a son, Delbert Bischoff, and his wife.

He is survived by three daughters, Kay Bischoff and Rozanne Bischoff, both of Kalispell, and Ramona Raymond of Pocatello, Idaho; a son, Vernon A. Bischoff Jr., of Groton, Conn.; eight grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

The family suggests memorials be made to the American Cancer Research Fund. Arrangements and cremation are by Johnson Mortuary. No public services are planned.

## Viola Bjorneby, 82

Former Kalispell resident Viola O. Bjorneby, 82, died May 8, 1995, in Spokane, where she had lived since suffering a stroke in 1980.

She was born Jan. 8, 1913, in Kalispell to the late Eliot and Clara Bjorneby.

She graduated from Flathead High School in 1930.

She attended the University of Montana for two years and one year at Valley City Teachers College.

She taught for two years at Moiese, and for one year in Kalispell.

In 1940 she moved to San Francisco, where she was employed at Shell Oil until retiring in 1967.

In 1968 she returned to Kalispell with her mother, who died in 1972.

Also preceding her in death were

two brothers, Laurence and Norman.

Survivors include her sister, Thelma Fox, of Salinas, Calif.; her sister-in-law Agnes Bjorneby, of Kalispell; a niece, Norma Bennett, in Memphis, Tenn; four nephews, Richard and Robert, of Seattle, Rev. Ladd Bjorneby, in Cheney and Eliot Fox in San Francisco.

She enjoyed bridge, bowling and traveling. She visited Japan, Panama twice, Central America, Mexico several times, New England and eastern Canada, the Balkans, Israel and Egypt.

Her memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery, Rev. Ladd Bjorneby officiating. Memorials may be made to the Conrad Mansion, or the charity of the donor's choice.

## Barbara Blumer, 71

Barbara A. Blumer, 71, of Kalispell, died Saturday, Oct. 21, 1995, at Kalispell Regional Hospital.

She was born Nov. 29, 1923, in Williston, N.D., to Max and Racheal Saphia Belcher. She received her education in Wolf Point, worked as a drug and alcohol counselor and worked with the aging in Wolf Point.

On Dec. 11, 1987, she married John Blumer in Polson. They moved to Kalispell and have resided here since then.

She was a member of Gospel Light Baptist Church. She enjoyed knitting, rock hounding, collecting dolls and fishing.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Harold.

She is survived by her husband, John, at home in Kalispell; a daugh-

ter, Patsy Semans, of Helena; three brothers, Walt Belcher of Havre, Lou Belcher of Great Falls and Jim Belcher of Tacoma, Wash.; two sisters, Dorothy Johnson and Cleo Camrude, both of Wolf Point; six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Gospel Light Baptist Church in Kalispell with the Rev. Rick Hamann officiating. Visitation will be until 6 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. until noon on Tuesday at Johnson Mortuary.

The body will be forwarded to Clayton Memorial Chapel in Wolf Point where funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday at the First Baptist Church in Wolf Point. Burial will be at Greenwood Cemetery in Wolf Point.

1995 **Otis W. Bledsoe**

Otis Wayne Bledsoe, 64, a resident of Libby for the past 24 years, died Wednesday, June 7 at Libby Care Center. He was born Jan. 2, 1931 at Roscoe, Mo., to Otis Bledsoe and Katie Belle Wasson Bledsoe. He attended school in the Roscoe and Osceola, Mo., areas. He lived in the Birney, Mt., and Sheridan, Wyo., area for two of his early high school years, returning to Missouri to complete and graduate from Roscoe High School in 1948.

In May of 1948, he enlisted in the United State Marine Corps, serving for 22½ years, beginning as a private and rising to the rank of captain. He served in Korea, the Cuban campaign, on Okinawa and later served three tours of duty in Vietnam, retiring from the Marine Corps in 1971. He was the recipient of the Bronze Star.

Following his retirement from the Marine Corps, he worked as a carpenter on the Libby Dam Project, the Highway 37 relocation project, remodeling and overhaul project at St. Regis Paper Co. and various jobs for Kootenai National Forest. He had been a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and had served two terms as commander of VFW Post 1548, as well as several other positions. He had been a member of the American Legion, Post 97 and the NCICA, MCCIA and MOOC. He also had been a past member of the Carpenters Union Local 2225.

He married Helen Mar Buell on April 20, 1951 in Reno, Nev., and they were blessed with six children. He is survived by three sons, David W. of Spokane, Wash.; Timothy J. and his wife Cyndi of Stanton, Calif.; Cyrus M. and his wife Connie of Orofino, Idaho; three daughters, Laura Ann Bledsoe of Missoula; Kathryn H. Peck and her husband Kurt of San Antonio, Texas; Deborah D. Webb and her husband Scot of Elko, Nev.; a former daughter-in-law, Connie Jean Bledsoe of Buena Park, Calif.; a sister, Mickey Minks and her husband J.D. of Higginsville, Mo.; nine grandchildren, one great-grandchild, three aunts, numerous nieces, nephews and many friends and associates. He was preceded in death by his parents, a sister, Burrell, and a brother, Cyrus.

Services were Tuesday, June 13, at St. John Lutheran Church with Rev. Howard Schreiber officiating. Burial was in the city of Libby cemetery, with military honors rendered by the United States Marine Corps. Memorials may be made to St. John's Lutheran Hospital Foundation, St. John Lutheran Church or a charity of the donor's choice. Arrangements were by Nelson & Vial Funeral Home.

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1995 **Bernard O. Bolme, 71**

Bernard O. Bolme, 71, of Kalispell, died in the Brendan House, Thursday, July 13, of emphysema.

He was born Nov. 17, 1923, in Adrian, N. D., to Andrew and Bernis Bolme. He came to Kalispell as a young boy to live with his aunt and uncle, and attended Kalispell schools.

On July 30, 1944, he married Carole Bartell in the Faith Lutheran Church in Ronan, the first wedding held in that church. He had been an electrician, working on large construction jobs throughout the state and West. He was a Montana State Electrical Instructor for 15 years before he retired because of ill health.

He was confirmed in the Lutheran faith at Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

He was a member of the I.B.E.W., the Model Airplane Club and the Masonic Lodge. He is survived by his

wife, Carole, at the family home; children Karen Ridenour and Craig Bolme, both of Kalispell; brother Don Bolme, of Adrian, N.D.; sisters Ione Boutrous, of Fort Collins, Colo., Ruth Baketa, of Custer, Wash., and LaVonne Weiszhaar, of Fargo, N.D.; and four grandchildren, Robin Sorg, Kevin Bolme, Elizabeth Bolme and Megan Bolme, all of Kalispell.

A graveside service will be 3 p.m. Monday in the Glacier Memorial Gardens, Rev. Richard Nelson, pastor of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, officiating. Friends will meet at the cemetery for the service. Visitation is 1-4 p.m. today at Johnson Mortuary. The family suggests memorials be made to the Bethlehem Lutheran Church or Brendan House. Arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary.



## Ole Bolstad, 69

<sup>11 Nov 1995</sup>  
Ole Morris Bolstad, 69, died Saturday at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

He was born Oct. 1, 1926, on a farm near Winger, Minn., to Jens and Alpha Bolstad.

He served in the Navy from 1943 to 1946 as a gunner on an aircraft carrier. He also served in the Army from 1948 to 1950 in Germany and Korea.

He married Blanche Erickson in 1954. She died in a car accident in 1963.

He worked as a seaman on a tugboat between Seattle and Anchorage, Alaska, for many years. In 1963 he returned to Montana and worked as a laborer in Great Falls and Havre.

He is survived by a brother and three sisters.

A graveside service was held today at the Montana Veterans Home Cemetery in Columbia Falls. Military graveside rites were performed by the United Veterans of the Flathead. Arrangements were by the Columbia Mortuary.

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KALISPELL Bernard O. Bonnie, 71, died July 13 of emphysema at Brendan House in Kalispell. He was born Nov. 17, 1923, in Adrian, N.D. to Andrew and Bernis Bolme. He came to Kalispell as a boy to live with his aunt and uncle and attended Kalispell schools. On July 30, 1944, he married Carole Bartell in Ronan. He was an electrician and a Montana State electrical instructor. He was a member of I.B.E.W., the Model Airplane Club and the Masonic Lodge. He is survived by his wife Carole, children Karen Ridenour and Craig Bolme and four grandchildren, all of Kalispell, and other relatives. Burial was at Glacier Memorial Gardens. The family suggests memorials to the Bethlehem Lutheran Church or to Brendan House. <sup>HH</sup>

## Raymond Ross Borchert

Mr. Raymond Ross Borchert, 76, of Kalispell, died in the Kalispell Regional Hospital on Thursday, April 6, 1995, of a heart attack. Ross was born May 30, 1918, in Drake, N.D. the oldest son of Fred and Hazel Pemble Borchert. He graduated from Drake High School and was baptized and confirmed in the christian faith in the Lutheran Church of Drake.

On May 24, 1938, he was united in marriage to Beulah C. Johnsen, also of Drake.

He had served in the U.S. Navy during World War II, and following his honorable discharge he had two careers. He was a grain buyer for County Line Elevator in N.D., Minn., and Mont. Upon moving to Kalispell in 1962 he was employed with Kalispell Feed and Grain. In 1967, he moved to Fort Benton, Mont., and entered into the irrigation business. He retired in 1981 and returned to Kalispell.

He was a member of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church; V.F.W.; American Legion.

He was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed hunting and fishing. He was a trap shooter and had entered many area meets. He enjoyed gardening and raising flowers which he shared with his neighbors and friends.

He had served as a Boy Scout Leader and assisted many boys in becoming Eagle Scouts.

He was preceded in death by his parents and an infant daughter.

He is now survived by his wife, Beulah, at home; three children, Jay R. Borchert of Wannaska, Minn., Raymond Lee Borchert of Great Falls, Mont., and Judith C. Borchert of Polson; two brothers, Charles of Battle Lake, Minn., and James of Fargo, N.D.; six grandchildren and a number of other relatives.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. on Monday in the Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Burial was in the Glacier Memorial Gardens where military honors were conducted by the Flathead United Veterans. The family suggest memorials be made to the Bethlehem Lutheran Church building fund. Arrangements were under the direction of the Johnson Mortuary.

## Wallace F. Boetcher, 72

Wallace F. Boetcher, 72, of Kalispell, died at Kalispell Regional Hospital on Sunday, Jan. 22, 1995.

He was born Sept. 5, 1922, in Kalispell, to John and Alice Boetcher. He attended Kalispell schools and was a graduate of Flathead County High School.

He served in the U.S. Army in the European Theatre during World War II. Following his honorable discharge, he attended college in eastern Washington for two years before returning to Kalispell where he lived for several years.

He moved to Seeley Lake, where he worked for Pyramid Lumber Co. for

more than 20 years before retiring. He returned to Kalispell to care for his widowed mother.

He was preceded in death by his father and a brother, Raymond.

He is survived by his mother, Anna C. Howell, of Kalispell; a brother, Harold Boetcher, also of Kalispell; a sister, Kay M. Gordon, of Seattle; nieces and nephews, Karren G. Nelsin, Malcolm Gordon, Mike Boetcher and Linda Taylor; and several grandnieces and grandnephews.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. on Thursday at Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Burial will be at Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

## 1995 Raymond Ross Borchert, 76

Raymond Ross Borchert, 76, of Kalispell, died at Kalispell Regional Hospital on Thursday, April 6, of a heart attack.

He was born May 30, 1918, in Drake, N.D., the oldest son of Fred and Hazel Pemble Borchert. He graduated from Drake High School and was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran Church of Drake. On May 23, 1938, he married Beulah C. Johnson, also of Drake.

He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and, following his honorable discharge, had two careers. He was a grain buyer for county line elevators in North Dakota, Minnesota and Montana. Upon moving to Kalispell in 1962, he was employed with Kalispell Feed and Grain. In 1967, he moved to Fort Benton and entered the irrigation business. He retired in 1981 and returned to Kalispell.

He was a member of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church, V.F.W. and American Legion. He was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed hunting and fishing. He was a trap shooter and entered many area meets. He enjoyed gardening and raising flowers, which



he shared with his neighbors and friends. He served as a Boy Scout leader and assisted many boys in becoming Eagle Scouts.

He was preceded in death by an infant daughter.

He is survived by his wife at the family home; three children, Jay R. Borchert, of Wannaska, Minn., Raymond Lee Borchert, of Great Falls, and Judith C. Borchert, of Polson; brothers Charles, of Battle Lake, Minn., and James, of Fargo, N.D.; six grandchildren and a number of other relatives.

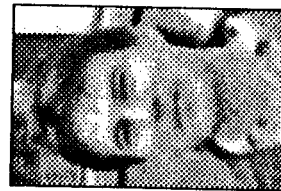
A funeral will be 2 p.m., Monday, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Burial will be in Glacier Memorial Gardens, with military honors by the Flathead United Veterans. Visitation is 1-4 p.m. today and 9 a.m. to noon Monday at Johnson Mortuary. The family suggests memorials to the Bethlehem Lutheran Church building fund. Arrangements are under Johnson Mortuary.

## Richard Douglas Bott, 42

He loved the Flathead Valley and the numerous outdoor activities it provided.

He is survived by two sons, Rick Bott and Randy Bott; his mother, Eileen Bott, of Hemet, Calif.; three brothers, Andy Bott of Seattle, Steve Bott of Los Angeles, and Jeff Bott of Kalispell; and two sisters, Connie Flood and Mary Jo Nash, both of Phoenix.

No services have been scheduled. Memorials may be made to the charity of your choice. Cremation and arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary.



Richard Douglas Bott, 42, died from complications of pneumonia at Kalispell Regional Hospital on Saturday, Dec. 2, 1995.

He was born May 8, 1953, in Phoenix, Ariz., to George and Mary Eileen Bott.

He moved to Kalispell in 1978 and established Rick's RV Center.

## Gloria Bozarth, 71

Gloria May Bozarth, 71, of Kalispell, who died October 24, 1995, at Brendan House after a long battle with cancer and heart trouble, was the first speech therapist employed by District 5 schools.



She was born in Waterloo, Ontario, Canada, on May 25, 1924, to Frederick Stroh and Mabel Clarke Stroh. After attending grade school and high school in the Waterloo-Kitchener area, she obtained a bachelor of arts degree from the New Church College at Bryn Athyn, Penn. She taught in elementary schools at Bryn Athyn and Glenview, Ill., for 13 years. She then enrolled at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, receiving a master's degree in speech pathology in 1958.

She came to western Montana to join one of the Montana State Elks mobile speech and hearing clinics, traveling to Hamilton, Missoula and Libby with headquarters in Kalispell. The Elks program was designed to show the need for speech therapy in public schools.

After marrying Rodney Bozarth in Kalispell May 29, 1962, she became a naturalized U.S. citizen and was employed as speech therapist by the

Kalispell school system in the fall of 1962, continuing in that employment until 1973. She then engaged in private practice of speech therapy in Kalispell until retiring in 1979.

In 1967 she was awarded a scholarship by the U.S. Office of Education for a post-graduate summer course at Washington University in Seattle.

She was a member of the American and Montana speech and hearing associations and the Council for Exceptional Children. She served on the board of Friendship House during its early years and was a member of Kalispell Soroptomist for several years. She was a member of the Carmel Swedenborgian Church in Kitchener, Ontario.

At her request, no funeral service will be held at Kalispell. A memorial service later is planned by relatives in the Kitchener area.

Besides her husband, she is survived by a sister, Audrey Carley of Kitchener, who was present at her death in Brendan House, and a brother, John Stroh, of Waterloo, Ont.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Leon.

Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary. Memorial gifts are suggested to Flathead Valley Community College Foundation, 777 Grandview Drive, Kalispell, or to a charity of the donor's choice.

## Melody Boykin, 39

Melody Jane Boykin, 39, of Kalispell, died of breast cancer Wednesday, Sept. 6, 1995, at Kalispell Regional Hospital.

She was born Jan. 23, 1956, in Kalispell to Della and Maynard Boykin. She attended Columbia Falls schools and worked several jobs in the area.

She is survived by her mother and stepfather, Della and Tom Finch, and her daughter, Fresa Estella Ramirez, all of Kalispell; sister Barbara Hogard, of Kalispell; brothers Dale Ogdon, of Kalispell, David Finch and his

wife, Michelle, of Lakeside, and Thomas Finch and his wife, Nancy, of Missoula. She is also survived by nephews Chad, Cy, Christopher and Chess, her very best friend, George Ramirez, and many aunts and uncles and friends.

A funeral will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Johnson Mortuary Chapel, with Father Robert Noonan of St. Matthews Catholic Church as celebrant. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Visitation is 1-4 p.m. today and 9 a.m. until noon on Monday at Johnson Mortuary.

## Pearl V. Bowman, 94

Pearl V. Bowman, of Conrad, Mont., passed away June 25, 1995, at Ponderosa Nursing Home, where she had resided for the past 10 years. She was born April 9, 1901, in Mound City, Mo., to Cynthia Melvina and Joseph A. Vaught, a Civil War Veteran.

When she was a child, they moved to Montana, where Pearl attended school in Ashmoor Community. She married Arthur L. Bowman on November 25, 1919. They lived in Conrad until 1949, when they purchased the Doonan Hotel in Troy.

Pearl was a member of the Conrad Presbyterian Church. She was a member of the Troy Women's Club and Friendly Club. Pearl was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary and Women of the Moose. She enjoyed playing cards with her friends, traveling, gardening, crocheting and sewing. One proud sewing job for Pearl was making a sailor suit for her oldest grandson when he was five years old. Pearl worked in the Conrad Hotel Cafe and in several cafes in Troy.

Pearl was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Art; three brothers, Camden, George and Presley Vaught; one sister, Floy Lytle; two sons, Leo and Cecil Bowman; and a grandson, Jerry Bowman. Survivors include three sons, James and his wife Shirley, Aberdeen, Wash.; Roy and his wife Virginia, Mountain Home, Idaho, and Kenneth Bowman, Boise, Idaho; one daughter, Donna and her husband, Dan Tunison, Troy, a daughter-in-law, Jo Bowman, Portland, Ore.; 13 grandchildren, seven step-grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Private services were held at the city of Libby cemetery on Thursday, June 29, with Rev. David Hansen officiating. Local arrangements were by Nelson and Vial Funeral Home. *Libby*

## Gerianne Branning

Gerianne McCallum Branning, 52, of Troy, died March 26, 1995, at St. John's Lutheran Hospital in Libby. She was born April 25, 1942, at Libby to Walter (Babe) and Lona McCallum. She was raised and educated at Libby and had resided in the Libby and Troy area for many years, working as a bartender. She was preceded in death by her father Babe; and a brother, Richard (Dick) McCallum. Survivors include three daughters, Dana Wallace, Troy; Dawn Smith, Lima, Ohio; and Dulcie Wallace, Troy; her mother, Lona McCallum, Libby; and five grandchildren.

Services were March 31 at the city of Libby cemetery. *Libby*

## Kevin Breshears *1995*

Kevin Breshears, 44, died Jan. 25, at his home in Columbia Falls.

He was born June 13, 1950, in Fresno, Calif. He graduated from high school in San Diego, Calif., and received an associate of arts degree in photography and media graphics from Grossmont College in California.

He worked for School District 6 from December 1981 through November 1993 and had most recently headed the maintenance department for Columbia Falls schools. Prior to that he was employed with City Plumbing and Heating in Columbia Falls.

He is survived by his mother, Helen Hart Smith of La Mesa, Calif.; his father, Albert Breshears, a resident of the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls; a sister, Lisa Ann Breshears of La Mesa; a son, Cody Brook Breshears, and a daughter, Terra Lacey Breshears, both of Cut Bank.

Funeral services will be held in California at a later date.

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## Alfred J. Brester, 65

Alfred J. Brester, 65, of Columbia Falls, died Friday, Sept. 1, at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

He was born Jan. 24, 1930, in Missoula, to John C. and Emily Brester. He attended school in Laurel.

He served in the Army Air Corps from 1946-1947. He worked as a farm hand and for the railroad. He later worked as a truck driver for a sanitation department in California. In 1985, he returned to Laurel and later moved to the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, and a sister.

He is survived by four brothers,

Butch Brester of Kalispell, Harold Brester of Laurel, Wilbur Brester of Vancouver, Wash., and John Brester of Indiana; three sisters, Pearl May of Indiana, June Peterson of California, and Elsie Stenger of Laurel; two daughters, Susan Brester and Darlene Brester of New Hampshire; and numerous nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles.

A funeral service will be held Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. at Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. The Rev. Paul Taylor will officiate. Burial will follow at the Montana Veterans Home Cemetery. Military graveside honors will be conducted by members of the VFW.

Visitation will be Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Columbia Mortuary.

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**Edward Brittenham 1995**

Funeral services for **Edward D. Brittenham**, 35, of Columbia Falls, are 1 p.m. Saturday at St. Richard's Catholic Church. He died Tuesday at St. Patrick Hospital in Missoula.

He was born March 18, 1960, in Kalispell to Ted and Beulah Brittenham. He was educated in Columbia Falls. After his grandfather passed away, Ed lived with his grandmother, Helen Brockway to help run the farm. He graduated from Arlee High School in 1978.

He worked for ARCO at the aluminum plant in Columbia Falls from 1978 to 1982.

He served in the Marine Corps from 1982 to 1986 with tours of duty in Japan, Norway, and the Phillipines. He was discharged with the rank of sergeant.

Ed married Lori Ross on Nov. 1, 1986, in Parkerburg, West Va. He worked for the aluminum plant from 1986 to 1994, when he went to the Columbia Aluminum Company in Goldendale, Wash.

He loved all kinds of racing, especially sprint car racing and motorcycles. He also loved guns, weight lifting, and body building.

He was preceded in death by his grandfather, William B. Brockway.

Surviving are his wife, Lori, of Columbia Falls; his parents, Ted and Beulah Brittenham of Columbia Falls; a brother, Dan Brittenham of Goldendale, Wash.; a sister, Carla Picchietti of Missoula; two nieces; one nephew; and numerous aunts and uncles.

Pastor Jerry Klautd will officiate at Saturday's service. Burial will follow in Woodlawn Cemetery. **AH**



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**Clinton Weber Brown**

Clinton Weber Brown, 83, passed away July 6, 1995, at the Heritage Place in Kalispell of congestive heart failure. He was born in St. Louis, Missouri, on February 8, 1912, to John C. and Verona Brown. In January 1917, he moved with his family to Durant, Mont., and later to Anaconda where he spent his childhood.

He attended schools in Silver Bow, Ramsey, and Anaconda, graduating from Anaconda High School in 1929.

He was employed by Intermountain Transportation Company and drove a bus from 1933 to 1942 before attending technical school to become an electrician.

In June 1935, he married Florence Huffman in Great Falls, she preceded him in death in 1976.

During World War II, after being classified 4F, he worked with defense contractors in northern Idaho doing electrical contracts. In 1944, he went to work in Whitefish for the Great Northern Railway as a diesel electrician where he remained until 1958 when he took early retirement. He worked briefly in the Flathead County Assessor's office before moving to Great Falls and taking a Civil Service position with the U.S. Air Force at Malmstrom Air Force Base. He retired in 1977 and moved to Yellow Bay.

On November 5, 1977, he married Shirley Rundell, they made their home in Kalispell.

Clinton was a Mason and a member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. He was also an accomplished square dance caller during the time he lived in Whitefish.

He was preceded in death by a brother, John C. Brown, Jr., and his first wife, Florence, to whom he was married to for 41 years.

He is survived by his present wife, Shirley, at the family home in Kalispell; his daughter, Mary and her husband Don Patterson of Yellow Bay; 13 grandchildren, including Paul, Julie and Dana; and 23 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by a step-daughter, Donna Harbin and her husband Frank of Kalispell and a step-son, Howard Rundell and his wife Joyce of Kalispell; and one sister, Betty Lou Jackson of Kalispell.

Cremation has taken place and private family services will be held at a later date. The family request no flowers, and memorials should be sent to the charity of the donor's choice. Arrangements are under the direction of the Johnson Mortuary.

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## John Brown, 83

John Campbell Brown, 83, died at Kalispell Regional Hospital on Tuesday, July 4, 1995.

He was born on Dec. 14, 1911, in Kalispell to David J. and Bessie Campbell Brown. He attended school and lived in the McMannamy Draw area northwest of Kalispell.

On Jan. 29, 1938 he married Grace Iola Eisele.

He was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Kalispell for 57 years. He served his church as an elder, deacon and sang in the church choir. He was a member of the Whitefish Moose Lodge and NARFE (retired civil service employees).

In 1929 he went to work for the U.S. Forest Service as a fire spotter on lookouts. He did this for 17 years until World War II when he was forced to retire because of aging parents. For the next few years he worked for electrical contractors and power companies, including Mountain States, R.E.A., and Bonneville Power. He also spent time working in the timber industry. In 1953, he went

to work for the City of Kalispell where he worked until his retirement in 1976.

He was preceded in death by two sisters and a brother in infancy; his parents; and wife, Grace, of 56 years, who died on Dec. 23, 1994.

He is survived by two daughters, Grace "Carol" Anderson of Kalispell and Lorraine Turnacliff of Swan Lake; a son, Loren Brown of Kalispell; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

He will be missed very much by his family and friends. He was a kind and gentle man who always put his family first. He loved his family very much and was proud of them.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday at Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Larry Gaylord of First Presbyterian Church and the Rev. Ron Pierce of Swan Chapel officiating. Burial will follow at Springcreek Cemetery. Friends may call at Johnson Mortuary until 6 p.m. on Friday for visitation.

## 1995 Robert McKinney Brown, 72

Robert McKinney Brown, 72, died Thursday March 30, at Anaconda of heart failure.

Brown was born May 25, 1922, in Redlands, Calif., to Herbert C. Brown and Frances Elizabeth Phelps Brown.

He received his education at Redlands High School and Fullerton College — Cal Tech.

On June 17, 1950, he married Frances Ann Gilmore.

He served in the U.S. Navy 1943-46, serving in the Philippines during World War II.

He worked as a land appraiser for Bank America from 1956-70.

He was self-employed as a land appraiser in Kalispell from 1970-86.

He belonged to the YMCA and excelled in competitive swimming.

He supported the Flathead Timberettes sports organization. He was a member of the Roman Catholic faith.

He was preceded in death by his wife in March 1993.

He is survived by a son, Douglas C. Brown, in Colorado; daughters Virginia Brown and Marnell Brown, both of Olney; sister Bette Helvy of Yucca, Calif.; brother Herbert Brown, of Brookings, Ore.

Rosary will be 7 p.m., tonight, at St. Charles Catholic Church in Whitefish.

Funeral Mass will be 11 a.m., Monday, at St. Richard's Catholic Church in Columbia Falls, the Rev. Bud Strom and Rev. Paul McKane officiating.

Interment follows at St. Richard's Cemetery.

## Helen Frances Bruce, 80

Helen Frances Bruce, 80, died Sunday, Dec. 17, 1995 at Brendan House.

She was born June 19, 1915, to Charles and Nel Aker in Kalispell. She completed her schooling in the Flathead Valley.

She married Ralph Bruce in 1950 in Kalispell. They lived in Florida and Alaska for 20 years, returning to the Flathead Valley in 1972.

She enjoyed a career in interior design and assisting her husband in his many business ventures. She made very few demands of life and was very friendly and well-liked by

those who knew her. She maintained a positive attitude in spite of being confined to a wheelchair for the last years.

She is survived by her husband, Ralph, at the family home; a son, Don Nelson and one daughter, Ardean Bronson, both of Kalispell; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren with another due in two weeks.

There will be a private family urn burial at Conrad Cemetery on Wednesday. Cremation and arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary.

## Jerry Richard Bruyer, 52

Jerry Richard Bruyer, 52, died in Seattle on Monday, Feb. 6, 1995, after a heroic battle with cancer.

He was born in Kalispell on Oct. 5, 1942, to Elsie and Gregory Bruyer. He started school in Troy, Idaho. When his parents moved back to the Flathead, he attended Echo School and graduated from Flathead County High in 1960. After attending State College in Bozeman, he went to work for the Federal Highway Administration in 1962.

On Nov. 1, 1968, he married Sharon Marie Schilling in Kalispell.



He was preceded in death by his father, Gregory, in 1979.

He is survived by his wife, Sharon, of Kalispell; a son, Travis, and his wife, Jennifer, of Vallejo, Calif., where they are both serving in the Coast Guard; his mother, Elsie Bruyer; a sister, Patsy Gaschet del'Isle and her husband, Vaughn; a niece and nephew, JoAnn and John; and numerous uncles, aunts and cousins.

Over the years, he touched many lives in business and his personal life. He will be greatly missed by family and friends.

Funeral services will be held at Johnson Mortuary on Saturday at 10 a.m. The family suggests memorials be made to Calvary Lutheran Church or to the charity of the donor's choice.

## Marcia (Manning) Bryan, 52

Marcia (Manning) Bryan, 52, died July 14, 1995, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

She was a very proud native of Kalispell, born on March 21, 1943, to Lyle and Dora Jean Manning. She attended schools in the Flathead Valley, graduating from Flathead High. She was a very loving and kind person, very hard worker and will be missed by everyone who knew her.

When she was younger, one of her favorite things to do was family camping trips. That love of camping endured throughout her life. She loved animals and her cat Pearl was her "baby," just one of many throughout her life. One of her favorite things to do was to go to the V.F.W. Club in Kalispell and listen to Ed play the piano. Ed would always play her favorite song, "Have I told you lately that I love you."

She is survived by her husband,

Doug Bryan, of Kalispell; sisters Ellen Bangar Manning, of Kalispell, Marla Manning, of Yuma, Ariz.; brother Doug Manning, of Renton, Wash.; aunts and uncles, Stan and Louise Ness, of Kalispell, Bob and Dorothy Ness, of Lakeland, Fla.; nieces and nephews Melisa and Brad, of Yuma, Milt and Dion, of Kalispell, Brian, of Spokane, Allyson and Greg, of Renton, Lisa, of Portland, Ore., and many other family members, including Bertha and Richard Richard, Tootsie and Duckey Bryan, all of Spring Hill, Nova Scotia, Bernice and Gary Bryan, of Ontario, Canada, and stepdaughters Bonnie and Darlene, of Toronto, Canada.

A memorial service will be 2 p.m., Tuesday, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home with Rev. Nathan Bemis officiating. The family suggests memorials to Flathead Hospice or the American Cancer Society in her name.

## Bob Bryant, 71

Robert L. (Bob) Bryant, 71, of Libby, died of natural causes Feb. 15, 1995, at his home. He was born Aug. 15, 1923, at Kalispell, Mont. to Inez and Raymond Bryant. He was raised and educated in Kalispell. He served in the United States Air Force.

While in San Francisco he met Verla McCarthy and they were married in 1948. He worked at the American Insurance Company as an insurance adjuster and a private investigator in Chico, Calif. He moved to Libby in 1977, where he owned and operated the Caboose Restaurant until his retirement in 1985.

Survivors include his wife, Verla; two sons, Steve, Libby, Michael, Auburn, Calif.; four grandchildren, Ashley and Carson, both of Libby; Collin and Kyle, Auburn, Calif.

Services were Tuesday, Feb. 21, at 11 a.m. at Nelson and Vial Funeral Home with Rev. Ray Hannigan as celebrant. *Libby*

## Donald Buckingham Sr., 93

A graveside service will be held for Donald J. Buckingham Sr. at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 2, 1995, at Conrad Memorial Cemetery. The longtime resident of Kalispell died Dec. 14, 1994, in Bellevue, Wash. A masonic memorial service was held in Bellevue then.

Born Sept. 24, 1901, in Kalispell, he became a longtime resident and community leader. He married Myrtle Grovo on Aug. 15, 1936. They

resided in Kalispell until retiring to Sun City, Ariz., in 1977. He was a resident of Washington Court Retirement Center in Bellevue for the last three years prior to his death.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Myrtle, on Feb. 22, 1994.

The family suggests remembrances be made to the Shriner's Crippled Children's Hospital, P.O. Box 2472, Spokane, WA 99210.

## Sarah Ann Winningham Bucher, 55

Sarah Ann Winningham Bucher, 55, of Polson, died of natural causes on July 2, 1995, at St. Joseph Hospital in Polson.

She was born Dec. 13, 1939, in Kansas City, Mo. She was raised in Heyburn, Idaho, by her mother, Lenora, and father, Bill Riff.

She was a talented artist and singer. She loved the outdoors, fishing, and playing pinochle. She was also an excellent cook and ran several restaurants.

She moved to Montana in 1983, and in 1985 she married Cliff Bucher in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. They lived in several locations in Montana and eventually settled in Polson about four years ago.

She was preceded in death by her

parents; her brother, Chuck; one son, Kirby Gene; and one grandson, Adam Munsel.

She is survived by her husband, in Polson, and a brother, Wally Winningham of Rupert, Idaho. She is also survived by her children, Kathy and husband James Endres of Burley, Idaho; Karla and husband LeRoy Robinson of Burley; Billy Adams and Leslie of Burley; Kayleen and Rex Munsel of Libby; and 12 grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the charity of donor's choice.

A funeral service will be held Saturday, July 8, at 10 a.m. at the Mosley-Shrider Funeral Home in Polson. Burial will also be on Saturday, at 3 p.m. at the Libby City Cemetery in Libby.



## Marian Buckley, 85

Marian J. Buckley, 85, died Oct. 5, 1995, at the Hospice Family Care Center in Fountain Valley, Calif., after a short illness.

She was born in Eau Claire, Wisc., on March 29, 1910. She was the second child and oldest daughter of Knute and Christine Wahl. She grew up on the family homestead on the prairie of eastern Montana with her two brothers and two sisters.

She graduated from high school in Circle and completed nurse's training at Holy Rosary Hospital in Miles City. She worked as a nurse in Miles City, Bozeman and Fort Peck. At Fort Peck she met and married Arthur "Buck" Buckley, an engineer employed in the construction of the dam. They had five children.

They lived for a short time in Texas, Indiana and Illinois, finally settling in southern California to raise their family.

In 1971 they moved back to their beloved Montana to a home on Flathead Lake. They were active in the community and in the parish of St. Ann's Catholic Church in Somers, where for 10 years she organized the parish's rummage sales.

Her husband died in 1992.

She is survived by two sisters, Irene Sime of Kennewick, Wash., and Margaret Freese of Lander, Wyo.; five children, Philip, Arthur, David, and Stephen Buckley and Cheryl Sanderson; six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Her warm smile and positive outlook will be missed by all who knew and loved her.

Funeral services will be at St. Ann's Church in Somers on Monday at 10 a.m. In lieu of flowers the family requests memorials to the Lakeside Quick Response Unit, Flathead Hospice of Kalispell or St. Ann's Church, Somers.

## Caroline Burgess, 95

Caroline W. Burgess, 95, of Whitefish, died Monday, March 27, 1995, at the Colonial Manor Nursing Center in Whitefish.

She was born April 2, 1899, in Hardwick, Minn., to Herman and Fredrika Brockemier. She was raised and educated in Alexandria, Minn.

On Nov. 28, 1917, she married Jay R. Burgess in Alexandria and after his retirement, they moved to Whitefish in 1959. He preceded her in death on March 10, 1986.

She is survived by a daughter, Viola Wicklund, of Lakewood, Colo.; a son, Vernon Burgess, of Whitefish; three

grandchildren, Diane Burgess of Bellevue, Wash., Jay Burgess of Kalispell, and Merle Wicklund of Morrison, Colo.; and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Thursday at 1:30 p.m. at Austin Funeral Home of Whitefish with the Rev. John Bent of Christ Lutheran Church of Whitefish officiating. Burial will follow at Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell.

## Sheridan Lester Burgess Jr., 69

Sheridan Lester Burgess Jr., 69, died Friday, May 19, 1995, at Kalispell Regional Hospital.

He was born Jan. 9, 1926, in Oberon, N.D., to Sheridan and Maude Burgess. He worked as an auto mechanic.

He served in the Marines in the South Pacific during World War II and received the Purple Heart for wounds received in action. He was a member of the Eagles and the VFW.

Survivors include his wife, Verna, of the family home in Kalispell; two



sons, John and Clyde Burgess, both of Kalispell; four daughters, Roberta Dixon of Lake City, Fla., Carol Lankford of Roosevelt, Utah, Donna Worden of Prescott, Ariz., and Kathy Crawley of Kaiser, Mo.; two sisters, Mabel Logan of Fargo, N.D., and Florence Harvey of Sioux City, Iowa; 20 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren; and special nephews Keith Burgess of Fortine, Leland Burgess of Eureka and Lee Lund of Carrington, N.D.

Friends will meet at the graveside for services at 11 a.m. on Tuesday at Glacier Memorial Gardens with Dr. David Kauffman officiating. Military honors by the United Veterans of Flathead. Arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary.

## Myrle Burgess, 84

Myrle Lucinda Mae Burgess, 84, died at Kalispell Regional Hospital on Oct. 29, 1995.

She was born June 1, 1911, to Edward and Lillie Gilman in Falk County, S.D. She moved with her family to eastern Montana in 1918.

She married R. Forsness in 1927. They homesteaded north of Wolf Point until 1945 and then moved to Round Butte to dairy farm. They raised four boys: Gillman Russell "J.R.," Maurice Edward "Bud," Daniel Gordon "Danny" and Victor Melvin Forsness.

On June 11, 1949, she married Jack Spear Burgess. They moved to the Flathead Valley and to Somers in 1953. They had two children, Alyce Kathleen Burgess and John Byron Burgess.

She cooked in the logging camps in the Wigwam area in 1958. Her love for cooking is known by people



around the world. She cooked for hungry loggers in northwest Montana and dude ranches in southern Arizona, with stops in between at Palm Cafe in Kalispell in the winter, the chef's job at Lake McDonald Lodge in Glacier Park, and lodges and fish camps in Alaska in 1963. Her beef stroganoff was listed in Ford's 300 best eating in the U.S. Her love for huckleberries was matched only by the bears', who would give her a wide berth.

She is survived by her beloved children and numerous loving grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by all her brothers and sisters, one grandchild and one great-grandchild.

The family offers special thanks to the staff of Kalispell Regional Hospital Rehabilitation Center, the county's Home Health and Westmont Home caregivers for making our mother's last months dignified and comfortable with their special gifts of love.

Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of the Johnson Mortuary.

## Ted R. Burk, 84

Ted R. Burk, 84, of Eureka, died early Sunday, April 2, 1995, at his home in Eureka. He had been ill with cancer for some time.

A lifelong resident of northwestern Montana, he spent his life working in the forests in the Kalispell, Olney and Eureka areas. He began his long logging career as a boy, working first as a timber feller and participating in early-day log drives on several rivers in northwestern Montana. He also, as a young man, ran an extensive trapline that extended from Olney northward to Frozen Lake near the Canadian border and then southward along the upper Whitefish Range to Werner Peak just north of Whitefish, and then back to Olney. He recently recounted that his trapping experiences were among the richest of his life.

Later, he drove logging truck, built roads, was a partner in a small sawmill operation in Kalispell and became a logging contractor upon moving from Kalispell to the Trego area in the early 1950s. An accomplished heavy equipment operator, he completed his career constructing roads as part of the Libby Dam operation. He retired in 1975.

He was born Dec. 10, 1910, in Valier, to Gilbert and Jane Burk and except for a brief time in his early years when the family returned to its original home in Fort Wayne, Ind., he lived in Montana all his life.

He married Louise Marie Schwenke at Creston in 1935; they were married for 54 years before her

death in 1989. He married Sharon Bertelson in 1990.

Survivors include his wife, Sharon, at the family home in Eureka, which he built himself from the ground up since their marriage and completed just last fall; three sons, Dale A. Burk of Stevensville, Arlie T. Burk of Eureka, and R.L. "Stoney" Burk of Choteau; two daughters, Daisy Yerian of Fortine, and Marianne Roose, also of Fortine; 18 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren; a great-great-grandchild; four brothers, Albert, G.I. "Gib" and Bill Burk, all of Olney, and Dr. James R. Burk, of Helena; and three sisters, Clara Graves of Eureka, Mona Hanson of Whitefish, and Betty Overby of Libby.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Louis; his first wife; and a grandson, Ted R. Burk II.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday at 2 p.m. at the Baptist Church in Eureka with the Rev. David Kauffman officiating. Eulogies to Mr. Burk will be given by three of his children. Interment will follow at the Fortine Cemetery. The family invites all friends and relatives to a dinner, following the services, at the Baptist Church.

Visitation will be from 6 to 9 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. to noon Tuesday at Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Eureka.

The family requests that memorials be made to the V.F.W. Club, Box 426, Eureka, MT 59917.

## Shirley Elaine Burke

Shirley Elaine? Burke, age 74, passed away August 4, 1995 at Kalispell Regional Hospital.

Shirley was born May 13, 1921 in Chico, Calif. to William E. and Lela A. Shields. Shirley was preceded in death by her husband. She is survived by one son and four daughters. She is also survived by 23 grandchildren. No local services are planned. Arrangements and cremation by Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

## Helen Bursell, 78

Helen Bursell, 78, died Monday, Sept. 4, 1995, at Kalispell Regional Hospital. She was born at Cambridge, Idaho, the daughter of Charles and Anna Wilson. She spent her childhood in Cambridge, where she attended school. She married Ralph Bursell on Nov. 21, 1936, at Payette, Idaho.

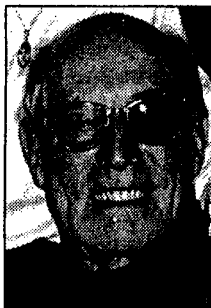
She and her husband resided in southern Idaho for many years until coming to Eureka in 1958. They moved to Libby in 1961, where she resided for the past 34 years. She worked as a restaurant cook in Eureka, Troy and Libby. She later worked for the Mountain Magic Motel in Libby. Her husband Ralph preceded her in death in 1976.

Survivors include a son, Myron Bursell, and a daughter, Lois Ammerman, both of Libby; a brother, Bert Wilson, Boise, Idaho; two sisters, Clara Edwards, Cambridge, Idaho and Florence Wilson, Weiser, Idaho; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Visitation was Thursday, Sept. 7, 1995, and Friday, Sept. 8, 1995. Services were Friday, Sept. 8, 1995, at Nelson & Vial Funeral Home Chapel, with Rev. Arnold Steinert officiating. Interment was in the city of Libby cemetery. *Libby*

## Herman Donald Byrd, 80

Herman Donald Byrd, 80, died from complications of a stroke on Friday, Aug. 11, 1995, in the home of his son and daughter-in-law, Chris and Maureen Byrd, of Martin City.



He was born Sept. 17, 1914, in Springfield Mo., to Uel and Anabelle (McDonald) Byrd.

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

Over the next 32 years, they expanded their business to include a butcher shop, game cutting, laundro-

mat, rentals and a trailer court. They retired in 1978 and moved to Creston in 1988. They lived there until Bernida died in 1993. Herman suffered a stroke in Nov. 1990.

He served many areas of the community, including the Knights of Columbus, Flathead County Planning Board, Martin City Fire Department, Democratic Central Committee and chairman of School District Six.

He was also preceded in death by three sons, Billy, Duane and Jim. He and Bernida had 67 grandchildren and 48 great grandchildren.

He is survived by nine of his 12 children, Vern and Mary Byrd, of Spokane; Dr. LeRoy and Irene Byrd, of Spokane, Greg and Claudette (Byrd) Wieck, of Enterprise, Ore., Louie and Gabriella (Byrd) Egging, of Sidney, Neb., Chris and Maureen Byrd, of Martin City, Bill Rinck and Vicki Byrd-Rinck, of Coram, Scott and Marie (Byrd) Johnston, of Creston, Gerard and Loretta Byrd, of Martin City, Ovila and Renee Byrd, of Martin City and a sister, Helen McGuire, of Kellyville, Okla.

## Lloyd Byrd, 68

*12 June 1995*  
Lloyd Homer Byrd, 68, died Monday at Kalispell Regional Hospital.

He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean war and then worked for 32 years for Anaconda Wire & Cable Co. in Southern California. He then moved to Saudi Arabia, where he helped set up and run the facilities for copper cable production.

He and his wife moved to Kalispell in 1993 to be with their children and grandchildren.

He was an avid fisherman and hunter. He attended Gospel Light Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his father and by two children, Diana and Daniel Byrd.

He is survived by his wife, Joedy Byrd, of Kalispell; his mother; a brother; a son and four daughters, including Trudy Blaylock, Cheryl Herman and Susan Leonard, all of Kalispell; and nine grandchildren.

Graveside services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. at Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Family and friends will meet at the cemetery. Arrangements are by Buffa-

lo Hill Funeral Home in Kalispell.