

1996 Joseph Cada

Joseph F. Cada died June 11 at Kalispell after a long bout with various illnesses.

He was born March 18, 1913, at Libby, son of Sophie and Frank Cada who immigrated from Czechoslovakia to homestead at Ural, Mont.

He attended school in Ural and Libby. He had a colorful career starting as a tugboat worker in Alaska and then working various construction jobs throughout the Pacific Northwest. While working on Fort Peck Dam in 1936 he met and married Agnes Reno. They would have celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in November.

He was a supporter of clean air, clean water and a balanced natural order. He made friends quickly and maintained those relationships throughout his life.

The Cadas were longtime residents of Columbia Heights. Following Mrs. Cada's retirement from teaching at Columbia Falls High School, they moved to Bigfork and more recently to Kalispell.

He is survived by his wife, Agnes, at the family home in Kalispell; two sons, Gene Cada and Larry Cada both of Colville, Wash.; two daughters, Deanna Pound of Oswego, Ore., and JoAnn Carlson of Issaquah, Wash.; seven grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, three step-grandchildren and five step-great-grandchildren.

Services were June 15 at Johnson Funeral Home in Kalispell. The family suggests memorials to a conservation group of the donor's choice. *HA*

Evelyn Chapman, 86

Evelyn E. Chapman, 86, of Rollins, died on Wednesday, June 12, 1996, at St. Joseph Convalescent Center in Polson.

She was born Sept. 18, 1909, in Ludington, Wisc., to W.E. and Estelle Mae Lowman. She attended schools in Wisconsin, North Dakota, Washington and Canada.

On Sept. 19, 1930, she married Gordon L. Chapman in Crookston, Minn. They moved to Valley City, N.D., where her husband was employed by N.W. Bell Telephone Co. In 1937, they were transferred to Jamestown, N.D.,

and later to Williston, N.D., where they lived until their retirement. In 1966, they moved to their lake home in Rollins.

She was a member of the Women of the Moose at Williston (252) Graduate Regent, Academy of Friendship, and American Legion Auxiliary.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Gordon, in August of 1983.

Graveside services will be held Monday at 1 p.m. in Missoula at Sunset Memorial Gardens. Arrangements are by Mosley-Shrider Funeral Home in Polson.

William Callas, 64

William Callas, 64, of Kalispell died on Tuesday, Jan. 2, 1996.

He was born Sept. 17, 1931, in Missoula to Christ and Artemos Callas. He attended Missoula schools and graduated from Missoula County High School in 1950.

After high school he enlisted in the U.S. Navy for four years, serving his country overseas and in Korea. Following his naval service he attended Montana State University and graduated from the University of Montana in 1960.

He married Carole Hauck on June 23, 1957, in Missoula. They moved in 1961 to Havre where he taught math for 32 years at Havre High School during which time he earned his master's degree.

He and his wife retired to Kalispell in 1993.



He is survived by his wife, Carole, at home in Kalispell; daughter, Casey Erickson, of Great Falls; daughter and son-in-law, Joni and Rick Cabrera, of Billings; three grandchildren, Devin Erickson and Justin and Jannell Cabrera; brother and sister-in-law, Gus and June Callas, of Missoula; sister, Katherine Hatz and family, of Somerset, N.J.; sister and brother-in-law, Helen and Tom Cacavas, of Bethpage, N.Y.; two brothers-in-law and their wives, Bob and Kathleen Hauck of Missoula and Phil and Gloria Hauck of Helena.

Christian wake services will be at 6:30 p.m. Friday at Risen Christ Catholic Church, 65 W. Evergreen, Kalispell with Mass of Christian Burial to follow at 7:30 p.m. with the Rev. Thomas O'Donnell officiating. Interment will be at Glacier Memorial Gardens. The family requests memorials to Risen Christ Parish or the donor's favorite charity.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. *JL*

Hugh Scott Cameron, 45

Hugh Scott Cameron, 45, died at Sharp Medical Center in Murrieta, Calif., on Dec. 22, 1996, following a long battle with cancer.

He was born Aug. 26, 1951, in Kalispell to Leslie D. and Opal Cameron. He was a graduate of Flathead County High School and the University of Montana.

He worked for Burlington Northern Railroad until moving to Murrieta.

He was preceded in death by his father, Leslie, in 1993.

Survivors include his mother, Opal Cameron, of Kalispell; a daughter; a sister, Leslie Robertson, of Bigfork and a niece, Sheena and a nephew, Shaun.

Memorial services will be at 1 p.m. on Saturday in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel.

'Bennie' R. Campbell, 74

Benajah "Bennie" R. Campbell, 74, died Tuesday, April 23, 1996, at his home in Bigfork.

He was born March 29, 1922, in Rigby, Idaho, to William T. and Florence M. Campbell. He enlisted in the Army in 1946, serving both in the U.S. and overseas.

He worked for many years at the ARCO Mineral Plant in Anaconda, and he retired as a supervisor.

He loved to hunt and fish, and he had been an avid trapper. Any sport was fine with him — he just loved being outdoors.

He was a member of the Latter-day Saints Church, the Anaconda Elks Lodge and served as a Boy Scout master for several years. He loved working with young people.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his wife, Marguriete Campbell, of Bigfork; sons, Arthur and Robert Campbell and Steven Hoover; daughters, Margaret Campbell, Theda Parsons and Ramona Siders; numerous grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Local services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday at Bigfork Funeral Home with Jim Edington officiating. Services will also be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Latter-day Saints Church in Anaconda with Bishop Tarkalson officiating. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Cemetery in Anaconda.

Bigfork Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

James Harvey Cannon, 59

James Harvey Cannon, 59, died Tuesday, Nov. 26, 1996, in Spokane, following a brief illness with cancer.

He was born July 24, 1937, in Mandan, N.D. The majority of his schooling was in Spokane, attending Sacred Heart grade school and Gonzaga High School. He entered the service in May 1955, and assigned to the 503rd Airborne Infantry with the U.S. Air Force. Following his discharge, he moved to San Francisco, where he worked for Otis Elevator Co., until 1975, when he moved to Whitefish.

He was a carpenter, leaving Whitefish each winter to travel to warmer climates.

He was preceded in death by his father, Harvey, in 1960, and niece, Polly Donahue, in 1988.

He is survived by his mother, Rose Cannon, of Spokane; aunt, Frona Farrell, of Spokane; longtime loving

companion, Suzie Uyeno, of Spokane; two brothers, Donald Cannon of Seattle, and Gary Cannon and wife, Linda, of Lake Stevens, Wash.; two sisters, Sally Casey and husband, Patrick, of Whitefish and Marilyn Moore and husband, Denis, of Spokane.

He was a loving uncle of Mark, James, Jeff Hill and Vickie Nester of Spokane, Heidi Beecher of Dallas, Texas, Linda MacFarland of Seattle, Leslie Matthews of Seattle, and Adam, Stacie and Crystal Cameron of Seattle, and grandniece, Andrea Donahue, of Whitefish.

Cremation has taken place with funeral services Saturday at 11:30 a.m. at Ball & Dodd Funeral Home in Spokane.

Memorials may be sent to the Veterans Hospital in Spokane or the cancer society.

Christopher John Carlson WP 12 Sep 96

Christopher John Carlson, 36, a resident of Whitefish, died Saturday, Sept. 7, in Whitefish.

He was born Sept. 10, 1959, to Margaret Louise Karo and Harley Andrew Carlson in Bozeman.

He married Denise Joy McCarthy on June 6, 1979, in Missoula.

He had been employed with Plum Creek Lumber for eight years.

He was an endless genius for designing and building whatever he felt was needed.

He is now survived by his wife, Denise; three children: Troy Andrew, Michael Steven and Christy Joy; his parents, Harley and Margaret Carlson of Trout Creek; three sisters: Mary Ann Therrian of Noxon, Mary Teresa Spangler of Trout Creek and Mary

Catherine Bacon of Ohio; two brothers: Peter August Carlson of Oregon and Paul Arne Carlson of Trout Creek; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services are at 11 a.m. today (Thursday) at Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish. Burial will be Friday, Sept. 13, at the White Pine Cemetery near Trout Creek.

Wilfred Henry Casper, 83

Wilfred Henry Casper, 83, of Kalispell, formerly of Polson, died on Monday, July 8, 1996, at Kalispell Regional Hospital.

He was born June 11, 1913, in St. Cloud, Minn., to William and Elizabeth Casper. He moved from Minnesota to Belt and later to Bozeman in 1935. He worked on dairy farms while in the Bozeman area. He moved to Idaho where he mined.

He was inducted into the Army in November 1942, and was discharged in October 1945. After his discharge, he returned to Butte where he mined and was a carpenter until he moved to Lakeside in 1952. While in Lakeside, he owned and operated the Lakeside Laundromat, Trailer Court and Motel until 1971 when he retired and moved to Polson.

He married Jeannette Mary Krauss on April 1, 1965.

He joined the Knights of Columbus in 1938 and was still an active member. He was also a life member of Disabled American Veterans.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Jeannette, in 1986; his parents; two sisters, Louise Casper and Lorena Eve; and three brothers, Selwyn Casper, Edward Casper and Frank Casper.

He is survived by a stepson, Gerald Robocker, of Port Orchard, Wash.; five brothers, Emanuel Casper of Currie, Minn., John and Joseph Casper of Cuba City, Wisc., Donald Casper of Fennimore, Wisc., and his twin brother, William J. Casper, of Belmont, Wisc.; four sisters, Mary Krause of Lena, Ill., Crescentia Olson of Lake Panasoffkee, Fla., Isabelle Lesterberg of Murdock, Minn., and Elizabeth Halverson of Custer, S.D.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held Thursday from 1-8 p.m. at Mosley-Shrider Funeral Home in Polson. Funeral mass will be Friday at 11 a.m. at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Polson. Burial will follow at Lake View Cemetery.

Jason Cayford, 17

Jason Cayford, 17, of Columbia Falls, died Friday, Jan. 12, 1996, at Kalispell Regional Hospital in Kalispell from injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

He was born August 12, 1978, in Omak, Wash., to Bill and Judy Cayford. The family lived in Bridgeport, Wash., until the fall of 1979 when they moved to Trail, Ore., in the Rogue Valley area.

They moved to Shady Cove, Ore., in 1981. He attended Elk Trail School where his father, Bill Cayford, went to school and where his grandmother, Ann Cayford, was secretary and his aunt, Meridee Webster, is still working. He lived in Shady Cove for four years and then the family moved to Trail before moving to Montana in 1991.

He attended Shady Cove School where his mother, Judy Sather Cayford, had attended. He attended Eagle Point Junior High School in the high school from which his parents graduated. He attended Bissell School in Whitefish in the seventh grade and Central School in the eighth grade. He attended high school in Columbia Falls.

His loves in Oregon were the out-

doors and hiking on the mountain behind their house and hunting with his father. He loved artwork, snowboarding and skateboarding.

He is survived by his parents, Bill Cayford of Columbia Falls and Judy DeWaters of Stevensville; his sister, Andrea Cayford, of Columbia Falls; his grandparents, Ann Cayford of Medford, Ore., Cecil Sather and LaDean and Fletch Baker, all of Shady Cove; his aunts and uncles, Meridee and Don Webster, Gary Smith, and Beth Gibson, all of Trail, Marty and DeAnna Baker of Shady Cove; Gerri Baker of Bridgeport and Mona Ainsworth of Oregon.

A funeral will be held Tuesday at 10 a.m. at United Methodist Church in Columbia Falls. The Rev. Ray Davis will officiate. Burial will follow in Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls. The casket will not be opened for viewing.

The family has suggested memorials be made to the Jason Cayford Art Memorial Fund, c/o the Columbia Falls High School in Columbia Falls that is being set up in his memory.

Arrangements are by Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

Willis 'Bill' Chase, 90

Willis H. "Bill" Chase, 90, a retired printing and advertising manager, died of pneumonia on May 31 at St. Joseph Hospital of pneumonia.

He was born April 2, 1906, in Ashton, near Huron, SD. He spent his early years on his parents' farm and completed high school in Huron. On his own he studied the art of selling and became advertising manager for Huron's daily newspaper, The Huronite.

He married Dorase Schroeder and they moved to Billings with their daughter, Jane. A year later, their son John was born.

In 1942, he became advertising manager of the Billings Gazette. In 1952, he moved to Butte to become manager and part-owner of McKee Printing Co.

He enabled the Montana Historical Society to dramatically change its presentation of western history. He also began publishing books on Montana history and books by western authors and artists.

He retired to Polson where he remained active in printing and advertising.

Survivors include his wife, Dorase Chase, of Polson; and his daughter, grandson, and nieces and nephews in Minneapolis and on the West Coast.

He was preceded in death by his son and two sisters.

In keeping with his wishes, no services were held.

Stephanie Moses Caye, 46

Stephanie Moses Caye, 46, of Polson, passed away unexpectedly from an aueurysm on Wednesday, June 19, 1996, in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

She was born Sept. 20, 1949, in Yakima, Wash., to Ronald "Ted" and Nettie Moses. She grew up and attended schools in Wapato, Wash.

On Dec. 26, 1968, she married Llewellyn Caye in Wapato. They lived in Oakland, Calif., for a year and moved to Elmo in 1971. They lived in Elmo until 1983. While there, she worked as a secretary. In February 1983, they moved back to Wapato and she worked as a secretary for the Yakima Nation.

They moved to Polson in 1992 and they have lived there since. She was employed with the Bonnersferry Kootenai Tribe at the time of her death.

She was an enrolled member of the

Yakima Nation. She enjoyed sewing, arts and crafts, traveling to powwows and playing stick games.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Rena Moses, and several other relatives.

She is survived by her husband, Llewellyn "Willie" Caye, of Polson; a son, Louis Ted Caye, of Polson; a daughter, Melinda Lorraine Caye, of Polson; a daughter-in-law, Cecella Blodgett, of Polson; two grandchildren, Alice and Euryka Caye, both of Polson; her parents, Ted and Nettie Moses, of Wapato; two brothers, Joslyn and Justin Moses, both of Wapato; four sisters, Winona Lozier of Enumclaw, Wash., Melinda Moses and Edna George, both of Wapato, and Hattie Jones of Pendleton, Ore.; and numerous other relatives.

Funeral and burial was held.

Lee I. Chapman, 82

Lee I. Chapman, 82, died Sunday, March 31, 1996, at his home in Libby. He was born Dec. 11, 1913, in Pittsburg, Kans. to Claude and Mattie Chapman. He was raised and educated in Oklahoma and Arkansas, later moving to California as a young man. He married Marilois West on Jan. 15, 1939, at Susanville, Calif.

He served with the U.S. Army during World War II, serving in the Asiatic-Pacific theater with the signal corps. Following his honorable discharge, he and his wife came to Montana, residing at Columbia Falls and later moving to Libby in 1964. He worked throughout the western United States in construction, working mostly on dam construction projects. He worked on the Libby Dam project as a construction foreman and supervisor for the Morrison-Knudson Company until retiring due to ill health. He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1548.

He is survived by his wife, Marilois, at the family home in Libby; a daughter, Wilma Blair and her husband, Bill, also of Libby; a brother, Robert Chapman of Pincher Creek, Alberta; two sisters, Violet Davis, Stamps, Ark., and Ruby Cooper, Phoenix, Ariz.; two grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Friends may call at the Nelson and Vial Funeral Home from 2 p.m. - 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 3, 1996. Services will be Thursday, April 4, 1996, at 9:30 a.m. at the city of Libby cemetery, with Pastor Elwood Boyd officiating. Military honors will be provided by the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion.

Blanche L. Chavez, 86

^{25 Dec 1996}
Blanche L. Chavez, 86, died Wednesday in Kalispell.

She was born in Hermosillo, Sonora, Mexico, to Jesus and Mercedes Lopez.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Porfirio Chavez.

She is survived by two daughters, Yolanda Sanchez and Mercy Candelaria of Lakeside; three grandchildren; a sister; and many nieces and nephews.

No services are planned. Cremation has taken place.

C. Duane 'Chris' Christiansen, 73

C. Duane "Chris" Christiansen, 73, a long-time Libby area businessman, died Sunday, July 28, 1996, at St. John Lutheran Hospital.

He was born in Mankato, Minn., on July 25, 1923, to Chester Peter Christiansen and Lida Orthun Christiansen. He came with his family to the Flathead Valley, where he attended school, graduating from Flathead County High School in 1941.

He served with the U.S. Army during World War II, serving in central Europe, including Rhineland and Normandy. He earned the Purple Heart.

He married Mary Ellen Dyer on Dec. 20, 1942. In 1952, they moved to Libby where they owned and operated NAPA Auto Parts for many years until retiring in 1985.

He was a longtime member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1548, American Legion Post 97, and a charter member of the 40 et 8 Club. During his years of community service, he participated in local veterans activities and coached AAU boxing

as well at Little League and Babe Ruth baseball. He was an avid outdoorsman, enjoying golfing, fishing and hunting.

His wife, Mary Ellen, preceded him in death in 1993. He was also preceded in death by a daughter, Carol Christiansen, in 1968, and a brother, Paul Christiansen.

Survivors include a daughter, Alyce Anderson, of Libby; two sons, Duane Christiansen of Libby, and David Christiansen and his wife, Janet, of Lolo; a sister, Alyce Wickstrom, of Libby; and four grandchildren, Sunny, Shannon, Ashley and Neil.

Visitation will be from 2-8 p.m. Tuesday at Nelson & Vial Funeral Home. Services will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. at the United Methodist Church with the Rev. Derf Bergman officiating. Interment with military honors will be at the City of Libby Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Libby Volunteer Ambulance, Box 777, Libby, MT 59923, or to Valley Christian School, 2526 Sunset Lane, Missoula, MT 59804.

Bertha Ann Christian, 91

Bertha Ann Christian, 91, of Polson, died Monday, June 24, 1996.

She was born Aug. 25, 1904, in Greenfield, Iowa. She moved with her parents, George and Bertha Ainley, in 1908 to a homestead in Chester as part of the Great Northern Railway promotion to settle the Hi-Line in Montana. She was educated in Chester, Normal College (now Western Montana in Dillon), and University of Montana. She was Miss Montana in 1927.

When she was 17 she started teaching elementary school in Chester. She later taught in Bigfork and Kalispell, and retired after 25 years of teaching.

She was a member of the United Methodist Church and PEO in Polson.

On Dec. 24, 1930, she married James Silas Christian, a rancher from the Sweet Grass hills north of Shelby. They had four children, Marcia (who died as an infant), James Byron, Calvin Thomas and Janis Marjorie. They later resided in Shelby, Kalispell, Bigfork, the east shore of Flathead Lake and Polson.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James, who died on the

same day, June 24, in 1983, and by her brothers, Wesley and George Ainley of Kalispell.

She is survived by Byron and Beth Christian of Polson, Calvin and Marva Christian of Missoula and Polson, Janis and Erlind Royer of Colorado Springs, Colo.; grandchildren Jennifer Ann Christian of Seattle, Kirby and Barb Christian, Clayton and Dawn Christian, and Keith Christian, all of Missoula, Nicole and Christian Royer of Colorado Springs; great-grandchildren, Lauren, Lyndsey and Bridger; sisters-in-law Rosalyn Ainley of Kalispell and Lorene Christian of Shelby; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family suggests memorials to the United Methodist Church, Polson MT, Sanctuary Building Fund. Visitation will be at Mosley-Shrider Funeral Home until 6 p.m. today. Funeral services will be Friday at 2 p.m. at the Polson United Methodist Church with the Rev. George Harper of Helena officiating. Burial will follow at the Lakeview Cemetery in Polson.

Local arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary.

Lloyd H. Christensen, 86

Lloyd H. Christensen, 86, died Jan. 18, 1996, at Sandpoint, Idaho.

He was born Jan. 20, 1908, in Leeds, N.D., to Emma and Conrad Christensen. He was educated in Morton County public schools. He worked in the grain elevators at Harmon and Price from 1927 to 1931. He was also assistant postmaster at Price during that time.

He married Alice Fields on Aug. 31, 1935, in Grafton, N.D. They lived in Dickinson, N.D., where he established an auto salvage yard they operated until 1962. Upon retiring, they moved to Lakeside, where they lived until she died in 1983.

He was a member of Lakeside Chapel. He received an award in 1942

for increased scrap production from the War Production Board in Washington, D.C. He was also an avid rock collector and owned an extensive collection of arrowheads, artifacts and agates.

He was preceded in death by three brothers and one sister.

He is survived by a sister, Enid Singbeil, of Heron; niece Audrey Rasmussen, of Heron; nephew Terry Singbeil, of Vadar, Wash., and many other nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday at Johnson Mortuary. A funeral will be noon, Tuesday, at Johnson Mortuary, Pastor J. Torrance Harvey of Lakeside Chapel officiating. Burial will be at Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Walter C. Christman, 69

Walter C. Christman, 69, of Troy, died Friday, March 29, 1996, at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Seattle, Wash. He was born March 1, 1927, at Kelso, Wash., to William and Ruby Christman. He was raised and educated in the Longview-Kelso area. He served during World War II with the U.S. Merchant Marines and Army transport services.

He married Patricia Hurley on Aug. 7, 1950, at Castle Rock, Wash. They came to the Libby area in 1954 and later moved to Troy in 1964, where he since resided. He worked in the lumber industry, working as a woodworker for the J. Neils Lumber Co. and later in the plant area as a forklift operator for the St. Regis Paper Co. until his retirement. His wife, Patricia, preceded him in death in 1981. He was also preceded in death by a brother. He was best known in the Troy area and also at the Libby Care Center for his role as Santa Claus at Christmas time.

Survivors include five daughters, Geneva LeCount, Spokane, Wash.; Susan Duve, Troy; Linda Voorhies, Libby; Karen Horton, Springfield, Ore.; Leslie, Edmonds, Wash.; two sisters, Leona Harris and Edna Watkins, both of Longview, Wash.; 13 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Services will be Friday, April 5, 1996, at 3:30 p.m., at Troy United Methodist Church, with Rev. Ben Nardi officiating. Private interment will be at Troy cemetery under the direction of Nelson and Vial Funeral Home.

Robert 'Bob' Clapp, 60

Robert "Bob" Clapp, 60, died Wednesday, July 10, in Columbus, after an extended illness. 1996

He was well known in the Flathead Valley for his beautiful paintings of the mountains and trees he loved so much.

He is survived by a son, Bill Clapp, of Las Vegas, Nev.; daughter Kathy Willis and her husband, Doug, of Billings; grandchildren Tavey and Paul Willis; his mother, Dorothy Strobel and two brothers, Jim and Jack, all of Pennsylvania, and his very dear friend, Gloria Emineth, of Joliet.

A memorial service for family and friends, along with scattering of ashes, will be later.

Agnes C. Clapper, 75

Agnes C. Clapper, 75, a longtime Columbia Falls resident, entered into rest at her home on Friday, June 14, 1996.

She was born Feb. 12, 1921, in Golva, N.D., to Sebastian and Kathryn Strohmeier. She was raised and attended school there.

On June 1, 1940, she married Clarence Clapper in Whitefish. They started City Plumbing in Columbia Falls and operated the business until their retirement in 1978. He preceded her in death in 1990.

She was past president of the V.F.W. Auxiliary Post 5650 and worked for the American Cancer Society. She was an avid bowler and

was very active fishing, camping, and snowmobiling until she was stricken at age 40 with rheumatoid arthritis.

During World War II, she worked as a welder in the shipyards.

She is survived by two sisters, Elizabeth Finneman in Golva and Amelia Norgaard in Whitefish; many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends; and

her faithful caregivers, Noreen Johnson and Colleen Wise.

Visitation will be from 1-5 p.m. today at Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. A Christian wake service will be at 7 p.m. today at the funeral home. A Mass of Christian burial will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at St. Richard's Catholic Church in Columbia Falls with the Rev. Joe Pat

Sullivan officiating. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens in Kalispell.

The family suggests memorials to the St. Richard's Altar Society or to the Jim Byrd Memorial Fund, care of St. Richard's Catholic Church, or to the National Arthritis Association or to the American Cancer Society.

Lillian E. Claridge, 80

Lillian E. Claridge, 80, died Monday, April 29, 1996, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

She was born April 20, 1916, in Kalispell, to August and Olga Viano. She graduated from Flathead County High School in 1934.

During and after high school she worked for The Imperial, later known as Hummer's, a ladies' dress shop.

She shared her love of music. She and her father played for dances. She played the piano, and he played the violin.

She married Lyman Claridge on Sept. 12, 1935, in Kalispell.

She was a Brownie and Cub Scout leader when her children were young. She was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Elaine; husband, Lyman; and two great-grandchildren.

She is survived by two daughters, Loretta and husband, Richard Grosswiler, of Kalispell, and Lamona and husband, Marvin Meyers, of Lewistown; son Roger and wife, Deane Claridge, of Kalispell; 12 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

She was a loving, caring mother and grandmother and will be greatly missed.

Funeral services will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. at Bethlehem Lutheran Church with the Rev. Sig Lefsrud of Bethlehem Lutheran Church and Maggi Brown, chaplain at Kalispell Regional Hospital, officiating.

Burial will follow at Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Visitation at Johnson Mortuary will be today until 6 p.m. Memorials may be made to the charity of donor's choice.

Ernie B. Clark, 78

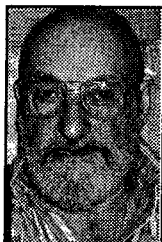
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Ernie B. Clark, 78, Silverdale, Wash., died April 25 at Crista Shores, in Silverdale.

He was born March 29, 1918, in Whitefish. He attended school in Whitefish. On Dec. 9, 1941, he married Naomi Taylor in Polson.

He retired as an outside machinist from Puget Sound Naval Ship Yard in 1972.

Survivors include his wife; daughters Sherri Taylor, of Kennewick, Wash., and Dona Clark, of Silverdale; four grandchildren; brothers and sisters Helen Morris, of Whitefish, Joe Belvedere, Los Angeles, Calif., Clarence Ness, of Fortine, Lula Hula, of Columbia Falls, Mrs. Henry (Nelda) Ness, of Spokane, and Mrs. Ray (Louise) Ness, of Port Orchard, Wash.

A memorial service will be 7 p.m., Thursday, at First Baptist Church in Whitefish. All friends and relatives are invited.



Lois Clary, 66

^{29 July 1996}
Lois R. Clary, 66, died Monday at North Valley Extended Care in Whitefish.

She is survived by two brothers, including Bernard R. Benson of Eureka, and three nieces and two nephews.

Visitation will be Friday from 1-8 p.m. at Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Eureka. Services will be Saturday at 2:30 p.m. at the Tobacco Valley Cemetery with the Rev. Daye Hopper officiating.

Madeline Clark, 70

Madeline E. Clark, 70, of Libby, died Monday at her home in Libby. ^{10 June 1996}

She was preceded in death by her husband, LaVern, in 1986.

She is survived by two sons, including Larry Jones of Libby; a

step-daughter; a sister; and three grandchildren.

Services will be Monday at 2 p.m. at Nelson & Vial Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Charles Couch officiating. Interment will be in the City of Libby Cemetery.

Ralph Clark, 72

Ralph W. Clark, 72, died Sunday, April 14, 1996, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

He was born Feb. 25, 1924, in Butte to Ralph DeForest and Shirley Anderson Mast. His father died in 1933, and when his mother married Cecil G. Clark, he took his adopted father's name.

He attended schools in Butte and joined the Navy at the age of 17. During the war he served as navigator on a PBV, rising through the ranks to become one of the youngest chief petty officers in the Pacific.

After the war he worked on several ranches and attended Montana State College at Bozeman, where he received his bachelor's degree in 1949 and his master's degree in agricultural economics in 1950.

While at college he met a sorority girl named Helen Boller who has always been known to her friends by her nickname, "Tommie." Within a year they eloped and married in Big Timber. Their first son, Jack, was born in 1949, and their second son, Lee, followed in 1951.

He moved his family to Michigan, where he worked on his doctorate in agricultural economics. He accepted a job with the government. He first worked for the Institute of Inter American Affairs, serving in Chile. After five years he transferred to the State Department and served in Costa Rica for two years. In 1959 he

returned to Montana with his family, where they bought a ranch north of Manhattan. They raised cattle and mink. For eight years he lived the life of a Montana rancher. This was the lifestyle he had always wanted.

He went back to work for the State Department in 1968, accepting an assignment in South Vietnam. He and his wife stayed in South Vietnam until the American withdrawal. His next assignment was in Swaziland, where he stayed until his retirement in 1977.

He and his wife moved back to Montana and built a home at Bigfork overlooking Flathead Lake. In the 1980s they started commuting to Lake Havasu City, Ariz., during the winter. This led to the purchase of a second house and more building and construction projects.

He was a member of the Masonic Lodge, Eastern Star and the Elks Lodge.

He is survived by his wife, Tommie; two sons, Jack Clark of Billings and Lee and his wife, Teresa Clark of Lolo; five grandchildren; and one great-grandchild; and one brother, Jack Mast of Great Falls.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Bigfork Funeral Home. The family suggests memorials to the Bigfork Quick Response Unit. Bigfork Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Velma Clark, 81

Velma Mae Clark, 81, died Wednesday, March 27, 1996, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

She was born Nov. 24, 1914, in Lawrenceville, Ill., to Charles and Effie Myers.

On April 10, 1948, she married Edward J. Clark in Eugene, Ore. They worked in the construction business until retiring to their farm in Salem. After the death of her husband in 1991, she moved to Montana to be with her daughter, DeeDee.

She loved playing bingo, traveling, reading and fishing. She was a loving



wife and mother.

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

She is survived by daughters Nancy Clark of Butner, N.C., Diane and husband, Frank Schorians, of Sequim, Wash., and DeeDee and husband, Wes Murray, of Somers; brothers Delbert and wife, Hester Myers, of St. Francis, Kan., Will and wife, Opal Myers, of Anacortes, Wash., Charles and wife, Alma Myers, of Roseburg, Ore.; six grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to Brendan House, 350 Conway Drive, Kalispell, MT 59901. No public services are planned. Cremation and arrangements were under the direction of the Johnson Mortuary.

Christopher John Carlson, 36

Christopher John Carlson, 36, of Whitefish, died Saturday, Sept. 7, 1996, in Whitefish.

He was born Sept. 10, 1959, in Bozeman, to Harley Andrew Carlson and Margaret Louise Karo Carlson.

On June 6, 1979, he married Denise Joy McCarthy in Missoula.

He was employed for eight years with Plum Creek lumber company.

He loved the mountains and trees, hunting and family camping trips, boating, water skiing, work, and his friends. He had an endless genius for designing and building.

He is survived by his wife and three children, Troy Andrew,

Michael Steven and Christy Joy, all at the family home; his parents, Harley and Margaret Carlson of Trout Creek; three sisters, Mary Ann Therrian of Noxon, Mary Teresa Spangler of Trout Creek, and Mary Catherine Bacon in Ohio; two brothers, Peter August Carlson in Oregon and Paul Arne Carlson of Trout Creek; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Austin Funeral Home with Dr. David V. Kauffman of the Whitefish Christian Church officiating. Burial will be Friday at White Pine Cemetery near Trout Creek.

31 Aug 1996 Karen S. Carr, 32

Karen S. Carr, 32, of Ronan, died of unknown causes Saturday.

Survivors include her parents, Lloyd and Evelyn Carr, of Libby; two brothers, Douglas

and Darrin Carr, both of Libby; sister, Lori Redifer, of Whitefish; and many nieces and nephews.

Services will be today at Libby Christian Church at 2 p.m. Interment will be at the City of Libby Cemetery.

1996 James Leroy Clayborn, 75

James Leroy Clayborn, 75, a former Great Falls resident died Thursday, Nov. 28, in Kalispell. He was a resident of Immanuel Lutheran Home.

He was born in Havre on March 6, 1921, to Nona and Ivan Clayborn. He was one of 11 children. On June 1, 1946, he married Virginia Rapsch. Together, they enjoyed camping and fishing and regularly shared this weekend event with their three children.

He served 20 years in the Air Force as a baker and 10 years civil service at Malstrom Air Force Base. After his wife's death in 1989, he moved to the Flathead Valley.

He was also preceded in death by a son, Glen.



He is survived by daughter Amber Hartong and son James Lee Clayborn and his wife, Leslie, of Kalispell; four grandchildren; two sisters, Dorothy Christenson, of Hungry Horse, and Jonnie

Gunstone, of Helena.

Cremation has taken place. A family service is planned for James, Virginia and Glen in the spring of 1997, on the Missouri River, where the family "caught the big ones." Arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary.

Charles 'Charley' Cobler, 74

Charles Martin "Charley" Cobler, 74, of Kalispell, died at Kalispell Regional Hospital on Jan. 23, 1996.

He was born Dec. 12, 1921, in Sedan, Kansas, to Clarence Levi and Anna Bell Cobler.

He served in the Navy from June, 1942, to October, 1945, and was assigned to Johnson Island. Upon his discharge from the Navy, he worked as a carpenter in the Puget Sound area. In 1970, he moved to the Flathead Valley and worked as a carpenter with Union Local 911 and was also employed with Arrowhead Construction and Dyck Construction. He retired in 1983. During his retirement he was active in local bowling leagues. He was also a member of the Eagles Lodge.

He was preceded in death by his sister Edith and brothers Oscar, Ross and Leonard.

Surviving siblings include sisters Velma, Lillie, Stella, Dorothy and

Lucille, and brothers Dean and Donald.

Also surviving are his son, Danny Dean Cobler, of Portland, Ore.; daughter Dean Marie Damphier and grandchildren April, Aaron and Taylor, all of Butte; stepson Joe Strong and his wife, Stacie, and grandchildren Kiley, Seth, Keagon, and Gordon, of Redmond, Wash.; and grandchildren Laura Hay, Mike-Loween and Mark Loween, of Kalispell.

He took special interest in his grandchildren and never let a holiday or birthday pass without sending a card and a small token to each of them.

"It is not the great things that you do that matter, but the small things you do with great heart," — Mother Teresa.

He had a big heart and will be sorely missed. At his request, there will be no public service. Arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary.

Leo Cloutier, 80

Leo Cloutier, 80, died May 29, 1996, at the Libby Care Center.

Survivors include his wife, Ruth, of Libby; two sons, including Brian and his wife, Linda, of Kalispell; two daughters; two sisters, including Arline Woltz of Libby; two brothers; 10 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Parish vigil services will be tonight at 7 p.m. at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home Chapel in Libby. Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated Friday at 11 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church with the Rev. Ray Hannigan as celebrant. Interment with military honors will follow in the City of Libby Cemetery.

Mary Cluka, 73

Mary L. Cluka, 73, of Columbia Falls, died Friday, Oct. 4, 1996, at Colonial Manor in Whitefish.

She was born Feb. 12, 1923, in Glencross, S. D. to John and Magdalena Keller. She was raised and educated in Minnesota.

She married Bob Cluka in 1945, in Minnesota. They farmed until 1953, when they moved to eastern Montana. They owned and operated several restaurants, including the Conrad Cafe in Conrad.

The family moved to Columbia Falls in 1965. They owned and operated several more restaurants, including Todd's Cafe in Columbia Falls.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a brother, and her former husband, Bob Cluka.

She is survived by her two sons and their wives, Don and Colleen Cluka and Ben and Michele Cluka of Kalispell; four daughters and their husbands, Colleen Gordon and Dennis David of Lake Havasu City, Ariz., Yvonne and Jim Corbett of Columbia Falls, Carol Cluka of Columbia Falls,



and Donna and Andy Hasson of Whitefish; 11 grandchildren, Scott Brown of Columbia Falls, Jamie Erickson of Whitefish, Nicole Lozeau of Kalispell, Jesse Gordon of Whitefish, Bobby Klapperich of Kalispell, Casey and Tony Corbett of Columbia Falls, Brandy Cluka of Kalispell, Danielle Cluka of Kalispell, Steven Hasson of Whitefish, and Ronny Long of Columbia Falls; a great-grandson, Nathan Brown, of Columbia Falls; a great-granddaughter, Alexi Lozeau of Kalispell; seven sisters; two brothers; and numerous nieces and nephews.

In our eyes and in our hearts, no mother ever worked harder or loved her children more. Her passing has left a void in our lives and she will be dearly missed. We love you Mom.

A rosary will be recited Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Columbia Mortuary. Mass of the Christian Burial will be celebrated Wednesday at 11 a.m. at St. Richard's Catholic Church in Columbia Falls. A reception will follow in the church basement. Burial will be at Woodlawn Cemetery. The casket will not be open for viewing.

The family has suggested that memorials be made to the Parkinson's Disease Association or to the charity of the donor's choice.

Warren Roger Cochran, 68

Warren Roger Cochran, 68, died Wednesday, Nov. 13, from heart failure while at his winter home in Yuma, Ariz.

He was born May 31, 1928, to Grover and Hazel Cochran in Oskaloosa, Iowa. When he was five, the family moved to St. Ignatius, where they had a dairy farm.

He graduated from St. Ignatius High School and then became an officer in the Missoula Police Department. On Sept. 17, 1964, he married his wife, Shirley.

After retiring from 20 years of service with the police department, he worked as a bus driver for Beach Transportation.

He is survived by his wife, of Kalispell; daughters and sons-in-law, Karen and Glen Adams, of Rhinelander, Wisc., Susan and Jonathan Alper, of Columbia Falls and Joanna and John Mohan, of West Hills, Calif.; grandchildren Ben Smith, of Rhinelander, Wisc., Libby Fields, of Columbia Falls, Elizabeth, Christina and Warren Mohan, of West Hills; brother Grover Cochran of St. George, Utah.

Cremation has taken place in Yuma. A memorial service will be held later in Missoula. Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association.

1996 Stevenson James Cody, 51

Stevenson James Cody, 51, died Nov. 1, as a result of an auto accident.

He was born Sept. 9, 1945, in Los Angeles, Calif., to Stephen and Mary Casanova Uripán. He attended grammar school at the Urban Military Academy and Palamar School for Boys and graduated from Huntington Beach High School in Huntington Beach, Calif., in 1963.

He attended Orange Coast College in Orange County and various law enforcement academies. He spent 1966-74 in the U.S. Navy S.E.A.L. special operations in Southeast Asia, Vietnam, Israel and NATO. He received an honorable discharge in 1975.

He loved to ski and worked at Mammoth Mountain Ski Area, taught Marine Corps mountain warfare in Pickles Meadows, Calif.; worked as law enforcement for the Forest Service, as a wilderness ranger and on fire crews fighting fires. He was able to incorporate two of his hobbies, skiing and scuba diving, in his most recent jobs as a ski instructor at The Big Mountain and a dive instructor at Ventura, Calif.

He also enjoyed hunting, fishing and photography. He will always be remembered for his jovial, care-free manner and his contagious grin. He was an extremely caring, loving person who unselfishly gave of himself to anyone at any time. His steadfast patriotism and sensitivity made him truly special. He will be dearly missed by those of us who were fortunate enough to have crossed his path.

He is survived by his mother-in-

Whittier, Calif.; sons Nathan and Quin Cody, in Atascadero, Calif.; brothers Paul Herrera and Tony Herrera, both of Phoenix, Ariz.; his fiancée Deb Nygard, of Marion.

The family suggests memorials to an educational fund for his sons, c/o First Citizen's Bank, Columbia Falls.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be Veterans Day, 2 p.m., Monday, at Boisverts Camp, 35 miles west of Kalispell. Look for the red, white and blue ribbons. Arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary.

David Robert Coe, 68

David Robert Coe, 68, died Friday, Oct. 4, 1996, at Kalispell Regional Hospital.

He was born Jan. 9, 1928, in Cleveland, Ohio, to Morris and Nova Coe. He attended schools in Elyria, Ohio.

He enlisted in the Army Air Corps after graduating from high school. He was stationed in Germany, where he met his wife of 48 years, Marie.

After being discharged from the military in 1950, he worked as a park policeman in Elyria for several years. He went to work for General Motors in production control until 1958, at which time he joined the Federal Aviation Agency. He transferred to Great Falls Center in 1963, where he worked until 1976. He was then transferred to Minneapolis Center where he worked until his retirement in November of 1978.

He then moved back to his beloved

Montana where he could hunt and fish. One of his first loves was the arts. After his retirement he was able to return to doing them. He loved to sculpt in wood and he loved to paint.

He died surrounded by his loved ones after a short battle with cancer.

He is survived by his wife, Marie Luise of Bigfork; sons Phillip of Los Alamos, N.M., Martin and his wife, Nancy, of Billings, and Richard and his wife, Faye, of Seattle; grandchildren, Tiffany, Briana and Jason; one brother, Philip and his wife, Jeanne, of Elyria; brother-in-law Eberhard and his wife, Ilse Stunz of Erda, Germany; numerous nephews and nieces.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Bigfork Funeral Home. The family requests memorial contributions to Flathead Hospice or the charity of your choice.

1996 Florence O'Leary Cole, 92

Florence O'Leary Cole, 92, died in Escondido, Calif., on June 27.

She was born in Kalispell on March 21, 1904. Her husband of 54 years, Frank W. Cole, preceded her in death in 1983.

She had one brother, the late William E. O'Leary, a former owner of the Daily Inter Lake.

She was a past Worthy Matron and life member of Adah Chapter No. 17, Order of the Eastern Star; past Mother Adviser of the Order of Rainbow Girls and past Worthy High Priestess of the Order of the White Shrine of Jerusalem. She was also a member an past president of the Neighbors of Woodcraft.

She had been employed by the late Kalispell physician, Arthur Lamb,

the Geddes Insurance Agency and Kalispell General Hospital before moving with her husband to Escondido in 1975.

She is survived by her daughter, Dorothy Cole Leonard, of Escondido; grandsons J. Michael Marx, of Escondido, and Maj. Ronald S. Marx, USAF, of Albuquerque, N. M.; and twin great-granddaughters Amanda Ann and Jenna Tas, also of Albuquerque.

A funeral will be 1 p.m., Wednesday, at Johnson Mortuary Chapel, Rev. Paul Taylor officiating. Burial will be at Conrad Memorial Cemetery, where ritualistic rites will be conducted by Adah Chapter 17, Order of the Eastern Star. Visitation is 9 a.m. until service time on Wednesday.

Amber Collier, 82

Amber Collier, 82, died Thursday, June 6, 1996, at Heritage Place, in Kalispell.

She was born March 25, 1914, in Creston to Douglas and Christene Smith. She was educated in Kalispell, graduating from Flathead County High School.

She enjoyed knitting, crocheting, canning and spending time at her home on Flathead Lake.

She married Eldo Collier on Aug. 4, 1934, in Kalispell. He had an amusement business, and Amber enjoyed going with him on his routes. She was a life member of First Presbyterian Church.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Oliver Smith, and a sister, Margaret Orr.

She is survived by her husband,

Eldo, of Kalispell; son Bob Collier and his wife, Lavetta; daughter Colleen Ferree and her husband, Del; six grandchildren, Kim Guffin and Rob Collier, both of Kalispell, Sheri Conklin, of Chinook, Craig Hansen, of Mountain Home, Idaho, Heidi Hansen, of Seattle, and Jason Collier, of Las Vegas; 10 great grandchildren; brother Bob Smith, of Ronan; four sisters, Vivian Managhan, Ada Felsman, Alice MacRae and Christy Dean, all of Kalispell.

Visitation is 1-4 p.m., today, and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday, at Johnson Funeral Home. A graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery, with Pastor Larry Gaylord of First Presbyterian Church officiating.

Ronald Eugene Cork, 36

Ronald Eugene Cork, 36, died Saturday, Dec. 21, 1996, from injuries sustained in a vehicle accident.

He was born Sept. 11, 1960, in Kalispell, to Earl and Ardis Cork. He attended Evergreen schools and graduated from Flathead High School. He served with the U.S. Navy.

He worked in construction as a carpenter. He enjoyed woodworking and outdoor sports.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Ardis Edwards, and brother, Rex Cork.

He is survived by his wife, Lori Cork, of Spokane; father, Earl Cork, and stepmother, Clara, of Kalispell; two brothers, Steven Cork of Spokane and Virgil Cork of Phoenix, Ariz.; three sisters, Sandi Cork of Spokane, Martha Martin of Condon, and Marsha Strandlof of Missoula; and numerous nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

Friends may call at Johnson Mortuary from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Thursday for visitation. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. on Thursday at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

James P. Connolly, 80

James P. Connolly, 80, of Boise, formerly of Kalispell, died Monday in a Boise care center.

A memorial mass will be cele-

brated on Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Inurnment will be in Morris Hill Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Gibson Funeral Home in Boise.

Ralph LeRoy Colier

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Ralph LeRoy Colier, 74, of Havre died Sept. 24 in a traffic accident involving a car and a truck east of Zurich, Mont.

Colier was born on March 18, 1922 in Havre to Charles and Annie Colier. He attended Havre High School and was an all-state forward on the 1940 state championship Blue Pony basketball team. He graduated from Havre High School in 1940.

He served in the Merchant Marines during World War II and after his discharge worked for the Boeing Company in Seattle. He later returned to Montana and worked as a bartender at the Cadillac Hotel in Whitefish. He also worked in Havre as a lineman and in Whitefish where he ran the Standard Oil service station for his

father-in-law. In 1950, he began working for the Great Northern Railway as a brakeman and later as a Amtrak baggage man. He retired from the Burlington Northern Railroad in 1982.

In 1947, he married Aileen Parkins in Kalispell. She died in 1980. He married Emi Sasaki in 1981.

Colier was past commander of the VFW and was very active in their various events. He also was a member of the Eagles Lodge and Havre Central Booster Club.

He was preceded in death by an infant sister, Martha Kathryn; his parents, Charles and Annie Colier; a sister, Lorraine Thornton and a brother, Chester Colier.

He is survived by his wife, Emi; three daughters, Susan Morris and

her husband, Terry of Issaquah, Wash; Kathleen Haines and Paula Wills of Spokane, Wash; four step-children, Larry Sasaki, Patsy Divish and her husband, Ed; Jean Winchell and her husband, Mike; all of Havre and Margie Thompson and husband, Ron of Whitefish; a sister, Lillian Good of Havre; a brother, Chuck Colier of Havre; five grandchildren, 11 step-grandchildren and one great grandson.

Memorial services were held in Havre. Internment followed at Highland Cemetery. A luncheon was served at the VFW following the committal service at the cemetery.

Memorials may be sent to the Veterans Honor Guard or an organization of one's choice.

Kenneth E. Copeland, 84

Kenneth E. Copeland, 84, of Whitefish, died Saturday, Jan. 13, 1996 at his home in Whitefish.

He was born to Thomas and Bertha Copeland on Dec. 11, 1911, in Havre.

In 1936 his family moved to Kalispell and on Oct. 21, 1936 he married Twila Johnson in Kalispell.

They moved to Whitefish in 1943 when he started working on the railroad. As the years passed he held many jobs, including construction, woods, postman, superintendent of the street and alley department for the City of Whitefish, owned and operated a locker plant and meat-cutting service, owned and operated Whitefish Transfer & Storage Co., and worked several years as a mechanic and also charter and school bus driver for Rocky Mountain Transportation.

His great love was music. He was a self-taught musician, playing fiddle, accordion, saxophone and harmonica.

He loved kids of all ages, running a roller skating rink and youth center when his girls were growing up. He told great stories about bus trips with various teams and organizations.

He was a member of the Whitefish Moose Lodge, Senior Citizens (Meals on Wheels driver) and Christ Lutheran Church.

He was preceded in death by his

sister, Fern Engrebretson, and his wife, Twila, in May of 1992.

He is survived by two daughters, Connie Dana (Mike) Vancounet and Sandy (Rich) Boule, both of Whitefish; four grandchildren, Julie Charon, Jeff Dana, Tracey Webb and Tarey Schelling; and five great-grandchildren.

A memorial service is planned for Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Christ Lutheran Church in Whitefish with the Rev. John Bent officiating. Cremation has taken place at the Hillside Crematory under the direction of Austin Funeral Home.

Roy Arthur Commers, 83

Roy Arthur Commers, 83, of Somers, died on Friday, Nov. 29, 1996, at Brendan House.

He was born on June 30, 1913, in Polson, to Nicholas and Matilda Commers. He received his education in Polson.

On June 15, 1934, he married Esther Pedersen in Kalispell and she preceded him in death in 1987.

He worked in the timber industry and farmed, owning and operating several mills. He cleared timber during construction of Hungry Horse Dam. Later he logged in the Lake Mary Ronan area. He owned and operated the mill where Bailey's Landing is now. Later he worked at Somers Lumber Co. and Glacier Park Co. and a branch of the Burlington Northern tie plant until he retired in 1974.

On May 5, 1990, he married Sigrid Benda in Auburn, Wash.

He was a member of the Methodist Church in Somers and later in Bigfork.

He enjoyed gardening, traveling, reading, woodworking, fishing and,

especially, time with his grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by his parents, eight brothers and sisters, and a son, Donald Commers in 1972.

He is survived by his wife, Sigrid Commers, in Somers; a daughter, Geraldine, and her husband, Jack Lingle; a daughter-in-law, Norma Commers, of Dayton; 12 grandchildren, including Kent Lingle, Curt Lingle, Pam Moser, Cameron Lingle, Chris Commers, Ginger Commers; 14 great-grandchildren; a sister, Irene, and her husband, Henry Riefschnider, of Scottsbluff, Neb.; three stepsons, Tom, Bob, and John Benda; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be Tuesday at 1 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. J. Torrance Harvey, pastor of Lakeside Chapel, officiating. Urn burial will follow at Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Cremation has taken place. The family suggests memorials to the donor's choice.

Harold Lloyd Collins, 72

Harold Lloyd Collins died Aug. 31, 1996, in Mesa, Ariz. He had been hospitalized for several months and succumbed to complications of pneumonia, coupled with several strokes.

The Flathead Valley, where he was born on July 4, 1924, has lost a well-known and talented musician who entertained from the time he was 16. His saxophone playing has been noted by such greats as Boots Randolph.

He was a lifetime member of Eagles Lodge No. 1037 in Fairbanks, Alaska, and



the VFW Post of North Pole, Alaska. He was very proud to have served his country in the US Navy during World War II.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Velma and Della; and two granddaughters.

He is survived by his wife, Onetta Collins; two brothers, Dale and Eldon; one sister, Geneva; daughters Robin, Betty and Deloris; sons Leroy, Gary and Jim; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Memorial services will be Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. A reception will follow at the Eagles Lodge.

Memorials to the Shriners Children's Hospital will be appreciated.

Francis 'Frank' Conners, 82

Francis "Frank" M. Conners, 82, of Columbia Falls, died Tuesday, July 2, 1996, at Kallispell Regional Hospital.

He was born in Butte on Sept. 23, 1913, to Thomas R. and Catherine J. Conners. He attended Great Falls High School where he graduated in 1931. He went on to Montana State University in Bozeman where he met his future wife, Fern Esther Erb, of Livingston, who was attending Montana State University for home economics studies.

He graduated from MSU in 1939 with a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering and married his wife the same year.

He worked for Montana Power Co. and lived with his wife in various cities in Montana until 1954 when they moved to Columbia Falls where he took a job with Anaconda Aluminum Co. He retired in 1978 as the electrical supervisor of the plant. After his retirement, he continued as a power consultant at the plant.

His wife died in 1980 and he stayed in Columbia Falls at their home pursuing his hobbies and remaining active in the Knights of Columbus. He received the Knight of the Year nomination in 1994-95. After his wife died, he established a scholarship at MSU in the home-economics department in her name. A scholarship will be established in his name at MSU in the electrical engineering department.

He was predeceased by his parents, Thomas and Catherine; a sister, Catherine Arehart; and his wife, Fern.

He is survived by a brother, John D. Conners, of Whitefish. While he had no children of his own, he is

also survived by a large family of nieces and nephews who loved him very much and an even greater array of friends and fellow Knights who will sorely miss his wit, compassion, companionship and humor.

Visitation will be today until 5 p.m. at Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. A rosary will be recited today at 7 p.m. at St. Richard's Catholic Church in Columbia Falls. Mass of the Christian burial will be Saturday at 9:30 a.m. at St. Richard's. The Rev. Joe Pat Sullivan will officiate. Burial will follow in St. Richard's Catholic Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

The family has suggested that memorials be made to the St. Richard's Catholic Cemetery Association in his name.

Jack Cook

Former Columbia Falls resident, Jack J. Cook, died July 11, 1996, in Ilwaco, Wash.

He was born Oct. 27, 1918, in Portland to Kelso residents John and Reba (Martin) Cook. He grew up in Kelso and attended Kelso High School.

He served with the Army Airborne in the European Theatre during World War II. After the war, he moved to Puyallup, Wash., and graduated from high school. He worked in the aluminum industry in Tacoma and later moved to Columbia Falls, where he worked for Anaconda Aluminum as pot line superintendent until 1980 when he retired to Ocean Park, Wash.

He was past commander of the Veteran's of Foreign Wars in Columbia Falls and a former member of the Elks Lodge. As a member of the Ocean Park Eagles, he was a proud participant in "The Geritol Gang" at the lodge. He was an avid collector of all types of antiques and enjoyed attending swap meets. A hunter, fisherman, bowler, and dancer he also enjoyed traveling and spending winters in Arizona.

He married Lowrane Buck July 19, 1941, in Kelso and would have celebrated 55 years of marriage. He is survived by his wife, his daughter Sandra West; sons Frederick Cook of Sacramento, John Cook of Redding, Calif., and Donald Cook of Auburn, Calif.; brother Martin Cook of Ocean Shores, Wash., sister Mary King of Kelso, 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Three sisters preceded him in death.

Memorial services were July 15 at Penttila's Chapel by The Sea in Long Beach, Wash. Memorials may be made to the Heart Fund or the Cancer Society, care of Penttila's Chapel, P.O. Box 417, Long Beach, WA, 98631. HH

Walter W. Compton, 87

Walter W. Compton, 87, died Thursday, Aug. 15, 1996, at Mary Conrad Center in Anchorage, Alaska.

He was born April 9, 1909, in Grand Island, Neb., to Augustus Marley Compton and Effie Ella Rickurd Compton. When he was 5, the family moved by emigrant train to home- stead near Big Sandy. In 1929, he and his father moved to the Flathead Valley. The family followed and they established their residence on Flathead Lake. In 1936, the family moved to a farm near Echo Lake.

He joined the armed forces in 1942, and served the anti-aircraft and transportation division. He was honorably discharged in October 1945 as a Master Sergeant at Camp Hood, Texas. He received a commendation for meritorious service.

In December of 1948, he married his "school teacher," Carolyn Swanson Miracle. To this union were born three daughters, Linda, Kathi and Margaret.

He worked as a carpenter almost all his life, retiring in 1976. Woodworking was his hobby. He made many beautiful things treasured by his family.

He worked on most of the important structures around Kalispell and in the Flathead Valley. It was important to him that things ran smoothly.

He loved his cars, his home, his family and his western wear.

After many trips up and down the Alcan and the Inside Passage by ferry, he and his wife sold their home in Montana and moved to Anchorage to live permanently in 1985 to be near their family.

He was preceded in death by his parents, four sisters and a stepson.

He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Carolyn Compton, of Anchorage; daughters, Linda Scoby and Margaret Collins of Anchorage and Kathi Lapp of Haines, Alaska; three sisters, Edythe Carte and Fern Haverlandt of Great Falls and Pearl Blankenberg of Ontario, Ore.; nine grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be sent to a charity of the donor's choice. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday at Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Miles Finch officiating.

1996 John Cornelius, 86

John Hubbard Cornelius, 86, died Friday, Oct. 4, at St. Luke Extended Care Facility in Ronan.

He was born Oct. 3, 1910, in Solsberry, Indiana, to Pete and Myrtle Viola Hubbard Cornelius. His family moved to Round Butte in 1920, where he attended the local rural elementary. He graduated from Ronan High School in 1931.

His continuing adult education resulted from his intellectual inquisitiveness. He did well in school, although he missed three years to work at home. He excelled as an athlete in track and basketball. In 1931 he placed first in the half-mile at the Montana State Inter-Scholastic Meet; he placed third in that event in 1930. At that time, all athletes participating at the state meet competed against one another — there was no class differentiation between schools and athletes. He was the high point man in the 1931 Lake County track meet, placing or winning several events.

On May 13, 1936, he married Adeleen Leishman in Charlo. The marriage was solemnized in the Cardston, Alberta, LDS Temple on July 17, 1965.

As an adult, he was a caring, faithful husband, a firm but compassionate father who fostered the hopes and aspirations of his children, a dutiful son who honored his parents, a peace-maker among his siblings and an exuberant grandfather and a local community leader. He generously served his neighbors and community, a good role model and mentor and was a loyal and caring friend and relative. When he served on the Ronan St.

Luke Community Hospital Board in the 1960s, the board took steps that resulted in the building and establishment of a community extended care facility. It now has 74 residents. In 1991, he was selected Montana's Outstanding Nursing Home Resident.

He worked as a laborer from 1931 until 1936. He worked on the Ft. Peck Dam, Crow Creek Dam at Round Butte, Kicking Horse Dam at Charlo and Highway 93.

Then he began his successful dairy farm at Round Butte. It began as a very modest operation, was not mechanized and lacked electricity and running water.

He was preceded in death by his wife, a daughter, Leanne, and sister, Charity Tabor.

Survivors include children, Don Cornelius, of Reston, Va., Merrill Cornelius, of Malad, Idaho, Patsy Martin, of Redcliff, Alberta, Edwin Cornelius, of Ronan, Jeanine Walsath, of Kent, Wash. and Gwyn Jensen, of Helena; sisters Emma Neumeister, of Missoula, Clara Sterling, of Polson and Myrtle Hawkins of Chamberlain, S.D.; brothers Jim Cornelius, of Kalispell, Ray Cornelius, of Missoula and Lawrence Cornelius, of Ronan; 29 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren.

Visitation is 1-8 p.m., Oct. 11, at Shrider's Mortuary, in Ronan.

A funeral will be 2 p.m., Oct. 12, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, with Bishop Ernest Foust officiating. Burial will follow at Ronan Cemetery.

The family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society.

William Coston, 66

William Harold Coston, 66, died Monday, April 8, 1996, at North Valley Hospital.

He was born Sept. 19, 1929, in Republic, Mo., to Harold and Helen Coston. He attended high school in Springfield, Mo.

He was an antiques collector, particularly Griswold skillets. He played the harmonica, did tin art and loved gardening.

He married Bonnie Smith on Sept. 24, 1950, in Ontario, Calif. He served with the U.S. Air Force for three years as an aircraft mechanic, was employed by the San Clemente police force from 1957 to 1962, and was a fish and game wildlife biologist from 1962 to 1977 in Hanford, Calif. He retired

in 1977 and moved to Lakeside.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his wife, Bonnie, at home; son, Mike Coston, and wife, Rose, of Somers; daughter, Linda Norvell, and husband, Jim, of Somers; grandchildren, Matthew Norvell in the Army in Georgia; Joshua Norvell in college in Beaumont, Kan., and Alicia Norvell of Somers.

The family suggests memorials be made to the charity of the donor's choice. There will be an open house Thursday from 2-5 p.m. at the family home. Arrangements and cremation are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary.

Byron Countryman, 63

Byron C. Countryman, 63, of Troy, died Wednesday evening, July 24, 1996, at his home.

Survivors include his wife, Wilma, at the family home in Troy; four children, Ken Countryman and his wife, Marcia, of Kettle Falls, Wash., Ray Countryman of Troy, Connie Finley and her husband, Bob, of Yakima, Wash., and Shelly Spencer and special friend, Jon Kerby, of Libby; their mother, Florence Cook, also of Libby; five stepchildren, Johnnie Cook and his wife, Sherrye, of Reno, Nev., Tom Cook and his wife, Debbie, of Troy, Cindy Cook of Spokane, Steve Cook and his wife, Deena, of Troy, and Jeff Cook and his wife, Sandy, of Spokane; three brothers, Allen Countryman of Sagle, Idaho, George Countryman of Eureka, and Richard Countryman of Brush Prairie, Wash.; six sisters, Erna Carr of Apache Junction, Ariz., Joan Basham of Homer, Alaska, Dora Eckhoff of Challis, Idaho, Velma Potts of Brush Prairie, Carol Mullen of Troy and Mattie Dickinson of Oregon.

City, Ore.; aunts and uncles, Luke and Olljean Countryman of Troy, Mildred Mally of Libby, Jim and Bea Franklin of Addy, Wash.; many special friends, including Jean and Dale; 22 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Services will be Saturday at 3 p.m. at the Troy Church of God. Interment will be in Milnor Lake Cemetery under the direction of Nelson & Vial Funeral Home. Memorials may be made to Troy Ambulance, Box 641, Troy, MT 59935.

Cloyd 'Slim' Crossley, 84

Cloyd J. "Slim" Crossley, 84, of Kalispell, died at Kalispell Regional Hospital on Wednesday, Feb. 21, 1996.

He was born Dec. 28, 1911, at Lake Mary Ronan.

He worked in the CCC camps before entering the U.S. Army, where he served from 1943 until 1946. He received many medals and decorations.

He returned to Montana and did woodwork until his retirement. He was a collector of Indian arrowheads and enjoyed Montana history and studying ghost towns.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Alvira, and his parents.

He is survived by a son, Steve Crossley of Eureka; two daughters, Myrna and her husband, Gerald Henry, of Winnipeg, Manitoba, and Arlene and her husband, Mike Kearney, of Bigfork; a sister, Mabel, in Washington; 12 grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Military graveside services will be at 3:30 p.m. on Saturday in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Friends will meet at the cemetery for the services. The family suggests memorials to the Disabled American Veterans. Cremation and arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary.

Robert 'Bob' Coverdell, 72

Robert "Bob" Eugene Coverdell, 72, of Seeley Lake, died at his home there on May 19, 1996.

Coverdell was born on Oct. 11, 1923, at Del Norte, Colo., to Marion Park and Bertha Keenan Coverdell.

In 1950, he married Thelma Ann Jock. They had two children, Roberta Jean and Darrel Lee.

In 1959, he married Lillian Johnson and they had one daughter, Barbara Ann.

He is survived by Roberta Jean Coverdell, of Whitefish; John and Barbara Pierce and daughters Shelby Dawn and Brittany Nicole Pierce, of Maupin, Ore.; brothers Elwood, of Seeley Lake, and Donald, of Kalispell; sister May Vance, of Condon; and many nieces and nephews. He will be missed by all.

He was preceded in death by his infant son, Darrel Lee; brother Arell; sisters Lola, Genevieve and Peggy Ann.

He was a member of the Seeley Lake chapter of Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was a veteran of World War II as an aviation machinist mate in the Navy from 1941-48. He was a mechanic, bartender and logger and enjoyed woodworking and making items for friends and family.

A memorial service will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Condon Community Center, pastor Ron Pierce of Swan Chapel officiating.

Thurum "Paul" Cutforth, 85, passed away Monday, Dec. 16, 1996, at Lake View Care Center in Bigfork.

He was born March 15, 1911, in Galesburg, Ill., to Stanley and Zora Cutforth.

He moved to Bigfork four years ago. He has been a resident of Lake View Care Center.

He spent his whole life working for the Associated Press, some 58 years of service. He started right out of school. He worked for several newspapers, including the Independent Record in Helena, the Seattle Times and the Seattle Post-Intelligencer. He worked as a reporter, photographer of disasters and a linotype operator. During World War II, he was a front line reporter.

He married Jessie Limming in 1959. He was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed all sports. He loved fly fishing, hunting and playing billiards. He had a very close and loving relationship with his wife, Jessie, during their 43 years of marriage. She was his best friend and partner in all his hobbies.

He was a very religious person

who had a very close relationship with his creator.

He was a member of the Masonic Lodge, the Eagles, American Legion, and the V.F.W.

He is going to be really missed by his family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, mother and three brothers.

He is survived by his wife, Jessie, of Bigfork; daughter, Mary Wheeler, of Bigfork; brother and his wife, Charles and Darlene Cutforth, of Denver; six grandchildren, Mike Darlow of Boise, Idaho, Dan Darlow of Saginaw, Texas, Gary Darlow of Gillette, Wyo., Mark Darlow of Silver Bow, Kelly Bennett of Bigfork and Kathy Conat of Bigfork; 23 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Bigfork Assembly of God Church with the Rev. Charles Tucker officiating. Interment will be in a private family location. Reception will follow services at the church. Bigfork Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Clyde Cox, 100

Clyde Cox, 100, a Columbia Falls resident, died at North Valley Hospital Tuesday evening, May 14, 1996.

He was born Jan. 6, 1896, in Waco, Texas, to John and Fannie Cox. He was raised in Texas. He entered the U.S. Army and served in Europe during World War I.

He worked as a painter of both homes and autos and in all aspects of ranching.

He married Ora Mae Goats on Nov. 6, 1926, in Roswell, N.M. They lived in Tucson, Ariz., in Arkansas and California and came to Montana in 1994. He was a resident at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.

He belonged to the V.F.W. in Turlock, Calif. He loved to fish and was an avid baseball and football fan. He loved to walk and talk and thoroughly enjoyed people. He will be remembered for his great sense of humor.

He was preceded in death by his parents, four brothers, a sister, and a stepson, Randy Wilcoxson.

He is survived by his wife, Ora Mae Cox, of Hanford, Calif.; two sons, Bill Cox of Hanford and James Cox of Columbia Falls; five grandchildren, Jennifer Orem of Columbia Falls, Jim Cox Jr. of Columbia Falls, Cyd Cox of Bellingham, Wash., Anita Kauffman of Columbia Falls, and Ron Cox of Fresno, Calif.; and seven great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be today until 5 p.m. at Columbia Mortuary. Graveside services with military honors will be at 1 p.m. Friday at the Montana Veterans Home Cemetery with the Rev. Jerry Buchanan of First Baptist Church officiating.

The family has suggested memorials can be made to the Montana Veterans Home activity fund.

Charles Colin Crouse, 85

Charles Colin Crouse, 85, of Polson, died on Sunday, Aug. 18, 1996, at St. Joseph Convalescent Center in Polson.

He was born May 12, 1911, in Culpepper County, Va., to Robert and Mildred Crouse. He started schools in Culpepper County and finished his schooling in Washington, D.C., where his family moved.

From the early 1920s until 1950, he worked as a carpenter in the D.C. area. During World War II, he was a mechanic at National Airport.

He married Veramae Richards on April 5, 1940, in Washington, D.C. They moved to Clinton in 1950. They leased and operated a large ranch in Clinton with her brother, Lewis Richards, from 1950 until 1955.

They purchased a ranch in the Nine Mile area in 1955 and moved there. They operated the ranch until they sold it around 1966. They bought a place on Mullen Road in Missoula where they lived until 1977. While in Missoula, he was the maintenance supervisor at Missoula County Air-

port and he retired from there in 1977.

He and his wife then purchased homes in Green Valley, Ariz., and Hungry Horse. They traveled back and forth between the two places until 1992, and they then moved to Polson.

He was a motorcycle enthusiast. He rode a motorcycle from his early teens until his early 80s.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a twin brother, Robert L. Crouse.

Survivors include his loving wife, Veramae Crouse, of Polson; a son, Charles Crouse Jr., of Polson; two grandchildren; five stepgrandchildren; two great-grandsons; and a niece.

Visitation will be on Wednesday from 1-6 p.m. and on Thursday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Mosley-Shrider Funeral Home in Polson. Funeral services will be held on Thursday at 1 p.m. at Mosley-Shrider Funeral Home. Burial will be Thursday at 3:30 p.m. at Sunset Memorial Cemetery in Missoula.

The family suggests memorials be made to the American Cancer Society.

1996 Patricia Crowe, 74

Patricia Jule Crowe, 74, died Wednesday, Oct. 29, in Kalispell.

She was born Oct. 14, 1922, in Garden City, Kan., to Patrick and Agnes Conannon.

She married Don Crowe in Kansas in 1944. She had lived in Kalispell since 1966. At that time, her husband had retired from the U.S. Air Force and the family moved to the Flathead.

She is survived by her husband, at the family home in Kalispell; her mother, of Garden City, Kan.; daughter Jerri Anderson and her husband, Kent, of Minneapolis, Minn.; son Gary Crowe

and his wife, Wendy, of Kalispell; four grandchildren, Briggs and Cici Anderson, of Minneapolis and Nichole and Andrew Crowe, of Kalispell; sisters June Mattern and her husband, Frank, of Overland Park, Kan., and Marilyn Huuck and her husband, John, of Garden City, Kan., and many nieces and nephews.

A funeral service will be 2 p.m., Tuesday, at Johnson Mortuary Chapel, Pastor Marvin A. Northcutt of Epworth United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will follow at Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Grace B. Cuffe, 86

Grace B. Cuffe, 86, a longtime resident of the Tobacco Valley, died Monday, Oct. 14, 1996, at Mountain View Manor in Eureka.

The child of early-day Montanans, she was born in Kalispell on Aug. 28, 1910. Her father, Wallace Coburn, was a rancher, poet and friend of Charles Russell. Her mother, Helen Koeneman, came by train to Kalispell from central Montana. Mary Helena Pomeroy, as midwife, helped bring her into the world and raised Grace as her own. They moved to Eureka when she was a small child. She attended schools in the Eureka area, including the Cuffe School north of Eureka and Lincoln County High School in Eureka.

At the age of 16, she married John McKenzie and moved to the ranch on Meadow Creek near Fortine. They later divorced. She married Thomas M. Cuffe and they lived in the Eureka area. He preceded her in death in 1965. She traveled to meet her real mother in the early 1950s.

She worked hard all of her lifetime as a mother, ranch wife, school cook, restaurant cook and owner, baby sitter, elderly home care provider and housekeeper. She also sold Christmas cards, crochet and fancy work, took in washing and ironing and worked in the Christmas tree yards. She was head cook for Eureka schools for 12 years, leaving that job to operate the Evergreen Cafe in Eureka.

She suffered a stroke nearly 11 years ago and lived at Mountain View Manor since then. She underwent surgery at North Valley Hospital last month.

She was a member of First Baptist Church and sang in the church choir for many years. Over the years, she was active in many groups involving her children and regularly served as bus chaperone for the Eureka Lions Pep Club and band. She also was an officer for the Tobacco Valley Senior Citizens and the American Legion Auxiliary.

The greatest treasure in her life

was her family. She is survived by six children, Robert McKenzie and his wife, Marilyn, of Rexford, Hubert McKenzie and his wife, Bonnie, of Eureka, Edna Gwynn and her husband, Bill, of Eureka, Tom Cuffe and his wife, Carol, of Whitefish, Mike Cuffe and his wife, JoAn of Libby, and Becky Vredenberg of Eureka; 19 grandchildren; 34 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

A grandson, Perry McKenzie, preceded her in death in November of 1974.

Friends may call at Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Eureka from 1-8 p.m. Friday. Services will be Saturday at 1 p.m. at First Baptist Church with Tom Cuffe and the Rev. Warren Pomeroy officiating. Interment will be at Tobacco Valley Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Mountain View Manor, Eureka, MT 59917.

1996 George William Culbert

George William Culbert, 80, of Polson, passed away on Jan. 23, at St. Patrick's Hospital in Missoula.

George was born Nov. 18, 1915 in Malta to William and Edna Culbert. He moved to Kalispell at the age of 3, where he attended elementary and high school. After graduating from high school, he joined the U.S. Navy in 1933 and went to San Diego.

In January 1935 he married Amy Conant. They had 3 children, Georgia, Bill and Jim.

George had an interesting career in the Navy, spending several years in China and the Panama Canal Zone.

He served on, and was commanding officer of, several ships, including the U.S.S. Bushnell-Edsal and Blackhawk during World War II, and also served on LST 547, and

later served on the East Coast, aboard the Pastores and Preserve, and also the Look Out.

He retired in 1958 with the rank of Commander. At that time they moved from Seattle to Big Arm, where George was in real estate for 15 years.

He is survived by his wife, Amy, of Polson.; a daughter, Georgia Weaver, of Sacramento and Big Arm; 2 sons, Bill Culbert and Jim Culbert, both of Helena; 4 grandchildren, Ron Culbert, James J. Culbert, Susan Johnson and Sandra Anderson; and 4 great-grandchildren, Jerad, Kirsten, Joel and Kristoffer.

Cremation has taken place and no services are planned at this time.

Arrangements were by Mosley-Shrider Funeral Home in Polson.

Rose M. Cutler, 93

Rose M. Cutler, 93, of Kalispell, died in the Immanuel Lutheran Home on Saturday, Feb. 17, 1996.

She was born July 1, 1902, in Kalispell to George and Esther Bethel. She was one of four children and attended the Birch Grove School.

She married Owen Olesen in 1921, and they had one son. Following their divorce, she worked as a housekeeper while raising her son.

She then married Erwin "Doc" Cutler on July 1, 1950. The family lived at Marias Pass until moving to the Swan area.

She had worked at the Woolworth Store in Kalispell and the Montana House in Bigfork. In November 1988, they moved to Buffalo Hill Terrace in Kalispell. She had been a resident of the Immanuel Lutheran Home since



January 1995.

She enjoyed playing cribbage, crafts and had done much knitting in the past. She also was an avid reader of Western novels and mysteries.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Erwin, on June 29, 1992; her son, Owen Olesen Jr.; three brothers, Harry, Frank and George Bethel; and a sister, Mabel Fisher.

She is survived by a stepson, Dale Cutler and a stepdaughter, Connie Cutler, both of the San Francisco Bay area; many nieces and nephews including Robert Ford and Rose Stahlberg, both of Kalispell; and her special friends, Candy and Orle Martin, Rudy and Deb Urban and family, and Cindy Kollenborn.

Private graveside rites and burial will be held in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, March 6, 1996, in the Immanuel Lutheran Home with the Rev. Peter Ramseth officiating. The family suggests memorial be made to the Immanuel Lutheran Home. Arrangements are under the direction of the Johnson Mortuary.

Dorothy Ruby Curtis, 82

Dorothy Ruby Curtis, 82, died Sunday, July 21, 1996, at Kalispell Regional Hospital.

She was born in 1914, to Manley and Ruby Brown in Glendive, the eldest of nine children. The family lived in nearby Bloomfield where she attended school. They moved to Fortine in 1932.

She and Lew A. Curtis were married in 1934 and lived in Fortine for many years. In 1985, they moved to Kalispell and have resided here ever since.

She loved her Lord and was an active member of the Fortine Community Church throughout her lifetime where she had many friends.

She is remembered for her loving spirit, friendly smile, sense of humor, hospitality and tantalizing cooking.

She is survived by her husband, Lew, at home; children, Della and



Don Holcomb of Troy, Marie Ivers of Yakutat, Alaska, Jack and Hazel Curtis of Bellingham, Wash., and James and Linda Curtis of Missoula; 12 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren; two brothers, Arvid Erickson of Yakima, Wash., and Harold Erickson of Bozeman; and six sisters, Irene Helbling of Portland, Ore., Edith Thomson and Helen Brown, both of Florida, Lyna Perkins of New York, N.Y., Nellie Wilson of Edmonton, Alberta, and Anna Lee Stewart of Creston, B.C.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to Dickey Lake Bible Camp, c/o Fortine Community Church, P.O. Box 155, Fortine, MT 59918.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at the Fortine Community Church with the Rev. Paul McKibben of the Fortine Community Church and the Rev. Garry Toavs of the Evergreen Alliance Community Church officiating. Burial will follow at the Fortine Cemetery. Arrangements are under by Johnson Mortuary.

Eva 'Granny' Noreen Cyr, 70

Eva "Granny" Noreen Cyr, 70, died in Missoula on Oct. 22, 1996, after heart surgery.

She was born Aug. 19, 1926, in Somers, to Johan Edward and Mary Elena Hellen Anderson. She attended Somers School and later worked as an aide at Flathead County Hospital.

In 1943, she married Norman Frank Zachary and they had a son, Norman Edward. They later divorced.

She married Richard Cyr on July 3, 1946 and they were together almost 49 years, ending with his death on June 16, 1995. She was also preceded



in death by her parents and her son.

She is survived by two grandsons, Norman Richard Zachary of Somers and Daniel Charles Zachary; her daughter-in-law, Shelby Zachary, of Kalispell; brother, Royden Edward Anderson, of Somers; a sister, Helen Elena Ebert, also of Somers; and a number of nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews and cousins.

The family suggests memorials to the Lakeside Q.R.U., Lakeside, MT 59922, or the charity of the donor's choice.

Visitation will be today from 1-6 p.m. and Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. The casket will not be open at the service. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. on Saturday at Johnson Mortuary Chapel with Deacon Fred Topp officiating. Burial will be at Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Sofie M. Curtis, 94

Sofie M. Curtis, 94, died Saturday at her home in Whitefish.

She was born June 22, 1902, in Norway.

Burial will be at Pilot Butte Cemetery in Bend, Ore.

Local arrangements are by Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.