

James 'Buster' Mason Babcock, 89

James "Buster" Mason Babcock, 89, a longtime resident of Whitefish, died of cancer on Saturday, Sept. 7, 1996, at North Valley Hospital.

He was born Feb. 17, 1907, in Hilliard, Wash., to Frank Howard and Alice Golden Babcock. The family moved to Whitefish in February, 1913, and Buster attended his first seven years of school there. He attended eighth grade at Lady of Lourdes Academy in Spokane, Wash. He graduated from Whitefish High School with the Class of 1925.

At Whitefish High School, he participated in many school activities, including track, football, basketball, Glee Club, and talent-night plays. He was captain of the football and basketball teams, and was a member of the Junior Order of Moose and the original Whitefish Boy Scout troop.

He had many pleasant memories of fishing, hunting and skating, and of travels to Mexico, Alaska, Canada, and throughout the United States and the Atlantic, Pacific and Gulf oceans.

He tried to be a professional baseball player, and after 3 1/2 years gave up that plan and played locally. He managed the local baseball team for several years.

He helped form the kitten ball leagues, and helped form the original men's golf leagues in Whitefish. He also helped women form leagues in Cut Bank, Havre and Kalispell. He applied for membership to become a qualified member of the American Bowling Congress.

He had many jobs from 1930 to 1937, including grocery clerk and messenger. He worked in the Civilian Conservation Corps, as a trapper, and as an agent for the Seattle Post

Intelligencer. He had volunteer jobs as secretary or treasurer of bowling leagues, the Lions Club, and men's and women's golf leagues.

He married Mary Ramay in 1929; she died in 1943. In 1949, he married Elaine Monegan, who now survives him in Whitefish. He is also survived by one son, Buddy Babcock of Mountlake Terrace, Wash., and his wife, Kay; three grandsons, Mike, Russell and Mark; and eight great-grandchildren.

Viewing will be 1-7 p.m. today at Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish. A Christian wake service will be held at 7 tonight at the funeral home. A funeral mass will be said at 10 a.m. Wednesday at St. Charles Catholic Church. Inurnment will take place at a later date.

Larry Loyal Baertsch, 56

Larry Loyal Baertsch, 56, died July 23, 1996, at Washoe Medical Center in Reno, Nev.

A native of Polson, he was born Sept. 26, 1939, to Loyal "Buck" and Dorothy Baertsch.

He retired as a manager from American Telephone & Telegraph Co. after 26 years of service.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing, golfing and vacationing in Montana with his family.

Survivors include his wife, two

sons, his parents of Polson, a sister, and four grandchildren.

Cremation has taken place and a memorial service was held. A memorial has been established with Children's Miracle Network, c/o Washoe Medical Foundation, 77 Pringle Way, Reno, NV 89520, or to the charity of the donor's choice.

A memorial service is being scheduled for a later date in Polson.

Garry Bailey, 23

Garry Gene Bailey, 23, died at his home in Great Falls Friday, Jan. 26, 1996, of injuries received in an assault.

Memorial services are at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls. Memorials are suggested to The Abbie/Violence Free Crisis Line in Kalispell.

He was born July 5, 1972 in Phoenix, Ariz., and lived in the Flathead Valley until 1994.

Good memories of him will sustain us through this difficult time: hunting and fishing with his dad and sister; skiing with his mother and step-father; playing practical jokes on anyone within his sight, especially his friend, George.

He belonged to the Friends of Bill W. and enjoyed skiing, golf, hunt-



ing, fishing, racquetball, playing pool and Scrabble. He loved the outdoors and animals, particularly eagles and husky dogs. He loved his job at Haggerty Motors in Great Falls.

Survivors include his parents, Robert "Buzz" Bailey and Jan Phillips of Cortez, Colo., and Robert and Jerry Garrett of Rico, Colo.; sister, Amy Elizabeth Bailey, of Del Norte, Colo.; grandparents, Emma Bailey of Kalispell, Patsy Monroe of Cottonwood, Ariz., Donna Garrett of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Robert Harwell of Boron, Calif.; aunts and uncles, Brian and Jan Bailey of Kalispell, Gary Harvell of Salem, Ore., Bryan Harvell of Flagstaff, Ariz., Harold Monroe Jr. of Munds Park, Ariz., Karen and Chris Betz of Fallon, Nev., Nelda Harvell of Reno, Nev., and Chleona and Mike Jordan of Ladysmith, Wisc.

He also had other relatives too numerous to mention and many, many loving friends.

1996 Clifford Murl Baggarley, 79

Clifford Murl Baggarley, born July 22, 1916 in Wapato, Wash., died Jan. 27 quietly in his sleep at his home in Trego at 79 years old.



He joined the Navy in 1937. He survived the sinking of the carrier Lexington off the Coral Sea during World War II. He retired as an E7 electrician in 1956, going into civil service in Montana, checking and repairing radar sites and retired again in 1972. He lived in Butte and Wise River and moved to the Trego area in 1989.

He was a long-time member of the Masonic Lodge. He loved fly fishing, hunting season, loading his own ammunition, mushroom hunting, rock hounding, golfing, reading, poker games and Happy Hour. He was self-educated and inquisitive about everything. He started guitar at age 77. He was full of funny, interesting life experiences and the rare ability to laugh at himself; neat and pleasant and possessing a quick humor, he made friends easily. We will miss seeing him with his pipe in his mouth and driving his white Chevy truck.

He was preceded in death by his

wife, Janice Hill Baggarley; a sister, Cora Alice Jacobsen; a brother-in-law, Myron Waterbury; a niece, "Charlie" Waterbury; his parents, Lottie Jane Splawn and Murl Mont Baggarley; and his stepfather, Bendit Faye Baldwin.

Family who loved him dearly and who survive him are his sister, Helen Waterbury, Gig Harbor, Wash.; two brothers, Bendit "Benny" Faye Baldwin of Auburn, Wash. and Homer Ellsworth Baldwin of Sweetgrass; numerous nieces and nephews, and his beloved daughter, Vicki Newton, son-in-law Chas and grandson Charlie Clifford Newton of Gresham, Ore.; Jerry and Claudia Siemens of Trego, Holly, Axie and Dayne Croft and Greg Collins of Kalispell; and numerous friends.

Clifford passed through this life as an example of the good in people and will be sorely missed and always remembered for the joy and laughter he brought. His ashes will be buried in San Bruno, Calif. next to his beloved wife, Janice. In lieu of a memorial, the family would like remembrances and anecdotes from friends who knew him sent to Claudia Siemens, Box 483, Trego, MT 59934, or phone 882-4731, for a memory book that is to be written in his honor.

Clyde Baker, 72

^{15 Jan 1996}
Clyde Baker, 72, of Fortine, died Monday at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

Survivors include a wife, Barbara, of Fortine; three daughters; two sons; one brother; two sisters; nine grandchildren; and 22 great-grandchildren.

Services were held today at Fortine Community Church with the Rev. Paul McKibben and the Rev. Don Nielsen officiating. Graveside services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. in Salkum, Wash. Arrangements by Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Eureka.

Margaret N. Banning, 74

^{23 Dec 1996}
Margaret N. Banning, 74, died Monday in Kalispell.

She was born in Baltimore.

She was a teacher for many years and taught at Flathead Valley Community College.

She was preceded in death by husband, George.

She is survived by two sons.

The family suggests memorials in her name to the Scholarship Fund, c/o F.C.V.V., 777 Grandview Drive, Kalispell MT 59901.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial services will be at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Johnson Mortuary Chapel.

Betty J. Balding, 72

Betty J. Balding, 72, of Lakeside, died Monday, Sept. 2, 1996, at Brendan House following an eight-year battle with Lou Gehrig's disease.

She was born Oct. 21, 1923, in Herman, Neb., to Jens B. and Jessie M. Jensen. She received her education in Herman and attended Dana College in Blair, Neb.

On Nov. 3, 1946, she married Donald L. Balding in Blair, and in January 1947, they moved to Kalispell where they have since resided.

She was preceded in death by her parents and is survived by her husband, Donald, at home in Lakeside; two sons and daughters-in-law, Robert and Diane Balding of Lake-



side and James and Jeanie Balding of Kalispell; four grandchildren, Michelle, Kristoffer, Nicholas and Nathan Balding, all of Kalispell; aunt, L. Violet Smithers; cousin, James J. Aker; of Kalispell, and sister-in-law, Doris Gilbertson, all of Kalispell; as well as several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday at Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Rick Nelson, pastor of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, officiating. Burial will be at Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Friends may call at Johnson Mortuary from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. on Wednesday and from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Thursday for visitation.

The family suggests memorials be made to Lakeside Quick Response Unit, Lakeside, MT 59922 or the ALS Association, 21021 Ventura Blvd., Suite 321, Woodland Hills, CA 91364.

Charles Henry Baril, 86

Charles Henry Baril, 86, of Columbia Falls, died Monday, June 3, 1996, at Brendan House.

He was born Feb. 28, 1910, in Columbia Falls to Joseph and Selina Baril. He was raised and educated in Columbia Falls and lived there for most of his life.

He worked for the Great Northern Railroad and on the construction of Hungry Horse Dam. He also worked for Plum Creek Lumber Co. for 25 years.

He loved the outdoors, hunting, fishing, and picking huckleberries.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Helen, an infant son, and a brother.

In October 1956 he married Mary Beagle and is survived by her at home. He is also survived by a son, Richard Baril, and his wife, Muriel, of Waitsburg, Wash.; two

daughters, Judy Bond and her husband, Mark, of Butte, and Denise Erickson and her husband, Randy, in Columbia Falls; three stepchildren, Karen LaValley and her husband, Art, in Spokane, Ron Beagle and his wife, Lynne, of Calgary, Alberta, and Connie Martin and her husband, Ron, in Marion; 16 grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Visitation will be 1-8 p.m. Thursday at Columbia Mortuary. Funeral services will be Friday at 1:30 p.m. at United Methodist Church in Columbia Falls with the Rev. Ray Davis officiating. Interment will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

The family suggests that memorials be made to United Methodist Church or to the charity of the donor's choice.

Frances Katherine Barker, 86

Frances Katherine Barker, 86, died Friday, Aug. 2, 1996, at Kalispell Regional Hospital.

She was born Nov. 16, 1909, in Portland, Ore., to John and Pauline Murray. Her parents, two sisters and a brother preceded her in death.

She graduated from Jefferson High School and was employed at American Surety Co., in Portland.

On Oct. 8, 1930, she married William "Harry" Barker and they moved to Butte. They raised a family of five children - one son and four daughters, including a set of twins.

She sang with a women's group called the Treble Clef Chorus and was a member of the Butte County Club Women's Golf Association.

The family moved to Great Falls in 1958, when her husband became manager of the Fuller Paint Store.

She was a civil service employee at Malstrom Air Force Base and retired in 1975.



She enjoyed traveling, playing bridge, knitting, crocheting and reading.

In 1992, she and her husband moved to the Buffalo Hill Terrace condominiums in Kalispell and later to Immanuel Lutheran Home. They celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary in October 1995.

She was preceded in death by her husband on April 11, 1996, and is now survived by her son and daughters, Bud and Marta Barker of Woods Bay, Norma and Don Neyman of Denver, Colo., Barbara and Reno Parker of Havre/Turner, Bette and Herb Albright of Kalispell and Bonnie and John Sturgeon of Great Falls.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday at Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Marvin Northcutt, pastor of Epworth Methodist Church officiating. Private urn burial will be at Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Memorials may be made in her name to Immanuel Lutheran Home, 183 Crestline Ave., Kalispell, MT 59901 or to the charity of donor's choice.

1996 Eileen Joan Barnes, 80

Eileen Joan Barnes, 80, died June 27, at Kalispell Regional Hospital.

She was born June 23, 1916, in Boston, Mass., to William and Estelle Platis. She worked for the telephone company in California for 36 years. She was a member of the Telephone Pioneers and Catholic Daughters of San Clemente, Calif.

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

She is survived by her daughter, Marie Elena Sandlin, of Kalispell; sons Ronald A. Barnes, of Fort

Mohave, Ariz., and William A. Barnes of Riverside, Calif.; 11 grandchildren and many great-grandchildren; sisters Christine Mayo of Anaheim, Calif., and Frances Avila of Fort Bragg, Calif.

Visitation will be 5-8 p.m., today, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. A wake service will be at 7 p.m., today, at Buffalo Hill. A Mass of Christian Burial will be 11 a.m., Monday, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church, Rev. Carl Deitchman officiating. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

11 April William Henry 'Harry' Barker, 91 / 1996

Harry Barker died Thursday morning at Kalispell Regional Hospital.

He was born in Butte to William and Mary Barker on Jan. 20, 1905. His parents, a brother and a sister preceded him in death.

His early years were spent in Centerville with his family who owned the Barker Paint Store on North Main. He graduated from Butte High School in 1918, and attended the University of Montana.

In 1929, he met and married Frances Murray of Portland, Ore. They returned to Butte to raise a family of five children - one son and four daughters, including a set of twins.

He worked as a warehouseman for W.P. Fuller Paint in Butte and eventually became their salesman. He traveled the southern part of Montana winning friends and customers in Whitehall, Deer Lodge, Helena, Dillon and Bozeman. In 1957, he opened a new Fuller Paint store in Great Falls and became the manager.

He and his wife both retired in 1975 and spent their later years traveling,



going out to dinner and attending activities at the Meadowlark County Club.

Being an avid golfer, he belonged to the Butte Country Club and the Meadowlark Country Club. He continued to golf through his 90th year. He was a life-time member of B.P.O.E. in Butte.

Throughout his lifetime, he enjoyed fly fishing and spent many hours on the Big Hole, Madison and Beaverhead rivers.

In August 1992, Harry and Frances moved to Buffalo Hill Terrace in Kalispell and then moved to Immanuel Lutheran Home. They celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary in October of last year.

He is survived by wife, Frances; son and daughters, Bud and Marta Barker of Woods Bay, Norma and Don Neyman of Denver, Colo., Bette and Herb Albright of Kalispell, Bonnie and John Sturgeon of Great Falls and Barbara and Reno Parker of Turner/Havre.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday afternoon at Johnson Funeral Home with the Rev. Marvin Northcutt officiating. Interment will be at Conrad Cemetery. Memorials can be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

Marcella Rose Barr WP 22 Aug 76

Marcella Rose Barr, 64, a resident of Whitefish, died Aug. 16 at her home in Whitefish of cancer.



She was born Sept. 1, 1931, in Flaxville, Mont., a daughter of Irene Bourassa and John Bradley.

She married Edmond Barr on June 6, 1953 in Chicago, Ill.

She was employed with the Werner Transportation Company

in Illinois for 25 years. She and Edmond moved to Whitefish in October 1986.

She loved to garden and golf and was a past president of the Whitefish Women's Golf Association.

She is now survived by her husband, Edmond at their home in Whitefish; one daughter, Candace Leonas of Steger, Ill; two sons: Bradley of Monee, Ill., and Mark of Posen, Ill; two sisters: Lucille Howard of Havre, and Peggy and husband John Jacobson of Whitefish; two brothers: Gerald Bradley of Rockford, Ill., and

Donald Bradley of LaGrange Park, Ill.; and three grandchildren.

Services were held at Saint Charles Catholic Church with Father Charles Roman officiating. Interment of the urn followed in the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell under the direction of the Austin Funeral Home. Cremation has taken place at Hillside Crematory.

The family has suggested memorials to Wings Cancer Support, in care of Kalispell Regional Hospital, 310 Sunnyview Lane, Kalispell, MT 59901.

James M. 'Marvin' Barrier, 81

James M. "Marvin" Barrier, 81, died Saturday, March 2, 1996, in Spokane, where he has lived for the past 28 years.

He is survived by his wife of 27 years, Elizabeth, at their Spokane home; five children, Janice M. Erickson of Portland, Ore., James M. Barrier of Anaheim Hills, Calif., William A. Barrier of Spokane, Brenda N. Probert of Kalispell and Thomas Sharkey of Ontario, Canada; three sisters, Zelda Jacobson and Alyce Saunders, both of Spokane, and Gladys Philley of Oceanside, Calif.; 10 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

He was born in Ottumwa, Iowa, and grew up on the family homestead in Ingomar, Mont. He moved with his family to Spokane in 1922. There he graduated from North Central High School and also Northwestern Business College.

He enjoyed wrestling while in school, and for a time wrestled professionally.

He spent a number of years in the

Wallace-Kellogg, Idaho, area working as a fireman, bookkeeper for mining operations and cafe operator/candy maker while in the Silver Valley, where he helped pioneer the Lookout Pass Ski Area. He also owned and operated Marvin's Cafe in Kalispell after moving his family here in 1954.

In 1968, he again moved to Spokane and was a self-employed restaurant owner and candy maker.

His favorite hobbies were wood-working, gardening, cooking, skiing, fishing and hunting. He was extremely proud of his two sons' skiing accomplishments. His son, Jim, was a 1960 Alpine Olympic skier and his son, Bill, a 1962 National Alpine Ski Slalom Champion.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. at the Chapel of Flowers, Riplinger Funeral Home, N. 4305 Division, Spokane. Interment will follow at Holy Cross Cemetery. The family suggests memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association or the American Heart Association.

Helmar A. Bartleson *WP 2 May 96*

Former Bissell community resident Helmar A. Bartleson died at Northwest Hospital in Seattle, Wash., April 15. He was born March 12, 1909 at Lake Mills, Iowa.

His family moved to North Dakota where he lived until he came to Glacier Country Montana in 1936. He married Florence Hegland in North Dakota on Sept. 8, 1936.

While living in Cut Bank, he farmed and was employed by the Union Oil Refinery. In the late 40's the family moved to the Bissell community where he farmed and was employed by the Western Fruit Division of the Great Northern Railroad. The couple moved to Poulsbo, Wash. in 1967 where he worked as a carpenter for the Bangor

Submarine Base, retiring in 1975.

He is survived by his wife Florence; three sons, Warner of Dillon, Rod of Cut Bank, Vance of Seattle; nine grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at First Lutheran Church in Poulsbo with burial in the First Lutheran Cemetery.

Ruth Small Bassett, 87

Ruth Small Bassett, 87, died peacefully on Sunday, Dec. 22, 1996, at Immanuel Lutheran Home.

She was born on June 13, 1909, in Huntington, Ind. Her father was a businessman and moved the family many times throughout the East and to England. She graduated from the University of Vermont in home economics in 1931, and worked as a dietitian in New York City before marrying Earle Bassett in 1933.

They moved to Teaneck, N.J., where her husband opened a dental practice. She taught home economics in high school for a short time. Her most vivid memory of that time was her all-boy cooking class. She decided that perhaps home economics at home would be a better option.

She raised two sons who both became dentists and now live in the Denver area. When they were teenagers, she was surprised by the birth of a daughter. Her childbearing years extended for more years than usual and she enjoyed them all. She and her husband were dedicated parents and made a happy, stable home for their three children. Throughout the years they traveled extensively to keep in touch with their children's lives, including trips to their colleges in New England and out to the Tetons in Wyoming to visit the boys at their summer jobs. She also helped her husband in his dental practice.

After her husband died in 1980, she dedicated herself to helping others,



both members of her family and people in her community. She volunteered extensively at her church and received great local recognition for her efforts. She also took care of elderly friends in town, driving them wherever they needed to go. She continued to visit her children and grandchildren, who at this time lived in Colorado and Montana.

At 81, she decided to move to the Flathead Valley to be near her daughter and son-in-law, Sally and Dr. David Murdock, of Whitefish and their two daughters, Emily and Elizabeth. She spent four happy years close to them in her house on Nordic Loop in Whitefish before moving to Buffalo Hill Terrace in Kalispell, and then recently to Immanuel Lutheran Home.

She loved spending her last years in Montana, always exclaiming about the area's scenic beauty and the friendliness of the people here. She particularly enjoyed spending time with her granddaughters, attending concerts of the Glacier Orchestra and Chorale and going for deer-looking drives with the Murdocks on late summer evenings.

She is survived by her sons, Ross and John Bassett of Wheat Ridge and Franktown, Colo., and her daughter, Sally Murdock, of Whitefish; and eight grandchildren.

The family invites friends to join them at her funeral service at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Kalispell on Saturday at 10:30 a.m. She will be buried later this winter with other Bassetts at the Trinity Church Cemetery in Saugerties, N.Y. Funeral arrangements are handled by Johnson Mortuary.

29 Dec 1996 Edith M. Bartlett, 71

Edith M. Bartlett, 71, of Helena, died Friday at St. Patrick Hospital in Missoula.

She was born July 24, 1925, in Harlowtown, to Mae and Clifton C. Welch. She was raised and educated in Harlowtown and attended Kinman Business College in Spokane.

On April 24, 1944, she married John Bartlett in South Carolina and the couple moved to Whitefish. They owned and operated Chalet City Pharmacy in Whitefish and Evergreen Pharmacy in Kalispell. In 1975 they moved to Helena.

She enjoyed golf, bridge, and was an avid and vocal sports fan. She was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother.

Her husband preceded her in death on May 15, 1985. She was also preceded in death by her brothers, Timmy, Jerry and Michael Welch.

She is survived by three children, John C. and his wife, Billie, Bartlett, of Whitefish, James C. and Linda Bartlett, of Kalispell, and Jan and

husband, Larry Majerus, of Troy, Michigan; brother Harvey Welch, of Bozeman; sisters Jean Devault, of Madison Heights, Mich., Ruth Bacon, of Deer Lodge, Illa Welch, of Seattle, Marilyn Robinson, of Yakima, Wash., and Amy Ballentine, of Lincoln, Neb.; nine grandchildren, Dana Hull, Dani Harmon, John Bartlett, Darby Bartlett, Joshua Bartlett, Jacy Bartlett, Jill Majerus, Julie Majerus, and Michael Majerus.

Visitation will be noon to 8 p.m., Monday, at Retz Funeral Home in Helena. A funeral will be 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, with Rev. Marianne Niesen officiating. Burial will follow at Resurrection Cemetery in Helena. A memorial reception is planned for her friends in the Flathead Valley on Thursday in Whitefish, details to be announced later. Memorials may be made to the John and Edith Bartlett Scholarship Fund, School of Pharmacy, University of Montana, Missoula, 59812. Funeral arrangements in Missoula are by Garden City Funeral Home.

John D. Basye

John was an old-timer from Kalispell. He was born in Spokane, Wash., Feb. 4, 1909, but spent his early life in Kalispell.

He passed away at his home on Jan. 24, 1996 in Tacoma. He went to Tacoma in 1941 to work in the shipyards during the war and retired from the Teamsters union in October, 1971.

He is survived by his wife, Vir-

ginia (Smith) of 63 years; a son, Jack Basye (Joleen), daughter Nancy Schmunk (Chuck); 6 grandchildren, Kathy (Mike) Crone, Kalispell, Karen (Rob) Tuohy, Newman Lake, Wash.; John, Kent, Wash.

Jeff Schmunk (Kathy); Teri (Eric) Schwab, Robin (Art) Stone, and 9 great-grandchildren; many cousins and aunt (Pearl Rhodes) and lots of friends in the Kalispell area.

Marie Battani

WP 18 Apr 96

Marie Battani, 75, died April 16 in Whitefish. She was born Jan. 30, 1921 in Wolf Point, the daughter of Ben and Rose Battani. She attended and graduated from Wolf Point High School and lived in Wolf Point until 1978. She and her son, Benny, moved to Whitefish and founded Bee Broadcasting where she worked for two years.

Battani was preceded in death by her parents Ben and Rose and her daughter-in-law, Coco Bee. She loved

her family, flowers and especially her animals.

She is survived by her son, Benny, Sr.; sister, Barbara Schaeffer and husband Jim of Helena; two grandsons, Benny, Jr., and Dennis and his wife, Tammy and great-granddaughter Nicolette; her granddaughter Cassie Bee; niece Jill Keating and husband Casey of San Francisco; niece Marie Fleming and husband John and great nieces Ashlie, Mandie and Lacie Fleming.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m., April 19, at the First Presbyterian Church of Whitefish, Pastor Jack Deere officiating. Cremation has taken place. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to Cross Currents Christian School of Whitefish.

"I asked, 'How much do you love me?' 'This much,' he answered. And he stretched out his arms and died."

Harry Battersby

WP 27 JUN 96

Harry Battersby, 82, beloved husband of the late Jeanette Randall Battersby of Stratford, Conn., died June 22 in his home.

He was born in Brooklyn, N.Y., Feb. 18, 1941 and was the son of May Dunn and Harry Battersby.

Battersby resided in Greenwich, Conn., most of his life, moving to Stratford 11 years ago.

He is the retired owner of the

John Merritt Insurance Company of Port Chester, N.Y.

He was active with the Coscob Rotary Club and a past member of the Milbrook Country Club of Greenwich. He also was a charter member and trustee of St. Agnes Church of Greenwich and served on the parish council.

He is survived by two daughters: Ann Randall of Newport Beach,

Calif., and Susan Moll of Whitefish, with whom he recently resided for six months before returning to Connecticut; and four grandsons.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions in his memory to the American Cancer Society, 1175 Post Road East, Westport, CT 06880.

Manuel Bauska, 83

Manuel V. Bauska, 83, of Rimrock, Ariz., died the morning of July 11, 1996.

He was born in Kalispell and resided here until retiring in 1982, when he moved to Sedona, Ariz.

In Kalispell he owned the Studebaker, Mercedes and White truck dealerships and the Riverside Arabian horse ranch.

He was predeceased by his wife, Dorothea "Toots," in December 1993. Shortly afterward, he decided to roll back the time and return to his favorite avocation raising Arabians. He purchased a mini ranch in Rimrock.

He and his wife were instrumental in establishing the Western Montana Arabian horse club in the mid 1960s, putting together the first Arabian

horse show which has been an annual event in Kalispell for nearly 30 years.

He is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Joyce and Jack Cox, of Sedona, Ariz.; grandchildren, Jaclinn Pullman of Tenafly, N.J., and Jordan Cox of Malvern, Pa.; six great-grandchildren; and brothers, Arnold of California and Lester of Kalispell.

Celebration services for Manuel and Toots will be held August 11 from 3-5 p.m. at Pepe Muldoon's Beachside Cantina in Sedona and Oct. 13 from 2-4 p.m. at the Elks Lodge in Kalispell.

Memorial contributions may be sent to Marcus J. Lawrence Hospice, 202 S. Willard St., Cottonwood, AZ 86326 and/or the 4-H Club in Kalispell.

Thomas J. Beaulieu, 76

Thomas J. Beaulieu, 76, of Libby, died Friday, Dec. 13, at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.

Local survivors include his wife, Virginia, of Libby; children James, Vincent, Jules, Peter, Alan, and Annette, all of Libby and Stephen, of Bigfork.

Visitation is 1-8 p.m., today. A parish vigil will be 7 p.m., today, at Nelson and Vial Funeral Home. Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated 11 a.m., Monday, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Rev. Bernard Koenig, celebrant. Military honors will follow at Libby City Cemetery.

Madalena M. Beccari, 94

Madalena M. Beccari, 94, of Libby, died Tuesday, Oct. 22, 1996, at the Libby Care Center.

She was born June 20, 1902, in Bonita to Paul Rinaldi and Anna Anselmo Rinaldi. She was raised on the family ranch at Rock Creek and attended Rock Creek School, which was built on the family ranch. She later attended Sacred Heart Academy in Missoula. She married Julius P. Beccari on July 28, 1921, at St. Francis Xavier Church in Missoula.

She and her husband resided at Ravenna until moving to Libby in 1929, where she raised her family. She was a resident of the Kootenai Valley for the past 67 years, living first on Minnesota Avenue and later on "Baloney Avenue" south of Libby and finally on California Avenue.

She was a longtime member of St. Joseph's Parish and Altar Society; the American Legion Auxiliary; and was a charter member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary.

Her husband, Julius, preceded her in death in 1978. She was also preced-

ed in death by two daughters, Joy Moreau and Betty Moderie, both in 1991, sons-in-law Joe Moderie and Harold Shrewsberry, and grandson Terry Beaulieu.

She is survived by daughters Virginia Beaulieu and her husband, Thomas, of Libby, Gloria Shrewsberry, of Libby, Marchita Funke and her husband, William, of Condon, and Julia Smith and her husband, Joseph, of St. Helens, Ore.; son Paul Beccari and his wife, Jean, of Missoula; brother John Corra, of Rock Creek; sisters Theresa Corra, of Missoula, and Mary Snyder, of San Diego, Calif.; 46 grandchildren and many great- and great-great-grandchildren.

Parish vigil and rosary services will be at 7:30 p.m. Sunday at Nelson and Vial Funeral Home Chapel. Mass of the Resurrection will be at 11 a.m. Monday at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Rev. Ray Hannigan as celebrant. Interment will be at Libby City Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Libby Care Center, 308 E. Third St., Libby, MT 59923.

Thelma B. Beddoes, 91

11 July 1996
Thelma B. Beddoes, 91, of Whitefish, died Thursday at the Colonial Manor Nursing Home.

Local survivors include her daughter and son-in-law, Carol and Bob Jackson, of Whitefish.

Graveside services will be Wednesday or Thursday at Restland Memorial Park Cemetery in Dallas, Texas. Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish is in charge of local arrangements.

1996 Becker

Donald Becker, a 1950 graduate of Plentywood High School, died at Scobey of a heart attack on March 6. He was 64.

Funeral services were held Monday, March 11 at St. Philip's Catholic Church in Scobey. Burial was in the Scobey Cemetery.

Born January 4, 1932 at Plentywood, he was the first of five children of John and Sara Becker of Raymond.

He attended schools in Raymond and Plentywood, then served four years in the Air Force--working as an electronics instructor at Francis Warren Air Base in Cheyenne, Wyoming.

In 1953 he married Delores Frances in Plentywood and they lived in Cheyenne and Whitetail, where he became manager of Whitetail Westland Oil.

They moved to Scobey in 1975, where he was a bulk gas and propane dealer for 20 years.

He recently sold his dealership and retired.

He was a member of the Lions Club, Knights of Columbus and the Whitetail American Legion Post.

He enjoyed bowling, hunting, fishing, playing cards and playing the accordion.

Surviving are his wife of Scobey; his mother Sara Becker of Plentywood; his children, Darice Stoner of Plentywood, Wanda Hammer and Kerry Fishell of Flaxville, Tammy Zieske of Roundup, Renae Wahl of Miles City, Keith and Kevin Becker of Casper; brothers John Becker of Raymond and Ralph Becker of Mount Pleasant, Michigan; sisters Jeanette French of Plentywood and Elaine Jones of Sapulpa, Oklahoma; and 15 grandchildren.

1996 Teresa M. Bednarik, 75

Teresa M. Bednarik, 75, died Thursday, Nov. 7, at her home in Kalispell.

She was born March 25, 1921, in Wilkes-Barre, Penn., to John and Helen Kawalec. She attended schools in Pennsylvania, graduating from high school in 1939.

On Aug. 27, 1954, she married Paul Bednarik in New Jersey. She lived in New Jersey until 1987, when they moved to Hawaii. She loved living in Hawaii, enjoying sitting on the beach having a picnic or just watching the sun set.

She moved to Kalispell in 1992. She was very fond of the Big Sky country.

She loved to do crossword puzzles and was very good at them. One of her favorite things was watching figure skating on television. She was very good at crocheting and cross-

stitching table clothes and bed linen.

She will be remembered as a very loving, caring and compassionate person. She would give the shirt off her back. She firmly believed in the saying, don't say something about someone, unless it's something good. She will be truly missed by all who knew her.

Survivors include her husband, of Kalispell; daughter Carol Ann Ryan, of Kalispell; son Daniel Paul Bednarik, of Columbia, Md.; granddaughter Sophia Bednarik, of Columbia, Md.; sisters Helen Novak and Irene Kawalec, both of Florida; brothers John Kawalec, of Florida and Joseph Kawalec, of New Jersey.

A funeral will be 10:30 a.m., Monday, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home, Rev. Paul Taylor officiating. Cremation will follow the service.

Verna Ruth Beeman, 69

Verna Ruth Beeman, 69, of Bakersfield, Calif., died July 9, 1996.

She was born March 13, 1927, and married Rex W. Beeman in 1950. She grew up in Cove, Ore., and graduated from Oregon State University in Corvallis, Ore.

She headed the home economics department at Flathead Valley Community College in Kalispell. She was owner of Stretch and Sew Fabrics in Bakersfield for 15 years and later was educational consultant for Viking Husqvarna Sewing Machine Co.

She sang with the Bakersfield Keynotes for many years and was active in the Wesley United Methodist Church choir, congregation committees and WAAC programs.

She is survived by her husband, Rex W. Beeman, of Bakersfield; chil-

dren; David Beeman of Roseville, Calif.; Lynette Winnick of Bakersfield and Julie Davis of Cleveland, Ohio; sisters, Inez Yoder of Lexington, Ky., and Anita Miller of Tacoma, Wash.; brother Clifford Towle of Cove, Ore.; and two grandchildren, Carrie and Travis.

Memorial services were held in Bakersfield.

The family requests memorials be made to Comprehensive Cancer Center at Cedars-Sinai Hospital, Attn: Gregory Sarna, Research Fund, 8700 Beverly Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90048; Bakersfield Keynotes Scholarship Fund, 1133 Acacia Ave., Bakersfield, CA 93305, Attn. Marilyn Merritt; Wesley United Methodist Church, Music Dept., 3030 Niles St., Bakersfield, CA 93306.

Sarah 'Sally' Bekkedahl, 90

Sarah "Sally" Pearle Winge Bekkedahl, 90, died Tuesday, March 12, 1996, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

She was born on March 3, 1906, to John J. and Ida Falkenhagen Winge in Hunter, N.D.

On Aug. 8, 1925, she married Joseph "Clyde" Bekkedahl. They lived on the Little Missouri River until they lost their farm in the Great Depression. Their lands are now a portion of Roosevelt National Park.

They first came to Kalispell in 1944. While her husband worked construction, she was best known for her cooking. She worked at several local restaurants beginning at Jordan's Cafe.

They had four children: Omar, Virginia, Joseph and Robert. They had a long and happy marriage of 69 years.

They were the first residents of Heritage Place.

They attended Nazarene Church and for many years worked diligently for the Salvation Army.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Clyde, in 1995, and her son, Joseph, in 1983.

She is survived by her daughter, Virginia Danielson, of Heritage Place; sons, Omar Bekkedahl of Post Falls, Idaho, and Robert Bekkedahl of Tacoma, Wash.; 14 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be today until 6 p.m. and Friday from 9 a.m. to noon. Funeral services will be Friday at 1 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel with Major James Goodwin of the Salvation Army officiating. Burial will follow at Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Yvonne J. 'Bunny' Belston, 62

Yvonne J. "Bunny" Belston, 62, of Columbia Falls, died Thursday, June 6, 1996, at Kalispell Regional Hospital.

She was born Aug. 25, 1933, in Strathcona, Minn., to Harold and Olga Stahlberg.

She was a devoted wife, mother and friend. Her family, home and all the little children she knew and loved were what made her truly happy. She had struggled with diabetes for many years. It slowly wore out her body, but never her spirit. She was a very special lady.

She is survived by her husband of 46 years, Henry Ray Belston, of Columbia Falls; five children and their spouses, Vicky and Cliff Silcox,

of Libby, Carol and Benny Hoerner, of Columbia Falls, Terry and Gary Pritchard, of Douglas, Wyo., Lynda Tobias, of Kalispell and Brent and Tammy Belston of Columbia Falls; her mother Olga Stahlberg, of Kalispell; two sisters, six brothers, 13 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; many nieces, nephews and an abundance of friends.

A memorial service will be at 3 p.m. Monday at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls, Rev. Paul Taylor officiating.

The family suggests memorials be made to the American Diabetes Association, Box 2411, Great Falls, MT, 59403. Arrangements are by Columbia Mortuary.

Carl Benner, 59

Carl M. Benner, 59, died Oct. 7, 1996, at Fort Meade in Sturgis, S.D., after a courageous battle with cancer.

He was born Aug. 27, 1937, in Shepherd to Henry and Ida Benner. He received his schooling in Shepherd and later in Kalispell. He joined the U.S. Army in 1956, and was honorably discharged in 1958.

He worked as a heavy equipment operator on missile sites in eastern Montana and North and South Dakota. He lived in Newell, S.D., for a few years.

He enjoyed traveling and polishing rocks and then making jewelry and



belt buckles from them.

He was a member of the VFW and Teamsters Union for heavy-equipment operators.

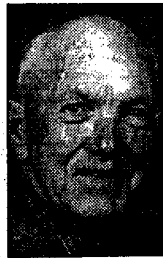
He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Stanley Benner.

He is survived by five brothers, Ben Benner of Anaconda, George Benner of Baker, Raymond Benner of Billings, Rodney Benner of Laurel and Don Benner of Moscow, Idaho; three sisters, Jeannie Wagner of Billings, Donna Besel of Gillette, Wyo., Hattie Stahlberg of Kalispell; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. on Friday in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Max Kaser of the First Baptist Church officiating. Burial will follow in Glacier Memorial Cemetery.

Lawrence Benner, 79

With dignity and grace, Lawrence Benner, 79, lost his courageous battle with diabetes and non-Hodgkins lymphoma and went to be with our Creator God in Heaven on Friday, Oct. 25, 1996.



He was born July 25, 1917, in Estuary, Sask., to Alexander and Laura Benner. He was raised and attended school in Sunburst, Montana. He met Erma Eckelberry, the love of his life, and they were married on June 3, 1940, in Kalispell.

He worked for the Texaco refinery for 12 years, Stoltze Lumber for 27 years and Plum Creek lumber for five years before retiring. He and Erma lived on a mini-farm for the biggest share of their lives, while Lawrence worked full-time in the timber industry.

He enjoyed buying machinery, repairing it and selling it. He liked to tinker in his wood shop, enjoyed smoking fish, loved auctions and enjoyed fishing and traveling in his motorhome. He spent many summers in Washington. He loved people and would start conversations, even with strangers.

He was never afraid of hard work. His motto was, be the best you can be and if you can't do it, don't send anyone else. His value of a hard work ethic will be passed down for generations.

He is survived by his loving wife and caretaker of 57 years, Erma, at the family home in Columbia Falls; daughter Darleen McCauley and her husband, Thomas, of Ferndale, Wash.; son Lonnie Benner and his wife, Sue, of Columbia Falls; granddaughters Melody Sheehan and her husband, John, of Bellingham, Wash., Diana McDonald and her husband, Scott, and grandson Chuck Occhiogrosso and wife, Marcy, all of

Ferndale; grandsons Scott McCauley and his wife, Sheila, of Vancouver, Wash., and Ian McCauley, of Portland; granddaughter Lanae Daffern and her husband, Shawn, of Spokane; grandson Ronald Benner and his wife, Jennifer; granddaughter Laura and grandsons Lance, Larry, Logan, Landn and Shawn Benner, all of Columbia Falls.

He is also survived by sisters Audrey Wigen and husband, Byron, of Devon, and Jane Bykonen, of Glendive; a very special cousin, Eunice Johnson and her husband Clyde, of Kalispell, whom Lawrence counted on; nine great-grandchildren, and many nieces, nephews and cousins, some as far away as Minnesota.

He was high-spirited and fought his battle with dignity and grace. He set such standards for those he leaves behind, we can only hope to try to live up to his expectations. He was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother and true friend. His children have lots to say about their dad, and it concerns courage, strength, compassion, energy, grace, and last but not least, love. He touched so many lives — everyone he met became a friend. You will never know how much we all love him and miss him. He is our personal hero.

Our deepest gratitude to visiting nurses John Zacharias, who Lawrence cared deeply for and became his mentor and friend, the entire staff of the Visiting Nurses Association, and to Dr. Boehm and Dr. Palchak, who worked valiantly when he had so much to overcome. Until we meet again.

The family suggests memorials to the Bad Rock Fire Department in Columbia Falls.

A celebration of life will be at 2 p.m. Monday at the Johnson Mortuary Chapel, with Rev. Darrell Newby officiating. Burial will be at Fairview Cemetery. Visitation is 1-4 p.m. today and 9 a.m. to noon Monday at Johnson Mortuary.

Kinsey Lynn Bennett WP 25 Apr 96

Kinsey Lynn Bennett, infant daughter of Jennifer and Daniel Bennett of Kent, Wash., died at birth of natural causes at Swedish Medical Center in Seattle, Wash.

She was preceded in death by her grandfather Daniel "Bob" Bennett; five great-grandfathers and one great-grandmother. She is survived by

maternal grandparents Lynda and Ted Tveidt of Whitefish, paternal grandmother Mary Bennett of Craigmont, Idaho; great-grandmothers Clara Montgomery of Kalispell, Esther Tveidt of Whitefish, Margarite Lynn of Conrad and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

"When someone comes into our

lives and they are too quietly and quickly gone, they leave footprints on our hearts and their memory stays with us forever."

Private graveside services were held at Hillcrest Burial Park, Kent, Wash., with Reverend Barbara Plank officiating.

1994 Ella Laib Berg, 70

Ella Laib Berg, 70, of Kalispell, lost her battle with cancer, Monday, Nov. 18.

She was born May 13, 1926, in Mercer County, N. D., to Fredrich and Karolina Kleingartner Laib. She attended schools in Mercer and worked in Bismark until her marriage to William F. Berg on May 12, 1946.

They farmed in Sterling, N. D., until 1959. They moved to Montana in 1959 and to the Flathead in 1965. She worked for at least 13 years at the old C & C Plywood Plant, which is now Plum Creek Lumber, where she graded plywood.

She was a member of the Stillwater Free Lutheran Church. She enjoyed hiking, cross country skiing and her

family and grandchildren. She enjoyed her winters in the south.

She was preceded in death by five brothers and five sisters.

She is survived by her husband, Bill, of Kalispell; son Gary Lee Berg, of Miles City; daughter Cynthia Berg Klingsolver, of Kalispell; five grandchildren; two brothers, Edwin Laib and his wife, Elizabeth, and Arthur Laib and his wife, Alvina, all of Bismark, N. D.

Visitation is 1-4 p.m., today, at Johnson Mortuary. A funeral will be 2 p.m., Monday, at Johnson Mortuary, with Tim Bartholomew, pastor of Stillwater Free Lutheran Church, officiating. Burial will be at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Harry Berg, 83

Harry Berg, 83, died Sunday morning, Oct. 6, 1996, at Brendan House.

He was born May 18, 1913, in Hettinger, N.D., to Oscar and Ragna Rolfson Berg.

He married Magdalene Lemmer in Bison, S.D., on Dec. 10, 1932. They resided in Hettinger until 1953, when they moved their family to Kalispell.

He was employed at the Anaconda Aluminum Plant in Columbia Falls until he retired in 1977.

He loved to go camping, fishing and hunting with his family. He was active with the senior citizens group for many years.

He is survived by seven children, Harry Berg of Whitefish, Tim Berg and Dan Berg of Kalispell, Bonnie

Berg of Helena, Betty Bednar of Coon Rapids, Minn., Marilyn Lengstorf of McGregor Lake, and Deanna Connelly of Kalispell; two sisters, Clara Christenson and Mamie Berg, both of Hettinger; 15 grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Maggie, on Dec. 1, 1977, five brothers and two grandsons.

Visitation will be until 6 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Wednesday. Friends will meet at Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery for graveside services at 9 a.m. on Thursday. The Rev. Darold Reiner of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church will officiate. Arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary.

Arthur H. Berger, 54

Arthur H. Berger, 54, of Pasco, went to be with the Lord on Saturday, May 18, 1996.

He was born July 2, 1941, in Columbia Falls. He lived in the Tricities of Washington for 17 years.

He was a retired carpenter and a member of Eagles Aerie 234.

He is survived by his wife, Donna D. Berger, of Pasco; stepchildren, Russell D. Prothero of Jacksonville, Fla., Kenneth J. Prothero of Pasco, Frances A. Cutright of Kennewick, Wash., Danette K. Shemorry of Kennewick, Timothy E. Prothero of Wenatchee, Wash., and Christopher

W. Prothero of Kennewick; daughter, Iva M. Berger, of Tucson, Ariz.; sister, Marjorie Hossack, of Columbia Falls; and numerous grandchildren and other relatives.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Cheryl L. Berger, and parents, Margaret and Henry Berger.

Funeral services will be held today at 2 p.m. at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Pasco. Graveside services will be in Kalispell Thursday at 2 p.m. at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Local arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary.

Lee 'Bud' Berger, 89

Lee M. "Bud" Berger, 89, of Helena, died Monday, Aug. 19, 1996, at the Cooney Convalescent Home in Helena.

He was born May 17, 1907, in Butte, to Michael A. and Elizabeth B. Berger. He attended school in Butte and graduated from Wharton School of Finance of the University of Pennsylvania in 1929.

He married Frances A. Anjel in Dillon on March 15, 1939. They settled in Helena where he was employed at the Veterans Administration Center. During World War II, he served in the Army. Following his discharge, he returned to the VA Center. He retired in 1969 as the personnel director.

He was an active outdoorsman. He was a member of the Helena Gun

Club and life member of the Montana State Trapshooting Association.

He was preceded in death by his wife in 1994.

Survivors include his son and daughter-in-law, Lee E. and Sharon Berger, of Kalispell and their children, Derek, Brandon and Dacia Berger; three nieces, Ann Courtney, Carol Niven and Carol Merrick. Other relatives are Jack and Mary Mulany of Butte and Anita Berger of Whidbey Island, Wash.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday at Retz Funeral Home in Helena with interment of cremains at Forestvale Cemetery. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Cooney Convalescent Home, 2555 Broadway, Helena, MT 59601.

Harles G. Bergette, 89

Harles G. Bergette, 89, a longtime Tobacco Valley resident, died Friday, Sept. 13, 1996, at St. John Lutheran Hospital in Libby.

He was born on the family homestead in the Pinkham Creek area near Eureka on Aug. 27, 1907, to John and Lora Belle Stacy Bergette. He was raised and educated in the Tobacco Valley, later working in the timber industry.

He married Helen Buss in October of 1927 at Eureka. They resided in the Eureka area until moving to Portland, Ore., during World War II to work in the shipyards.

They returned to Eureka in 1946, and he operated a sawmill and did horse logging. He owned and operated the Rexford Lumber Company for many years until its closing during the Libby Dam construction. He built and operated the Big Sky Texaco Service Station in Eureka (presently Big Sky Exxon).

Following his retirement, he spent much time assisting friends and fam-

ily in the community on various projects, including the construction of the First Baptist Church.

He and his wife were longtime members of the First Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Helen, in 1994, a son, David, in 1947, a sister, Ressie Stockner, and a brother, Okey Perkins.

Survivors include two daughters, DeLoris "Dee" Evins and Bessie Pluid, both of Eureka; two sons, Dennis "Rusty" Bergette of LaGrande, Ore., and Sidney "Scotty" Frounfelter of Ventura, Calif.; a sister, Violet Olson, of Mahayma, Ore.; a brother, John Bergette, of Camas, Wash.; eight grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Friends may call at Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Eureka from 1-9 p.m. today and until noon Tuesday. Services will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. at the First Baptist Church with interment at Tobacco Valley Cemetery.

Dawn Coughlin Bergstrom, 76

Dawn Coughlin Bergstrom, 76, of Bigfork, died Tuesday, July 30, 1996, in Dallas, Texas, after a long and courageous battle with cancer and hemolytic anemia.

She was born April 13, 1920, in St. Paul, Minn., to William and Harriet Anderson.

She worked for the Great Northern Railroad in St. Paul for many years in the early '40s and Benjamin Franklin Junior High School in Dallas, Texas, in the mid-'70s. She had lived in Bigfork for many years.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husbands, Richard Coughlin and Edward Bergstrom.

She is survived by four children, Tom, Patti, Pete and Rick; daughters-in-law, Betty and Reba; grandchildren, Monica, Elizabeth, Alicia, Cristin, Ryder, Kaylee, Caleb and Kevin, all of Dallas; sister-in-law, Helen O'Rourke, of St. Paul; and a cousin, Jan Ferris, of Greenbrae, Calif.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at Bigfork Funeral Home with the Rev. Gary Morton officiating. Burial will follow at Lone Pine Cemetery in Bigfork. In lieu of flowers, the family urges the gift of blood be made to the blood bank of your choice.

1996 Dr. Jessie Bierman, 96

A distinguished international medical leader and an early and constant supporter of the Flathead Lake Biological Station, Dr. Jessie Bierman, died Aug. 26 at her home in Carmel, Calif. She was 96.

She was born at Egan Slough near Kalispell on April 6, 1900.

At 21, she was one of the first women to study field ecology at the biological station of the University of Montana with the station's founder and director, Dr. Morton Elrod. She often referred to her study there as influential and formative in her scientific career.

She earned her biology degree from the University of Montana in 1920 and attended the University of Chicago's Rush Medical College. She interned in pediatrics in San Francisco and earned her medical degree in 1927. She practiced and taught in pediatrics at the University of California School of Medicine.

She returned to Montana during the Great Depression. She founded model well-baby clinics in county health departments with New Deal funding.

In 1937, she joined the children's bureau in the Department of Labor in Washington, D.C., as assistant director of health. She earned a degree in public health administration at Columbia University and moved to California to head maternal and child health activities for the health department. She established a department of maternal and child health in the School of Public Health at the University of Califor-

nia-Berkeley, where she was a professor.

She traveled to Germany and Hawaii for studies. After leaving Berkeley in 1967, she headed the maternal and child health bureau for the World Health Organization in Geneva, Switzerland, and also worked with the National Academy of Sciences, the U.S. Army, and various government missions.

She received the Martha May Eliot Award of the American Public Health Association for her work. The Montana Medical Association named her one of five distinguished women physicians. She was also named a Distinguished Alumna by the University of Montana and received an honorary degree. In 1993, she received the Ludwig Broman Award from the university's Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library.

She often visited Montana, where she loved to hunt and fish in Flathead Lake. She maintained a summer residence at Goose Bay.

She helped fund housing, student fellowships and scientific equipment at the biological station on Yellow Bay. In 1986, she endowed the distinguished professorship for an internationally recognized biologist to work there. It is held by Dr. Jack A. Stanford.

A memorial service will be held for Dr. Bierman at Conrad Memorial Cemetery on Sept. 13 at 2 p.m. Memorials may be made to the UM Foundation, Box 7159, Missoula, 59807 for the biological station.

Doris J. Bertelson

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Doris J. Bertelson, 73, of Columbia Falls, died Nov. 29 at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

She was born June 23, 1923, to Andrew E. and Signe E. Johnson in Perth, N.D. She grew up south of Poplar, Mont.

She married George Weinberger in 1942. They had two children who preceded them in death.

She married Bert Bertelson in 1958 or 1959. They lived in Cut Bank for 10 years.

She worked at the hospital in Cut Bank and later at North Valley Hospital. She was a very hard worker and a very meticulous and organized person. She will be missed.

She is survived by two grandsons: Russell Weinberger of Seeley Lake and Robert Dunning of Columbia Falls; five great-grandchildren: Michael and Cory Dunning of Havre, and Tiffany, Jason and Kniki Weinberger of Columbia Falls; two brothers: Clark Johnson of Lewistown and Clifford L. Johnson of Poplar; and two sisters: Frances Martin of Trenton, N.D., and Mary Knutson of Kihei, Hawaii.

A memorial service was held Dec. 4 at the United Methodist Church in Columbia Falls with the Rev. Ray Davis officiating.

Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is in charge of arrangements.

Edmund E. 'Tim' Bertelsen, 74

Edmund E. "Tim" Bertelsen, 74, died Sunday, Nov. 3, 1996, at the Libby Care Center following an extended illness.

He was born in Bowbells, N.D., on Dec. 11, 1921, to Martin and Kathleen Bertelsen. He came to the Flathead Valley as a child where he was raised and educated in Kalispell. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy in November of 1942, serving during World War II until his honorable discharge in September of 1945.

He resided in the Billings area, working in a machine shop and as a shipping clerk and a bartender.

He married Anna Bornes on Jan. 5, 1970 in Cody, Wyo. He moved to Libby in 1975 and he operated the Pioneer Junction Bar until returning to Billings in 1981. He retired in 1985, and returned to Libby in 1992.

He enjoyed hunting and fishing and was always ready for a game of cribbage.

He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He is survived by his wife, Anna, of Libby; three daughters residing in California; a stepdaughter, Jane Thom, and her husband, Keith, also of Libby; a stepson, Bjorn Bornes, and his wife, Chris, of Tulsa, Okla.; three sisters, Meinrada Lemmons of San Jose, Calif., Arva Hendrickson and her husband, Lester, of Missoula, and Phillis Hanson and her husband Bernerd of Zader, Wash.; a brother, Neil Bertelsen, and his wife Phyllis of Libby; four grandsons, Bjorn and Leif Bornes, and Robby and Wade Smith; two granddaughters, Heather Henrichs and Tove Bornes; a great-grandson, Tristen Henrichs; and several nieces and nephews.

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

Services will be Tuesday at 1 p.m. at Nelson & Vial Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Les Nelson officiating. Interment with military honors will follow in the City of Libby Cemetery.

Glenn Hobart Biby, 63

Glenn Hobart Biby, 63, of Cut Bank, died Friday, July 5, 1996, of a massive heart attack while camping at Devil Creek Campground.

He was born Sept. 8, 1932, in Clyde, N.D., to Hobart and Elizabeth Biby. He attended grade schools in Clyde and graduated from Clyde High School in 1950.

After high school, he spent several years farming before moving to Cut Bank in 1955.

On Dec. 2, 1955, he married Jean Helgeseth of Churchs Ferry, N.D. He worked for Oil Field Lumber, Pioneer Sales for 25 years, Dodds Wholesale and Cenex.

He retired in September of 1994 to pursue a career of camping, hunting, fishing and general handyman for

his son.

He was preceded in death by his father.

He is survived by his wife, Jean, of Cut Bank; son, Darryl, of Churchs Ferry; daughter, Susanne Blair, of Discovery Bay, Calif.; mother, Elizabeth Biby, of Kalispell; two sisters, Linda Anderson of Marion and Patricia Needham of Olympia, Wash.; an uncle, Denver, of Langdon, N.D.; seven grandchildren; and two stepgrandsons.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Cut Bank with the Rev. Jerry Ebeit officiating. Burial will be held July 15 at 2 p.m. at Clyde Cemetery in Clyde. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is in charge of services.

Alan L. Bjorsness, 66

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Alan L. Bjorsness, 66, of Whitefish, died Sunday at North Valley Hospital.

He was a retired Burlington Northern employee.

Memorial services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish with the Rev. John Bent of Christ Lutheran Church officiating. Cremation has taken place at Hillside Crematory under the direction of Austin Funeral Home.

The family has suggested memorials to the Muscular Dystrophy Association.