

Ruth Sylvia Tanner, 84

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Ruth Sylvia Tanner, 84, died

Saturday morning, Nov. 2, 1996, at her home in Whitefish.

She was born Aug. 4, 1913, to Isaac and Elizabeth Niebaur in Chinook and was raised on the family ranch at Dodson.

She married Robert A. Tanner in 1933 at Dodson and they moved to the Flathead in 1936. In 1945, they moved back to Dodson. In 1962, they relocated to Myrtle Point, Ore., returning to Whitefish in 1968.

Her interests were belonging to the Polyanna Club in the Flathead and reading.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert, in 1975, and a son, Daniel, in 1995.

Survivors include daughter Mary Kubac of Kalispell; sons Joseph Tanner of Santa Clara, Calif., Michael Tanner of Vacaville, Calif., and Peter Tanner of Missoula; 11 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

At her request no services will be held.

Dorothy 'Pearl' Teigen, 85

Dorothy "Pearl" Teigen, 85, died Thursday, June 27, 1996, at St. Luke Extended Care Facility in Ronan.

She was born July 14, 1910, in Mattoon, Ill., to Clifford and Elzina Wilson. At an early age she moved with her family to Wolf Point. She attended school in both Mattoon and Wolf Point.

In 1934, she moved to Kalispell. She met and married Oswald Teigen on June 19, 1935. They farmed there until 1948. They moved to Eureka and eventually to North Crow at Ronan where they operated a dairy farm. In 1965, they retired and moved into Ronan where she has resided since.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Oswald, her parents, four sisters, a brother, a grandchild, and a great-great-grandchild.

She is survived by six daughters, Patricia Burnell of Stevensville, Rita Snyder and Shirley Johnsrud, both of Ronan, Alice Preeshl of Kremlin,

Dorothy Teigen of Ronan, and Helen Teigen of Jefferson City; four sons, William Teigen of Libby, and Gene Teigen, Cliff Teigen and Dale Teigen, all of Ronan; a stepdaughter, Helen Homand, of Grants Pass, Ore.; two sisters, Marie Balder of Wolf Point and Erma Rowe of Culbertson; a brother-in-law, Hank Teigen, of Kalispell; 35 grandchildren; 42 great-grandchildren; a great-great-grandson; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Funeral services will be held today at 2 p.m. at Ronan United Methodist Church with the Rev. Richard Gay and the Rev. George Sanders officiating. Burial will follow at the Ronan Cemetery.

The family suggests memorials be made to St. Luke Extended Care Facility, Ronan United Methodist Church or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Claude M. Tesmer, 63

Claude M. Tesmer, 63, died of cancer in his home on Monday, July 1, 1996.

He was born Jan. 29, 1933, in Walhalla, N.D., the fourth child of Herman and Pearl Tesmer.

In 1989, he retired after 38 years as the maintenance supervisor for Glacier National Park Service. After two years of retirement, he went to work for the City of Columbia Falls as the street-maintenance and public-works superintendent.

He was a wonderful man who dedicated his life to working hard and providing for his family.

For many years he performed the difficult task, with ease, of clearing Logan Pass and maintaining the roads. He made a great improvement in such a short time while working on roads in Columbia Falls.

He was on the city council and also held positions that were very important to him in the LDS church. He has never been afraid of hard work and loved the challenge of getting the



job done. He was a tremendous leader and a great example to all around him.

He was also a very talented self-taught artist. He was able to capture the beauty of Glacier Park and transfer it to canvas like no one else could. He has touched so many lives with his incredible gift.

He is survived by his wife of 36 years, Nancy, at the family home in Columbia Falls; six daughters (who all reside in the Flathead Valley) and their families, Cheri and Ron Crow, Cheli Tesmer, Claudena and Bill Brady, Anita and Charlie Ellman, Joelle and Ben Forman, Sandee and Lee Grawunder; 11 grandchildren, Jason, Brandi, Rachel, Jamie, Ashley, Kacie, Lisa, Mickey, Joshua, Zachary, and Jake; a great-grandchild, Josie Lynn; two brothers, Warren and Wayne Tesmer; a sister, Linda Gillan; and nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Herman and Pearl Tesmer; his sister, Delores Vorachek, and his nephew, Scott Tesmer.

Funeral services will be held Friday at 10 a.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1780 Talbot Rd., Columbia Falls.

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Sally Thalmann, 82

It is with great sorrow that the family of Sally Thalmann announces the passing on Tuesday, June 18, of a grand lady who served as mother, mother-in-law, friend, grandmother and great-grandmother. At the time of her death, she was living in Kalispell where the Long Valley, N.J. resident had moved two years ago to be close to her daughters, Jane Gildart and Mary Rossman, both of Kalispell.

Her life was both varied and active. Born in 1913 in Philadelphia, she attended Wellesley College completing undergraduate work in pre-med. She intended to follow her father's career but was diverted in 1939 when she married William Thalmann, a career doctor serving with the army. For 25 years they moved from various military posts until Col. Thalmann retired in 1962, when the couple settled in Long Valley.

Following Col. Thalmann's passing in 1975, she immersed herself in church activities at St. Luke's in Pea-

pack, N.J. When her daughters relocated to Montana, she also relocated, moving to Buffalo Hills Retirement Home where she again became active in the Episcopal church and in a variety of family activities. In the summer of 1995, she put aside her fear of bears and camped with her daughters in Montana's rugged Glacier National Park.

She was loved by friends and all members of her family and may best be remembered for her resiliency in the face of adversity and her sense of humor.

She is survived not only by her two daughters but by a son, Greg Thalmann, of California; seven grandchildren; a great-grandson; a brother, Edward Klopp, of North Carolina; and a sister, Mary Godshall, of Georgia.

Services will be held at St. Luke's Church in Gladstone, N.J. on Tuesday at 10 a.m. Interment will be at West Point, N.Y. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Luke's Church in her name. Local arrangements are by Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory.

Robert Thayer WP 12 Sep 96

Robert Thayer, 64, of Whitefish, died Friday, Sept. 6, at the V.A. Hospital in Helena of cancer.

He was born Jan. 25, 1932, to Hazel McFarland and Linwood Thayer in Southport, Maine. He was raised and received his education in Maine.

Thayer served in the U.S. Air Force for 20 years and retired in 1971. He moved to Whitefish in 1972 and was

employed in construction. He also owned a bar in Conrad and had been employed with American Timber.

He was a member of the VFW Post #276 in Whitefish and Pup Tent #6 Glacier Park Post.

He is survived by his wife Susan in Whitefish; two daughters: Barbara Robertson of Kalispell and Penny Schwegel of Fairbanks, Alaska; one son, Mitchell of Kalispell; two sis-

ters: Fern Tibbetts and Norma Drennen; three granddaughters, two grandsons and one great granddaughter.

Memorial services were held in Whitefish. Members of the Kalispell Post #2252 and Whitefish Post #276 provided military honors. Cremation has taken place at the Hillside Crematory.

Linda Ann Thiede, 48

Linda Ann Thiede, 48, died Friday, Oct. 4, 1996, at Kalispell Regional Hospital, from massive brain injuries received from a fall at her home.

She was born Jan. 22, 1948, in Cut Bank. She was a caring licensed practical nurse who worked at Immanuel Lutheran Home. Her zest for life was greater than life. She was a person who always had time for anybody who had a problem and was a lady who enjoyed cooking for masses of people. She will miss Halloween and Christmas, her two favorite holidays. Linda was a grandmother who dearly loved her grandchildren and sadly will not see them again. She touched the lives of so many people



too numerous to mention. She will be greatly missed by one and all who knew her well. The Lord took her from us so that she could help others in need. She will be greatly missed by all.

Survivors include her husband Terry; sons, Christian Fleck of Great Lakes, Ill., Shane Fleck of San Diego, Calif., Jesse Thiede of Kalispell; mother Elsie Walters of Cut Bank; father Jim Murphy of Cut Bank; brothers, Steven Murphy of Lakeside, George Murphy and Patrick Murphy of Cut Bank; sister Barbara King of Helena; three grandchildren, numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, stepmother, stepbrothers, stepsisters, brothers and sisters-in-law and mothers and fathers-in-law.

Memorial services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

Darwin B. Tibke, 49

Darwin B. Tibke, 49, passed away Friday, Dec. 13, 1996, at his home in Helena from complications of scleroderma disease.

He was born Feb. 14, 1947, in Kalispell, to Douglas B. and Marguerite V. "Peggy" Tibke. He attended school here and was a logger for many years.

He married Evelyn Smith in Kalispell on Feb. 8, 1969. He moved to Helena in 1986, and worked as a logger there.

He was a member of the Montana Logging Association.

He is survived by his parents, Douglas and Peggy Tibke, of Helena; twin sons, Donald Tibke of Great Falls and

Ronald Tibke of Idaho Falls, Idaho; a brother, Ed Tibke, of Idaho Falls; a granddaughter; and four step-grandchildren.

A graveside service will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. at Fairview Cemetery. The Rev. Ron Pierce will officiate.

The family has suggested that memorials be made to Westmont Hospice, Helena, or to Scleroderma Research Center, 2320 Bath Street Suite #307, Santa Barbara, CA 93105.

Columbia Mortuary is in charge of local arrangements.

Christina Catherine Tiffany, 46

Christina Catherine Tiffany entered eternal life on Nov. 5, 1996.

She left behind her husband of 22 years, Curtis, a native of Kalispell. Also surviving are their children, son Adam, 14, and daughter Ann Marie, 12.

She was born in Burbank, Calif., on Jan. 8, 1950. She was known by family and friends as either Chris or Tina.

A celebration service of her life was held Nov. 9, in Huntington Beach, Calif., with Pastor Don Sewell of the First Christian Church officiating.

Besides being a devoted wife and mother, she left her family and friends with many loving memories. During her battles with cancer, her strength and courage was personified as she continued her work as administrative assistant for the southwest region of Nissan Motor Corp., in Costa Mesa, Calif. A reception planned by co-work-

ers and friends was held at Nissan Motor Corp. following the service.

Her family survives in Huntington Beach. Other survivors include her mother, Margaret Hufft, of Laguna Hills, Calif.; sisters Sandra Galli and husband, Mike, of Mission Viejo, Calif., and Mari Gifford and husband, Steve, of Reno, Nevada; brother Clint Hufft, of Burbank; father and mother-in-law, Gene and Grace Tiffany, of Polson; sister-in-law Bonnie Albiston-Haaglund and husband Wayne, of Missoula; brother-in-law, Doug Tiffany, of Kalispell and Dan Tiffany, of Polson; plus aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and a host of friends.

Pallbearers were Chris' brother Clint Hufft, brothers-in-laws Doug Tiffany, Mike Galli, and Steve Gifford, nephew Wade Albiston and Dave Connor, friend and best man at Curt and Chris' wedding.

Helen Louise Thirsk, 80

Helen Louise Thirsk, 80, died at her home in Kalispell on Saturday, March 16, 1996.

She was born Aug. 16, 1915, in Kansas to Clarence and Marie Snyder. She was a graduate of the Winfield, Kan., high school in 1933. She graduated from Newton Memorial Hospital School of Nursing in Winfield in 1936. She was employed as a registered nurse at Newton Memorial Hospital for a number of years.

On Jan. 1, 1938, she married Harold V. Thirsk in Wellington, Kan. The couple came to Kalispell in 1955. In 1966, she began working at Immanuel Lutheran Home until retiring in 1979.

She enjoyed gardening, painting and her pets, and belonged to several painting groups. She especially enjoyed her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harold, on July 12, 1966, and a sister, Doris Bartlett, in 1981.

She is survived by her son, Terry Thirsk, and his wife, Cathy, of Bottineau, N.D.; grandson, Terry Thirsk Jr. and his wife, Bernadette, and their children, Gemma and Terry Thirsk III; granddaughter, Laurie Supplee and her husband, Todd, who are expecting a child in May.

Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday at Conrad Memorial Cemetery with the Rev. Gordon Dexter, pastor of Bethel Baptist Church, officiating. Friends will meet at the cemetery for the services. Friends may call at Johnson Mortuary until 6 p.m. today for visitation. The family suggests memorials be made to the American Cancer Fund, P.O. Box 1002, Kalispell, MT 59903.

Alta Ruth Thompson, 77

Alta Ruth Thompson, 77, a lifetime resident of Whitefish, died Sunday, Feb. 4, 1996, at North Valley Hospital Extended Care.

She was born Oct. 1, 1918, at Whitefish Memorial Hospital to Ivan R. and Mary E. Myers. She was raised and spent most of her life in Whitefish, graduating from high school in 1938. She married Sam Garlitz in 1939.

She married Ervin Thompson in 1956. They continued to make their home in Whitefish until his death in 1978.

She was a longtime member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Whitefish VFW and the Christian Church of Whitefish.

She loved children and will be remembered by many she took care of. She especially enjoyed her friends and giving wedding and baby showers. Other favorite pastimes included reading and cats.

She was extremely kind-hearted and accepting of all life's many challenges.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers Charles and Earl; a sister, Izerra De Marois; her son, James "Jim" Garlitz; and a great-grandson, Devon Howell.

Survivors include John Garlitz and his wife, Phyllis, of Whitefish; Hazel and Robert Van Dessel of Joplin; her grandson, James Garlitz of Portland, Ore.; granddaughters Candace Howell and her husband, Stuart, of Whitefish, Cindy Dean and her husband, Richard, of Spokane, and Erika Garlitz of Portland; great-grandson, Alec Howell; and other relatives.

Memorial services will be on Saturday at 2 p.m. at Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish with the Rev. Edith Parrish of the First Christian Church of Columbia Falls officiating. Cremation has taken place at the Hillside Crematory under the direction of Austin Funeral Home. Inurnment will follow the services at the Whitefish Cemetery. The family suggests memorials to North Valley Hospital Extended Care or to the charity of the donor's choice.

1996 Anthony Edward Thompson, 35

Anthony Edward Thompson, 35, died Friday, June 28, of cancer.

He was born in Laguna Beach, Calif., on July 18, 1960. He graduated from Hellgate High School in Missoula, and entered the Navy.

He married Tammy Eigeman on March 24, 1984. They have two children, Nicholas and Katherine, residing in Lakeside.

He was a courageous, loving man. He enjoyed coaching football and baseball, fly-fishing and life.

Tony, if you get there before I do, don't give up on me. I will see when

my chores are through. I don't know how long I will be. But I'm not going to let you down. Tony, wait and see, and between now and then, I'll be loving you always. Love me.

Survivors include his wife and children; parents Kenny and Betty Thompson; sisters Kenda and Kristy and brother Jeff, all of Frenchtown.

A memorial funeral for family and friends will be 9 a.m. Tuesday, at St. Matthew's Church in Kalispell. Arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary.

Lowell M. Thompson, 72

Lowell M. Thompson, 72, died Oct. 9, 1996, in Grand Forks, N.D.

He was born and raised on a farm near Merinock, N.D. After graduating from Larimore High School he enlisted in the Navy and took boot training at Farragut Naval Training Station in Idaho. He was then assigned to the destroyer USS Gurrey as a gunners mate. They saw combat in the western Pacific during 1943-45.

After naval duty, he and his wife, Francie, lived in Yucaipa, Calif. They then purchased a small ranch near Peaceful Bay where he raised horses and worked as a carpenter and stonemason throughout the Flathead Valley.

They later moved to a small ranch in Nevada. When ill health beset both of them, they moved to Roy, Utah. When his wife passed away in 1965, he moved to Grand Forks.

He is survived by his brother, Tracey, of Kalispell, several cousins in North Dakota and Minnesota, and nieces and nephew in Utah, Colorado and Arizona.

He was retired with military honors by the East Grand Forks Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Dear brother, you served our country voluntarily in wartime with dignity and honor. I salute you after one final order - rest in peace. You deserve to.

1996 M.F. 'Tommy' Thompson, 85

M. F. "Tommy" Thompson, 85, of Kalispell, died Wednesday, Dec. 18.

He was born Aug. 14, 1911, in Collins, to Ira and Isabelle Thompson. He graduated from Hellgate High School in Missoula. He attended the University of Montana.

While in high school, he excelled as a student and also a football player. Football continued to be a great joy of his life. He was an avid supporter of the Flathead Braves and a member of the Flathead Booster Club. He attended local football and basketball games for many years.

He was a charter member of the Century Club of the Grizzly Athletic Association at the UM, and faithfully attended Grizzly football and basketball games. This included a trip to Hawaii to watch the Grizzlies play.

He served with the U.S. Army Air Corps in World War II.

While at UM he was member of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity and supported them until his death.

He was also an avid golfer until he was nearly 80. He loved the challenge and camaraderie of the game and gained a wide circle of friends while playing.

He also sponsored a bowling team, bowling with them for many years.

He was a lifetime member of the B.P.O.E. and many other civic organizations. He was a member of Cen-



tral Christian Church.

He established Thompson Oil Co. in Kalispell, retiring in 1974. He was truly respected in the business community for his honesty and integrity. Until

retirement, he and his wife, Lillian, moved to their home on Flathead Lake.

He was a wonderful loving husband and father. He and Lillian raised four daughters. Surviving are daughters Janet Lund, of Lakeside, Sandra Lindstrom, of Florence, Mary Lupton, of Kalispell and Jamie Lennick, of Kennewick, Wash. He was able to spend a lot of time with his grandchildren, Brent, Kristin, Karen, Stephnie, Matthew, Mandy, Jon and Annie.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Harrell, and sister, Laveve Lopez. He had a healthful and good life that was shared by many friends and family. He will be missed by all and lovingly kept in our hearts and memories forever.

A service will be 2 p.m., today, at Central Christian Church, Rev. Terry Van Heyningen, of Central Church, officiating. Burial will be at Conrad Memorial Cemetery, with military honors.

John L. Thorn, 76

John L. Thorn, 76, died Thursday, July 18, 1996, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

He was born Dec. 21, 1919, in Choteau to Robert and Frida Thorn. He worked as a mechanic for many years.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Harry Thorn.

He is survived by his wife, Adeline Thorn, of Bigfork; son William Thorn, of Denver; daughter Linda

Wilson, of Denver; stepchildren Steve Iverson, of Salem, Ore., Peggy Gottsacker, of Eugene, Ore., and Nan Potts, of Bigfork; sisters Ann Kronberg, of Prineville, Ore., Elsie Sullivan, of Sedro Woolley, Wash., and Mable Manard, of Burlington, Wash.

A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Bigfork Funeral Home, with his son, William Thorn, officiating.

Reuben Victor Toavs, 69

Reuben Victor Toavs, 69, of St. Ignatius, died at home early Wednesday, Oct. 23, 1996.

He was born Nov. 16, 1926, in Wolf Point, to Nicholas and Katie Penner Toavs. He was raised on the farm and attended rural schools near Wolf Point.

He joined the U.S. Army at the end of World War II and served in Korea. When he returned from his enlistment, he began carpentering in Montana and Washington until he retired.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Susie; and two brothers, Nicholas and Wilmer.

He is survived by his wife, Janelle, of Springdale, Wash.; his mother, Katie Toavs, of Deer Park, Wash.; children, Tootie and Russ King of St. Ignatius, Sharie and Kurt Kuhl of La Mirada, Calif., Reuben Anthony and Donna Toavs of Stevensville, Berton Garth and Hallie Toavs of Reno, Nev., Lynette Monique and Joe Bourgoin of

Norwalk, Calif., and Malea Toavs of Springdale, Wash.; brothers and sisters, Ted and Marcy Toavs of Wolf Point, Martin Toavs of Wolfpoint, Frank and Hazel Toavs of Bigfork, Margaret and Thomas Hiedner of Wolf Point, Ruthie and Erwin Spence of Condon, Betty and Ron Stevenson of Deer Park, Arlie and Jeanie Toavs and James and Ava Toavs of Columbia Falls, Hannah and Lyle Shuttleworth of Kalispell; 16 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephew.

Visitation will be held today until 9 p.m. and until service time on Saturday at the Mission Valley Funeral Chapel in St. Ignatius. Funeral services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. at Mission Valley Funeral Chapel with Joe Felsman officiating. Interment will be at Pleasant View Cemetery in St. Ignatius with military rites.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association or to the American Cancer Society.

Vernette Torstenson, 97

Vernette Torstenson, 97, died Tuesday, Dec. 24, 1996, in Kalispell.

She was born July 10, 1899, to Charles and Sarah Stewart in Coal Run, Ohio. Her parents were farmers who moved from Ohio to Canada, then on to Montana, where she spent the rest of her life.

She married Bert Torstenson in 1919. She retired after 20 years as a telephone operator and supervisor. She owned a business in Whitefish Over the Coffee Cup, for two years

and then worked for her son, Ronald "Buck" Torstenson in Shelby at the Sports Club as a hostess and enjoyed decorating for the holidays.

In 1963, she received an award for Outstanding Service to the City of Shelby and to the State of Montana in the Field of Travel Promotion.

She lived in the log cabin behind the Outlaw Inn for 30 years. The flowers she planted every year delighted those who passed by.

She was preceded in death by hus-

band, Bert.

She is survived by her son, Ronald "Buck" Torstenson, of Kalispell; four grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren and numerous other relatives.

A private family graveside service will be today at Conrad Memorial Cemetery. The family suggests memorials to Immanuel Lutheran Home, 185 Crestline Ave., Kalispell MT 59901, in lieu of flowers. Arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Eleanor C. 'Bug' Dragonfly Toycen, 66

Eleanor C. "Bug" Dragonfly Toycen, 66, died Monday in Helena. *2 Aug 1996*

She was born in Harlem, Mont., to John and Edith Dragonfly. She attended school in Lodgepole and later attended Northern Montana College in Havre.

She married Kenneth Toycen in 1951. They lived in Swan Lake until the late 1950s. After living in California they moved to Kalispell in 1970 where she worked for Sykes Market and then Kalispell Regional Hospital for 17 years. She retired in 1987.

She was preceded in death by a brother and a sister.

Survivors include daughters and sons-in-laws, Debra and Denny Byers of Martin City, Julie and Red Shumpert of Hungry Horse; a brother and his wife; four sisters and their husbands, Patricia and Leon Clark of Kalispell, Margaret and Maurice Burns of Martin City, Kathryn and Larry Bump of Columbia Falls and Luana and Paul Fossler of Coram; four grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews and many beloved friends.

Services were held this morning. Arrangements are by Columbia Mortuary.

Jack Townsend, 72

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Retired Col. Jack H. Townsend, 72, of Conner, died of pneumonia Friday evening at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.

He is survived by his wife, Myra, in Conner; sons Richard, of Conner and Jack Jr., of Templeton Calif.; sister Shirley and a brother Charles.

No services are planned. Arrangements are by Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

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Kaylee Rose 'Rosie' Tripp, 4

Kaylee Rose "Rosie" Tripp, 4, died Sunday, June 30, 1996, from a vehicle accident.

She was born Oct. 22, 1991, in Kalispell, to Lynn and DeAnne Tripp. She brought a world of sunshine and love to those who knew her. Our memories are brightened with the thought of her smile and her comforting touch. Sunshine radiated from her face, lifting the spirits of everyone she touched, especially her daddy. She had a heart of solid gold. Her love bonded the family together; the love didn't stop there however. Her cats felt the warmth in her heart along with the other farm animals.

Her talents as a cowgirl had just begun with her first pony, Cody. Her soft blonde hair cascading across her shoulders created memories with every hoofbeat. In the green pastures of heaven she will ride free with her grampa, Clare. In our hearts, minds and memories she will live on forever.



She was preceded in death by her grandfather, Lavern Clare.

She is survived by her parents, Lynn and DeAnne Tripp; three sisters, Jamie, Kara and Lynae Tripp, all of Kalispell; grandparents, George and June Tripp and Emeral Clare, all of Kalispell; great-grandmother, Fairy Haug, of Kalispell; aunts and uncles, Bill and Mei Tripp and Cindy and Fred Baker of Kalispell, Teresa and Rusty Raisland of Townsend, Carrie and Bob Stephens of Portland, Ore., Leo and Cristy Clare of Bigfork, Guy Clare of Kalispell and Heidi Clare of Spokane; her best friend, Katie Burke, of Kalispell; her godparents, Don and Jenean Hatch, of Kalispell; and many relatives and friends.

Memorials may be sent to the Trinity Lutheran School Scholarship Fund, Trinity Lutheran Church, 495 Fifth Ave. WN, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Visitation will be today until 6 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Trinity Lutheran Church with the Rev. Darold Reiner officiating. Private family burial will be at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Merrill Tripp, 80

Merrill LaVere Tripp, 80, died on Feb. 2, 1996, at St. Patrick Hospital in Missoula, following a heart angioplasty.

He was born Aug. 3, 1915, in Rexford to Leland and Gertrude Tripp. He grew up in the Eureka area, graduating from Lincoln County High School in 1933. He spent time in the Civilian Conservation Corps. He was an avid pilot, learning to fly at the Kalispell Flying Service in 1940. In 1942, he flew for Pan American Airways in Africa.

He married Nellie Mae Martin of Kalispell in 1943. In 1943-44 he served in the Navy as a flight instructor. After leaving the Navy, he attended college in Idaho, graduating from the University of Idaho in 1952.

He taught at Lincoln County High School from 1955 to 1968, then moved to Tacoma, Wash., and taught there



until 1975. He returned to Kalispell in 1978 and lived there since.

He was interesting to be around, dabbling in music, art, archaeology, anthropology, mining, wood crafts, hiking, fishing and trying to fix anything. He had a fantastic sense of humor and a love for animals.

In his later years, he was active in the community, and with the Kitchen Band and the Sunshine Chorus regularly entertained the elderly and confined.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Julian Tripp.

He is survived by his wife in Kalispell; his children Merrilyn Black, of Saco, Wendy Tripp, of Seattle, Leland and wife, Michelle, of Seattle, LaVera Foster and husband, Ronald, of Kalispell; eight grandchildren and one great-granddaughter; and sisters Rolene Haboush, of Lomita, Calif., and Helen Vukonich, of Fortine.

No service will be held. Memorials may be made to the Hope Heart Institute, 556 18th Ave., Seattle, WA, 98122, or the Salvation Army.

Mary Trout

Mary S. Trout, 81, of Whitefish, died Friday, May 24 at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

She was born August 15, 1914 to Herbert J. and Maude Demmler Stockton in Johnstown, Pa.



Following high school in Johnstown and two years at the branch in Johnstown of the University of Pittsburgh, she graduated from Penn State University with major in institution administration. An internship in Boston qualified her as a member of the American Dietetic Association. She was recognized as a

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50-year member in 1988.

She was a dietitian at the University of Texas, Austin, for residence halls including both men and women. The completion of studies and thesis during this period resulted in a master's degree in institution administration.

Additional professional activity included a return to Penn State as professor and acting head of the Department of Institution and Hotel Administration. She married and returned to Texas, later employed as a dietitian in the Dallas School Lunch System.

Her interest in various community and volunteer activities included both Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, PTA, American Association of University Women, Bismarck, North Dakota Petroleum Wives Club, an alumni

fund-raiser for Penn State University and the PEO Sisterhood at both the local and state levels as an officer.

Permanent residency in Whitefish began in the early 1970s.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Richard Stockton; and a sister, Suzanne Stockton.

She is survived by two children: Steven Arick Trout of Bismarck, N.D., and Kathy Sue Johnstone of Muswellbrook, NSW Australia; her former husband, Kye Trout of Bismarck; and a brother, John B. Stockton of Johnstown.

Cremation has taken place and a memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 8 at the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish.

She had requested memorials be made to the Shepherd's Hand Clinic, c/o Christ Lutheran Church, 233 Kalispell Ave., Whitefish, MT 59937.

1994 Helen Tuman, 66

Helen Joyce Tuman, of Great Falls, passed away Sept. 19, of cancer.

Services were held in Great Falls on Sept. 23.

She was born July 10, 1930, at Paso Robles, Calif., and graduated from high school there in 1948. She and Clyde Tuman were married June 14, 1951 in Paso Robles.

She worked in the California school system as a secretary and at First Federal Savings in Kalispell as a bookkeeper. She lived in Great

Falls for the past number of years and worked at Junkermier, Clark, Campanella Stevens, CPAs.

Her hobbies included reading, animals and working in her yard. She will be remembered most fondly for the special times she spent coloring with her grandchildren.

She is survived by her husband, of Great Falls, daughters Debbie Peck, of Melrose and Becky Brigman, of Florence, S. C.; son Bob Tuman, of Kalispell and seven grandchildren.

Denise Turner, 46

Denise Serences Turner, 46, of Red Lodge, died Monday, April 8, 1996, in St. Vincent Hospital in Billings of injuries sustained in a skiing accident on Red Lodge Mountain on April 6.

She was born on July 5, 1949, in Pasadena, Calif., to John and Margaret Serences. She was raised in Dana Point, Calif., and attended area schools. She graduated from San Clemente High School in 1967 and from Western Montana College in Dillon in 1982 with an associate degree in art.

On Feb. 1, 1975, she married Doug J. Turner in Dana Point. Their daughter, Lindsey, was born in Red Lodge in 1984.

She worked in her husband's family restaurant in Kalispell from 1975-78. They then moved to Dillon and after graduating from college they moved to Belfry where her husband took a teaching position at Belfry schools in 1983. She also worked there as a teacher's aide. The family settled in Red Lodge in 1989.

She was an outstanding athlete and enjoyed surfing during high school. She became an excellent skier after moving to Red Lodge. Skiing several days a week all winter long and racing in the Town and NASTAR series, she was a familiar figure at the ski area she loved.

She was also an accomplished artist, sculptor and potter. In recent years she had gained success in commission portraiture work. She worked at Coleman Gallery in Red Lodge for six years and was also talented at embroidery, knitting and sewing.

She was warm and personable, generous, had a great sense of humor

and a real zest for life. She was a joy to be around and her many friends cherished her company.

She was preceded in death by her father, John, in September of 1995.

Survivors include her husband and daughter of Red Lodge; her mother of Dana Point; her brother and sister-in-law, John and Julie Serences, and nephew, John Thomas, of Sacramento, Calif.; sister and brother-in-law, Melanie and Al Nicora, and nieces Stephanie, Catherine, Jacqueline and Maria of Pebble Beach, Calif.; sister and brother-in-law, Mary and Mike Terry, and niece, Caitlin, of Lexington, Ken.; an uncle, Peter Serences of Petaluma, Calif.; and brother-in-law Michael and Margaret Turner and nephews Dylan and Jasper of Dharan, Saudi Arabia.

Memorial services are being held today at St. Agnes Catholic Church in Red Lodge. The family would appreciate memorials in her name given to the Emergency Room Expansion Fund at the Carbon County Memorial Hospital, P.O. Box 590, Red Lodge, MT 59068. The Olcott Funeral Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

Ralph Turner, Jr., 64

Ralph Allen Turner, Jr., 64, died Tuesday, April 23, 1996, at his home in Kalispell.

He was born Jan. 30, 1932, in Upper Darby, Pa., to Ralph A. and Katherine Turner, Sr. He served as a pilot in the Air Force and later worked for several different airlines.

He had at one time raced cars and loved fast boats. His hobbies included gun collecting and putting models together.

He is survived by his wife, Phyl-

lis, at home in Kalispell; daughter, Melissa Jane Stirdivant; stepdaughters Peggy J. Duggan and Sarah L. McMannis; stepson, John W. Stephan; and seven grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Church of Christ in Columbia Falls with the Rev. Mick Smith officiating. Cremation has already taken place. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements and cremation.

Simon Theadore Tvedten, 59

Simon Theadore Tvedten, 59, died Friday, Sept. 20, 1996, at Oregon Health Science University Hospital in Portland.

He was born Dec. 6, 1936, in Newfolden, Minn., to Snarie and Gladys Tvedten. He moved with his family to Idaho for a short time and moved to the Lower Flathead Valley and attended schools and graduated from Flathead High School in 1956.

He married Deloris Sevre on June 5, 1965, in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. They lived in Kalispell and he worked for Edmiston Land and Cattle Company. In December 1967, they moved to Libby where he worked on the dam. They moved to Stevensville in 1972, and to Arlee in 1976. He worked construction until about 10 years ago but continued ranching until his death. He delivered the Missoulian in the Arlee area for seven years.

He attended Ravalli Community

Church and was a member of the American Simmental Association and Laborers Local #1334.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a daughter, Rhonda.

Survivors include his wife, Deloris, at home in Arlee; a daughter, Christine Tvedten, of Arlee; sister, Elanor Disbrow, of Missoula; two brothers, George Tvedten of Mission Viejo, Calif., and Cliff Tvedten of Spokane.

The family suggests memorials be made to Ravalli Community Church, Ravalli, MT 59863.

Visitation will be Friday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Shrider's Mortuary in Ronan. Funeral services will be Saturday at 1 p.m. at Ravalli Community Church with the Rev. Lee Wraith officiating. Interment will follow at Ronan Cemetery.

Arrangements are under the direction of Shrider's Mortuary in Ronan.

Francie Smith,

Wendy Tyler

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Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, April 5, 1996, for Francie Smith and Wendy Tyler, who died last week after their car was stuck on a remote road in northeast Montana.

Services will be at Plentywood Lutheran Church with Pastor David Curtright officiating. Burial will follow in Plentywood Memorial Cemetery.

The two sisters are survived by their father, Harvey Tyler and his wife, Janet, of Kalispell, and their mother, Flora Lee, and her husband, Pat, of Plains; and by nine brothers and sisters, including Kelly James Dipzinski and Neva Jean Tyler, both of Kalispell.

Fulkerson Funeral Home of Plentywood is in charge of arrangements.