

## Alma May Jackson, 91

Alma May Jackson, 91, died Thursday, Dec. 12, 1996, in Kalispell.

She was born May 5, 1905, in Kaycee, Wyo., to George and Catherine Overbach Smith. She received her education in Banner, Wyo.

Prior to her marriage she worked for Eaton's Dude Ranch at Sheridan, Wyo., and helped midwives with deliveries.

She married Caleb E. Jackson on March 24, 1928, in Sheridan. He worked for the Wyoming State Highway Department and they lived in many different places. They eventually bought a farm outside of Sheridan, Big Goose Community.

She was very involved in all farming and community activities. She was an exceptional cook and did a lot of cooking for the threshers, besides working in the hay fields. She was a 4-H leader. She was a wonderful wife and mother and was dearly loved by her grandchildren, great-grandchildren and all who knew her. She always looked on the bright side.

She was a member of Central Christian Church and past officer of the church's women's group.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1985; daughter Beatrice Jackson in December, 1953; two

brothers, Phil and George; and one sister, Lenora Surrena.

She is survived by her daughter, Barbara A. Lawrence, and son-in-law, Paul W. Lawrence, of Kalispell; three granddaughters, Gayle M. Hoehn of Bozeman, Paulette Lawrence of Kalispell, and Susan D. Wiens of Longmont, Colo.; one grandson, Neil R. Lawrence of Boise, Idaho; eight great-grandchildren, Ryan, Kari and Travis Wiens of Longmont, Jason and Casey Lawrence of Boise, Kirsten and Kevin Hoehn of Bozeman, and Emma Lawrence Yee of Kalispell; three sisters, Katherine Reed of Sheridan, Eva Harvey of Salt Lake City, and Dorothy Anderson of Olympia, Wash.; and many nieces and nephews.

The family suggests memorials to Central Christian Church, Second Ave. East and Third Street, Kalispell MT 59901, or to Flathead Hospice, 1280 Burns Way, Kalispell MT 59901.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday and 1 to 4 p.m. on Sunday. Funeral services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at Central Christian Church with the Rev. Terry VanHeyningen officiating. Burial will follow in the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

## Darren Jackson, 30

Darren Gregory Jackson, 30, died June 7 at his home in Polson. 1996

He was born Oct. 9, 1965, in Great Falls. He grew up and attended schools in Polson. While in high school he was involved in many sports. He excelled in wrestling, winning various state championships. He was also good in football and track. He attended college for a year at North Idaho College, where he wrestled.

He then joined the Army National Guard. After leaving the Guard, he divided his time between Alaska and Polson. He also lived in Kalispell for a couple of years.

He married Dawn Stewart on Aug. 19, 1995, and they moved back to Polson.

He is survived by his wife, Dawn Stewart Jackson of Polson; his mother, Lela Jackson of Polson, and numerous other relatives.

Funeral services will be today at 2 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Polson. Burial will follow at Lake View Cemetery in Polson.

Arrangements are by Mosley-Shrider Funeral Home in Polson.

## Ronald Jesse James, 56

Ronald Jesse James, 56, of Columbia Falls, died of natural causes on Saturday, Sept. 7, 1996, at St. Patrick Hospital in Missoula.

He was born July 19, 1940, in Kalispell, and was raised and educated here. He worked in the lumber industry from 1962 on; at the time of his death he was a lumber grader for Stoltz Lumber Company in Columbia Falls.

He enjoyed fishing and bowling. He was loved by his family and will be missed by all.

He was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by a son, Rob

James of Whitefish, and by four daughters, Tacie Hammond and her husband, Robert, in Whitefish, Ronda Sheldon and her husband, Al, in Monroe, Wash., Joni Johnson, Whitefish, and Wren Sheldon and her husband, Bryon, in Grants Pass, Ore.; three brothers and three sisters, Larry James, Salt Lake City, Jeff James, in Washington, Michael Gibbs Jr., Spokane, Wash., Marla, in Kalispell, Nancy, in Renton, Wash., and Vicki, in Spokane; and nine grandchildren.

Memorial services are planned for 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Columbia Mortuary.

## David Farnham James, 90

David Farnham James, 90, of Joplin, died Sunday evening, July 7, 1996, at Liberty County Nursing Home in Chester.

He was born in Mason City, Iowa, on Dec. 6, 1905. He was the youngest of eight children born to Martha Farnham and John L. James. He received his education in Iowa, graduating from Thornton High School in 1922.

He attended Mason City Junior College before transferring to the university at Cedar Falls, Iowa. He finished his studies in education in 1925, then accepted a teaching position in Joplin. He taught school in Joplin for three years and served as superintendent for five.

On Jan. 5, 1929, he married Lillian A. Meldrum. In 1933, they purchased a farm 6 miles north of Joplin. They lived and worked on the farm and raised their family of four.

In 1939, he was elected to the State House of Representatives. He served Liberty County as a representative for several terms, then was elected to the state Senate. He served as a senator until his retirement in 1974.

He and his wife remained on their Joplin farm throughout their retirement years. They spent their winters traveling; they made many trips to Florida, Arizona, California and Nevada, and they also went on several memorable cruises. In 1933, they purchased a home in Joplin and have lived there since.

His health had been failing for six months and he was recently admitted to the Liberty County Nursing Home in Chester, where he died.

He will be remembered as a great diplomat and community leader during his 35 years in state government. He was a member of the Democratic Party and the Montana Democratic

Central Committee but he was respected by Republicans as well. While in the Legislature, he was instrumental in promoting the current state hail-insurance program. He also served on the legislative council in Washington, D.C.

He enjoyed public speaking and served as master of ceremonies at many statewide events. He held numerous leadership positions as a representative and senator and was urged to run for state governor or U.S. Congress but he always declined and indicated that he was content with his role in the legislature.

Of interest was the fact that he served as acting governor for a few days at the time of Gov. Nutter's tragic death.

He enjoyed his community. He was a member of Bethel Lutheran Church in Joplin where he served on the council as congregational president and was active in Lutheran Brotherhood. He was a life member of Joplin Masonic Lodge #114, a past member of Chester Rotary, and a member of the local Farmer's Union.

His hobbies included reading, playing cards and traveling. He enjoyed visiting with friends and sharing stories of days gone by. He loved his family and he and his wife were affectionately known as "Gramp" and "Granny."

Survivors include his wife of 67 years, Lillian, of Joplin; a son, Lysle James, of Havre; three daughters, Doris Nelson, of Joplin, Dorothy Keogh of Great Falls and Angela Eldridge of Bigfork; 14 grandchildren; and numerous nephews and nieces.

He was preceded in death by his parents and seven siblings.

Funeral services and interment were held in Joplin.

## Betty Lou Jarrett, 67

Betty Lou Jarrett, 67, died Monday, Jan. 22, 1996, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

She was born March 2, 1928, in Miles City to Austin and Iris Knapp. She spent most of her younger years in Livingston.

On May 6, 1948, she married Milford Dee Jarrett in Livingston. She moved to Spokane in 1967 where she resided until May of 1995 when she moved to Kalispell.

In August of 1995 she was diagnosed with lung cancer and moved in with her son, LeRoy, in October.

She spent her whole married life in Montana working as a cook for many years at the Old Club Cafe in Whitefish.

She was a member of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and served as a Boy Scout and Girl Scout leader. She loved crafts of all kinds. She made porcelain dolls, clocks, and loved hunting for rocks and driftwood. She loved to travel and most of all, loved children. She will be missed by her family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her sisters, Bessie Pahrman and Dorothy Camp; a brother, Joseph Knapp; and an infant daughter.

She is survived by children, James Summers of Wasilla, Alaska, Rose Guyman, Carol Graham, Ruby Hanna and Daniel Johnson, all of Spokane; sisters, Irene Poe of Cocallala, Idaho, Florence Sirianni of Fernie, British Columbia, Canada; brother, Russell Knapp of Chesapeake, Va.; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

As per her wishes, she will be cremated and her ashes buried with her beloved brother in Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls. Arrangements and cremation are by Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory.

## David Jeffries, 42

David Jeffries, 42, of Phoenix, Ariz., died July 14, 1996, of asphyxiation.

He was born David Jeffrey Schmauch in Kalispell on April 13, 1954. He was the son of the late Donna Madler Schmauch DeVoe, formerly of Kalispell.

He is survived by his grandmother, Frances Madler, of Kalispell;

brothers Dan DeVoe of Phoenix, and Steven Schmauch of Spokane; sister, Nikki Reak, of Tempe, Ariz., and many step-brothers and stepsisters in the Phoenix area. He will be missed by his family and close friends James Horst and Joe Halsall.

A short memorial service for him will be held at 10 a.m. Friday at Conrad Cemetery.

## 1496 Florence Clara Jensen

Florence Clara Jensen passed away in Mesa, Ariz., on March 30, after a bout with cancer.

She was born in Manistique, Mich., in 1907. She graduated from Catholic High School in Escanaba, Mich. She married Earl Painter and had three children, Joan, Richard and Robert. In 1948, she married Roy Jensen, from Escanaba. They moved to Portland, Ore., where they owned and managed a large apartment house.

At the time of her death, she owned Birch Harbour, in Whitefish, managed by her daughter, Joan.

She is preceded in death by Earl Painter and Roy Jensen; sons Robert and Richard; sister Lucille Glass and brother William Curtis.

She is survived by a daughter, Joan Elam; son-in-law Vern Elam; grandchildren Merrit Kittock, Tracy, Mike and Jay Elam; Candice Marks, Ricky, Richard and Tami Painter; many great grandchildren; three great-great grandchildren; cousins, nieces, nephews and many dear friends.

She was a member of the Risen Christ Catholic Church in Evergreen and a member of the Whitefish Moose Club. She liked to travel and take care of her son, Richard. She loved the church and the Lord very much.

She has been cremated and a memorial service will be at a later date for her and her son, Richard.

## Niels 'Chris' Jensen, 94

Niels C. "Chris" Jensen, 94, died Wednesday, Oct. 2, 1996, in Kalispell.

He was born in Denmark on July 29, 1902, the third of seven children of Martin and Andrea Jensen. The family moved from Denmark to Nebraska and then to a homestead in eastern Montana. There were no schools in the area so neighbors combined resources and hired a teacher. He attended school through the eighth grade which is all that was offered. He helped his folks out through a move to Idaho before moving out on his own at the age of 23.

He met Louise Hansen and married her in 1923, in Glasgow. They lived in Hinsdale and Bonners Ferry, Idaho, before moving to Libby in 1928. He worked first in shipping and

then as a certified lumber grader for Jerry Neil's Lumber Co.

In 1950, they built their own home. They enjoyed each other's company and especially hunting, fishing and talking. They moved to Kalispell in 1971.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Louise in 1991; three sisters; and a brother.

He is survived by a brother, Durward Jensen, of Chewelah, Wash.; sister, Lily Ragland, of Spokane; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Glacier Memorial Gardens with the Rev. Sigurd Lefsrud of Bethlehem Lutheran Church officiating. Arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

## Peter Jensen, 82

Peter Jacob Jensen, 82, died at his home in Bigfork on March 4, 1996.

He was born June 26, 1913, to Jens and Petra Jensen in Bigfork. He graduated from Bigfork High School.

After graduation he farmed the home place. In the fall of 1962, he enrolled in the University of Montana, graduating in the spring of 1966 with a major in history and elementary education.

While attending the university he met Levina Thompson and they were married June 15, 1963, in Missoula.

Before retirement to his home place in Bigfork, he and his wife team taught in Plains.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Henry.

He is survived by his wife, Levina, at the family home; brothers-in-law Ted Thompson, of Froid, Ray Thomp-

son and wife, Jean, of Platte, S.D., and Howard Thompson and wife, Elaine, of Seattle; sisters-in-law Irene Powell of Antioch, Ill., Harriet Thompson of Ketchikan, Alaska, Doris Thompson of Arlington Heights, Ill., and Dolores Jacobson of Fairfield; many nieces and nephews; and great-nieces and -nephews; all of whom loved and respected him for his constant Christian testimony. He will be greatly missed by all of his family and friends.

Visitation will be at Johnson Mortuary from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. today and Thursday. Funeral services will be Friday at 2 p.m. at the New Life Alliance Church (formerly Little Brown Church) with the Rev. Ernest Lambricht officiating. Burial will follow at the Bethany Lutheran Cemetery.

## Leo D. Johns, 84

Leo D. Johns, 84, died Jan. 15, 1996, at his daughter's home in Portland, Ore.

He was born June 25, 1911, in Kalispell, to Milton and Edith Johns. He moved to Portland in the early 1940s and worked at Kaiser Shipyards. He returned annually to Kalispell to visit. He loved to see his friends and family and spend time in the Flathead Valley.

He worked as a grave digger at the family owned Lincoln Memorial Park during the 1950s and '60s. Lung

cancer forced him to retire early.

Survivors include his daughter, Beverly J. Jackson, of Portland; sister Verna Jerrow, Kalispell; two granddaughters and five great-grandchildren.

Visitation is 9 a.m. to service time, Tuesday, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. A funeral will be at 2 p.m., with Rev. Marvin Northcutt of Epworth United Methodist Church officiating. Private burial will follow at C.E. Conrad Cemetery.

## Anne E. Johnson, 87

Anne E. Johnson, 87, of Kalispell, died Sunday, Oct. 20, 1996, at North Valley Hospital Extended Care Unit.

She was born Jan. 20, 1909, in Winside, Neb., to Andrew and Hulda Johnson. At age 11, she moved with her family to Freedhem, Minn., where she finished her elementary school. At age 17, she went to Minneapolis, where she worked at Sanford Hall, University of Minnesota. She attended Moody Bible College for one year in Chicago where she did a lot of missionary work.

She returned to Kalispell in 1946, and worked for Kalispell General Hospital. She attended Kalispell Business College and got her degree in business. She then worked for Flathead County Hospital for 10 years. She then moved to Helena where she worked at St. Peters Hospital until she retired in 1982.

Her love for our Lord and her family was present every day of her life. She enjoyed gardening, sewing and in her younger years, was very active in her church.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers, Carl and Aenard.

She is survived by two sisters, Evelyn Hansen of Black Duck, Minn., and Ruby Dodge of Rollins; three brothers, Elmer and Arvid of Kalispell, and Andrew of Whitefish; and many nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held Wednesday from noon until 5 p.m. at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held Thursday at 1 p.m. at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home with the Rev. Daniel Lydick of Rocky Mountain Baptist Church officiating. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements and services.

## Grace Lippincott Johnson,

Grace Lippincott Johnson, 96, died Monday, July 29, 1996, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

She was born Nov. 30, 1899, in Great Falls to Edward and Marcia Lippincott. She lived for several years in Great Falls where her father was a sheriff's deputy. In 1906, they moved to Kalispell. She graduated from Flathead High School in 1918.

After graduation, she moved to Seattle where she worked at Frederick Nelson Department Store.

She married Chester L. "Chet" Johnson on Sept. 7, 1921. Since he was from Kalispell they moved back to Montana where he worked for the Great Northern Railroad for 43 years. In 1948, they moved to Essex where they lived for 10 years. He died in October of 1972, just shortly after their 50th wedding anniversary.

She was a member of the V.F.W. Auxiliary, the World War I Auxiliary, the Gold Star Mothers, the Great Northern Railway Veterans Association, the Kalispell Senior Citizens Club, and Central Christian Church.

She loved to travel. She had been from Alaska to Hawaii and had traveled the East Coast as well as taking a Mississippi paddle boat trip. Just a few years ago, she traveled to Greece and the Holy Land.

She was preceded in death by her husband Chet, and a son, Lawrence, who was killed at the Battle of the Bulge during World War II.

She is survived by her daughter, Joyce Bergstrom, of Whitefish; grandson Bruce Bergstrom of Boise, Idaho; two granddaughters, Nancy Robison of Columbia Falls and Linda Olson of Whitefish; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday at Conrad Cemetery with the Rev. Peter Ramseth officiating. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

## 1996 Helen Anna Schott Johnson, 87

Helen Anna Schott Johnson, 87, a resident of Trego, passed away Thursday, Nov. 14, at the Mountain View Manor Nursing Home in Eureka.

She was born Aug. 7, 1909, in Stockett, to Joseph and Mary (Meltsch) Schott.

She was raised and educated in Stockett. On March 27, 1930, she married Harold "Jim" H. Johnson in Great Falls. In 1938 they moved to Trego, where they ranched for many years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jim, on Oct. 12, 1966, in Kalispell. In December, 1971, she moved to Whitefish. In 1985, she returned to Trego. She lived at the Mountain View Manor since September.

She loved to sew quilts and all types of needle work.

She is survived by four sons and their wives, Kermit E. and Velma Johnson, of Redmond, Wash., Thomas B. and Lora Johnson, of Trego, Russell J. Johnson, of Brisbane, Australia, Gerald K. and Sherry Johnson, of Wasilla, Alaska; two daughters and their husbands, Loretta J. and Bruce Todd, of Trego, and Sandra C. and Gerry Beard, of Orofino, Idaho; brothers Floren Schott, of Stockett, and Otto Schott, of Great Falls; sister Lillian Daniels, of Great Falls; 26 grandchildren, 18 great grandchildren and one great great grandchild and many nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A funeral will be 11 a.m. today, at the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish, pastor Don Nielson, of Eureka, officiating. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

## Lillie Evans Johnson, 81

Lillie Evans Johnson, 81, died at Colonial Manor Nursing Home in Whitefish on Monday, Aug. 5, 1996.

She was born Jan. 24, 1915, in Stevenson, Ala., to John K. and Nancy Ivey Evans. She was the second child in a family of 10 children. Her parents were farmers in the Dutton, Ala., area.

She worked in the Anchor Duck Cotton Mill in Rome, Ga., in the late '30s. She retired from Flint River Cotton Mill in Albany, Ga., in 1977. Her husband, Rudy, and son, Roger, also were longtime employees of Flint River Mills.

She was known for her kindness and generosity and her ability to find beauty and good in all people.

Her surviving son, Ronnie "Ron" was a graduate of Albany High School in 1966, and the University of Georgia in 1974. He works as the manager of log sales for Plum Creek

Timber Co. in Columbia Falls and lives in Kalispell.

She is also survived by two sisters, Rosa Adams of Rome and Annie May Brown of Anniston, Ala.; a brother, Delbert Evans, of Eastaboga, Ga.; grandchildren, Keith Johnson and Margaret Dunn of Thomaston, Ga., and Paul Johnson of Kalispell; and great-grandchildren, Keith and Haley Dunn of Thomaston.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Rudy; son, Roger; brothers, Jim, Cecil "Pete", Lester, C.W., and Floyd "Spanky," and a sister, Nell Medlock.

The body is being forwarded to the Section Funeral Home in Section, Ala. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday at the New Canaan Church of Fife, Ala. Burial will be at the New Canaan Church Cemetery. Local arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary.

## Jessica Denise Massie-Johnston, 7

Jessica Denise Massie-Johnston, 7, died Tuesday, Nov. 12, 1996, in a car accident near her home in Kila.

She was born on June 27, 1989, in Deadwood, S.D., to Mathew Symonds and Jenifer Massie.

She is survived by her parents, Jeff and Jenifer Johnston and her sister, Jada, at home in Kila; grandparents, Randy and Denise Massie of White-wood, S.D., Paul and Joanne Johnston of Duluth, Minn., Doug and Betty Symonds of Sturgis, S.D.; great-grandparents, Robert and Ella Massie of Sheridan, Wyo., Jean

Bergren of Brush Prairie, Wash., Walfred and Edith Simonson of Duluth, Minn., John McKnight of Mt. Hood, Ore.; and numerous aunts and uncles.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at the Old Apostolic Lutheran Church in Lakeside with the Rev. Paul Heidegger officiating. Burial will follow at Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

## Jessie D. 'Denver' Jones,

Jessie D. "Denver" Jones, 74, of Eureka, died Saturday, Sept. 21, 1996, at his home.

He was born in Whitefish on June 1, 1922, to Henry and Pearl Jones. He was raised and educated in the Trego and Whitefish areas, graduating from high school in Whitefish.

He was employed by the Great Northern Railroad until enlisting in the United States Navy, serving during World War II. Following his honorable discharge, he returned to northwest Montana, residing at Fortine and later moving to Kentucky. He re-enlisted in the Navy, serving until 1949. He enlisted in the United States Air Force serving until being honorably discharged in 1953.

He married Sandra Leibtag on June 24, 1954.

He attended Bethel College in Hopkinsville, Ken., and Austin Peay College in Clarksville, Tenn. He resided in Crofton, Ky., doing farming and excavation work; also, while in Kentucky, he did precision instrumentation work as well as maintenance and construction work. He returned to north Lincoln County in 1974, living there for 10 years before returning to Kentucky in 1984. He moved back to Eureka in 1990 and resided there until the time of his death.

He was active in the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Eureka. He also had been a member of the Masonic lodge and the Shrine.

Survivors include his wife, Sandra, of Eureka; two sons, Jesse Jones Jr. of Kalispell and Frank Jones of Seattle; two brothers, Harvey Jones of Crofton, Ky., and Jack Jones of Imperial Beach, Calif.; a sister, Florence Davenport, of Hopkinsville, Ky.; and five grandchildren.

Services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. at Eureka Memorial Park with the Veterans of Foreign Wars conducting military rites.

## Carl Philip Johnson, 88

Carl Philip "Phil" Johnson, 88, died Wednesday, Sept. 11, 1996, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

He was born May 25, 1908, in Oakland, Calif., to Carl and Marie Alrich Johnson. He graduated from Flathead County High School in 1926.

On Sept. 30, 1934, he married Ruth Asbridge in Lakeside. She preceded him in death in Sept. 1982.

He married Ruby Lindsey, April 21, 1985, in Somers.

He had worked at Todd's Bakery for 20 years and owned and operated Phil's Silver Grill Cafe for 32 years. He was an avid fisherman. He made and used his own kayaks. He was a member of Eidsvold Lutheran Church.

He joined BPOE Lodge No. 725 on Nov. 26, 1928. He served as Exalted Ruler from 1943-44, Deputy District Grand Exalted Ruler from 1960-61, state president from 1964-65, special Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler from 1984-85 and was Montana's Elk of the Year in 1995.

He was also preceded in death by a stepdaughter, Idonna Fry.

He is survived by his wife, Ruby, of Kalispell; son and daughter-in-law Robert "Bob" and Gloria Johnson, of Kalispell; two stepsons and daughters-in-law, Dr. Kent W. and Marj Lindsey, of Penticton, B.C. and S. Lee and Mary Al Lindsey, of Houston, Texas; brother Bruce Johnson of Phoenix, Ariz.;



sisters Janice Walsler, Dorothy Landreth, Marianna Doughty, Winifred Major and Enid and husband Nick Nuechterlein, of Spokane; and Helen Scott of Olympia, Wash.; granddaughters Leah Wiersma of Kalispell and Lisa Olsen, of Shawnee, Kan.; great grandchildren Brandon and Ashley Olsen, and Ben, Aaron and Breanna Wiersma and many stepchildren, nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be 1-4 p.m., today and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday and Tuesday. A funeral service will be 11 a.m., Wednesday, at Eidsvold Lutheran Church, Pastor Wayne Pris officiating. Burial will be at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

A memorial service will be 2:30 p.m., Wednesday, at Kalispell Elks Lodge, conducted by local lodge officers.

The family suggests memorials to the Elks Lodge Youth Trust Fund, c/o Kalispell Elks Lodge, PO Box 428, Kalispell or the Eidsvold Lutheran Church, Box 100, Somers.

Arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary.

## Cornelia S. Johnson, 82

Cornelia S. Johnson, 82, of Eureka, died of cancer Monday, July 15, 1996, at North Valley Hospital.

She was born July 17, 1913, in Donnybrook, N.D., to Anthon J. and Mary M. Goettle Mader. She was raised and educated in Donnybrook and in 1934 moved to Eureka.

She married Clifford E. Johnson on July 7, 1937, in Libby and lived in Eureka ever since. She and her husband worked in the Christmas tree business, and she also worked in the school cafeteria for many years. She also sold monuments at Tobacco Valley Cemetery for years.

She was a member of the Royal Neighbors and Rebekahs and enjoyed playing cards with her friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband on May 13, 1975; two infant brothers and two sisters.

Surviving members of the family

are a son, Wallace R. Johnson of Clayton, Calif.; a daughter, Lorna Burk of Eureka; seven grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; sisters Emaline Guenette and Lydia Bottoms, both of San Francisco, Marie Dunn of Minot, N.D., and Betty Eide of Missoula; brother-in-law Duane Johnson of Lolo; sister-in-law Ruby Shaw of Petaluma, Calif.; and numerous other relatives.

Funeral services will be Friday at 2 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Eureka with the Rev. Dave Hopper officiating. Burial will follow at Tobacco Valley Cemetery under the direction of the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish. Visitation for the public will be Thursday at the First Baptist Church from 8 to 10 p.m. Family visitation will be Thursday from 7 to 8 p.m. and on Friday from 10 a.m. to service time.

## James Elias Johnson

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

He was born Sept. 23, 1924, in Bigfork, a son of Sol and Edith Johnson.

He had received his education in Bigfork and engaged in farming there until 1985. He then purchased a farm at Conrad and continued farming, enjoying summers in Conrad and his winters in Bigfork. He was actively engaged in farming after his retirement, fulfilling his lifelong dream of farming in Conrad.

He had enjoyed his family and grandchildren and loved animals, fishing, hunting and wildlife. He was preceded in death by three brothers, Chester Johnson, John Johnson and Perry Adams, and an infant granddaughter. On Nov. 8, 1950, he was married to Babette Robinson in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho and is now survived by her at the home in Bigfork. He is also survived by two sons, Joe and John Johnson, both of Bigfork; two daughters, Ann Cottle of Bigfork; and Carolyn Morgan, in Minneapolis, Minn.; a brother, Cecil Johnson of Bigfork; two sisters, Rose Timm of Kalispell and Dorothy Karr of Havre; eleven grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

Memorial services were held Thursday, Jan. 4, in the New Life Alliance Church (formerly Little Brown Church) of Bigfork, with Pastor Gary Morton officiating. The family suggests memorials be made to the Gideon Bible Society, P.O. Box 1306, Kalispell, MT 59903. Arrangements were under direction of Johnson Mortuary.

## John F. Johnson, 86

John F. Johnson, 86, died Aug. 23, 1996, in Whitefish.

He married Mary E. Patton on Oct. 27, 1928. He started his career by traveling the country with his wife, making and selling mattresses when they were first married.

They settled in Wichita, Kan., where he worked for Boeing during World War II. After the war they returned to Whitefish where he went to work for the Great Northern Railroad in 1950.

He was transferred to Havre where he continued his work as a storekeeper with the Great Northern Railroad until he retired.

Upon retirement, he and his wife returned to Whitefish where he enjoyed his remaining years with the family and friends who loved him dearly.

He will always be remembered for

his smiling face, his songs he sang to brighten spirits and for the years of joy and happiness he brought to his numerous friends and family. He was a wonderful and loving family man.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Elva Johnson; his son and wife, John P. and Lana Johnson; his daughter and husband, Sidney and Barbara J. Golie; 11 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; a great-great-grandchild; three brothers; two sisters; and numerous friends.

Graveside services were held at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

## Sophronia Johnson, 94

Sophronia Johnson, 94, died Sunday, April 14, 1996, at Immanuel Lutheran Home.

She was born on April 21, 1901, in Crown Point, Ind., the second of four daughters of Gustave and Isabel Siebel. Her grandfather owned and ran the well-known Siebel School of Technology where Anheuser, Busch and Coors received their brewery training.

The family moved to Chicago when she was an infant, and then moved to Great Falls in 1906, where her father ran the Montana Brewery Co. She attended Great Falls schools, then began working at the age of 13 in a millinery shop. She worked for the Paris Dry Goods Store of Great Falls for 35 years and F.A. Buttrey Clothing for five years. She also did fashion modeling.

In 1946, she married John A. Johnson in Helena and the couple continued to live in Great Falls.

Her husband retired in 1957, and the couple moved to the Flathead where they owned a cherry orchard on the east shore. He died in 1960. She ran the orchard for a number of years, then sold it in 1974 and moved back to Great Falls to live near fami-

ly. She returned to the Flathead in 1986, where she has resided since.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John, and three sisters.

Survivors include a niece, Maxine Kidwell, of Big-

fork; a nephew, Richard Bargy, of Benicia, Calif.; and many great-nieces and -nephews; and great-great-nieces and -nephews.

A graveside memorial urn burial in Glacier Memorial Gardens will take place on Wednesday at 1 p.m. with the Rev. Joseph Sullivan officiating. Cremation and arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary.



## Hazel Johnson, 99

Hazel Barton Johnson, 99, died in Tillamook, Ore., on Jan. 28, 1996.

Graveside services were held at Willamette National Cemetery in Portland, Ore.

She was born Hazel Estelle Barton on Aug. 7, 1896, in Tower City, N.D. She graduated from Minot Normal School in Minot, N.D. While working for the superintendent of schools in Killdeer, N.D., she met and married Henry "Hank" Johnson in 1922. He died in 1967.

They lived in Kalispell, Portland and Salem, Ore., where she worked

in the state department. She retired to Whittier and Sunland, Calif., before returning to Oregon in 1990. She enjoyed the special care of the Kilchise House in Tillamook the last year.

She is survived by her son, Jack Johnson of Rockaway Beach, Ore.; daughter, Mrs. James (Yvonne) Vedder of Pacific City, Ore.; two granddaughters, Sally Vedder-Morley and Vicki Jorgensen; two great-granddaughters, Julie and Karen of Talent, of Oregon; and a sister, Marion Stillwell of Zillah, Wash.

## Lillie Evans Johnson

Lillie Evans Johnson, 81, died of a stroke Monday at the Colonial Manor Nursing Home in Whitefish. *5 Aug 1996*

She was born Jan. 24, 1915, in Stevenson, Ala. to John K. and Nancy Ivey Evans. She was the second of 10 children and her parents were farmers in the Dutton, Ala. area.

In the late 1930s, she worked in the Anchor Duck Cotton Mill in Rome, Ga. She also worked for the Flint River Cotton Mills in Albany, Ga. and retired from there in 1977.

Her husband, Rudy, and son, Roger, were also longtime employees of Flint River Mills.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, her son Roger, five brothers, Jim, Cecil (Pete), Lester, C.W. and Floyd (Spanky); and a sister, Neil Medlock.

Survivors include her son, Ronnie, manager of log sales of Plum Creek Timber Co. in Columbia Falls; two sisters, a brother, three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services are Thursday in Fife, Ala. *HH*

## Fern Jorgensen, 85

Fern L. Jorgensen, 85, a long-time resident of Whitefish and the Flathead Valley, died peacefully of pneumonia on March 8, 1996, in Tucson, Ariz.

She was born Aug. 21, 1920, in Tolna, N.D., the eldest of six children of Arnold and Mabel Moe. Her parents were homesteaders and she lived in a sod hut on the eastern prairie of Saskatchewan, Canada, and Montana during her early years.

She graduated from Scobey High School in 1929, and came to Kalispell with her father. The rest of the family joined them.

She married James Jorgensen Jr. on June 29, 1934, in Kalispell. During the Depression they operated the Jorgensen Insurance Agency, often accepting food or equipment in payment for their services.

They moved to Whitefish at the beginning of World War II when her husband joined the war effort as a railroader on the Great Northern Railroad. Except for three years in Havre, she lived in Whitefish until she moved to be near her daughter in Tucson in 1993.

She retired from her job with the Montana State Liquor Control Board. She had been an active community leader. She was elected to two terms on the Whitefish school board and received the Women Helping Women award from the Whitefish Soroptimist Club. She served on the vestry of Holy Nativity Episcopal Church and as local president and national officer for the Ladies' Auxiliary to the Order of Railway Conductors and Brakemen. She was an active committee member of the local Democratic party, an avid bridge player and a member of the Masonic Order of Eastern Star and Beauseance, the Whitefish Hospital Guild, and other community organizations.

## Dempsey Johnston, 72



Dempsey Thomas Johnston died at his home in Columbia Falls on March 27, 1996, after a brief illness with cancer.

He was born on April 10, 1923, in Creston to Jack and Sadie Johnston. He grew up on the family farm and attended school in the Deer Park community. He graduated from Flathead High School in 1942.

He joined the Air Force and served in World War II where he met and married Frances Campbell from Upperville, Va., on March 2, 1946, in Carson City, Nev. He later served in the Korean War and was honorably discharged in August of 1951.

After the war he attended the University of Montana from which he received a bachelor of science degree in forestry in 1959.

In 1959, he took a job with the Forest Service in Bend, Ore., where he

worked until 1967. He was then transferred back to the Flathead Valley until his retirement from the Forest Service in January 1980.

Dempsey and Frances just recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. He looked forward to their winters in Arizona and enjoyed hunting, fishing, and camping. One of his favorite places was Bowman Lake in Glacier Park.

He taught hunter safety in the Columbia Falls area for 12 years.

He is survived by his wife at the family home; two sons, Tom Johnston of Kalispell, and Jim Johnston of Columbia Falls; seven grandchildren; his sister, Gertrude Weaver, of Kalispell; two brothers, Claire Johnston, of Columbia Falls, and Archie Johnston of Kalispell.

He was preceded in death by both his parents, and four brothers, one in infancy.

He has been cremated and asked that there be no services. Memorials can be made to the Columbia Falls Volunteer Ambulance, P.O. Box 1411, Columbia Falls, MT 59912.

She is survived by her daughters and sons-in-law, Janice and Donald Werst of Tucson, Mary Beth Jorgensen and Robert Runkle of Evanston, Ill.; two grandchildren, Elizabeth and David Feild, also of Evanston; her brother, Earl Moe, of Kelso, Wash.; four sisters, Thelma Hatch of Salem, Ore., Elaine Caldwell of Cabazon, Calif., Opal Beck of Edmonds, Wash., and Beverly Perciful of Spanaway, Wash.; two nephews, formerly of Kalispell, Michael and Douglas Turner; and 26 other nieces and nephews and their families.

A memorial service will take place at 1 p.m. on Saturday at Holy Nativity Episcopal Church in Whitefish. A reception will follow in the parish hall. Private graveside services will be at Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

The family suggests memorials to Holy Nativity Episcopal Church or the Stumptown Historical Society in Whitefish.



## Harriet Hardaway Johnston, 92

Harriet Hardaway Johnston, longtime Kalispell resident, died May 6, 1996, at age 92.

She was born March 11, 1904, in Harlem, the oldest child of Thomas Hunter and Martha Blanche Hardaway. She moved to the Flathead Valley with her family in 1912, living first in Somers and later in Kalispell where her father was a hardware clerk at the Kalispell Mercantile.

She graduated from Flathead County High School in 1922, and attended Western Montana College for a year. She taught school in the Fairview district for three years before her marriage Feb. 13, 1926, to Glenn Johnston who was clerk of the school board. Glenn farmed his family's 1885 homestead and was also in the fur business as "the Pioneer Buyer of Raw Furs."

Her first love was her family, followed closely by her church and her love of nature. She enjoyed gardening, flowers and wildlife. She was a member of the Audubon Society and the National Wildlife Federation.

She delivered Meals on Wheels for a number of years in her 1966 Mustang.

She was a life-long member of Epworth United Methodist Church where she was honored recently as the member of longest continuous standing. She taught Sunday school for many years, served as Sunday school superintendent and was an active member of United Methodist Women and sponsored several children through the Christian Children's Fund. She was also an active member of Eastside Grange for many years.

She traveled extensively in her 30 years as a widow. She visited South America, Europe, Australia, New Zealand, Egypt, Morocco and the Holy Land as well as most of the United States, including Alaska and Hawaii.

She will be remembered by family and friends for her quiet Christian faith, her concern for others, sunny



disposition and ready smile.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Glenn, on Nov. 17, 1965.

She is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Dr. Glenn and Hazel Johnston, of Salt Lake City, Utah; a daughter and son-in-law, Marjorie and Bill Hunt, of Bozeman; five grandchildren, Dr. Mark Johnston of Salt Lake City, Lauri Hunt Taylor of Wilmington, Del., Ken Hunt of Palm-dale, Calif., Kevin Hunt of Troy, N.Y., and Paula Hunt Martillaro of Lansing, Mich.; six great-grandchildren; two sisters, Mrs. John (Eva) Hamilton and Ruth Johnson, both of Kalispell; and several nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be today until 6 p.m. Funeral services will be Saturday at 1 p.m. at Epworth United Methodist Church with the Rev. Marvin A. Northcutt officiating. Burial will follow at Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

The family suggests memorials may be made to Epworth United Methodist Church, 329 Second Ave., Kalispell, MT 59901, or to Immanuel Lutheran Home, 185 Crestline Ave., Kalispell, MT 59901, whose staff provided loving care to her for the past three years. Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary.

## Percy Johnson, 66

Percy Johnson 66, died Sunday, Nov. 24, 1996, at his home in Bigfork after an 18-month battle with mesothelioma.

He was born June 21, 1930, in Sisseton, S.D., to Peter and Gladys Johnson. He was the second oldest of seven children. He was educated through high school in Sisseton where he graduated in 1948.

Immediately following graduation, he joined the U.S. Navy. His first year was spent at music school in Washington, D.C. His final three years were spent aboard the USS Saint Paul as a trumpet player in the flag band during the Korean war.

He enrolled at the University of Minnesota in the fall of 1952, where he obtained a degree in instrumental music in 1956. His major instrument was the alto saxophone.

While at the U of M, in December 1953, he married Gloria M. Pirmantgen, also from Sisseton.

In the fall of 1956, they and their two children moved to Heron Lake, Minn., where he taught instrumental and choral music. The spring of 1959 brought a move to Spooner, Wis., where he taught instrumental music. In the fall of 1960, he enrolled again at the University of Minnesota where he was awarded a scholarship in a 30-member special guidance counseling program. He received his masters degree in 1962.

In the fall of 1962, the family moved to Burlington, Iowa, where they resided for 20 years. He counseled at Oak Street Junior High for one year,

James Madison Middle School for 15 years and the remainder of his tenure was at Horace Mann Middle School. He was an active member of the Unitarian Fellowship. He also served as a board member on the human rights commission and played saxophone in the city band.

He retired from counseling in 1982, and moved to the center of the Swan Valley where he resided on their acreage in a log home. He spent much of his time exploring the Bob Marshall Wilderness with his backpack and on horseback, riding in the valley.

He moved to Bigfork in 1991. He remained active golfing and downhill skiing until his illness forced him to give up the active life he was accustomed to.

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

He is survived by his wife, Gloria Johnson, of Bigfork; a son, Todd Johnson, wife, Kate Hunt, and two grandchildren, Arlo and Jane of Creston; a daughter, Carrie Johnson, of Missoula; granddaughter Rebecca Milan, husband John and great grandson Michael John, of Galesburg, Ill.; his two sisters, Faye Lervik of Arlington, Wash., Ellen Aden of Marshall, Minn.; two brothers, James Johnson of Garretson S.D., and David Johnson of Scottsdale, Ariz., and their spouses; sister-in-law, Marty Johnson, of Evergreen Colo., and many nieces and nephews.

No services will be held.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

## Helen Alexander Jones

Helen Alexander Jones, 89, died Tuesday, April 30, 1996, at Immanuel Lutheran Home.

She was born in Chicago on March 22, 1907, the youngest of seven children. Her parents were both professional tailors and owned their own shop. She attended parochial school and graduated from Carl Schurz High School and the Metropolitan Business College. She attended the School of Domestic Arts and Sciences and studied accounting at Northwestern University. She was placed in one of the eight best accounting firms in the U.S., which also served the government in Washington, D.C. She studied art under the direction of Charline Ogden, June Isaacs and Jean Hamilton.

On Oct. 25, 1948, she married Carl S. Jones. They moved to Bigfork, living for 30 years in the home he built on the east side of Flathead Lake before moving to Kalispell.

She worked at Hungry Horse Dam in the accounting department before going to work for Pacific Power & Light Co. as an accountant for 17 years.

She was a member of St. Catherine's Catholic Church in Bigfork and was active in the Women's Council, serving as president in 1952 and later as parish secretary.

After moving to Kalispell, she became a member of St. Matthew's Catholic Church and was active in the Women's Council, serving as treasurer and secretary.

She enjoyed flowers, gardening and painting.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Carl, on Jan. 6, 1986.

She is survived by a sister, Jean James, of Chicago; four nieces, including Kathryn of Reno, Nev., Valerie McNott, Lynn Bammesburger and Rita Borghese.

A Christian wake service will be tonight at 7 at Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Mass of the Christian burial will be at 10 a.m. on Friday at St. Matthew's Catholic Church with the Rev. Robert Noonan officiating. Burial will follow at Conrad Cemetery.

## Ruby Jones, 87

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Ruby Ellen Jones, 87, of Kalispell, died at Colonial Manor in Whitefish on Saturday.

She is survived by several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services are tentatively planned for 2 p.m. on Saturday in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Burial will be in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

## Katherine Jones, 70

Katherine Jones, 70, died at her home in Bigfork on Saturday, Oct. 26, 1996, after a long illness.

She was born Feb. 6, 1926, in Columbia, Mo., to Albert M. and Mabel Cowan.

She graduated from DePaul Hospital School of Nursing in St. Louis, Mo., in 1949. She received her bachelor of science degree in nursing from St. Louis University in 1953 and was employed as a psychiatric nurse educator at St. Vincent's Hospital and Sanitorium in St. Louis.

At St. Louis University she met her future husband, Dr. Stephen F. Jones, DDS, of Butte. They were married Dec. 23, 1953, at Holy Spirit Church in Indianapolis, Ind., and subsequently settled in Butte. There, they raised five children.

After her husband's death, she moved to Bigfork. She enjoyed gardening, reading and entertaining her grandchildren. She was active in her parish at Holy Spirit in Butte and St. Catherine's parish in Bigfork. She was a generous supporter of local charities, including the Flathead Hospice and Covenant House.

She is survived by her sisters, Mary Virginia Woll, of Concord, Mass., Anne Cowan, of Billings, Judith Johnson, of Lexington, Ken., and brother Michael Cowan, of St. Louis. She is also survived by her children, Michael F. Jones and wife, Pat, of St. Louis and their children, Matt and Veronica; Dr. Gregory

Jones and wife, Anne Buckley-Jones and children Kate, Rose and Tony; Katie Morgan and husband, Dr. David Morgan, of Spokane and their children Emmy, Fletcher, Ann Maureen and Michael; Marybeth Adams and husband, Dr. Tim Adams, of Bozeman, and their children, Danny, Sarah, Stephen and David; and Dr. Bert Jones and wife, Ida, of Kalispell and their son, Alex.

Memorial mass will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday in St. Catherine's Catholic Church in Bigfork. Memorials may be made to the Flathead Hospice, 1280 Burns Way, Kalispell. Arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary.

## Richard Leon 'Dick' Jones, 59

Richard Leon "Dick" Jones, 59, died Sunday, Nov. 3, 1996, in Kalispell after a long battle with heart and circulatory disease.

He was born in Centralia, Wash., on Jan. 27, 1937, to Lawrence and Grace Jones and grew up in the farming and logging communities of the Pacific Northwest.

He entered the military at an early age, serving in the special forces of the Navy and then the Army in the fields of topography and explosives/structural demolition. He also attended a Seattle college studying graphic design.

After his military service he met his future wife, Sharon Ness, while visiting his family in Kalispell. They married soon after and were on the move, living in Missoula, Los Angeles, and Eugene, Ore., where he attended Northwest Christian College.

After college, he went to work for Weyerhaeuser as a topographical engineer in the Tacoma, Wash., area. In 1970, after their second daughter was born, they decided to move back to Kalispell to raise their family. He went to work as an electrician at the Anaconda Aluminum Plant in

At his request no services will be held.

Surviving are his wife, Joan, at the family home in Big Arm, and many friends.

Cremation and arrangements are by Garden City Funeral Home and Crematory in Missoula.



Columbia Falls and retired from there three years ago due to his illness.

He was one of those uncommon few who touched every life he came in contact with and leaves behind many people who love him dearly. His understanding nature, gentle heart, quick wit, contagious sense of humor, love of learning with an exceptional ability to pass on his knowledge, a stubborn will to live and the joyous way he lived his life has had a profound impact on all who knew him. Everyone learned something of personal value from him whether they realized it at the time or not. He will be missed by many.

He was preceded in death by his parents, older brother and youngest brother.

He is survived by his wife, Sharon, and daughters, Cindy and Dawn Jones, all living in Kalispell; his brother, Tom Jones, of Spokane; and a large extended family and countless friends.

Visitation will be today until 6 p.m. and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Funeral services will be on Thursday at 4 p.m. in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Gordon Dexter of Bethel Baptist Church officiating. Burial will follow in the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

## Bill Johnson, 71

Bill Johnson, 71, of Big Arm, died Monday in Missoula at St. Patrick Hospital.

He moved to Montana in 1946 after serving in the U.S. Army during WW II.