

Arthur 'Art' Sabo, 56

Arthur Robert "Art" Sabo, 56, of Kalispell, died at Kalispell Regional Hospital on Saturday, Oct. 21, 1995.

He was born Jan. 18, 1939, in Easton, Penn., to Rudolph and Elizabeth Sabo. He spent his early years at Catalina Island and California.

He served in the U.S. Navy. He was a mortgage broker and lived in various places throughout the western states.

In 1987 he moved to Kalispell and

lived there since. He was a member of the Kalispell Elks Lodge.

He is survived by his wife, Esther Sabo, at the family home; two sons, Robert Sabo of West Valley City, Utah, and David Sabo of Salmon, Idaho; a brother, Richard Sabo of Upland, Calif.; a sister, Pamela Banks of Riverside, Calif.; and five grandchildren.

No public services are planned. Cremation and arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary.

Bernice Chapman Sales, 84

Bernice Chapman Sales, 84, of Roseburg, Ore., died Saturday, Jan. 14, 1995, in a Roseburg care center.

She was born Nov. 4, 1910, in Seattle, to Edna and Charles Chapman.

On May 9, 1931, she married Roy Sales, of Yaht, Mont., at Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Spink's home in Kalispell. As a young couple, they lived at the Sales Ranch on Thompson River. Later they lived in Lakeside, Libby, and Troy and retired in Rollins.

She was the city clerk in Troy for several years. She was a member of the B.P.W. Club, Friendly Club, Fireman's Auxiliary and Tahima Club.

She was preceded in death by her brothers, Harold and Lloyd; her sister, Grace Klaus; and her nephew, Charles Chapman.

Survivors include her husband, Roy Sales, of Roseburg; a daughter, Edna Brock, of Roseburg; a son, Gordon Sales, and his wife, Fran, of Sequim, Wash.; grandchildren Bruce Sales of Arvada, Colo., Echo Sales of Vacaville, Calif., Mica McLean of Eatonville, Wash., Alvin Brock of LaPine, Ore., and Arthur Brock, Rod-

ney Brock, Randy Brock, and Marilyn Johnston, all of Roseburg; 11 great-grandchildren and several step-grandchildren; a sister-in-law, Thelma Budd, of Renton, Wash.; a niece, Sharon Johnston, of Sequim; and nephews James Chapman of Renton, and Gary Klaus.

Memorial services were held today at Open Door Christian Fellowship in Roseburg. Private inurnment will follow in the spring at Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell. Wilson's Chapel of the Roses in Roseburg is in charge of arrangements.

Adda Sanders, 101

Adda V. Sparks Sanders, 101, died at Heritage Place in Kalispell on Sunday, May 14, 1995.

She was born Sept. 30, 1893, in What Cheer, Iowa; to William R. Sparks and Iva Myrtle Reed Sparks.

On May 3, 1916, she married Ralph Lawrence Sanders in What Cheer. Much of her life was spent in and near Fort Collins, Colo. She had taught school, operated a rural mail route, took care of a small dairy, and had a raspberry business. She was very active in church work and community activities.

She was a member of the Women's Temperance Union in Bellvue, Colo. She was a wonderful wife, loving mother and grandmother, special sister and good friend to many.

She and her husband moved to Kalispell in 1965.

She was preceded in death by her husband on Aug. 17, 1978; a son,

Charles Howard Sanders, in 1930; a sister, Fern Crew; and four brothers, Glen, Paul, Don and Lowell Sparks.

She is survived by a daughter, Ruth D. Pratt, and her husband, Erwin J. Pratt, of St. Anne, Ill.; a son, Edwin H. Sanders and his wife, Edith Sanders, of Kalispell; one sister, Marvel Hensley of Everett, Wash.; five granddaughters, Joyce Edwin of Coon Rapids, Minn., Judy Pratt of Missoula, Debbie Doll of Highwood, Coleen Baars and Connie Murer, both of Kalispell; 10 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Friday at Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Robert Ross, pastor of the Christian Center Assembly of God, officiating. Burial will be at Lonepine Cemetery near Bigfork. Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary.

Doyle R. Sampson, 91

Doyle R. Sampson, 91, died Thursday, Jan. 12, 1995, at Lakeview Care Center in Bigfork.

He was born Nov. 20, 1903, to Francis and Florence Sampson in Fawcett, Mo. When he was eight, the family moved to Montana, where they homesteaded south of Hot Springs in Lone Pine. He attended grade school there and graduated from Thompson Falls High School and barber school in Spokane.

He married Helen Hundahl in a double wedding ceremony with their best friends, Adolph and Nellie Mitsch, in 1934. During World War II, the family moved to Tacoma, Wash., to work in the shipyards to do their part for their country.

He was a well-known barber,

farmer and carpenter here in the valley. He was an avid supporter of the Flathead Braves basketball and football teams.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Helen, five brothers and one sister.

He is survived by a son, Andy Sampson, of Columbia Falls; two daughters, Iris McCauley, of Kalispell, and Jennifer McNeily, of San Diego, Calif.; a brother, Everett Sampson, of Lynnwood, Wash.; 13 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home Monday at 11 a.m. with the Rev. Ron Pierce, of Swan Valley Chapel, officiating. Arrangements and cremation are by Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

Gene Savage, 75

Gene R. Savage, 75, of Kalispell, died at his home on Thursday, June 15, 1995.

He was born December 25, 1919, in Great Falls, to Frank and Stella Savage. He graduated from Neihart High School in 1938 and married Ann Stewart in 1941. He worked for the weather bureau in Great Falls and Butte before moving to the Flathead Valley in 1953.

He worked on the construction of Hungry Horse Dam and the Anacon-



da Aluminum Plant. He was employed by Anaconda Aluminum Co. for 29 years.

He was a member of Eagles and an active participant in the group; Parents Without Partners.

He is survived by daughters Nancy Kelly of Huntington Beach, Calif.; and Ann Marie of Missoula; sons Joe Savage of Cottage Grove, Ore., and Scott Savage of Santa Cruz, Calif.; a grandson, Ezra, serving in the U.S. Coast Guard based in Alameda, Calif.; three brothers, Dick Savage and Ralph Savage of Kalispell, and George Savage of Deming, Wash.

Services were held at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home on Monday.

Karen Mae Bashor Schaeffer, 53

Karen Mae Bashor Schaeffer, 53, of Kalispell, died at Kalispell Regional Hospital on Wednesday, Jan. 25, 1995, of a stroke.

She was born April 25, 1941, in Shelby, to Howard and Betty Bashor. She attended Toole County Schools and graduated from Toole County High School. She then attended Kinnman Business College in Spokane.

She returned to Whitefish, where she worked as a bank teller and raised her two daughters. She was a member of Weight Watchers and attended the Methodist and Presbyterian churches. She later moved to Kalispell, where she lived for the past several years.

She was a member of First Presby-

terian Church of Kalispell and Bosom Buddies Cancer Support Group. She fought a hard battle against breast cancer. She was preceded in death by her mother.

She is survived by two daughters, Kim Schaeffer, of Grangeville, Idaho, and Lori Castilleja, in South Carolina; her father, Howard Bashor, of Kalispell; four grandchildren; her aunt Pat McGuigan, of Cut Bank; several cousins and many friends.

A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Monday in the First Presbyterian Church, Rev. Larry Gaylord officiating. A reception will follow the services at the church. Cremation and arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary.

Paul Schikora, 87

Paul P. Schikora, 87, formerly of Libby, died Thursday morning, August 31, 1995, at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.



He was born June 9, 1908, in Box Elder, to Frank and Anna Schikora. He attended school in Kalispell.

He served in the Army from 1944 until 1946. After his discharge he returned to Libby. He retired in 1973. He worked for J. Neils and St. Regis lumber companies in Libby for 45 years.

He married Velva Moore on Sept. 1, 1967, in Libby. They moved to

Columbia Falls after he retired.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his wife, Velva, who died in 1984.

He is survived by a brother, Joseph J. Schikora, of Minnesota; three step-daughters, Belinda Peterson and Linda Perkins of Columbia Falls and Kathryn Comer of Minnesota; a step-son, John Carlock, of Libby; several nieces and nephews; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

A graveside service will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. at the City of Libby Cemetery in Libby. The Rev. Gary Mize of the Church of God will officiate. Military graveside honors will be provided by the VFW and American Legion in Libby. Arrangements are by Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

Ozmun 'O.Z.' Schmechel, 78

Ozmun "O.Z." Schmechel, 78, a longtime Whitefish resident, died early Sunday, June 4, 1995, at his home at 115 O'Brien Ave.

He was born Dec. 17, 1916, in McClusky, N.D., to Otto and Claryse Schmechel.

He spent 10 years as a lobbyist in Helena for the Brotherhood of Railway Engineers. He was a member of the Masons, Shrine and Moose Clubs. The Whitefish Lake Golf Club was a major part of his adult life.

He married Martha Harrison at Whitefish in 1939 and she survives

him at the family home. Survivors also include a daughter, Randy, of Oklahoma City, Okla.; a sister, Patricia Sanchelli, of Thompson Falls; a son-in-law, James Hoffman, of Seattle; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Arrangements and cremation are by Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish.

Memorials can be made to the Gary Norby Jr. Golf Program in care of Jerry Hoadley C.P.A., Box 236, Whitefish, or to a memorial of the donor's choice.

Ruthann Scholze, 73

Ruthann Scholze, 73, a longtime Hungry Horse resident, died at North Valley Hospital on Wednesday.

She was born in Alliance, Ohio, on Oct. 14, 1922, to Glen and Mary Akins. She was raised and attended schools in Alliance and then went to work as a telephone operator. She worked as an operator for most of her life. She retired from PTI Communications. During WWII she was an ironworker in Bremerton, Wash. It was at that time she met and married her husband, Victor Allen Scholze, in Black River Falls, Wisc. He died in 1979. The family farmed in Wisconsin until coming to Montana in 1966.

She was a member of the Eastern Star, Columbia Falls Senior Citizens and the Lutheran Church, and was an honorary member of the Montana Highway Patrol, Columbia Falls Police Department, Whitefish Police Department and Flathead County sheriff's office. Her call sign was TK-

1. She enjoyed quilting, baking and traveling.

She was preceded in death by her husband and a brother, Clem.

She is survived by three sons, Wayne Scholze of Madison, Wisc., David Scholze of Coloma, Mich., and Ray Scholze of Benton, Ark.; two daughters, Valorie Bell of Benton and Vicki Nicholls of Kalispell; three brothers, Bob Akins of Las Vegas, Dale Akins of Alliance and Bill Akins of Gallup, N.M.; three sisters, Marybeth Schulze and Virginia Montague, both of Alliance, and Dorothy Davies of San Jose, Calif.; 11 grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be at 3 p.m. today at Our Savior Lutheran Church with the Rev. Tom Gopp officiating. Arrangements are by Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish.

The family suggests memorials to the Montana Highway Patrol "Project Hope" fund or to Our Saviors Lutheran Church in Columbia Falls.

Betty Louis Schreer, 62

Betty Louis Schreer, 62, died May 6, 1995 at her home in Kalispell. She found her eternal peace early Saturday morning.

She was born in Copemich, Mich., to Frank and Mary Adams in 1932.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 32 years, Alfred Otto Schreer.

Survivors include her children, Daniel Schreer and Diane Meeuwesen

of Michigan and Alan, Joe and Lisa Schreer of Kalispell. She is also survived by seven grandchildren.

Friends may call at Johnson Mortuary until 5 p.m. today for visitation. The body will then be forwarded to Huffman Funeral Home in Balding, Mich., where she will be laid to rest with her husband in Greens Cemetery. Local arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary.

James Schroth, 59

James A. Schroth, 59, of Columbia Falls, died at his home Tuesday morning, April 11, 1995.

He was born July 29, 1935, in Bemidji, Minn., to Fred and Frances Schroth. His family moved to Columbia Falls when he was 5, and he lived there since. He graduated from Columbia Falls High School in 1955.

On May 2, 1970, he married Patricia Baker in Columbia Falls. He loved and cared for children and he and his wife, Pat, have been foster parents since 1979.

He worked at Plum Creek timber company for 25 years, 1962 to 1987, until ill health forced his retirement. He also owned and operated Jim's Camper Sales from 1968 until 1972. He owned Jim's 24 Hour Towing and Glacier Towing Service. He built homes in Columbia Falls and loved

going to rummage sales.

He is survived by his wife, Pat, at the family home; three daughters, Patty McGill, of Columbia Falls, Rosemary Hallidey, of Oregon, and Amy Schroth, at the family home; father and mother-in-law Carl and Evelyn Karnes, of Columbia Falls; a foster daughter for over 16 years, Henri Christie; four grandsons, Timothy, Andrew, Shawn, and Alex; granddaughter Ashley; and numerous other family members.

Visitation will be at Columbia Mortuary from noon until 8 p.m. Friday.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the mortuary chapel with Rev. Thomas Gopp officiating.

Burial will follow at the Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

Pat Schroth, 47

Pat A. Schroth, 47, of Columbia Falls, died Saturday morning, Sept. 9, 1995, at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

She was born March 9, 1948, in St. Louis, Mo., to Charles and Evelyn Baker. She was educated in Milwaukee, Wisc.

She moved to Columbia Falls in 1969. She married James A. Schroth on May 2, 1970, in Columbia Falls. They owned and operated Jim's Camper Sales and later Jim's 24 Hour Towing and Glacier Towing Service.

She was a foster parent for the past 16 years. She enjoyed gardening.

She was preceded in death by her father, a brother, Tom Baker, and her husband, Jim.

She is survived by her parents,

Evelyn and Carl Karnes of Columbia Falls; three daughters, Patty McGill and Amy Schroth, both of Columbia Falls and Rosemary Hallidey of Oregon; three brothers, Charles Baker and Robert Baker, both of Columbia Falls, and Michael Baker of Martin City; a sister, Betty Baker, of Milwaukee; a half-sister, Juanita Baker, of Knoble, Ark.; five grandchildren; and numerous nieces, aunts and uncles.

Visitation will be today until 8 p.m. at Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. A funeral service will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Columbia Mortuary.

The Rev. Thomas Gopp of Our Saviors Lutheran Church will officiate. Burial will follow at Woodlawn Cemetery.

George Schulze, 90

George Schulze, 90, died at the Immanuel Lutheran Home on Friday, April 14, 1995.

He was born Aug. 29, 1904 at Elkton, S.D. to Fred and Olga Schulze. He married Anna Hummel on Aug. 19, 1931.



He was engaged in farming all his life. First in Minnesota, then, because of health reasons, in 1950 he moved his family to the Flathead Valley. Here he bought a farm on Whitefish Stage in the Pine Grove commu-

nity and continued in farming until his retirement.

He is survived by four sons; Gerald, George, and Elmer, of Kalispell, and Roger, of Herzoganaurach, Germany; and one daughter, Debra Wallette, of Kalispell. Also surviving are 16 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

He has been a longtime member of the Trinity Lutheran Church. He served as an elder in that church and continued to be active as long as his health permitted.

Funeral services will at 10 a.m. Wednesday, April 19, at the Buffalo Hill Funeral Chapel. Burial will be at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Christina Lynn Schwalk, 26

Christina Lynn Schwalk, 26, of Columbia Falls, died Monday evening, Feb. 27, 1995, at Brendan House.

She was born March 29, 1968, in Grass Valley, Calif. She was raised in Yuba City, Calif., and moved to Columbia Falls in April of 1976.

She graduated from the Nazarene Christian Academy in Kalispell in 1986 and in 1990, graduated from beauty school and worked for a short time at USA Hair in Kalispell.

She married Rory Schwalk on June 23, 1990, in Kalispell and they resided in Columbia Falls.

She was an avid skier, snowmobiler and fisherman. She enjoyed soccer and arts and craft work. She was a member of Valley Community

Church.

She was preceded in death by her grandmother, Angelina Tamburelli in May, 1993.

She is survived by her husband, Rory Schwalk, at home in Columbia Falls; her parents, Michael and Linda Tamburelli, of Columbia Falls; two brothers, Michel and Joseph Tamburelli, both of Columbia Falls; and two nieces, Courtney Jo and Angela Marie Tamburelli, both of Columbia Falls.

Visitation will be 1-8 p.m. Thursday at Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at the funeral home chapel with Michael Tamburelli officiating. Burial will follow at Woodlawn Cemetery.

Mildred Scott, 77

Mildred Cleo Scott, 77, died at her home Dec. 7, 1995.

She was born in Crane on Feb. 10, 1918, to Angelus and Ida Campbell. She received her education in Savage.

On Dec. 30, 1935, she married Artie Scott in Glendive. She worked as a kitchen aide for the Northern Pacific Railroad. She was a member of the First Baptist Church and was the Past Noble Grand of the Rebekah Lodge. She enjoyed embroidery, quilt making, sewing and doing crossword puzzles.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, James, Marion and Ben, and two infant twin great-granddaughters.

She is survived by her husband, Artie, at the family home; sons Floyd Artie Scott and Samuel Leo Scott, both of Kalispell, and Phillip LaVerne

Scott, of Somers; daughters Florence Cleo Wambeke, of Lovell, Wyo., Ida Mae Lacquement, of Terry, and Alice Rae Dschaak, of Glendive; sisters Alice Ruff, of Billings, Ollie Sharbono, of Sidney, and Lena Bergseth, of Bath, S.D.; brothers Monroe Campbell, of Los Angeles, Wayne Campbell of Perris, Calif., George Campbell of Utah, and Wilburn Campbell, of Worland, Wyo.; 24 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

A funeral will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Johnson Mortuary Chapel, Rev. Jack Anderson, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating.

Ritualistic rites will be conducted by the Rebekah Lodge. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Visitation is 1-4 p.m. today at Johnson Mortuary.

Marguerite Shaffer, 73

Marguerite Shaffer, 73, died at her home near Bigfork on Wednesday, June 7, 1995.

She was born April 14, 1922, in Butte to Charles and Wanda McGreal. She received her early education in Butte schools and attended the University of Montana, graduating in 1944.

She married Frank J. Busch in 1944. They had five children. They were divorced in 1969.

She married James Shaffer in 1976. She was an accomplished pianist and retired from a career as a primary school teacher in 1978. She will be remembered for the many years she spent teaching first grade in the Polson schools.

She and Mr. Shaffer operated the ship "RettaMary," which they later

sold. They traveled throughout the west and took several lengthy trips to Mexico by motorhome. They then purchased an RV Park near Woods Bay, together with a permanent home.

She was a member of the St. Catherine's Catholic Parish.

She is survived by her five children, Carol Hurst of Eureka, Virginia Jones of Sweetgrass, Lawrence C. Busch of Tehachapi, Calif., Diane Walsh of Cody, Wyo., Janet "Bobbi" Busch of Bigfork; her husband, James Shaffer at the family home in Bigfork; and eight grandchildren.

Cremation has taken place under the direction of Bigfork Funeral Home. No services are scheduled at this time. Memorials may be made to St. Catherine's Parish, St. Patrick's Oncology Department or the Cancer Society.

Gertrude Irene Shaw, 95

Gertrude Irene Shaw, 95, of Kalispell, died Monday, Jan. 23, 1995, at Immanuel Lutheran Home.

She was born July 1, 1899, in Milwaukee, Wisc., to Lynn and Mina Colburn. The family moved to Minneapolis when she was 2. While still in high school, she worked three summers at the East Glacier Hotel. She graduated from high school in Minneapolis and studied English composition in night school. She worked for many years in the comptroller's office of the University of Minnesota.

In 1948, she moved to Whitefish. In 1950, she married Nile Shaw who was the chief dispatcher for the Great Northern Railroad in Whitefish. When he retired, they spent their

time traveling, fishing and huckleberry picking. They visited Washington, D.C., during cherry blossom time and traveled in the Ozark Mountains.

She was a member of Eastern Star, American Association of Retired People, and the Whitefish Women's Club. She enjoyed golfing and won several ribbons for her excellent ceramics.

She is survived by a sister, Vivian Foard, of Jenison, Mich.; a stepdaughter; Margaret North, of Rockville, Md.; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Thursday at 4 p.m. at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home with the Rev. Larry Gaylord officiating. Cremation will take place after the service.

John Shanahan, 36

John Kenneth Shanahan, 36, died Sunday, Feb. 5, 1995, in El Paso, Texas.

He was born Dec. 29, 1958, in Redding, Calif., to John and Virginia Shanahan.

Survivors include his parents, of Bigfork; son William Vincent Shanahan, of Columbia Falls; three brothers, including Theodore K. Shanahan of Kalispell; sister Virginia Shannon Lee, of Bigfork; his grandmother; and grandfather.

Visitation is 9-11 a.m. Monday at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. The funeral is at 11 a.m. at Buffalo Hill. Burial will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Arrangements are by Bigfork Funeral Home.

3804 1995 Kevin E. Shaw, 27

Kevin E. Shaw, 27, of Libby, died Monday of injuries received in a vehicle accident near Libby.

He is survived by his wife, Brenda, two daughters, Jessica and Ashley, and his parents, Don and Beverly Shaw, all of Libby; three brothers, Don Shaw of Colorado Springs, Colo., and John Shaw and Jim Shaw, both of Libby; a sister, Teresa Neubauer, of Libby; his grandparents, Rita and Tom

Copeland, of Bonners Ferry, Idaho; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be from 1-7 p.m. today. Parish vigil services will be today at 7 p.m. at Nelson & Vial Funeral Home Chapel. Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated Monday at 11 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church with the Rev. Ray Hannigan as celebrant. Interment will be in the City of Libby Cemetery.

Alisha Shepard, infant

Alisha M. Shepard, stillborn daughter of Lorelee A. Shepard and Keith Long, both of Columbia Falls, died Aug. 23 at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

Survivors include her parents, Lorelee A. Shepard and Keith Long of Columbia Falls; her grandparents, Ted and DeeDee Hollar, Bill Long and Maryann Buck, all of Columbia Falls, and Vern and Jackie Shepard of Washington.

A memorial service will be held Saturday at G.S.A. Park in Columbia Falls at 10 a.m. The Rev. Ray Davis from United Methodist Church will officiate. Arrangements are by Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

Boyd 'Bud' Sherman, 79

Boyd "Bud" Wilbur Sherman, 79, of Kalispell, died Saturday, May 27, 1995, at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

He was born Nov. 1, 1915, in Hartman, Colo., to Myron and Laura Sherman. In 1916 the family moved to the Flathead and lived west of Kalispell. After graduating from Flathead High School in 1935, he worked for the U.S. Forest Service. In 1942 he enlisted in the U.S. Army 4th Air Depot Group and served most of his time in northern Australia.

He returned home in 1945 and married Mary Maude Brayton. Employed by the Flathead County Road Department as a road maintenance operator, he worked for over 35 years. He was a devoted employee until his retirement in 1981. He and his wife lived in Evergreen until he moved to the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls in 1992 due to illness.

Traveling and seeing new places were part of his retirement activities, along with a lifetime of hunting and fishing. He was a life member of the VFW.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Maude; his parents, Myron and Laura Sherman; a son, Warren; and two brothers and four sisters.

He is survived by his son, Myron and his wife, Gail Sherman; his daughter, Mary E. Winter and her husband, Randy; and four grandchildren, Jason and Blake Sherman and Kyle and Justine Winter, all of Kalispell. He is also survived by two sisters, Laura Harrington of Kalispell and Bernice Slethaug of Rollins, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Glacier Memorial Gardens with Rev. Ronald Rash of the Assembly of God Church officiating. Military rites will be observed by the United Veterans of Flathead County. Friends and family will meet at the cemetery for the services. A fellowship luncheon will follow services at the Eagles in Kalispell. Friends may call at Johnson Mortuary for visitation from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. today. Memorials may be made to the Montana Veterans Home, Columbia Falls, MT 59912.

Irvin Shinn, 39

Irvin Al Shinn Jr., 39, of Kila, died July 12, 1995, in Manila in the Philippines.

He was born Feb. 20, 1956, to Irvin and JoAnn Shinn in Chico, Calif. He graduated from Pleasant Valley High School in Chico. After high school he moved to the San Francisco Bay area and worked in construction as a mechanical engineer.

In 1980 he moved to Kila, where he lived until the time of his death. He shared a business in Taiwan which required extensive travel. He also



owned and operated the Montana Pub in Manila.

He loved hunting, fishing, and the outdoors. He loved Montana.

He is survived by his parents, Irvin and Joann Shinn of Chico; his brother, Jim Shinn, of Kalispell; his four children, Keith, Becky, Justin and Gary Shinn, all of Kalispell; and his grandmother, Heather William of Plasterville, Calif.

Graveside services will be held at 1 p.m. on Wednesday at Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Friends will meet at the cemetery for the services.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary.

Victor Clifford Sjordal, 85

Victor Clifford Sjordal, 85, died Friday, Nov. 24, 1995, as the result of an earlier auto-pedestrian accident.

He was born May 14, 1910, to Odin and May-Bell Sjordal in Surrey, N.D. He grew up in Polson, Kremlin and Havre.

On Sept. 27, 1940, he married Luella Olson in Havre. In 1952, he was employed by Great Northern Railroad and worked as a chief engineer at the power plant in Grand Forks, N.D., for many years. He retired in September 1974, and the couple moved to Kalispell.

He was an avid member of the Lions, selling many raffle tickets and was awarded the Melvin Jones Fellow Award for Dedicated Humanitarian Services by the Lions Club International Foundation. He was also a member of Northridge Lutheran Church, the Sons of Norway and the Elks and was a friend to everyone he met.



He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers; two sisters; and by his wife, Luella, in September 1985.

He is survived by one son, Paul, and his wife, Atsuko Sjordal of Naperville, Ill.; one daughter, Pauline Sjordal of Wallingford, Conn.; one brother, Roger Sjordal of Tigard, Ore.; two sisters, Phyllis McMaster of Seattle and Doris Seel of Missoula; and five grandsons.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at the Northridge Lutheran Church with the Rev. Dan Heskett officiating. Come celebrate his passing and find comfort in his life. Visitation will be 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Wednesday and 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. on Thursday at the Johnson Mortuary. Burial will take place at a later date at Turtle Mountain Cemetery in Carbury, N.D. Those who wish may contribute memorials to the Lions, P.O. Box 321, Kalispell, MT 59901 or to the Flathead Harmony Chorus of the Sweet Adelines, P.O. Box 641, Kalispell, MT 59903 or to Northridge Lutheran Church, 323 Northridge Drive, Kalispell, MT 59901. Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary.

Janet Shortell, 59

Janet Trotchie Shortell, 59, died at her home in Kalispell on Wednesday, Dec. 6, 1995.

She was born Aug. 19, 1936 in Great Falls to Raymond and Janet Kennedy. She completed her education in Great Falls in 1954 and then attended Northern Montana College in Havre for two years.

She married Jack Trotchie on Nov. 18, 1954 in Great Falls and they had six children. They later divorced.

She retired from Burlington Northern Railroad after 25 years. She most recently worked at Lamplighter House.

She was preceded in death by her parents and brother, Michael John Kennedy.

She is survived by her husband, Donald Shortell, of Whitefish; daughters, Vicki L. Wooten of Boise, Idaho,

Linda O'Rourke of Bellevue, Wash. and Patty Sue Trotchie of Lynnwood, Wash.; sons, Jim Trotchie of Ft. Worth, Texas, Jack Trotchie of Sacramento, Calif. and Jerry Trotchie of Springfield, Mo.; sister Patty Shelton of Kalispell; aunt Lillian Phalen of Havre; nephews, Gary Seaman and Mike Seaman; and numerous grandchildren.

Rosary service will be Friday at 7 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Funeral services will be held on Saturday at 1 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Carl Deitchman of St. Matthew's Catholic Church officiating. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Those who wish may contribute memorials to Lamplighter House, 1740 Hwy 93 S, Kalispell MT 59901.

Raymond Shuck, 67

Raymond K. Shuck, 67, of Libby, died Jan. 27, 1995, at St. John's Lutheran Hospital in Libby. He was born April 19, 1927, at Butte, Mont., to Harold and Amelia Shuck. He grew up in Wallace, Idaho and attended school there. Later he moved with his family to Everett, Wash., where he attended high school until going into the service.

He married Bonnie Patzer Feb. 25, 1948, at Superior, Mont. He moved with his family to Libby in 1967 to work on the Libby Dam project. He stayed in the Libby area most of the time doing construction work and logging. He retired in 1990.

Survivors include his wife Bonnie of Libby; a son Ronald Shuck of Sheboygan, Wisc.; daughter Donna Foote Richmond of Rio Dell, Calif.; son Herbert of Libby; and brother Donald Shuck of Rathdrum Idaho; five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Services were at Libby Christian Church Feb. 2. Donations may be made to the Libby Volunteer Ambulance. *Libby*

Margret Shrauger, 79

Margret J. Shrauger, 79, died at her home in Kalispell on Sunday, July 30, 1995.

She was born May 8, 1916, in Tecumseh, Neb., to James J. and Hazel L. Artz. After graduating from Tecumseh High School, she was employed in the government loan office in Pawnee City, Neb.

She married John Sterling Shrauger in 1937. They moved to Weeping Water, Neb., where she was a partner in the retail pharmacy they owned. In 1948, the family returned to Pawnee City and four years later they moved to Kalispell.

She was an active member of the Epworth Methodist Church and Chapter C of the PEO Sisterhood.

She was preceded in death by her

husband, her parents, and two brothers, Donald and Kenneth.

She is survived by a son, Sidney, and his wife, Carolyn, of Clarence, N.Y.; two grandchildren, Erika of Tampa, Fla., and Samuel of Berkeley, Calif.; two brothers, Anthony Artz of Seattle and Robert Artz of Lincoln, Neb.; a sister, Frances Kelley of Seattle; and 10 nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. at Epworth United Methodist Church with the Rev. Marvin Northcutt officiating. Memorials are suggested to Epworth United Methodist Church or to the charity of the donor's choice. Interment will be at Conrad Cemetery. Arrangements and cremation are by Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

Cora Shupert, 77

Cora Estella Dewar Shupert, 77, a resident of rural Whitefish, died Sunday, Aug. 27, 1995 at North Valley Hospital.

She was born April 22, 1918, in Kalispell to Mr. and Mrs. Jess Dewar. The family moved to Rexford, and then to Whitefish where she completed her education.

She married Raymond Shupert on March 12, 1938, in Whitefish and they raised six children: daughter Rose (Bill) Staats of Columbia Falls and sons Butch Shupert at the family home, Don (Penny) Shupert of Kalispell, Joe Shupert at the family home, John (Bonnie) Shupert of Kalispell and Jesse Shupert who died in 1985.

She is survived by daughter-in-law Vickie Shupert; eight grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; four sisters,

Alice Monzie of Superior, Rose Conners of Spokane, Jessie Lockwood of Sandpoint, Idaho, and Margret Whetsler of Hermiston, Ore.

In addition to her son, she was preceded in death by a brother, Jim Dewar in Whitefish, and a sister, Lucille Gill in Sandpoint.

She was a housewife and loved family and friends. She enjoyed home-making, shopping, camping, traveling and music. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

Funeral services will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. at Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish with Rev. David Kauffman of Whitefish Christian Church officiating. Burial will follow in Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Kalispell. Visitation will be today at Austin Funeral Home from 1 to 8 p.m.

Peter Siderius, 94

Peter Siderius, 94, of Kalispell, died at Immanuel Lutheran Home on Tuesday, Jan. 3, 1995. He lived there since June 3, 1993, moving there from Buffalo Hill Terrace, where he lived since 1987.

He was born in Modersville, Mich., on Aug. 21, 1900, to Evert and Gertrude Siderius. The family moved by train to Kalispell in 1908. He lived at home until the age of 29 and helped support his eight sisters and four brothers. He worked in the logging and farming industry.

On May 27, 1929, he married Louise Johnson, moved to Somers and went to work for the Great Northern Railroad, bucking ties. He retired in 1965 and they built a new home in Bigfork in 1969.

He was a member of the Somers school board for many years and was affiliated with the Eagles and Elks lodges. He was also a member of the railroad union and served as president for some time.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Louise, in 1983, and by three brothers and four sisters.

He is survived by four sons, Charles, Ken, Jerry and Tom, all of Kalispell; two daughters, Maxine Hanson of Billings, and Judy Johnston of Missoula; a brother, George, of Kalispell; four sisters, Jen of Bigfork, Bess of Long Beach, Calif., Grace of Washington, D.C., and Theora of Friday Harbor, Wash., 23 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. on Friday at First Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Larry Garylord officiating. Burial will be at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Friends may call at Johnson Mortuary for visitation until 6 p.m. today and from 9-11:30 a.m. on Friday.

The family suggests memorials be made to Buffalo Hill Terrace, Immanuel Lutheran Home or to the charity of donor's choice.

Bessie Sighting, 91

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Bessie Sighting, 91, of Libby, died Thursday at the Libby Care Center.

Survivors include daughter Kathryn Alex; sons Frank, Fred, Francis and James Sighting, all of Libby; 15 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren.

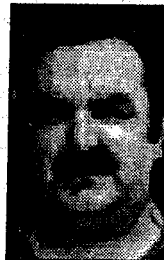
Visitation will be 1-8 p.m. today and until noon on Monday at the Nelson and Vial Funeral Home. Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Nelson and Vial Chapel, with Pastor David Nelson officiating. Interment will be in the city of Libby Cemetery.

Richard "Dickydo" Sindt, 52, a former Columbia Falls resident, died of natural causes at his home in Steelville, Mo. on Tuesday, July 4, 1995.

He was employed there as a backhoe operator and heavy equipment operator.

He was born May 11, 1943, in Sandpoint, Idaho, to Lewis and Eva Sindt. He moved to Columbia Falls in 1960.

Richard Sindt, 52



He was educated in Columbia Falls and served with the National Guard. He is remembered for how much he loved other people.

He was preceded in death by his father, Lewis Sindt Sr.

He is survived by his mother, Eva Sindt, of Columbia Falls, and two brothers, Russ and Lewis Jr., both of Columbia Falls.

Visitation will be Friday evening from 1-8 p.m. at Columbia Mortuary. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home chapel. Burial will follow at Woodlawn Cemetery.

John A. Slack, 88

John A. Slack, 88, of East Evergreen, departed this life Feb. 18, 1995.

He was born Aug. 19, 1906, in Kalispell, the second son of Alvin and Mary McGregor Slack. He received his education at LaSalle Elementary School and Flathead County High School. He spent most of his life in the Flathead Valley except for a while in Canada and Washington, where he worked during the harvest season.

He married Phloris Hollinberger of Creston on Feb. 14, 1931, and they continued to live in the Flathead. They honored their 64th wedding anniversary on Valentine's Day.

By trade, he was a heavy equipment operator and was employed by Glacier National Park in the road maintenance department for several years. He worked on the "Going to the Sun" road project as well as U.S. 93 north of Kalispell.

He operated a steam shovel on Kerr Dam at Polson and on the Jocko irrigation project at St. Ignatius. Metairie Falls, Wash., and Saltese, Mont., were the sites of road construction where he was employed for three years.

Following this, he worked in logging. He was a well-known logger who owned and operated a fleet of logging trucks and a lumber mill. He took great pride in having his equipment in fine condition.

He was a charter member of the Intermountain Logging Conference of Spokane, and was honored as a 50-year member. He was also a member of the International Order of the Hoo Hoo Charter 187 and was presented the Logger of the Year Award in 1978 at the Big Sky Logger World Championships in Kalispell.

John was a happy, hard-working man. His word was his honor and honesty his guideline. He was a very generous person and was always there to help wherever there was a need. He supported the ALERT pro-



gram in Kalispell because he felt it was a fine project.

Through the years he witnessed many changes in logging, from horse logging to helicopters, advances from automobiles to jet airplanes, as well as "Man on the Moon" to the popular computers of today.

He leaves a wide circle of wonderful friends who will miss his winning smile and Irish wit. He was an avid reader and well-versed. He liked to fish and hunt and enjoyed all of our great outdoors.

Both young and old listened closely as he related vivid wildlife adventures in the timber, all of which he could so fluently recall. He liked to go to Sykes, too, and reminisce with his old buddies.

He also liked photography and was especially fond of nature scenes and the beautiful mountains. He and Phloris traveled to several foreign countries and they shared their experiences by giving color slide lectures to schools and various clubs.

He was a member of Central Christian Church, a 53-year member of the Masonic Lodge A.F. & A.M. 42, The Cyrene Commandery 10, the Algerian Temple of Helena, Flathead Shrine Club, Evergreen Lions, and The Flathead Valley Good Sams.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, George and Thomas.

He is survived by his wife, Phloris, at the family home; three sons and daughters-in-law, twins James A. and his wife, Patricia, and John C. and his wife, Sharon, and Jerry L. and his wife, Karen; 12 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren; a sister, Dorothy Lewis, of LaSalle; a niece, Mary McDaniel, of Tucson, Ariz.; and his little dog, Tiffany, of which he was very fond.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. on Saturday at Johnson Mortuary Chapel with Rev. Terry Vanheyningen, pastor of Central Christian Church, officiating. Burial will be at Glacier Memorial Gardens where Ritualistic Masonic Rites will be conducted. Friends may call at Johnson Mortuary from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Thursday and Friday for visitation.

Leslie B. Slater, 76

Leslie B. Slater, 76, of Bigfork, died in the Lake View Care Center in Bigfork on Saturday, Feb. 25, 1995, after a long illness as a result of complications from diabetes.



He was born in Creston May 3, 1918, to John and Ella Slater.

He was an ambitious man with many talents and lived life to the fullest. He was a pioneer in starting businesses, clearing land and establishing dwellings, including the Little Brown Church in Bigfork. He also developed Streeter's Corner in Bigfork. He was the first Volkswagen dealer in the Northwest in 1954 and owned Red's Motor Mart in Kalispell.

He attended College of the Pacific

in Stockton, Calif. and received an honorary doctor of divinity degree. He had baptized the two ministers who are officiating at his service, the Rev. Ron Pierce of Swan Church and the Rev. Jimmy Holman of Bethel Chapel.

He is survived by his wife, Bernice, at the family home in Bigfork; two daughters, Myrna Lee Hostak, of Bigfork, and Bonnie Jean Guthrie, of Bellingham, Wash.; three brothers, Cliff Slater, of Haines, Alaska, George Slater of Spokane, and Roger Slater of Sacramento, Calif.; two sisters, Margaret Stone and Arlene Barnard, both of Missoula; four grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the New Life Alliance Church (Little Brown Church) in Bigfork.

The family suggests memorials be made to Lake View Care Center, in Bigfork. Arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary.

Vincent Bernard Sloan

Vincent Bernard Sloan, 85, of Kalispell, died Thursday, September 21, 1995 at the Brendan House Nursing Home in Kalispell. He was born on May 5, 1910 in Vivian, S.D., to Bernard and Anna Sloan. At an early age he moved with his family to Rapid City, S.D. He received his elementary and higher education in S.D., and later attended a trade school in Sioux City, Iowa.

He entered the Army in March 1942 and served three years in the European Theater. He was awarded the bronze star medal and five battle stars and the bronze arrow head. He was honorably discharged in 1945.

He moved to Kalispell in 1951 and was employed at the Kalispell Mercantile Company. In 1972, he joined the staff at the Sportsman and Ski Haus and retired from there in 1979.

In 1954 he was married to Helen Consamus. He was a member of St. Matthew's Catholic Church and D.A.V.

He is preceded in death by his parents and his brothers and sisters, Leonard Sloan, William Sloan, Vera Stapleberg, Edward Sloan, Walter Sloan, Mary Styling, Arnold Sloan, and Leo Sloan.

He is survived by his wife, Helen, at the family home in Kalispell and his nieces and nephews including nephew Joe Sloan and his wife, Doris of Kalispell, William Sloan of Stanford, Mont., Dean Sloan of Billings, Mont., Dennis Sloan of Rapid City, S.D., and Beverly Jacobs of Rapid City, S.D. He is also survived by great nieces and nephews, including, Steve & Cheri Sloan and James & Virginia Sloan, all of Kalispell, Dr. Michael Sloan of Banning, Calif., and Robert Sloan of Seattle, Wash.

Christian Wake service was held at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 24, 1995, at the Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Mass of the Christian burial took place at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church with Father Robert Noonan, celebrant. Burial followed at Glacier Memorial Gardens with military rites by the United Veterans of Flathead conducting. The family suggests memorials be made to Flathead Hospice, P.O. Box 1532, Kalispell, MT 59901. Arrangements were under the direction of the Johnson Mortuary.

1995 Sally Slocombe, 89

Sally N. Slocombe, 89, of Kalispell, died at Immanuel Lutheran Home on Thursday, March 9.

She was born June 18, 1905, in Somers to Albert and Anna Erickson.

On Jan. 18, 1928, she married Raymond C. Slocombe in Whitefish. She lived in Whitefish until 1985, when she moved to Kalispell.

She owned and operated Sally's Beauty Shop in Whitefish until retiring in 1971. She was a member of Eastern Star and active in many social clubs in Whitefish. She was an avid bridge player.

She was preceded in death by her husband, two brothers and a sister.

She is survived by a niece, Joan Anderson, and her husband, Ron, of Kalispell; two great-nephews, Roger Anderson and his wife, Kathleen, and John Anderson and his wife, Jana, all of Kalispell, and two great-great-nephews.

A graveside service will be at 2 p.m. on Monday at Conrad Memorial Cemetery, Pastor Emeritus H. Peder Waldum officiating.

Friends will meet at the cemetery for the service.

Visitation is 1-4 p.m. today and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday at Johnson Mortuary. The family suggests memorials to Immanuel Lutheran Home.

Barbara L. Smith, 61

Barbara L. Smith, 61, a long-time valley resident, died Feb. 12, 1995, at the Brenden House in Kalispell after a long struggle with cancer.

She was born Aug. 28, 1933, in Shelby, a daughter of Howard P. and Lorna King.

She was employed with Lee Distributing in Kalispell, retiring six years ago as office manager. She enjoyed traveling, her friends, her garden and took great delight in her children. She had resided at Brenden House since early December.

She is survived by two daughters, Lorna Loucks, of Whitefish, and Judy Dunham and her husband,

George, of Seattle; two sons, Chuck Loucks and his wife, Cathy, of Helena, and Dennis Loucks and his wife, Debbie, of Columbia Falls; seven grandchildren; and a sister, Gloria Scott, of Billings.

Memorial services will be held Thursday, 1 p.m. at the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish with Mick Smith, Evangelist, Church of Christ, in Columbia Falls, officiating. Arrangements for cremation have been made through the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish. Interment of the urn will be held at a later date at the Mountain View Cemetery in Shelby.

Doris Smith, 81

Doris L. Smith, 81, died Tuesday, June 6, 1995, at Kalispell Regional Hospital after a short illness.

She was born June 2, 1914, in Deep, N. D., to John and Olga Evenson Moen. She attended school in Upham, N.D., and was baptized and confirmed at Deep River Lutheran Church. In 1937 the family moved to Bigfork.

On Oct. 6, 1939, she married Lloyd C. Smith in Polson. They lived in various places following construction work and settled in Ferndale in the early 1950s and built a home. She was a homemaker and devoted mother to six children. After her husband's death in 1964, she moved to Polson, where she was a caregiver in her home for 13 years. She moved back to Bigfork in 1977 and in 1983 moved to the Big Sky Manor apartments in Kalispell.

She spent many happy times visiting her children and other relatives all over the West, enjoying her Norwegian heritage. She loved music and was the piano player for "The Kitchen Band" that brought smiles to

many area residents in schools, nursing homes and anywhere they were asked to play. Her love of music, devotion to her family and inspiration to others will be her legacy. She will be lovingly missed by her family and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; two brothers; a great-grandson; and her son, Darrell.

She is survived by five children, Marvin Smith and Noreen Mills of Anchorage, Alaska, Dennis Smith of Salem, Ore., Ron Smith of Shelton, Wash., and Connie Mathison, of Manhattan, Mont.; one sister, Jeanette Bellmore of Bonners Ferry, Idaho; and a brother, Henry Moen of Bloomington, Minn. She is also survived by 18 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with Rev. Ron Pierce of the Swan Chapel officiating. Burial will follow in the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. today and Friday morning from 9 a.m. until time of service.

Fairalee Murchison Rowland Smith

Fairalee Murchison Rowland Smith, 89, went joyously to join her God on July 7, 1995, in Kalispell, Mont. She was born June 8, 1906 in Pollock, S.D. to K.R. and Sophie Jean Murchison.

She was married to Tom Rowland in Missoula in 1930, he preceded her in death in 1939.

She married John F. Smith in Kalispell in 1945 and their lively Catholic-Methodist marriage thrived until his death in 1980. She adopted Tom's son, Dick Rowland, and he delighted her life until his death in 1963.

Fairalee served in World War II as a Second Lieutenant in the W.A.C., earning the Army Campaign medal, the WAAC Service Medal, the WWII Victory Medal and the Good Conduct Medal.

One of her finest moments came when her son Dick, a Lt. in the Army Air Corps, was able to join her to pin on her Lieutenant's bars at her commission ceremony.

In her life, she lived in many places and moved among many different kinds of people, learning from all of them and giving to all of them. Her many friends and neighbors will remember her as a gifted creator of homes and a dedicated worker.

She spent more than 70 years in the service of the Methodist Church as secretary, treasurer, pianist, and choir member. She was a 50 year member of Adah Chapter #17, OES.

She was preceded in death by her parents; twin brothers; two husbands and her son.

She is survived by one sister, Mabel M. Brewer of Kalispell; her grandchildren, Tom Rowland of South Carolina and Anne Rowland O'Neil Brown of Columbia Falls, and by numerous nieces and nephews including in the local area, Ken & Rod Brewer, Sassi Forden and Jenny Sue Moore. She is also survived by many children to whom she and John served as godparents, including her precious great nephews and nieces Kenny Forden, Chris & Cathy Brewer and David & May Brewer.

She will be best remembered and most missed by her accepting love and practical wisdom which she so freely shared, for her resolute optimism in the face of all trouble and for her steadfast faith from which she drew her comfort and the strength she shared with us all.

Funeral services were held at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 13, 1995, at the Epworth United Methodist Church with the Rev. Marvin Northcutt officiating. Burial followed at the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery where military graveside rites were conducted by the Flathead United Veterans Organization. The family suggests memorials be sent to Women in Military Service Memorial, Department 560, Washington, D.C. 20042-0560. Arrangements were under the direction of the Johnson Mortuary.

Inez Smith, 91

Inez Smith, 91, died April 3, 1995 at Libby Care Center. She was born to James and Ada Burch on July 14, 1903, at Fulton, Ill. As a small child she moved to Helena by train. Later she moved to a homestead in Choteau and attended the Liberty Country School. As a young lady she worked as a telephone operator in Harlem. She married Floyd in 1924 at Helena. They moved to Libby in 1936. In 1942 she moved to Tacoma, Wash. and worked in the ship yards during World War II as a machinist helper. They returned to Libby in 1945. She worked as a clerk at the community center since it opened its door. Her hobbies included playing cards, fishing and camping. She was a wonderful cook.

She was preceded in death by her husband Floyd in 1985. She was one of nine children and the last remaining member of the Burch family.

She is survived by three sons, Don, Libby; Chuck, Moro, Ore.; Dale, Moline, Ill.; she is also raised her grandson Tim; nine grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Services were April 7 at Nelson & Vial Funeral Home with Rev. Derf Bergman officiating.

Ruth Smith, 82

Ruth Smith, 82, died Oct. 9, 1995 in Seattle.

She was born in Kalispell on Aug. 29, 1913, to Ingvald Dyvart Rognlien and the former Mary Lois Harshman.

She married Benjamin Taylor Smith and moved to Seattle.

Survivors include her daughters, Kathryn L. (Joel) Schreiber and Shirley R. Woods, both of Seattle; a sister, Genevieve Mahlum, of

Kalispell; six grandsons; and four great-grandsons.

She was a member of Seaview United Methodist Church in Seattle.

At her request, no services were held. Arrangements were through Howden-Kennedy Funeral Home of West Seattle. Inurnment will be in her husband's grave in Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell.

Beulah Snook, 88

Beulah Snook, 88, of Kalispell, died Wednesday, July 12, 1995, at her home in Kalispell.

She was born Jan. 17, 1907, in Webwood, Ontario, to Hugh and Jessi Cameron. In 1928 she married Guy Snook. They moved to Kalispell in 1947. They had one daughter, Joyce.

She was preceded in death by her husband and daughter.

She is survived by her sister, Elizabeth Quaschnik of Kalispell; grand-

sons Steve Roush, Craig Roush, and Larry Roush, all of Washington; nieces Diane Harder of Kalispell and Bernie Sweness of Libby; six great-grandchildren; and her son-in-law, Al Roush.

Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Friends and family will meet at the cemetery for the services. Visitation will be at Johnson Mortuary from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. Friday and from 9 a.m. until noon Saturday.

Mary Jane DeRaddo Sooter, 70

Mary Jane DeRaddo Sooter, 70, died Friday, Nov. 24, 1995, in the Lake View Care Center in Bigfork.

She was born July 1, 1925, to Angelo and Connie DeRaddo in Geneva, N.Y. She moved to Long Beach, Calif., in 1939.

On May 26, 1945, she married Wayne Sooter in Los Angeles, Calif. They moved to Kalispell in 1986.

She was a member of the Mountain Brook Ladies Club.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one sister.

She is survived by her husband,

Wayne, at the family home; two sons, Bill Sooter of Kalispell and Richard Sooter of Maui, Hawaii; one daughter, Mary Ellen Frawley of Carlsbad, Calif.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. on Wednesday at the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Carl Deitchman of St. Matthew's Catholic Church officiating. Those who wish may contribute memorials to the Alzheimer's Foundation. Arrangements are under the direction of the Johnson Mortuary.

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Nellie Mae Solien, 75

Nellie Mae Solien, 75, former resident of rural Columbia Falls, died March 30, 1995, at her home in Yakima, Wash.

She and her husband, Herbert, moved to Montana in 1969.

He preceded her in death. She was also preceded by two brothers.

She is survived by a sister; two brothers, Dennis Langton of Whitefish and Ted Langton of Columbia Falls; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be at Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish Thursday from 4-8 p.m. Funeral services will be Friday at 11 a.m. at First Baptist Church in Columbia Falls with the Rev. Jerry Buchanan officiating. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

Leo Soto, 88

Leo M. Soto, 88, of Lakeside, died Sunday, Aug. 27, 1995, at Kalispell Regional Hospital after a long illness.

He was born Nov. 14, 1906, in Tempe, Ariz., to Cesario and Mary Soto.

In 1948 he married Doris Scott in Burbank, Calif. He retired to Montana in 1973 and loved horses, hunting and fishing in this beautiful state and will be missed and remembered by many.

He is survived by his wife, Doris, at the family home in Lakeside; stepdaughter Maxine Hanson and her



husband, Keith, of Whitefish; several children, including Sarah George and her husband, Chet, Virginia Martin and her husband, David, and Joseph Soto and his wife, Susan, and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren, all of southern California.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. on Thursday at the Lakeside Chapel with Rev. J. Torrance Harvey officiating. A private family urn burial will take place at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Friends and family may call at Johnson Mortuary until 6 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. on Wednesday for visitation. The family suggests memorials be made to the Lakeside Chapel or to the Lakeside Quick Response Unit.

Oliver 'OJ' Sova, 54

Oliver "OJ" J. Sova, 54, a former Columbia Falls resident, died at his home in Colorado Springs, Colo., on June 1, 1995.

He was born Nov. 20, 1940, in Cheboygan, Mich., to Alexander Leon and Beatrice Bernadette AuClaire Sova.

He was a graduate of Laurence Institute of Technology in Southfield, Mich., with a bachelor of science degree in industrial management. He was a manufacturing manager for CEA Technologies at Columbia Falls and executive director of Economic Development Corporation.

He was an ordained deacon of the Catholic Diocese in Colorado Springs serving Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish.

He was a member of the Holy Apostles Catholic Church, Holy Apostles Mens Club, Knights of Columbus, the Columbia Falls Kiwanis Club, and the Ecumenical Council and Curriculum Review Committee of the school district.

He married Sally J. Riska on May 4, 1963, in Sturgis, Mich., and she sur-

vives him at the family home.

He is also survived by two sons, Eric Joseph Sova and Scott Alexander Sova, both of Colorado Springs; three daughters, Katherine Marie Ramirez of Helena, Theresa Ann Cameron, of Stevensville, and Kimberly Jean Thelen of Columbia Falls; two brothers, James Sova of Livonia, Mich., and Leon A. Sova of Commerce, Mich.; two sisters, Margaret Layne of Farmington, Mich., and Marie Mrdeza of Walnut Creek, Calif.; and five grandchildren.

Mass of the Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at St. Richards Catholic Church in Columbia Falls with Rev. Joe Pat Sullivan as celebrant. Burial will follow at the St. Richards Catholic Cemetery in Columbia Falls. Local arrangements are by Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

The family has suggested memorials to the Sova Medical and Memorial Fund at the Holy Apostles Catholic Church, 4925 N. Carefree Circle, Colorado Springs, CO 80909.

John Spillner, 62

John Fredrick Spillner, 62, died Tuesday, Dec. 26, 1995, at his home in Bigfork after a battle with cancer.

He was born Jan. 30, 1933, in Oakland, Calif., to Justice and Emma Spillner. He moved to Montana in 1988.

He was the previous owner of the Tall Pine Lounge in Bigfork. He retired from the California Inspection Rating Bureau in San Francisco as well as the California Highway Patrol.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing and golf.



He is survived by his wife of eight years, Evelyn; daughters, Debbie Baldwin of Floriston, Calif., and Janet Menges of Reno, Nev.; son, John Spillner Jr. of Benicia, Calif.; six grandchildren; stepsons, Mike and Tom Beaubien of Bigfork and Richard Beaubien of Martinez, Calif.; five step-grandchildren; sister, Emma Burns, of Anderson, Calif.; and a brother, Charles Spillner, of Willits, Calif.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Marie Watt.

At his request, he was cremated. Memorial services will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, contributions to the American Cancer Society or the Hospice Society of Lake County.

Bigfork Funeral Home in charge of arrangements and cremation.

George Howard Stacey, 83

George Howard Stacey, 83, a lifetime Whitefish resident, passed away Thursday, Sept. 14, 1995, at North Valley Hospital.

He was born May 12, 1912, in Whitefish to Simon and Laura Stacey. He married Esther Mattson on Oct. 15, 1936, in Eau Claire, Wisc. He started his own business in Whitefish on Feb. 14, 1933, and it continues to operate as Stacey Oil Co.

He was a pioneer in the auto repair industry in Whitefish. His name was synonymous with honesty and integrity throughout the valley. He was hard-working, caring, generous and kind. He will be missed by all who cared for him. He was an avid motorcyclist in his younger years

and a fly fisherman.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Esther, brothers Charles and Ralph, and a sister, Evelyn.

He is survived by a daughter, Elaine Gray, and son-in-law Don Gray, of Whitefish; grandsons John, Jim and Jerry Gray; granddaughter Stacey Renshaw; three great-grandchildren, Julia, Joel and Kaylee; brothers Fred Stacey, in Great Falls, and Sam Stacey, in Merced, Calif.

Visitation is noon to 8 p.m. Monday at Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish. A funeral will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Christ Lutheran Church with Rev. John Bent officiating. Burial will follow at the Whitefish Cemetery.

Jessie Alice Stephens, 76

Jessie Alice Stephens, 76, of Whitefish, died Tuesday, Feb. 28, 1995, at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

She was born Feb. 1, 1919, in Great Falls to John and Anna Gilmore.

When she was 4, the family moved to Whitefish, where she lived ever since.

She attended first grade through high school at Central School, graduating in 1937 at ceremonies in the school auditorium.

Her love of the piano was well-known. She played for the high school chorus. She was organist for Eastern Star for 25 years. She accompanied many singers, and Al Olson was her favorite. She was musician for the ladies of the Moose for more than 10 years. She accompanied volunteer singers at the Manors for many years. She taught her children and grandchildren to play.

She was a member of Beta Phi, serving as president. For a number of years, she was employed as the county attorney's secretary, for James Salansky. She also worked at the Social Security office in Kalispell for 15 years.

She married Franklin Stephens in 1938. He died in a boating accident on Whitefish Lake in 1970.

They started the Toggery with Frank's Shirt Shop in 1947 and she was involved with that business until 1992.

She enjoyed her retirement. She loved high school basketball and football and played bridge, bingo and cards. She lived in her Whitefish Lake home for 38 years.

She was preceded in death by brothers Marion, Orville and Arnold and a sister, Ethel.

Survivors include her son, Gary, of Whitefish; daughter Judy Pettinato, of Whitefish; and five grandchildren. We will all miss her love and enjoyment of life.

A funeral will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Christ Lutheran Church, Rev. John Bent officiating. Burial will follow at the Whitefish Cemetery, under direction of Austin Funeral Home. The casket will not be open for visitation.

The family suggests memorials to the Whitefish Library Building Fund, 406 2nd Street, Whitefish.

Bert (Lambert) S. Sternal

Bert (Lambert) S. Sternal, 80, died on January 1, 1995. He was a former resident of Minneapolis, Minn., but had lived in Whitefish since 1972. He was known for being an avid fisherman, hunter, good samaritan, and a formidable cribbage player. He was active in protecting Les Mason Park and devoting time to Big Brothers, and the Whitefish Yacht Club.

He was born in Duluth, Minn., where he graduated from Duluth Central High School. He then attended Carleton College in Northfield, Minn., where he formed and led the first polo team in 1933. He was a naval officer in destroyer squadrons in World War II. He will be remembered by his family and friends as someone always eager to help others.

He is preceded in death by his son Larry. Survivors include his sons, Lee Sternal of Pueblo, Colo., Ron Sternal of Minneapolis, Minn., Keith Sternal of San Diego, Calif., Richard Sternal of Washington D.C. and daughter, Karen Sternal of Minneapolis, Minn. He has six grandchildren; Aubrey, Alexandra, Derek, Code, Alison, and Meghan.

The memorial service was held on January 7, 1995, at 4 p.m. at Austin's Funeral Home, Whitefish. The family requests that memorials be sent to Friends of Les Mason Park, 1750 E. Lakeshore Drive, Whitefish, MT 59937.

1995 Francois 'Frank' Stenten, 68

Francois "Frank" Germaine Peter Stenten, 68, of Kalispell, died peacefully on Saturday, July 29, 1995 at Heritage Place nursing home in Kalispell.

He was born Feb. 6, 1927, in Antwerp, Belgium, to Joseph and Maria Stenten.

He was preceded in death by his parents and is survived by his sisters, Mrs. Robert (Wilhelmine) McIntyre of Kalispell and Maria "Mia" Underbrink of Jacksonville, Ill., as

well as several nieces and nephews.

Though he endured many hardships in his life he maintained a deep capacity for love and hope. His mischievous smile and twinkle in his eyes will always be fondly remembered. May his friends raise a toast to him today that he now has an eternity of peace and happiness.

Cremation and arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary.

Jerry Sterrett, 54

Jerry E. Sterrett, 54, of Ferndale, died on Monday, Nov. 6, 1995, while working in Kalispell.

He was born July 16, 1941, in Dore, N.D. He was raised on the family farm in Box Elder and later in Havre.

He joined the U.S. Navy when he was 18 years old, serving four years, primarily in the Caribbean on board the USS Boxer.

Upon returning to Montana, he married Wanda Clixby of Big Sandy on Sept. 23, 1966, and together they raised five children.

He worked for the Montana State Highway Patrol where he was a respected officer until his retirement in 1988.

He and his family lived in Great Falls, Conrad, Havre and finally Bigfork throughout his career with the highway patrol. He was the CDL/VIN specialist of the Motor Vehicle Divi-



sion for western Montana.

Second only to his family was his love of country music. He began playing guitar in his early teens and performed with several bands throughout his lifetime. Not only was he a wonderful rhythm guitar and bass player, he also had a beautiful singing voice.

He is survived by his wife, Wanda, of Ferndale; three daughters, Carrie Scoles of Helena, Debby Gunderson of Power and Patricia Cizik of Mountain Home, Idaho; two sons, Marty Sterrett of St. Paul, Minn., and Brent Sterrett of Havre; two brothers, Larry Sterrett of Havre and Bruce Sterrett of Great Falls; three granddaughters, Jeri, Sara and Kali Gunderson of Power; and 10 nieces and nephews.

Private family visitation is today at Bigfork Funeral Home. Funeral services will be Friday at 2 p.m. at Bethany Lutheran Church in Bigfork with the Rev. Herb Knutsen officiating. Burial will follow at Lonepine Cemetery in Bigfork with the United Veterans doing the military honors.

Garland Lee Stevens, 50

Garland Lee Stevens, 50, died of natural causes while at work on Friday, Feb. 17, 1995.

He was born April 28, 1944, in Whitefish to Bertie R. and Leona May Stevens.

He was raised and educated in Whitefish, Eureka and Troy, and for the last 25 years lived in Kalispell.

He worked for the Great Northern and Burlington Northern Railway from 1967 to 1983. Since 1983 he worked with Stillwater Forest Products on Whitefish Stage.

Survivors include his wife, Mary, and daughter, Tammy Stevens, at the family home in Kalispell; sisters Ber-



nice Clark, of Whitefish, and Helen Aurand, of Kalispell; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his father in 1978, his mother in 1969, a brother, LeRoy, in 1992, and nephews Pete Aurand in 1974 and Jack Stevens in 1979.

A funeral is scheduled at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish, with Rev. David V. Kauffman of the Whitefish Christian Church officiating. Interment will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Visitation is from 1 to 5 p.m. today at the funeral home. A reception will follow the funeral and interment at the family home on West Reserve Drive in Kalispell.

The family suggests memorials to Montana Children's Home, PO Box 1715, Helena, MT, 59601.

Herbert Stocking, 82

Herbert H. Stocking, formerly of Whitefish, died March 24, 1995, in Seattle, at the age of 82.

He was a jeweler and watchmaker by trade, which he learned from his father, D.A. Stocking.

He was born in Kalispell and attended grade school there. The family moved to Whitefish and he attended high school, graduating in 1932.

He married Marguirite Robertson, of Whitefish, in 1938.

He is survived by a son, Herbert

"Bud" Stocking, of Everett, Wash.; and a daughter, Cheryl Chorba, of Olympia, Wash; several grandchildren and nieces and nephews.

Memorial services were held March 30 in Seattle. Interment will be later at Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell.

He was the youngest and last surviving member of the nine children of pioneer residents of the Flathead Valley and Flathead Lake's east lakeshore, D.A. and Minnie Stocking.

³¹_{may} Ardys Street, 76/1995

Ardys M. Street, 76, a longtime resident of Whitefish, died Saturday at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

She was born June 19, 1918, in Fairview to Nick and Minnie Rohlinger. As a young child she came with her family to the Flathead. She attended St. Matthew's Catholic School in Kalispell for a short time, and then attended schools in Whitefish.

On March 18, 1938, she married Harold E. Street in Polson and the couple made their home in Whitefish since then.

She was an Avon lady in Whitefish for a number of years.

Survivors include her husband, Harold, at the family home in Whitefish, a daughter, two sons, a sister, six grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be at a later date. Arrangements and cremation are by Austin Funeral Home.

William (Butch) Stolarczyk, 78

William (Butch)

Stolarczyk, 78, a longtime Libby resident, died Tuesday, Aug. 1, 1995, at Libby Care Center. He was born Sept. 7, 1916, at Chester, Mont., to

Karol and Magdalena Stolarczyk. The family came to Libby from Chester in 1920, where he was raised and attended Libby public schools. Butch served with the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II in the European theater in aircraft maintenance and also as a photographer.

Following his honorable discharge in June, 1945, he returned to Libby. He was a long-time employee of the J. Neils Lumber Co. and St. Regis

Paper Co. until his retirement in 1981. He was a member of the Lumber & Sawmill Workers Union Local 2581. He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Joe and Henry.

Visitation was Friday, Aug. 4, 1995, at Nelson & Vial Funeral Home. Services were Saturday, Aug. 5, 1995, at the city of Libby cemetery. Military honors were provided by the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars. *Libby*

Albert 'Bert' Strack, 77

Albert "Bert" S. Strack, 77, died Tuesday, Dec. 5, 1995, at his home in Kalispell.

He was born Jan. 10, 1918, in Wibaux to Anton and Rosalia Strack. He moved to Kalispell with his family when he was a very young boy. He attended school in the Flathead Valley.

He spent his life driving truck; he loved his job and was very good at it.

He married Ella May White on Dec. 17, 1939, in Kalispell.

He loved to play pinochle. He was an avid fisherman and a hunter. He loved the outdoors. He was a kind man with a big heart who will be missed by everyone who knew him.

He was a member of St. Matthew's Catholic Church and belonged to the Eagles Lodge in Kalispell.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters and one brother.

He is survived by his wife, Ella May Strack, at the family home in Kalispell; a daughter, Gay, and her husband, Chuck Wildes, of Florence; three granddaughters, Tammy McCann of Manhattan, Kan., Annette Avery of Lexington, Ky. and Laura Wildes of Gilbert, Ariz.; a great-

grandson, Adam McCann, of Manhattan; two brothers, Matt Strack of Kalispell and John Strack of Montana; and a sister, Katie McKinley of Kalispell.

Memorial mass will be at 12:10 p.m. Thursday at St. Matthew's Catholic Church with the Rev. Robert Noonan officiating. A reception will follow in the church basement. The family requests memorials to the donor's charity of choice. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is in charge of cremation and arrangements.

Russell Street, 74

Russell C. Street, 74, a lifetime resident of Whitefish, died Wednesday, May 10, 1995, at Kalispell Regional Hospital.

He was born March 27, 1921, in Whitefish to Ephraim and Sadie E. Street. He was raised and educated in Whitefish, graduating from Whitefish High School in 1941.

He was married to Mary Jane Bretthauer on Jan. 21, 1941, in Libby. He served in the Army from 1942 to 1944, and following his honorable discharge returned to Whitefish. He worked as a meat cutter at Markus Food.

In 1946, he and Mary Jane started Street's Grocery and operated it until 1964. In 1956, they purchased Bay Point Resort and in 1961 developed and marketed Alpine Touch seasoning.

Since the early days of The Big Mountain, he served on the Winter Sports, Inc., board of directors. He was also a member of the Whitefish Volunteer Fire Department, retiring in the 1960s after serving 20 years. He served on the Chamber of Commerce

board, Whitefish City Council and was a longtime member of Rotary, Whitefish Presbyterian Church and Whitefish Masonic Lodge No. 64 AF&AM. He was Winter Carnival King Ulir VII and a member of the Black Knights.

He was preceded in death by a son, Douglas, and a brother, Merle.

He is survived by his wife at their home; son Roger, of Whitefish; brother Harold Street, of Whitefish; sisters Thelma Smith and Allyce Street, both of Whitefish, and Marvel Logan of Columbia Falls; three grandchildren; and a number of other relatives.

Memorial services will be at the First Presbyterian Church at 11 a.m. Saturday with Jack Deere officiating. Cremation has taken place at the Hillside Crematory under the direction of Austin Funeral Home of Whitefish. In lieu of flowers, the family has suggested memorials to the Transplant Patient Fund, c/o Glacier Regional Dialysis Clinic, 66 Claremont St., Kalispell, or to the charity of the donor's choice.

Vernon Strodbeck

Mr. Vernon Strodbeck, 85, of Kalispell, died Tuesday evening, March 7, 1995, at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish. Vernon was born February 2, 1910, in Kalispell, Mont., a son of Charles and Mayme Strodbeck. He spent most of his childhood in the upper Hubbard Dam area.

He was a contractor most all his life, and he so loved the Flathead Valley; it's mountains, lakes and streams. He was an avid hunter who loved his horses, to fish, dance and play cards.

In his younger days he was a rider for Parmon & Ore, O'l Tin Cup & Bar 20 Outfits. He was a member and rider of the Arabian Club in Kalispell, winning many awards. He was also a member of the Knights of Columbus Council # 1328, and he became a 4th degree member. Vernon was also a member of Bishop Gilmore Assembly 0591, Senior Citizens, St. Matthew's Parish and Montana Mining Association. He was the last remaining member of the original Diamond Hitch Packers.

He was preceded in death by two granddaughters, Laurie Wehr and Angela Strodbeck.

He is survived by his wife, Myrtle, at the family home; a sister, Mrs. Lloyd (Grace) Bernhard of Sonoma, Calif.; five children, Charles and his wife, Helen, and James of Kalispell, Jean and her husband, Jack Payne, of Sumner, Wash., Virginia Fraser of Kalispell and Marilyn Wehr of San Diego, Calif.; three stepchildren, Arlen Roll and his wife, Maryle, of Missoula, Mont., Dale Roll and his wife, Rita, of Alta Loma, Calif. and Gloria McMichael of Kalispell, Mont. He is also survived by nineteen grandchildren; twenty six great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Christian Wake Service was held at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, March 10, 1995, in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Mass of the Christian Burial was held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 11, 1995, in St. Matthew's Catholic Church. Burial was in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

George Stroisch, 58

George Edward Stroisch, 58, formerly of Kalispell, died Sunday, Aug. 20, 1995, at his home in Post Falls, Idaho.

He was born Feb. 13, 1937, to George H. and Cleo Stroisch in Kila. He attended Kalispell schools and had resided in Minnesota, Alaska and Idaho.

He enjoyed the outdoors, hunting, camping and fishing, which was reflected in his wildlife oil paintings. His pastimes were "backyard" mechanics and gardening. His granddaughter, Crystal, was the light of his life.

He married Catherine Baker in June, 1970, in Sisseton, S.D.

He was preceded in death by an infant son, George E. Stroisch Jr.; a daughter, Tracy McDaniels; his father, George H. Stroisch; a brother, Tom Stroisch; and two nephews,

Jeremy Taylor and Chris Stroisch.

He is survived by his wife, Catherine; two sons, Stanley and David, a daughter, LeeAnne, and granddaughter, Crystal, at the family home in Post Falls. He is also survived by a son, John Bakeman and three grandchildren, Yvonne, D.J., and Bubba Dean McDaniels; his mother, Cleo Stroisch, of Kalispell; brothers, David of Colville, Wash., and Stan of Kalispell; sisters, Tressa Brandewie of Bigfork, Mary Mummert and Rita Taylor, both of Kalispell, and Janet Malave of Sierra Vista, Ariz.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday at 1 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Ron Pierce of Swan Chapel officiating. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Edna Linda Strom, 83

Edna Linda Strom, 83, of Libby, died Friday, July 28, 1995, at Libby Care Center. She was born June 22, 1912, at Forestbury, Alberta, the daughter of Cory and Sophia Bish. The family moved to Kalispell in 1926, where she attended a country school. She married Carl J. Strom on Dec. 9, 1932. They made their home at Somers, Mont. In 1949, they moved to Libby, where she worked at Libby Dry Goods. She later owned and operated Libby Dry Goods until her retirement in 1972.

Survivors include two sisters, Maude E. Blodgett of Libby and Katherine O. Moench of Hanna, AL., and a brother, Gary L. Bish of Seattle, Wash. She was preceded in death by her husband Carl, both parents, three sisters and four brothers.

Friends may call at Nelson & Vial Funeral Home from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 1, 1995. Services will be Wednesday, Aug. 2, 1995, at 10 a.m., at Nelson & Vial Funeral Home, with Rev. Les Nelson officiating. Burial will be in the Conrad Cemetery in Kalispell. *Libby*

Thelma Evalyn Jelleff Strom, 82

Thelma Evalyn Jelleff Strom, 82, died Monday, Feb. 27, 1995, at the Missouri River Manor in Great Falls.

She was born March 30, 1912, in Bigfork, to Evalyn and Willis Jelleff. She was raised on Cedar Island in Flathead Lake from the age of 3 to 16, when her father sold the island. She attended elementary school in Rollins and Bigfork, and graduated from Flathead County High School.

In 1933, she graduated from Montana Deaconess Hospital School of Nursing in Great Falls. She was a practicing registered nurse in Flathead County for 51 years. She was a staff nurse and supervisor at Sisters of Mercy Hospital for several years and was an office nurse for several local doctors for 22 years.

She worked from 1968 until her retirement in 1981 at Flathead County Public Health Department.

She was president of the Montana Nurses Association in 1956 and was a member of the heart association for several years.

For the past four years, she resided at the Missouri River Manor.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Martin Strom; and two brothers, Fancher Jelleff and Roderick Jelleff.

She is survived by a son, Burnell Strom, of Great Falls; a brother, Percy Jelleff, of Bigfork; five grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday at Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Ron Pierce of Swan Chapel, officiating.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Montana Heart Association, c/o LaVonne Aikin, 623 2nd Ave. E., Kalispell, MT 59901.

Leo D. Sudan, 73

Leo D. Sudan, 73, of Bigfork, died Wednesday, March 1, 1995, of injuries received in a snowmobile accident in the Mission Mountains.

He was born July 25, 1921, at Delphia to Edward E. and Frances Sudan. The family moved to the Swan River area in 1934 and he graduated from Bigfork High School in 1940.

He went to work at the Flathead Mine after graduation and in May of 1942 he enlisted in the Marine Corps. After boot camp in San Diego, his company was sent to Guadalcanal Island. Within a month he was stricken with malaria. He spent six months in a New Zealand hospital, then returned to a hospital in Corona, Calif. He was sent to Bremerton, Wash., and between bouts of malaria, was a coach at a rifle range.

In December, 1943, he married Lois Sullivan. They lived in the Bremerton area until his honorable discharge of 1945.

He returned to Bigfork and worked in construction and woods work at various places, eventually owning his own logging company.

He enjoyed the outdoors, especial-

ly snowmobiling, fishing and hunting. He was an avid sports fan and never missed his grandchildren's games and other events. He spent most mornings at the round table solving the world's problems and every Tuesday night he spent playing pool with his friends. His life was devoted to his family.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Margaret Holmes.

Survivors include his wife at the family home in Ferndale; son Billie Sudan; daughters Bonnie Norrish and her husband, Joe, Barbara Potts and her husband, Clyde, and Patti Smith and her husband, Vernon, all of Bigfork. He is also survived by a brother, John, of Bigfork, and sister Jean Parker McDonald, of Spokane; 11 grandchildren and one great-grandson.

A funeral will be at 2 p.m. Monday at New Life Alliance Church (Little Brown Church) with Pastor Ron Pierce and Pastor Jim Holman officiating. Interment will be at Lone Pine Cemetery. Military honors will be conducted by Flathead Valley Veterans. Arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary.

James Hugo Swanson, 70

A loving father and friend to many, James Hugo Swanson, died at Brendan House on Wednesday, Feb. 15, 1995, after a lengthy battle against cancer.

He was born July 26, 1924, in Amiret, Minn., to Hugo and Lydia Swanson. In 1935, the family moved to Somers, where he attended school and graduated the eighth grade.

He enlisted and served in World War II in the 494th Anti-aircraft Battalion. He was stationed in Iceland, Scotland, and England and participated in the invasion of Normandy. He was awarded the Purple Heart in 1944.

He married Jordis Erie on Feb. 19, 1946. They made Eureka their home and were blessed with four children, Sandra, Brenda, Paula and Jim Jr. He owned and operated a trucking business in Eureka until 1973, when he was elected Justice of the Peace and Eureka City Judge. He served in this position until his retirement in January, 1991.

His accomplishments were many. He was instrumental in helping organize the Eureka ambulance service, the Lincoln County Sheriff's Posse, search and rescue, and Tobacco Val-

ley Ridge Riders. He served on both Eureka school boards, Lincoln County Fair Board and Eureka City Council. He was a charter member of the National Judges Association.

He was loved by many and will be missed by all who knew him.

He was preceded in death by his father in 1927 and his mother in 1994.

He is survived by his loving companion, Ivy Clements; four children, seven grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren; a sister, Alvera Mortensen; a brother, Eugene Johnson; and numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

At his request, there will be no services or flowers. Jim said he didn't want to give anyone the excuse to miss work because they attended his services.

Memorial donations may be sent to the Eureka ambulance service, P.O. Box 736, Eureka, MT 59917 or Brendan House, Comfort Care Unit, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Cremation and arrangements by Johnson Mortuary.

Dry your tears of sorrow, please grieve for me no more, that's me that you see standing with Jesus at Heaven's door.

Helen Ruth Sutton, 80

Helen Ruth Sutton, 80, died at Colonial Manor in Whitefish on Wednesday, Jan. 25, 1995.



She was born July 25, 1914, in Great Falls, to J. Earl Johnson and Ruth Austin Johnson. The family moved to Long Beach, Calif. in 1920, where she attended school and graduated in 1932. She graduated from Mercy Hospital College of Nursing in San Diego in 1936.

On Jan. 5, 1941, she married Townsend H. Sutton and moved to Montana to ranch and farm. In 1946, they moved to a farm in the Fair-Mont-Egan area. In 1967, they moved to Newberg, Ore. for two years. She then returned to Kalispell where she lived until the spring of 1994.

She spent her entire life caring for her family. Her family, church and friends were the main focus of her

life.

She'll be greatly missed by all who had the privilege of knowing and loving her. She was a member of the First Church of the Nazarene in Kalispell.

She was preceded in death by her husband, T.H. Sutton, in 1970, and her eldest son, Russell H. Sutton, in 1985.

She is survived by a son, Kenneth Austin Sutton, of Inverness; two daughters, Ruth Wagner of Libby, and Kathy Bodnar of Boise, Idaho; three brothers, Laurence Johnson of Riggins, Idaho, Henry Johnson of Jerome, Idaho, and Kenneth Johnson of Medford, Ore.; a sister, Gertrude Cox, of Escondido, Calif.; 10 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday at First Church of the Nazarene with the Rev. Ross Loughed officiating.

Burial will be at Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary.

1995 **Christine Swisher, 38**

Christine Swisher, 38, of Whitefish, died Wednesday, April 5, at Kalispell Regional Hospital, after a short illness.

She was a graduate of Passaic Valley High School, and then received a bachelor's degree in landscape architecture from Cook College at Rutgers University in New Brunswick, N.J. She also lived in Little Falls, N.J.

She moved to Montana in 1981 and to Whitefish in 1988, where she owned and operated Mums Flowers. She was an avid gardener and enjoyed flower arranging, photography, quilting and was interested in ecology. She was a member of Whitefish Chamber of Commerce and St. Charles Catholic Church.

She is survived by her husband, Peter Gnauck; son Trevor Gnauck and mother-in-law Luella Gnauck, all at the family home in Happy Valley,

near Whitefish; parents Clifford and Shirley Swisher, in Little Falls, N.J.; sisters Mary Anne Sarmiere, in Oak Ridge, N.J., Virginia Swisher in Penn Yan, N.Y., Janet Donlon, in Cedar Grove, N.J., Patricia Gotthelf, in Rockaway, N.J., Barbara Shepherd in Oak Ridge, N.J.; brother J. Paul Swisher in Little Falls and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be 11 a.m. Saturday, at St. Charles Catholic Church in Whitefish with Rev. Charles Strom officiating. A memorial Mass will be at Our Lady of the Holy Angels Church in Little Falls, N.J., at 7:45 p.m., Friday, April 21.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials to a trust fund for her son, Trevor. Send to either his father, Peter Gnauck, or his aunt, Mary Ann Sarmiere, in Oak Ridge, N.J., or to Mums Flowers in Whitefish.