

Virgil LeRoy Johns, 76

Virgil LeRoy Johns, 76, died at his home in Kalispell on Friday, July 28, 1995.

He was born July 18, 1919, in Ridgefield, Wash., to Pleasant and Amanda Enger Johns. He was raised and educated in Ridgefield.

He joined the Navy at age 21 and served in World War II on the USS Battleship California while his brother, Ted, was on the destroyer Bush. He served his time in the Pacific. He was in the attack at Pearl Harbor, swimming to shore from the battleship, under burning oil. He was a chief gunner mate. He earned three Purple Hearts and numerous campaign ribbons. He received a presidential citation. His ship was one of the last to dock at Tokyo Bay at the end of the war.

He was raised in Washington and worked hard as a young man and all of his adult life, telling his children and grandchildren, "never be afraid of work." He worked in the logging industry most of his life as a heavy equipment operator and mechanic. He was heavy equipment operator for Peter Quietie & Sons in Oregon on Highway 101 and owned his own saw mill at St. Mary's, Idaho, in the early '50s.

He moved to Kalispell in 1960 and worked for C & C Plywood, now Plum Creek, Evergreen division, as a master mechanic, retiring after 25 years.

His first wife died in February 1977. He then married Marian Woods at Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, and is survived by her at the family home.

He felt so blessed to have two great wives in his life. He loved his family deeply. He loved to fish and hunt

with his family and enjoyed family and friends get-togethers. He loved his 12 years going to Arizona in the winter with his wife Marian. He will be missed by all.



He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Teddy, Lloyd, and Lloyd Nicholas; and a sister, Gertrude.

He is survived by his wife, Marian; his children, Richard W. Johns and his wife, Carol, and Joe Woods of Kalispell, Harry Jacob and Cheryl Woods of Great Falls, Maryan and husband, Lawrence Diffie, of Phoenix, Ariz.; a brother, Harold Johns, and his wife, Nobuko, of Kalispell; grandchildren, Scott, Tammy and Richie Johns and Brianna Diffie; a great-grandchild, Coby Johns; and many other relatives and lovely flowers.

Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday at Conrad Memorial Cemetery with the Rev. Ron Pierce, pastor of Swan Chapel officiating. Military honors will be conducted by the Flathead United Veterans Organization. Friends will meet at the cemetery for services.

Friends may call at Johnson Mortuary for visitation until 6 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. until noon on Tuesday. The family suggests memorials be made to the Diabetes Foundation, Box 2411, Great Falls, MT 59403 or to the American Heart Fund.

Bud Jacobson, 97

Harry "Bud" A. Jacobson, 97, of Polson, died on Thursday, Feb. 9, 1995, at St. Joseph Convalescent Center in Polson.

Survivors include his daughter, Clarice "Jake" Tootell, of Polson, a son and daughter-in-law, four grandchildren and their spouses and 11 great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Polson.

A memorial service will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Polson, Rev. Ken Bartle officiating. Inurnment will take place on a later date at Libby Cemetery.

Arrangements are by Mosley-Shrider Funeral Home in Polson.

1995 Jensina Jensen, 96

Jensina Jensen, 96, of Somers, died in the St. Joseph Retirement Center in Polson on Thursday, April 13.

She was born Oct. 3, 1898, in Stavanger, Norway, to Ola and Cecelia Pettersen. She received her schooling in Norway and in 1925 came to America to settle in Somers. On June 19, 1926, she married Jens Jensen in Somers. She lived there until moving to St. Joseph Retirement Center on Dec. 26, 1985.

She was a member of the Eidsvold Lutheran Church. She enjoyed crocheting, embroidery and was an excellent hostess.

She was preceded in death by her husband on June 26, 1972.

She is survived by her son, Raymond Jensen, of Missoula; daughter Cecelia Bergman, of Bozeman; seven grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

A funeral will be 1 p.m., Monday, at Johnson Mortuary Chapel, Rev. Wayne Pris, pastor of Eidsvold Lutheran Church, officiating. Burial will be in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Visitation is 3-7 p.m. today and 9 a.m. to noon Monday at Johnson Mortuary.

Fred Johnson, 69

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Fred J. Johnson, 69, died Thursday of heart failure at his home in Libby.

Survivors include his wife, Phyllis, of Libby; a daughter, son Gary Johnson, of Libby, two brothers and four grandchildren.

A daughter, Cheryl, preceded him in death in 1992.

Visitation is 3-8 p.m. Monday and until noon Tuesday at Nelson and Vial Funeral Home. Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Milnor Lake Cemetery, Rev. Gene Bushnell officiating. Military honors will be provided by local veterans organizations.

T. Floyd Johnson, 80

T. Floyd Johnson, 80, died peacefully at the family home on Sunday morning, Nov. 19, 1995.

He was born May 17, 1915, at the Kalispell Hospital, the fourth child of N.E. and Minnie Johnson. As an infant, he moved with his family from Creston to the Stillwater area. With his father and brothers he operated a dairy farm along the Stillwater River. Many young men learned a strong work ethic in those fields and barns. He retired from farming in the early 1980s and later moved to town.

He graduated with honors from Flathead High School in 1932 where he lettered in debate and served as DeMolay master counselor. He was a charter member of the Stillwater Grange and served in many positions at Stillwater, Pomona and state grange. He served on the state milk-control board and was actively involved in the regional production-credit association board for many years.

On Nov. 10, 1941, he married Ruth Hardaway, who survives him. He is also survived by three sons, Loren of Salt Lake City, Mark and his wife,

Trish, of Ft. Collins, Colo. and Herb and his wife, Pam, of Vancouver, Wash.; four grandchildren; and two great-granddaughters; a brother, Vernon R. Johnson, and his wife, Thelma, of Kalispell; many nieces and nephews; extended family and friends, young and old who will treasure memories of his thoughtfulness, his many acts of kindness, his spiritual depth, his tremendous capacity to love unconditionally and his commitment to caring for Ruth.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Mabel and Thelma; and two brothers, Wilfred and Robert; and a special granddaughter, Sarah.

He was an active member of Riverside Alliance Church where a memorial service celebrating his life will be held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday. Following cremation, interment will be held at Glacier Memorial Gardens. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to the Friends of Lawrence Park, P.O. Box 2258, Kalispell, 59903, or to a charity of choice.

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

George Johnson, 72

George James Johnson, 72, a retired Burlington Northern Railroad engineer, died Oct. 18, 1995, at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

He was born Nov. 7, 1922, to Andrew M. and Rose B. Johnson in Whitefish. He graduated from Whitefish High School in 1940.

He then joined the Army transport service until World War II, when he entered the U.S. Maritime Service Training School in Avalon, Calif. He was accepted and graduated from Maritime Officers School in Alameda, Calif., and spent the remaining years on sea duty.

Following his discharge he was hired by the Great Northern Railroad and worked there for 39 years.

He married Patricia Mooney on Oct. 17, 1942.

He was preceded in death by an infant son, Gregory George.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia, at the family home; three sons, Brian J. and his wife, Bev Palmer Johnson, of Whitefish, Eric B. Johnson of Puyallup, Wash., and Stephen W. Johnson of Fairbanks, Alaska; two daughters, Carmen and her husband, Anthony Pacis of Quezon City, Philippines, and Rochelle

"Bee" and her husband, James Bickel, of Whitefish; two granddaughters, Wendy R. Price of Atlanta, Ga., and Holly and her husband, Ty Tobias, of Anchorage, Alaska; two grandsons, Gregory A. Hamilton of Whitefish and Stephan B. Johnson of Puyallup; one great-granddaughter, Amanda R. Tobias of Anchorage; and one brother, Warren A. and his wife, Anne Johnson of Libby.

Private family services will be held at a later date. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home in charge of arrangements and cremation.

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James Elias Johnson, 71

James Elias Johnson, 71, of Bigfork, died at Kalispell Regional Hospital on Monday evening, Jan. 1, 1996.

He was born Sept. 23, 1924, in Bigfork, to Sol and Edith Johnson. He received his education in Bigfork and engaged in farming there until 1985. He then purchased a farm at Conrad and continued farming, enjoying summers in Conrad and his winters in Bigfork. He was actively engaged in farming after his retirement, fulfilling his lifelong dream of farming in Conrad.

He enjoyed his family and grand-

children, and loved animals, fishing, hunting and wildlife.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, Chester Johnson, John Johnson and Perry Adams, and an infant granddaughter.

On Nov. 8, 1950 he married Babette Robinson in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, and is now survived by her at home in Bigfork.

He is also survived by two sons, Joe and John Johnson, both of Bigfork; two daughters, Ann Cottle of Bigfork and Carolyn Morgan of Minneapolis; a brother, Cecil Johnson, of

Bigfork; two sisters, Rose Timm of Kalispell and Dorothy Karr of Havre; 11 grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter.

Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday at the New Life Alliance Church (formerly Little Brown Church) of Bigfork with the Rev. Gary Morton officiating.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Gideon Bible Society, P.O. Box 1305, Kalispell, MT 59903 or to the Bigfork Q.R.U. in Bigfork. Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary.

R. Pat 'Chick' Johnson, 58

R. Pat "Chick" Johnson, 58, was called home to join Our Lord Sept. 14, 1995, after a long illness. He suffered without complaint from a longtime illness which he rarely allowed to interfere with his positive attitude, good humor and love of life.



He was born to Ralph and Ruby Johnson on March 17, 1937, in Bemidji, Minn. He moved to Montana when he was about 19. He was an auto partsman most of his adult life and retired from Courtesy Motor Supply. He was an active member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church and his enduring faith was an everlasting source of strength to his family and many friends.

He enjoyed and excelled in wood-working. He also enjoyed reading, camping, gardening, painting and photography, and made spending time with his family a priority. His sense of humor brought laughter to many and he had a great appreciation of humor in others. Although

his heart failed him on Sept. 14, it never failed others and his constant compassion will be remembered in the hearts of those he loved.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Ruby, stepmother, Bertha, and his nephew, Wayne Lukenbill, and his faithful dog, Rags.

He is survived by his much loved wife, Frances, loving children Patty Johnson Carlson, Marty Johnson, Terry Johnson, Connie Boucher, Cathy Armstrong, Charlie Boucher and Chuck Boucher; grandchildren Jordan and Whitney Carlson, Catrina and Randilyn Armstrong, Hailley Johnson and two yet unborn.; his father and stepmother, Ralph and Ida Johnson; devoted brothers Bob and Neil Johnson; and much loved in-laws, nieces, nephews, cousins and his faithful companion and loving dog, Squeakers.

He will be greatly missed and we will remember him for his last written wish — "To everyone, my last and fondest wish is that you look to God for guidance and that everyone get along."

Celebration of the resurrection and life will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Columbia Falls. Friend and pastor Tom Gopp will officiate.

Dyane Theodore 'Teddy' T. Johnson, 17 1995

Theodore "Teddy" T. Johnson, 17, died Friday at Kalispell Regional Hospital, following a courageous battle with muscular dystrophy.

He was born in Libby on Feb. 13, 1978, to Ted and Sue Johnson. He attended Libby public schools, where he completed his sophomore year at Libby High School. He enjoyed hunting and fishing and, most of all, spending time with friends who inspired him to keep going through the many trials of his life. With the blessing of his parents, he joined his Heavenly Father when health obstacles became too great to overcome. He was preceded in death by his brother, Chris, in 1990.

Surviving are his parents, Ted and Sue Johnson, of Libby; grandparents Don and Marie Cripe and Joel and Barbara Rucker, all of Libby; great grandparents Paul and Ann Neas, of Rathdrum, Idaho and Alice Hallford, of Missoula and many loving aunts, uncles and cousins.

Visitation will be 2-8 p.m., today and until 10 a.m., Monday at the Nelson and Vial Funeral Home. Services will be at 11 a.m., Monday, at City of Libby Cemetery, Rev. Derf Bergman, officiating.

Memorials may be made to the Shriners' Hospital for Crippled Children, P.O. Box 2472, Spokane, WA, 99210-2472.

Jan Walter Johnston, 40

Jan Walter Johnston, 40, known to his family and friends as "Bandan" and "Wing," died Monday, Oct. 2, 1995, at Sacred Heart Medical Center in Spokane, Wash. He was born March 2, 1955, at Kalispell, the son Joseph L. and Lillian B. Johnston. Jan was raised and educated in Libby.

Jan was self-employed as an independent contractor, specializing in masonry work. He gained experience and knowledge by refining his skills working on projects in Texas, Washington and Idaho before returning to Libby to start Wing Construction. Jan spent much of his free time organizing concerts for Rob Quist & The Great Northern Band, The Loose Caboose Band and the former Mission Mountain Wood Band. As a lover of music, Jan was an expert on the dance floor. He was an avid sports fan and was able to take in many pro games. He was preceded in death by his brother, James W. Johnston, in July 1968; his father, Joseph L., Sept. 1986 and a grandmother, Mary A. Johnston, Aug. 1991.

Survivors include his mother, Lillian, Libby; two brothers, Joseph E., of Libby; Jerry R., of Kalispell and one sister, Jonette Johnston Tubb and her husband Stanley, also of Libby; his grandmother, Blanche B. Evert, Libby; niece, Jessica A. Lish, Moab, Utah; niece, Cricket L. Johnston, and nephew, G.J. Zajanc, both of Libby; niece Susan J. Tubb, and nephew, David Tubb, Polson. Jan also leaves many friends whom he considered his extended family.

Visitation was Thursday, Oct. 5, 1995, and Friday, Oct. 6, 1995, at Nelson & Vial Funeral Home. Services were Saturday, Oct. 7, 1995, at the Eagles Club. Burial was in the city of Libby cemetery.

Libby

Hazel Jolley, 77

Hazel Jolley, 77, died of ovarian cancer Sunday, Nov. 19, 1995, at her home in Spokane.

She and her husband, Clifford, lived on The Big Mountain from 1970 until 1976, when they moved to Spokane.

She is survived by her husband, Clifford; two daughters, Mary Ann Okonski and husband, Jerry Okonski, of Santiago, Chile, and Susan Williams and husband, Ned Williams, of Lake Oswego, Ore.; and four granddaughters, Kendra, Kristi-

na and Janina Okonski and Holly Williams.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Sally Sauer Medical Fund at St. John's Lutheran Hospital, 350 Louisiana Street, Libby, MT 59923.

Bradley 'Kirk' Jones, 42

Bradley "Kirk" Jones, 42, died at his home in Kalispell on Friday, March 3, 1995.



He was born Oct. 3, 1952, in Billings to Lucille and William Jones. He was raised in Billings and attended school there, graduating from West High School in 1970.

He received a military appointment to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. Later, he transferred to Montana State University, where he continued the track career he began in high school. He graduated from MSU in 1974.

He began his teaching career in Lovell, Wyo., where he taught ele-

mentary school for four years. He was proud to be selected the Lovell Teacher of the Year. He moved to Kalispell in 1979, where he began his tenure as math teacher at Linderman School, and a coach for every level from junior high to varsity. His coaching and teaching was marked by unselfishness and his quest for excellence in the classroom and on the playing field. He tried to instill his sense of commitment to excellence in all his students and athletes.

His greatest joys came from the time spent with his many friends. An avid golfer and fisherman, he was always ready with a new joke or funny story. He will be missed most by the young children of his friends and family. His gentleness, humor and patience made him a favorite with those young children. A truly giving

man, he was always the first to help, but shied away from praise.

Survivors include his parents in Billings; brothers Kelly, of Cody, Wyo., Kreg, of Great Falls, and Kyle, of Seattle; as well as four nieces and a nephew. He will be greatly missed by his Linderman school family and many friends in District 5. A memorial fund to provide for student scholarship has been established at Glacier Bank in Kalispell.

A memorial service will be at 4 p.m. Monday at Epworth Methodist Church in Kalispell. Arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary.

Marvin Jones, 58

Marvin Howe Jones, 58, of Kalispell, died Monday, Aug. 21, 1995, from injuries from a fall in the Bob Marshall Wilderness.



He was born Dec. 29, 1936, in Heber City, Utah, to Lester and LaVon Howe Jones.

He received his bachelor or science degree in agricultural economics from Utah State University. He served a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in California from 1957-1959.

On June 15, 1961, he married Jeanette Rex in the Logan, Utah Temple.

He was a county supervisor for the Farm Home Administration in Bozeman for one and a half years and in

Plentywood for one year. In 1964, he moved to Kalispell where he continued until his retirement in 1992.

He was a loan officer for First Security Bank for two years, retiring in 1994. He was active with the United Way Organization and the County Supervisors Organization. He was very active in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He enjoyed hunting and fishing and being with friends and family outdoors and riding his horses. He loved his family more than anything in this world. His Father called him home while he was doing what he enjoyed.

He was preceded in death by a son, Alan Jones.

He is survived by his wife, Jeanette, at home in Kalispell; his children, Lisa A. McClun and her husband, Nathan, of Preston, Idaho, Erik M. Jones of Logan, Utah, Lori Jones of

Preston, and Ann Jones of Kalispell; his two grandchildren, Alexandra McClun and Nathan Thomas McClun of Preston; his parents, Lester and LaVon Jones, of Heber; sisters, Karen Ridge of Midway, Utah, Beth Murphy of Vernal, Utah, and Marion Collard of Salt Lake City, Utah; a brother, Bob Jones, of St. George, Utah; and many nieces, nephews, in-laws, and extended family.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Thursday at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints with Bishop Lamar Guest conducting. The body will then be forwarded to Heber City for burial in the Heber City Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be sent to Bob Burmood, C.L.A.S.P. or to the United Way Foundation. Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary.

Muriel Jones, 73

Muriel A. Hayes Jones, 73, died at her home in Kalispell Wednesday, Aug. 30, 1995.

She was born Feb. 1, 1922, in Rexford. She attended school in Rexford and Whitefish, graduating from Whitefish High School in 1940.

She married Clinton R. "Barney" Hayes on June 8, 1940. They resided in Seattle and then Kalispell, where she worked at Kalispell Regional Hospital for many years.

She married Donald M. Jones on Jan. 8, 1977. They moved to Shelby and operated the Arena Motel until his death in 1988. She was a longtime member of TOPS in Kalispell and Shelby, and was a member of the Eagles.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a brother, Tom Hughes, a sister, Margaret Hundahl, a daugh-

ter, LouAnn Brown, and a niece, Sue Hundahl Byrd.

Survivors include two daughters, Sandi French of Great Falls and Kathy Longfield of Kalispell; a sister, Marion Knapton, and her husband, Ray, of Whitefish; brothers, Jim Fulkerson and his wife, Alice, and Art Fulkerson and his wife, Wilma, all of Whitefish; sister Jean Diver of Minneapolis; eight grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

A memorial Mass was held Tuesday at St. Matthew's Catholic Church with Rev. Robert Noonan as celebrant.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the charity of choice. Cremation and arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary.

Arden E. Joy, 69

Arden E. Joy, 69, of Whitefish, died of natural causes Friday, March 17, 1995, at his home in Whitefish.

He was born Sept. 3, 1925, in Whitefish, to Clyde and Bertha Joy. He was raised and received his schooling in Whitefish. Before World War II, he was employed with the Great Northern Railway and in 1942, he joined the U.S. Navy and received his discharge in 1946.

He returned to Whitefish and continued his employment with the Great Northern Railroad. During times of layoffs, he worked in several of the area mills and on construction of Hungry Horse Dam. In 1986, he retired as an engineer on Burlington Northern Railway.

He was a member of the Whitefish V.F.W. and Whitefish Moose Lodge. He enjoyed fly-fishing, hiking and

gardening.

On May 17, 1947, he married Shirley L. Cornelius and she preceded him in death on Feb. 17, 1984.

He is now survived by a daughter, Gail Faber, of Chinook; two sons, Craig Joy of Essex, and Colin Joy of Whitefish; two sisters, Ila Van Slyke of Whitefish, and June Peck of Libby; four grandchildren and a number of relatives.

Family rosary service will be today at 7 p.m. at Austin Funeral Home of Whitefish. Mass of the resurrection will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at St. Charles Catholic Church with the Rev. Charles Roman officiating. Burial will follow in the Whitefish Cemetery with military honors provided by members of the local V.F.W. The casket will not be open for visitation.

Bertha E. Joy, 81

Bertha E. Joy, 81, formerly of Kalispell, died in Hewitt, Minn., on Wednesday, Nov. 1, 1995.

She was born July 28, 1914, in Big Arm to Richard and Mary Zimmerman. She received her early years of education in Big Arm, later moving to Polson where she completed her elementary schooling and graduated from high school.

On June 3, 1934, she married Clark H. Joy in Polson. They lived in Polson until 1952 when they moved to Kalispell. They here until two weeks ago when they moved to Minnesota.

She was of the Baptist faith.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Lawrence and William Zimmerman, and a sister, Lena Zimmerman.

She is survived by her husband, Clark Joy, of Hewitt; two sons, Robert Joy of Kalispell and Ron Joy of Hewitt; two daughters, Mrs. Clarence (Donna) Hedge of Columbia Falls and Clara Sayle of Kalispell; a sister, Mrs. Fred (Jennie) Desch of Kalispell; 10 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and several nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday at Glacier Memorial Gardens with the Rev. Gordon Dexter, pastor of Bethel Baptist Church, officiating. Friends will meet at the cemetery for services. Friends may call at Johnson Mortuary for visitation from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. today and Tuesday.