

## Ione Westley, 84

Ione Lorene Westley, 84, of Kalispell, died at Immanuel Lutheran Home on Saturday, Feb. 10, 1996.

She was born April 4, 1911, in Bowman, N.D., to Irvin and Mamie Lininger.

She graduated from Bowman High School in 1929. She worked as a deputy register of deeds of Bowman County until 1934, when she was employed as secretary in the Bowman County welfare office.

On Nov. 2, 1943, she married Harry A. Westley at Miles City. She later worked as secretary for Bowman County States Attorney.

In 1956, they came to Kalispell, where he was administrator of the Immanuel Lutheran Home and she worked as secretary and bookkeeper until they retired.

She was a member of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church and Sons of Norway.

She was preceded in death by her

husband on May 21, 1987; and two brothers.

She is survived by a stepson, John C. Westley, of Arden Hills, Minn.; daughters JoAnn Stewart and her husband, John, of Burke, Va., and Betty Bradford and her husband, Gary, of Kalispell; brother Fred Lininger, of Osburn, Idaho; her twin sister Irene Nygaard, of Bowman, and sister Irvine Schmeltzer, of Spokane; five grandchildren, Susan and Kathryn Westley, Heather Stewart and Daniel and Christine Bradford; and several nieces and nephews.

A funeral will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Rev. Rick Nelson officiating. Following the services the body will be forwarded to Krebsbach Funeral Services in Bowman, N.D., where burial will be made in the Bowman Cemetery. Visitation is 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday at Johnson Mortuary.

## Eula May Wetterow, 88

Eula May Wetterow, 88, of Columbia Falls, passed away Tuesday, Dec. 10, 1996, at Kalispell Regional Hospital.

She was born May 30, 1908, in Ranchester, Wyo., to Edwin and Nannie Brock. The family came to Montana in 1912.

She married Albert "Dutch" Trenkle on Dec. 2, 1925, in Kalispell, and they lived at East Glacier until 1943, managing the Rising Wolf Ranch.

She worked for the U.S. Air Force until 1946, when she married Forrest D. Wetterow.

She was a member of the First Federated Club at East Glacier, the Civic Club in Sandpoint, Idaho, president of the Idaho Federation of Women's Clubs, and had dual membership in the Estella Pomeroy Chapter 68 and Martha Chapter 34 of the Order of the Eastern Star.

She moved to Columbia Falls in 1988, and was active in the North Valley Senior Citizens, Sapphire Sewing Club, Daughters of the Nile, and Columbia Falls Methodist Church.

She is survived by two brothers, Cecil R. Brock in Mt. Vernon, Wash., and Garth F. Brock of Tucson, Ariz.; a sister, Mildred Rawles, of Great Falls; two sons, Albert Trenkle of Columbia Falls and Allan E. Trenkle of Show Low, Ariz.; a

daughter, Karen D. Tucker, of Wasilla, Alaska; 12 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; six great-great-grandchildren; numerous nieces, nephews; and many other family and friends.

Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at United Methodist Church in Columbia Falls with the Rev. Ray Davis officiating. Arrangements are under by Columbia Mortuary.

## Homer L. Wetmore, 59

Homer L. Wetmore, 59, of Somers, died of natural causes on Saturday, June 1, 1996, at Colonial Manor Nursing Home in Whitefish.

He was born May 22, 1937, in Whitefish to Harold and Emma Wetmore. At a young age he moved with his parents to Kalispell, where he completed his education.

When he was 17, he joined the U.S. Navy and served during the Korean war. After receiving his discharge, he was employed with various businesses. For the past five years he was

employed by Valley Tree Service.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a nephew, Andy Veigel.

He is survived by his sister, Betty Keller, of Somers; a niece, Pam Neukirk, of Colorado; and a nephew, Flint Anderson, of Texas.

Cremation has taken place at the Hillside Crematory under the direction of Austin Funeral Home.

There will be a gathering of friends at Del's Bar in Somers on Friday, starting at 3 p.m.

## Isabel White, 77

Isabel White, 77, died Saturday, May 11, 1996, at Kalispell Regional Hospital.

She was born Jan. 18, 1919, to Harry and Grace Taylor on the family farm in Lower Valley and lived her entire life in the Somers and Kalispell area. She graduated from Flathead County High School.

On Nov. 12, 1938, she married John White in Dillon.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Kalispell. She enjoyed needlework and crossword puzzles and adored her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, John White; an infant son, Bobby; an infant daughter; an infant great-granddaughter; and sister, Adelaide Cooper.

She is survived by two daughters, Joanne Kienas and husband, Bob, of Kalispell and Joyce Olson and husband, Dave, of Edmonds, Wash.; five grandchildren, Bud Kienas of Bend, Ore., Bobby Kienas of Somers, Karla Fischer of Great Falls, Tandra Dugaw of Seattle, Travis Counsell of Edmonds; five great-grandchildren;

brothers Bob Taylor of Kalispell and Roger Taylor of Somers; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family suggests those who wish may give memorials to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 1002, Kalispell, MT 59903-1002 or to a favorite charity.

Funeral services will be today at 3 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Max Kaser officiating. Burial will follow at Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

## 1996 Vicky Lee Barnum Whitehead, 50

Vicky Lee Barnum Whitehead, 50, died in a drowning accident during the July 4 weekend near Kerr Dam.

She was born Feb. 23, 1946, in Kalispell to Dick and Irene Barnum. She attended Edgerton Elementary and Flathead County High School, graduating in 1964. At the encouragement of her high school art teacher, she attended Montana State University, graduating in 1970 with a degree in Art Education and History.

During her college years, she married Purnal D. Whitehead, also of Kalispell. After graduation, the couple lived in Missoula and Libby for 10 years. During this time, she taught art and developed her art style. In 1980, the family returned to Kalispell, where she continued to develop skill in acrylics, pastels, oils and watercolors. Her work reflects the state where she was born and raised.

At age 8, she was showing horses and accompanying her family on pack trips in Glacier National Park. Always a Montana girl, her childhood

spent around animals, rodeos, the great outdoors and Echo Lake became the inspiration for her art.

She found painting a constant learning experience and tremendous challenge. The Flathead's stimulating environment helped her develop and grow.

She was a member of the Montana Professional Artists Association and a founding contributor to the Soroptomist International Art Show and Auction in Missoula, often receiving their Best of Show, People's Choice, and Artist-of-the-Year awards. She was a perennial favorite of the Rough Rider International Art Show at Williston, N.D., the National Association of Western Art Shows in Ellensburg, Wash., and the Charlie Russell Art Show and Auction in Great Falls.

She was a favorite Quick Draw participant at the shows and had many of her works juried into art auctions.

She traveled to art shows through-

out the United States and Canada. Her art is represented in almost every state. She shared her gift by spending free time in classrooms, giving demonstrations and supporting and encouraging her fellow artists. She also donated her art to local booster club fund-raisers.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Billy Barnum.

She is survived at the family home by her husband and daughter, Sommer Lee, 18; son Scott Allen, 28 and granddaughter Tiana Jasmine, 2, of Honolulu, Hawaii; son Kurt Jason, 26, of Koyuk, Alaska, and her mother, Irene Barnum, of Kalispell.

A memorial service will be 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Christian Center, with Pastor Robert Ross officiating. Cremation has taken place.

Memorials may be made to the Vicky Whitehead Art Scholarship Fund, 226 Peaceful Drive, Hamilton, Mont., 59840 or the Flathead Booster Club, Flathead High School, Kalispell.

## Eloise A. Sheppard Wickham, 89

Eloise A. Sheppard Wickham, 89, died in Colorado Springs, Colo., on Monday, July 22, 1996.

She was born Sept. 18, 1906, in Bottineau, N.D., to Alfred and Edra Bradford Williams. She was married to Dave Sheppard, who preceded her in death.

Later, she married Doug Wickham, who also preceded her in death.

She had been a member and officer of the Cootiette Club; member and past president of the World War I Auxiliary, Navy Mothers, RNA, and VFW Auxiliary.

She is survived by a son, David Sheppard, of Walla Walla, Wash.; daughters Helen Behrens, of Carson City, Nevada, Donna Gori, of Reno,

Nevada and Marilyn Bertino, of Colorado Springs, Colo.; stepson Donald Wickham and stepdaughter Dorothy Lovering, both of Kalispell; brother Alfred Williams, of Kalispell; 13 grandchildren and 27 great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Johnson Mortuary Chapel, Rev. Max Kaser, pastor of First Baptist Church officiating. Burial will be at Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Visitation is 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday at Johnson Mortuary Chapel. The family suggests memorials be made to the First Baptist Church of Kalispell, or the Pike's Peak Hospice, 3630 Sinton Road, Colorado Springs, CO, 80907.

## Lydia E. Wilke, 92

Lydia E. Wilke, 92, died at Brendan House on Friday, Dec. 27, 1996.

She was born Jan. 28, 1904, in St. James, Minn., to Fred and Elizabeth Kirsch. Her parents homesteaded on the Dakota prairie near Stirum, where she grew up and attended schools.

On July 15, 1923, she married Edward Wilke. They lived near Milnor, N.D., before moving to Kalispell in 1967 to be near their children.

She worked as a housekeeper for several area people. She was a life-long member of the Missouri Synod Lutheran Church. She enjoyed gardening, cooking, and her children

and grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1991; a daughter, Eileen, in 1923, and daughters Eunice and Gladys, both in 1995; and two brothers and a sister.

She is survived by daughters June Hair, of Kalispell, and Alberta Ferry, of Newark, Calif.; 20 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; and a sister, Lillian Schumacher, of Mena, Ark.

A funeral was held this morning at Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Entombment will be at Glacier Memorial Gardens Mausoleum.

## 1496 Darl Williams, 50

Darl Duane Williams, 50, of Kalispell, devoted father and friend, passed on to Heaven on Friday, Sept. 27, following a brief battle with cancer.

He was born Oct. 24, 1945, in Wichita, Kansas, to Jess and Ida Williams. He had worked as a truck driver for Stampede Meat Packing Co.

He was a faithful and committed member of the Gospel Light Baptist Church. He was active in the music, bus and nursing home ministries. He had produced an album of gospel music. He enjoyed inventing, barbecuing, fishing, sports, popcorn and sweets.

He is survived by his mother, Ida

Williams of Minot, N.D.; father, Jess Williams, of Cheney, Kansas; children Angie and Heather Williams, both of Seattle, and Corey, Duffy and Dusty Williams, all of Kalispell.

A funeral will be 10 a.m., Monday, at the Gospel Light Baptist Church, Rev. Rick Hamann officiating.

After the services, the body will be sent to North Dakota for burial in the Sawyer Cemetery.

Visitation is 1-4 p.m., today, at Johnson Mortuary. The family suggests memorials be made to the Bus Ministry of Gospel Light Baptist Church, 1830 Montana Highway 35, Kalispell.

## Luella Patton (Jaquette) Wilcox, 93

Luella Patton (Jaquette) Wilcox, 93, expired at the Hospice of the Central Coast in Monterey, Calif., on Thursday, May 2, 1996.

She was the daughter of Walter P. and Luella Patton Jaquette, original settlers of the Flathead Valley. She attended Spring Creek School.

She was a graduate of the Flathead County High School and received a teaching certificate at the Montana State Normal School in Dillon.

She taught at Spring Creek, Bald Rock, Coram and Belton in the Flathead before moving to Sunburst. While teaching there, she married Arthur J. Wilcox of Shelby.

She and her husband owned and operated a wholesale gasoline business, later a motel and finally a ranch north of Shelby. Her husband preceded her in death in 1968 and she continued to manage the family ranch until the late 1980s. She then retired to Kalispell and later moved to California.

She is survived by her sisters,

Eleanor Jaquette, of San Mateo, Calif.; Nancy Gilchrist, of Bozeman, Dorothy Hodgson, of Kalispell; son Walter J. Wilcox, of Pebble Beach, Calif.; grandson Randall A. Wilcox, of San Jose, Calif.; granddaughter Jennifer L. Wilcox, of Palo Alto, Calif.; great-grandson Alexander Wilcox, of San Jose, and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by brothers Paul and James Jaquette and her sisters Isabel Jaquette Duncan and Josephine Jaquette.

She and her husband were leaders in their community. She served as the Shelby Red Cross chairwoman during World War II and became a successful businesswoman after her husband's death.

Her wisdom and integrity will be severely missed by her descendants.

A memorial service will be at the Whitted Funeral Chapel in Shelby, 1 p.m., Friday. Interment will follow at the Wilcox plot at the Mountain View Cemetery.

## Myles G. Wilcox, 81

Myles G. Wilcox, 81, of Libby, died of natural causes Monday, April 1, 1996, at Libby Care Center. He was born Sept. 11, 1914, at Dearborn, Mich. He attended school in Weyauwega, Wisc. He served in the Army during World War II. After his discharge he moved to Troy. He married Alma Horton in 1959. He worked for the railroad for 25 years before retiring in 1975. Later he worked for the Town Pump.

Survivors include his wife, Alma Wilcox of Libby; two sons, Ronald Huff and wife, Marie of Columbia Falls; Dan Huff of Columbia Falls; 10 grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

Graveside services will be Friday April 5, 1996, at 2 p.m. at the Milnor Lake Cemetery. Local arrangements are by Nelson & Vial Funeral Home.

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## Frank Wilkie, 69

Frank L. Wilkie, M.D., died Wednesday, at his home at Echo Lake. 29 Feb 1996

He was born Aug. 6, 1926, in Chicago.

He is survived by his wife, Carol, at the family home at Echo Lake.

Graveside services will be held Saturday at Lonepine Cemetery with the Rev. Ron Pierce of Swan Chapel officiating. Bigfork Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

## Gretchen Inez Wilson, 75

Gretchen Inez Wilson, 75, died July 7, 1996, in Oregon where she had resided since Oct. 1988.

She was born on April 2, 1921, in Doster, Mich., to Floyd and LoRena Snow.

She is survived by three brothers, Bertrum Wayne "Doc" of West Virginia, Bill of California, and Lyle of Montana; and two sisters, Jean Behrens of Montana and Harriett Reeves of Oregon.

She moved with her family from Doster to Broadus, then to Coram where she married Percy Cottet at

the age of 17. After 10 years of marriage, they were divorced.

On Feb. 11, 1950, she married C. Clarke Wilson and is survived by him and five children, Linda of Billings, Fern of Kalispell, Doug of Kalispell, Ruth of Portland, Ore., and Nadine of Kalispell; and four grandchildren, Steven Schelin, Trevor and Mason Bowles and Sarah Jellison.

She was a longtime member of Northridge Heights Church of God in Kalispell.

At her request, cremation was performed and no service was held.

## Vernetta Willis, 74

Vernetta Willis, 74, a longtime resident of Whitefish, died Friday, Feb. 9, 1996, at her home.

She was born March 5, 1921, in Whitefish, to Vernon and Vernetta Kothe Larter. She was raised and received her education in Whitefish.

She had a great love for the outdoors including botany, painting, camping and hiking.

She will always be remembered as a loving mother of six children, two grandsons, four granddaughters and one great-grandson. Her happiest times were spent with her loved ones and friends.

On July 18, 1942, she married Howard Willis and he preceded her in death on Sept. 16, 1975. She was also preceded in death by two sons, Donald and Kenneth.

She is survived by a daughter, Yvonne, and her husband, Ray Ross, and children, April and Rocky, of Kalispell; three sons, Cliff and wife, Barb Willis, and children, Cristie and Julie, of Kalispell, Dale and wife, Debbie Willis, and children, Carrie, Branden, and Shawn and Steve Willis and Jan Hecimovich, all of Whitefish; a sister, Catherine Holien, of Whitefish; a brother, Lewis Larter, of Great Falls; and numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services will be Tuesday at 1 p.m. at Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish with Dr. David V. Kauffman of the Whitefish Christian Church officiating. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery of Kalispell.

## Marjorie L. Wilson, 82

Marjorie L. Wilson, 82, of Victor, died of cancer Thursday, June 13, 1996, at St. Patrick Hospital in Missoula.

She was born on Feb. 14, 1914, in Big Stone City, S.D., to James and Marian Black.

She graduated from high school in Big Stone City. She earned a music teaching certificate from Northern State Teachers College in Aberdeen, S.D., and taught in public schools nearby until her marriage.

She married Clayton Baird in Milbank, S.D. A daughter and son were born, but the couple were later divorced.

She moved to Polson, where she lived from 1941-1948. She was a clerk for the Indian Irrigation Service and was pianist for the Methodist Church.

On June 13, 1946, she married Thomas H. Wilson. The couple lived in Hungry Horse from 1948-1952 during construction of Hungry Horse Dam. She was a member of Estella Pomeroy Chapter, OES, and the Rocky Mountain Riders in Columbia Falls.

She taught music at Columbia Falls elementary school. Because of Tom's engineering work, they followed construction. They lived in Bridgeport, Wash., Glasgow and Great Falls before retiring.

In 1962, they move to the Bitterroot, living first in Woodside, then in 1963 settling in Victor, where they operated a land survey business.

She was a member of the Victor Garden Club, Past Worthy Matron of Naomi Chapter 19 of OES in Victor, and Past Grand Organist of the Montana Grand Chapter of Order of East-

ern Star.

She was named Victor Community Booster Club Citizen of the Year for her efforts to improve and beautify Victor Park. She received the Golden Apple award from Victor schools to recognize her service accompanying the school choirs and soloists in concert and at festivals.

Her skill at the organ and the piano was well recognized wherever she lived and she readily gave of her talents. She was former organist for the Victor Community Church and the Christian Science Church in Hamilton.

Her other hobbies included flower arranging, gardening, sewing, and playing bridge.

She was preceded in death by her husband, a son, Dennis Baird, and a brother and a sister.

Survivors include a daughter, Marian Lutz, of Springfield, Ore.; a daughter-in-law, Linda Baird, of Grants Pass, Ore.; a stepdaughter, Patty Huillet of Marysville, Wash.; two brothers and their wives, H.W. (Buck) and Mary Black of Polson, and Herbert R. and Dottie Black of Charlotte, Wis.; four granddaughters and their husbands; Pamela and Rudy Koehle of Sterling, Va.; Mitzie and Wes McKee of Libby, Cheryl London of Stockton, Calif., and Christi Page of Darby. Also surviving are six great-grandchildren and 10 stepgrandchildren.

A celebration of her life is planned for Tuesday at 2 p.m. at the Whitesitt Funeral Home in Stevensville.

Flowers are welcome. Memorial funds are being established to the Victor Garden Club Park Fund and Naomi Chapter Order of Eastern Star in Victor.

## Ross James Wilson, 83

Ross James Wilson, 83, of Columbia Falls, died Thursday, Dec. 19, 1996, at North Valley Hospital from complications of Parkinson's disease.

He was born Feb. 8, 1913, in Kansas City, Kan., the youngest of three

sons of James Ross and Pearl Fleming Wilson. The family moved to the Flathead Valley in 1916. He graduated from Flathead County High School in 1931.

After high school, he worked with his father as a building contractor and for J. Hofert Christmas Tree Co. as a buyer.

As a member of the Montana National Guard, he was activated for duty with the 163rd Infantry in World War II and was later transferred to become one of the first officers of the famous 10th Mountain Division. He served as a battalion commander throughout WW II with service in the Aleutian Islands and Italy, earning a variety of awards including the Bronze and Silver Stars with clus-



ters. He was discharged at the end of WW II as a full colonel.

After the war, he returned to the Flathead where he was the district supervisor of Region 1 of the Montana Fish and Game department for 13 years until becoming Flathead County sheriff for eight years. He was a real estate agent for several years.

He was a member of the Sheriff's Posse, Eagles No. 234, Shriners, Masons, and Elks.

He was a member of and attended Lakeside Chapel most of his life.

He was an avid outdoorsman who loved the North Fork and packing into the South Fork. In later years, he especially enjoyed fishing and spending time at his North Fork cabin with his family and was active for many years in the North Fork Improvement Association. He and his wife lived in the North Fork for 10 years and they still have their favorite place and cabin on Kintla Ranch.

He was a devoted husband and dad to his wife and family. He was very wise and passed on much wisdom and how to fish and hunt to his children and grandchildren. He will be dearly missed by all.

In 1972, he married Katie Reis and he is survived by her at home in Columbia Falls.

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

In addition to his wife, Katie, he is also survived by two sons, Larry and Joe Wilson, both of Columbia Falls; a daughter, Wanda LaCroix, of Arlee; stepson, Bill Reis, of Clark, Mo.; stepdaughters, Linda Hoyt and Becky Reed, both of Whitefish, and Barbara Raze of Kalispell; and numerous great-grandchildren, grandchildren, relatives and many friends.

The family suggests memorial to the Wilson Memorial, c/o Jack Hensley at Valley Bank, P.O. Box 48, Kalispell, MT 59903.

Visitation will be today from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. on Friday at Lakeside Chapel with the Rev. J. Torrance Harvey of Lakeside Chapel and the Rev. W. Ray Davis of Columbia Falls United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens with military rites conducted by area veterans. Arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

## Willis H. Wilson, 73

Willis H. Wilson of Marion, died after a lengthy illness at St. Patrick Hospital in Missoula on Oct. 7, 1996.

He was born on Aug. 13, 1923, in Youngstown, Ohio, to Gertrude and Willis Wilson. He was raised by Bertha and David Mitchell, his aunt and uncle, in the coal-mining community of Newell, Pa.

He enlisted in the Army Air Corps on Nov. 20, 1940. After serving with the Flying Tigers in China and an enlistment in Korea, four additional enlistments left him with severe injuries and medical problems he carried for the rest of his life.

He retired from the Air Force in 1960. He was married to Annette Walker Bain in July 1986. They have made their home in Marion since that time.

He was involved in Veteran Affairs, having served as adjutant, quartermaster and service officer of the Department of Montana Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was also elected twice as Commander of the Disabled American Veterans, Chapter #4 of Kalispell.

He was credited with assisting many veterans in obtaining their benefits.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Anders or Andrews and George; and a twin sister, Marion.

He is survived by his wife, Annette, and his four children, Michael Wilson, Jeffrey Wilson, Gregory Wilson and Laurie Schiensi, all of St. Paul, Minn.; grandchildren Jason Urbanski, Jennifer Urbanski, James Wilson, Jeff Wilson, Stephanie Scienski, Michael Scienski, Anna Marie Rauscher, Thomas Wilson and Christina Wilson, all of St. Paul; one great-granddaughter, Bethany; stepchildren Carolyn Messner of Arlee, Dennis Bain, Greg Bain and Jeff Bain, all of Kalispell, Richie Kay Stone of Missoula; and Valerie Wolf of Grand Junction, Colo.; step-grandchildren Kevin Messner, Janelle Lund, Lori Stone, Keith

Stone, Kim Bain, Robert Bain, Amy Zundel, Jenifer Bain, Jake Bain, Matthew Bain, Ryan Wolf, Jessica Wolf, Nathan Bain, Jared Bain and eight stepgreat-grandchildren; sisters Constance Hill of Cleveland, Ohio, Betty Kaye of Southern California, Grace Wilson of Hollywood, Calif., and Doris Solan of Crownsville, Md.

Viewing will be today until 8 p.m. at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Burial follows at Conrad Cemetery.

He had many friends as he made friends wherever he went because of his outgoing personality. He was a loving husband and will be greatly missed by his large family.

Memorials may be sent to DAV Chapter 4, Kalispell, to be used for Veterans Home parties.

## Cody Lee Wiltsee

Cody Lee Wiltsee, infant, died Friday at Kalispell Regional Hospital. He was born Sept. 2, 1995 to Kathy Wiltsee and Mark Puma. He was preceded in death by his great-grandpa Ben Moren, and great-grandpa, Howard Plank. *23 Feb 1996*

Cody is survived by his parents, Kathy Wiltsee and Mark Puma, of Kalispell; grandparents Morris and Debra Puma of Los Gatos, Calif.; grandmother Betty Wiltsee of Campbell, Calif.; great-grandmother Agnes Plank and Fifi Moren; Aunt Margie and Uncle Mike Westbrook of Kila.

Funeral services were Wednesday, Feb. 28, 1996 at 3 p.m. in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel, with Chaplain Maggi Brown officiating.

Burial will be in C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Arrangements are under direction of Johnson Mortuary.



## Ethel M. Wilz, 79

Ethel M. Wilz, 79, a longtime Columbia Falls resident, died Sunday evening, Jan. 21, 1996, at Brendan House in Kalispell after a long illness with cancer.

She was born Aug. 3, 1916, at the family homestead in North Dakota, to Frank and Marie Snider. She was raised in North Dakota and graduated from high school in Marmouth, N.D. She then attended and graduated from beauty school in Minneapolis, Minn., and worked as a beautician there for five years.

She met Robert Wilz in Minneapolis and they were married Aug. 23, 1941. When her husband entered the service during WW II, she moved to Malta. In 1947 the family moved to Columbia Falls where they have resided since.

She was a Girl Scout leader and was active in the Lutheran church. She was active in the Democratic Women's Organization. She did volunteer work at the senior citizen's center. She enjoyed studying Science of the Mind religion.

She also enjoyed music, playing the

piano, working in her garden, cooking, making her children's clothes and an interest in designing homes. She dearly loved her dog, "Goldie."

She was preceded in death by her parents.

She is survived by her husband, Robert, at home; a son, David Wilz, of Kennewick, Wash.; a daughter and son-in-law, Susan and Wayne Powell, of Kalispell; a sister, Evelyn Lundstrom, of Columbia Falls; a brother, Dan Snider, of Malta; and six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls with the Rev. Chrysta Bourne of the Science of the Mind Shining Mountains Church, officiating. Burial will follow at Woodlawn Cemetery.

## Denise Rae Wingate, 39

*14 June 1996*  
Denise Rae Wingate, 39, of Boise, died Friday in a Boise hospital following a brief illness.

She was born Sept. 3, 1957, in Shelton, Wash., to Eugene L. and Shirley Heuscher Burns. She was raised in Kalispell and Washington and graduated from Meridian High School in Kent, Wash., in 1974. On June 30, 1978, she married Terry A. Wingate in Tacoma, Wash.

She was a member of the Assembly of God Church and Cal-

vary Baptist Church. She was employed at Micron Technologies as an RDA operator.

Survivors include her husband, Terry, and three children; her parents; sisters, including Cheryl Frank of Kalispell; brothers, including Mike Nick and Eugene Burns of Kalispell; in-laws; a grandmother; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Memorial services and cremation were held in Boise under the direction of Alden-Waggoner Chapel.

## LeRoy M. Wirtz, 66

LeRoy M. Wirtz, 66, died Tuesday, Dec. 10, 1996, at Kalispell Regional Hospital.

He was born Aug. 22, 1930, in Plentywood to Mathew and Rose Wirtz. He lived his early years in Montana, graduating from schools here.

He married Joan P. Kingston in 1962. They lived in Kalispell, where he worked as a lineman for Northwest Telephone until the strike of 1975.

He moved to Anchorage, Alaska, where he went to work for Anchorage Telephone and Utilities. He lived there for 10 years and truly loved every minute of being in Alaska. They built a cabin on a creek so they could enjoy the outdoors, and he would frequently fly into there. They moved back to Ferndale after his retirement in 1986.

He was an avid aviator and went flying as often as he could. One of his hobbies was remodeling airplanes, which he was very good at. He also loved to hunt, fish and work on auto-

mobiles, and he truly loved motorcycles.

He loved just being with his friends and neighbors. He loved going with his wife, Joan, to England where they spent time with his brother and sisters-in-law and many other relatives.

He was a long standing member of the IBEW.

He is going to be missed by all who knew him.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother and a sister.

He is survived by his wife, Joan, of Ferndale; daughter Laura Woolley; sons Rick Wirtz, Rodney Wirtz and Kelly Wirtz; stepsons Michael McLean and Douglas McLean; stepdaughters Catherine McLean and Nancy McLean; a cousin, Hubert Wirtz; and many grandchildren.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at New Life Alliance Church in Bigfork with the Rev. Gary Morton officiating. Bigfork Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

## 1996 William Howard Wixson, 86

William Howard Wixson, 86, of Columbia Falls, died Sunday, Dec. 22, at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

He was born Oct. 7, 1910, in Monarch, Mont., to William H. and Ada M. Wixson.

In 1932, he married Hazel Tolliver in Monarch. They moved to Columbia Falls in 1947.

He served in the Army during World War II and was awarded the Bronze star for bravery in France.

He worked for the Montana Highway Department for several years and as the mail carrier for the North Fork route from 1957 to 1960. He operated a patrol on road construction through-

out the state. He retired in 1979.

On April 3, 1982, he married Dorothy Darling. They enjoyed dancing and traveling.

He loved his garden, his yard and decorating for Christmas. He was an avid Atlanta Braves fan and never missed a game.

He was a member of the Operating Engineers Local, a past commander of the William Murphy V.F.W., and a member of the North Valley Senior Citizens Center and a trustee for the center.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his wife, Hazel, in 1979.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy, of Columbia Falls; his

children, Myrtle Langton, Connie Darling, Shirley Adams, Sherry Benzien, Sue Smith, and Jerry and Ron Darling, all of Columbia Falls, and Bob Darling of Great Falls; a sister, Pauline Hooper of Helena; numerous grandchildren including Dennis Langton of Columbia Falls; and numerous great-grandchildren.

A funeral service will be held Friday at 3 p.m. at United Methodist Church in Columbia Falls. The Rev. Ray Davis will officiate. Cremation will follow. Viewing will be prior to the service at the church. Arrangements are by Columbia Mortuary.

11 Mar 1996 **Glenna Wobig, 55**

Glenna M. Wobig, 55, died Monday at Kalispell Regional Hospital.

She was born to Bjarne and Lueretta Erickson on Oct. 19, 1940, at Shelby. She came to Eureka with her family as a small child, attending Eureka public schools and graduating from high school in the class of 1958.

She moved to Missoula in 1965 where she worked in the offices of Hellgate High School for an extended period of time. She resided in Vancouver, Wash., and, later, in Illinois before returning to Eureka in the late 1970s.

For several years, she worked as a cook at Mountain View Manor in Eureka.

She married Caryl Wobig on Feb. 13, 1984. She also had owned and operated Ksanka Floral in Eureka for a period of five years. She loved rais-

ing and caring for plants and flowers and was an accomplished artist in oil painting.

She was preceded in death by her father and mother.

Survivors include her husband, Caryl, of Eureka; four sons, Kurt West, Ken West, Kris West and Jeremy Palmer, all of Eureka; a stepson, David Wobig of Boise, Idaho; a stepdaughter, Deborah Hern, of Missoula; two brothers, Leigh Erickson of Eureka and Roger Erickson of Fall City, Wash.; and nine grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 2-8 p.m. Friday at Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Eureka. Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. at the First Baptist Church with the Rev. David Hopper officiating. Interment will be at Tobacco Valley Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Eureka Ambulance, Box 736 Eureka, MT.

### Carl Harold Wolfe, 76

Carl Harold Wolfe, 76, died Monday, July 22, 1996, at Brendan House.

He was born in Falmouth, Ky., on Oct. 10, 1919, to Virgil and Marie Wolfe. He attended elementary school and high school in Falmouth. He joined the Army Air Corps on Oct. 19, 1940.

He married Jean Larsen in Casper, Wyo., on July 28, 1943. They lived on Kearns Air Force Base before moving to Polson.

From there they moved to East Lake Shore/Skidoo Bay where they lived for 27 years and then to Polson where they have lived for 21 years.

He was a disabled veteran. He was a prisoner of war in Germany during World War II. He enjoyed fishing and camping.

He was a member of the Polson Christian Church, the Free Masons and Order of Eastern Star.

He was preceded in death by his parents, son, Allen Wolfe, and brother, Roscoe V. Wolfe.

He is survived by his wife, Jean, of

Polson; son, Brent Wolfe, and daughter-in-law, Valoree, of Polson; daughters, Shelley Armstrong and son-in-law, Scott, of Yorktown, Va., and Kathryn Wolfe of Boulder; grandchildren, Jacquelyn and Andrew Armstrong of Yorktown, Lisa Hanson of Bakersfield, Calif., and Sandi Hanson of Davis, Calif., Christopher Madre of Yorktown, Va.; brother, Russell Wolfe, and his wife, Pat, of Baltimore; and sister-in-law, Ann Wolfe, wife of Roscoe Wolfe of Lexington, Ky.

The family suggests in lieu of flowers that memorials may be made to the Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children, POB 2472, Spokane, WA 99210. Memorial services will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday at the Masonic Lodge in Polson with Donald Lucus of Polson Masonic Lodge and the Rev. Gerry Ouellette of Polson Christian Church officiating. Urn burial with military rites will follow at Lake View Cemetery in Polson. Cremation and arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary.

## Doris Wood, 68

Doris Ruth Wood, 68, a long-time resident of Whitefish, died Wednesday, April 10, 1996, at her home in Whitefish after a long illness with cancer.

She was born March 4, 1928, in Dickinson, N.D., to Henry and Rose Hanson. She attended school in Dickinson and completed her education in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

She married Wayne Wood on Aug. 22, 1948, in Coeur d'Alene.

She was employed by the Whitefish Housing Authority as a secretary and later as executive director until her retirement in 1987. She then served on the board of directors for several years. She was a member of

St. Charles Catholic Church.

Survivors include her husband, Wayne, at home; daughter, Pamela Wingate, and her husband, Larry, of Fallon, Nev.; two granddaughters, Sarah Beth and Rachel; a brother, Marvin Hanson, and his wife, Else, of Longview, Wash.; and several nieces and nephews.

Christian wake services will be Monday at 2 p.m. at Austin Funeral Home with urn burial to follow at St. Richard's Catholic Cemetery in Columbia Falls. Cremation has taken place at Hillside Crematory under the direction of Austin Funeral Home. The family has suggested memorials to the local hospice.

Robert 'Bob' Woodward, 74  
Robert L. "Bob" Woodward, 74, of Libby, died Friday at St. John Lutheran Hospital in Libby.

Survivors include his wife, Colleen, of Libby; two sons; three daughters, including Kimberly Woodward of Whitefish; 12 grandchildren; seven stepgrandchildren; one great-grandchild; and six step great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 3-8 p.m. today at Nelson & Vial Funeral Home. Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Nelson & Vial Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Charles Couch officiating. Interment with military honors will be at the City of Libby Cemetery.

## 1996 Allen W. Workman, 87

Allen W. Workman, 87, died June 25, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

He was born Dec. 14, 1908, in Aurelia, N.D., to John and Elsie Workman. He moved at a young age to Minneapolis, Minn., where he attended school. After several years, his family moved back to the farm in North Dakota.

In 1932, he married his first wife, Evelyn. His father gave them a section of land and they began farming. They were divorced in 1947. He married his second wife, Blanche, and in 1949 they moved to Great Falls.

He went to work for the Teamsters as a truck driver during road construction. During the off-season he drove truck for a beer distributor and worked at the Great Falls Brewery.

Blanche died in 1960.

He met and married his third wife, Ann. She had four grown children. He traveled many times to the West Coast to visit his stepchildren. After 11 years of marriage, Ann passed away.

He was a member of the Teamsters Union and the Moose Lodge. He liked

to hunt and fish, loved to water ski and used to enjoy "hoisting a few beers" at the hunting camp with his many friends.

He lived with his stepdaughter, Marge Talbot, of Great Falls, for 10 years before moving to Kalispell in 1991.

He is survived by his stepdaughters, Marge Talbot, Great Falls, and Shirley Carris; stepson Neil Thompson; nieces Lorraine Wheeler, of Kalispell, Edna Lytner, of Portland, Ore., Shirley Hudnut, of Portland, Marilyn Moore, of Eugene, Ore., Edythe Stapleman of Moses Lake, Wash., Mary Anne Porter of Alturas, Calif.; very close friend and stepniece Vera Reynolds; nephews Donald Workman, of Waco, Texas, Darrell Workman, of Donnybrook, N.D., Gary Knudtson of Donnybrook, Clayton Knudtson Hemet, of California and John Workman, of Nebraska.

Urn burial will be at 1 p.m. July 12 at Manchester Cemetery in Great Falls. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements and cremation. The family suggests memorials to Immanuel Lutheran Home, 183 Crestline Ave., Kalispell.