

## Sam H. Bacon, 67

Sam H. Bacon, 67, died from congestive heart failure at Kalispell Regional Medical Center on Sunday, June 1, 1997.

He was born Jan. 1, 1930, to Adelbert and Jeanie Bacon in Moore. He went to school in Moore, Polson, Bozeman and the Montana Orphans home in Twin Bridges, and graduated from Twin Bridges High School in 1948.

He married his high school sweetheart, Frances Moltich. They were married 19 years. She preceded him in death in 1970.

While he was in high school and just after he graduated, he did ranching and farming work for Guy Cornforth in Twin Bridges. In Butte, an area he truly loved, he pursued a career in the mining industry with John Potts. Until his death, he owned

and operated Flow Quip, Inc., in Bigfork. He also owned a popular bar in Bigfork, Sam's Place, for many years.

He loved hunting, fishing, gardening and his grandchildren.

Survivors include his wife, Judy, at the family home; sons Rich and his wife, Linda, and children, Janna, Brynn, Troy and Cassie Bacon of Spokane, and Sami and his wife, Christy Bacon, of Bellevue, Wash.; daughter Susie Hullett and her husband, Rick, and daughters Sara, Stacy, and Rhonda of Bigfork; and Judy's daughters, Kellie, Kathie and Kasie.

A memorial service will be Friday at 3 p.m. at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home in Kalispell.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests donations to the Bigfork Quick Response Unit.

## 1997 Irene Baeth, 80

Irene Baeth, 80, a Martin City resident since 1949, died at her home on Sunday, Feb. 23, after a brief fight with cancer.

She was born Dec. 31, 1916, in Troy, to J.H. "Bert" and Nora Coffman. She graduated from Troy High School in 1934. She was a star basketball player and head cheerleader.

During her school years and after graduation, she played piano in the Davey Doe Dance Band. She often played in the Whitefish and Columbia Falls area. During the Hungry Horse Dam construction, she played in the Canyon area.

She and Russell "Boss" Baeth were married on Oct. 21, 1936, in Eureka. They lived in Troy until moving to Martin City in 1949 with the intention of staying one summer. Her husband was involved with the clearing of Hungry Horse Reservoir at that time.

She began working for the U.S. Postal Service at the Martin City Post Office in 1952. In 1977, she retired from the postal service and her husband retired from the aluminum plant. Until his death in 1988, they traveled all of the U.S. and parts of Europe, spending their winters in Apache Junction, Ariz.

From 1957 until 1971, they owned the Martin City Water Co. During those same years they owned and operated the Primitive Area Packers, a hunting and fishing operation that was based at the edge of the Bob Marshall.

She was a member of the Troy

Methodist Church all her life but attended and supported the Canyon Community Church in Coram. She was an avid bowler and a member of the Martin City Auxiliary.

Her favorite place was her own home where she enjoyed her time working in her yard and garden and bird watching.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Boss; her grandson, Vernon Gilham; her parents; and a sister, Beulah.

She is survived by her daughters and sons-in-law, Marie and Skip Hanson of Columbia Falls and Lois and Alan Gilham of Martin City; six grandsons, Hal, Steve, Neil, and Chris Hanson of Columbia Falls, and Gary and Doug Gilham of Martin City; a granddaughter, Becky Gilham, of Great Falls; 23 grandchildren; two sisters, Margaret Decker of Libby and Florence Larson of Troy; two brothers, Lester Coffman of Troy and Herb Coffman of San Leandro, Calif.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A funeral service will be held Wednesday at 1 p.m. at Canyon Community Church in Coram. The Rev. Tod Fox will officiate. Burial will follow at Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls. Visitation will be today until 8 p.m. at Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

The family has suggested that memorials be made to the Canyon QRU, the Canyon Children's Community Center or to the charity of their choice.

## Ada Green Baeschlin, 95

Ada Green Baeschlin, 95, a long-time resident of Vancouver, Wash., died Dec. 24, 1997, in her home.

She was born May 22, 1902, in Cavour, S.D. She was raised near Coram. She married Neal Baeschlin, a school teacher, in 1924. She also taught school in her early years. They moved to Vancouver in 1943.

Her husband died in 1986. They had a son, Sidney, who was killed in

France during World War II.

She is survived by two sisters, Georgia Peterson of Coram, and Daisy Dineen of Kalispell, and two brothers, Don Green of Kalispell, and Herb Green of Eureka, Calif.

At her request there will be no services.

Remembrances may be directed to Shriners Hospital for Children in Portland, Ore.

## Georgia Spicher Bailey *WP 9 Jan 97*

Georgia Spicher Bailey, 49, of Spokane, Wash., died Dec. 31, 1996, after a short battle with cancer.

She was born Feb. 13, 1947, to Richard and Emily Spicher in Havre. She lived and attended school in Hingham. After completing her last two years of high school in Helena, she graduated from Helena High. She attended Kinman Business College in Spokane.

She married Claude Bailey in



1967.

She managed the Display House in the Flathead Valley until her death. She was an active member of Junior

League and past director of the Children's Home Society. As an active member of Manito Country Club, she will be missed on and off the golf course.

She was preceded in death by her sister, Connie Spicher Peterson, in June 1994.

She is survived by her husband, Claude; two daughters: Leslie and Lisa of Spokane; her parents, Richard and Emily Spicher; and her sister, Kim Spicher of Whitefish.

Funeral services were held Jan. 5 at the First Presbyterian Church in Spokane.

Memorials are suggested to the Ronald McDonald House.

## Gilbert Bailey, 69

Gilbert G. Bailey, 69, died Thursday, June 5, 1997, at Mountain View Manor in Eureka.

Visitation will be 1-8 p.m., Monday, at Nelson and Vial Funeral Home in Eureka. A service will be held at 11 a.m., Tuesday, at Tobacco Valley Cemetery, Rev. Dave Hopper officiating.

Local survivors include a daughter, Barbara Person, of Eureka.

## Inger Birgitta Bailey, 58

Inger Birgitta Bailey, 58, passed away Friday, March 7, 1997, at her home in Bigfork.

She was born July 15, 1938, in Lima, Sweden, to Erik and Anna Hindart. She lived and graduated from high school in Solloron, Sweden. She attended college, receiving her bachelor's of art degree in languages.

She worked as a flight attendant for TWA and Flying Tiger Airlines for four years.

She married Chester D. Bailey on March 20, 1966, in Palo Alto, Calif. They lived in different places over the years, including Los Altos, Calif.;

Princeton, Ind.; Newtown, Conn.; Berlin, West Germany; and most recently, Bigfork.

She was a kind and loving mother who loved being a volunteer emergency medical technician.

She is survived by her husband, Chester Bailey, of Bigfork; two sons, David Bailey of Gilbert, Ariz., and Michael Bailey of Mesa, Ariz.

Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. Wednesday at Bigfork Funeral Home with the Rev. Ron Pierce officiating. Cremation will follow. Her ashes will be taken back to Sweden.

## Pauline Baker

Pauline Baker passed away the night of Sunday, July 20, 1997, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center. She died of septic shock due to perforation of the colon.



She was born north of Enid in the Sidney area at the family farm. She spent the majority of her childhood in the Sidney area with the exception of a few years in Roseau, Minn.

She married Vern Ferris and they had two children, Paul and Mona.

She later moved from Sidney and married Ray Rasmussen. They moved to Kalispell in 1971 and where she continued her work as a tailor. The marriage ended in 1989.

She was baptized in 1960, and was an active member of the Woodland Park Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses. She never let anything get in the way of her faith and belief in Jehovah. Even though she had many health problems she made it her endeavor to continue attending meetings and conventions of Jehovah's Kingdom and what it will do for human kind. She was unwavering in her faith until death.

She enjoyed fishing and sewing and had a love of the outdoors and

animals and spoiled her cat, Enoch. She was a strong, determined woman who fought many battles with her health. For 25 years she suffered with Lupus and its effects, had a stroke five years ago, had been on kidney dialysis and was treated for cancer.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Paul and Mona Baker, and looked forward to seeing them in the resurrection.

She is survived by her son, Paul Ferris, of Nampa, Idaho; daughter, Mona Ferris, of Kalispell; brother, Frank H. Baker, and his wife, Ellen, of Deer Park, Wash.; half-sister, Lucille Holum, of Great Falls; granddaughter, Sheila Dibbons, her husband, Jason, and four great-grandchildren, Autumn, Cheyanne, and twins Andrew and Andrea. She is also survived by a nephew, Frank E. Baker, his wife, Sharon, and their children, Ryan, Jamie and Bret; and a niece, Peggy Bailey, and her son, Jason.

She will be remembered with love and admiration by many.

A memorial service will be at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 1414 Woodland Avenue in Kalispell, Sunday, at 4 p.m. All family and friends are encouraged and welcome to attend.

Arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

## Rick Baker, 47

Rick Baker, 47, died Wednesday at Kalispell Regional Medical Center. *27 Aug 1997*

He was born April 3, 1950, in Kalispell to Vern M. and Eunice Holcomb Baker. He was married to Sharon Shipp in May of 1975 in Kalispell.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his wife, Sharon, at the family home in Kalispell; daughter Lena Anderson and husband, Dan, and their children, Arista and Levi; son Smokey Baker and wife, Sharry; four brothers, Del Baker and wife, Harriet, Jim Baker, Larry Baker, Terry Baker and wife, Pat, all of Kalispell; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Cremation and arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

## Florence S. Baldwin, 84

Florence S. Baldwin, 84, passed away Friday, June 27, 1997, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

She was born July 15, 1912, in Idaho Falls, Idaho, to William and Jessie Snyder. She attended schools in Idaho Falls, graduating from high school there in 1930. After high school, she attended Knox College in Illinois.

She married John Redmond in 1931. They lived in many places before he passed away in 1947.

She married George C. Baldwin in 1952 in Idaho Falls. They lived in Great Falls for their entire marriage. He died in 1992.

She moved to Kalispell in 1995. She was a member of the P.E.O. Travel Club and a past member of the DAR.

She is survived by daughters, Sheila Holman of Aloha, Ore., and Julia Roberts of Kalispell; sister, Julia S. Madden, of Aloha, Ore.; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be at 3 p.m. Monday at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home, the Rev. Russell Peck of Christ Church Episcopal officiating. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to the donor's choice.

## Gilbert Bruce 'Gil'

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Gilbert Bruce "Gil" Baldwin, 74, a longtime Oregon resident, died of cancer Saturday at the home of his daughter in Vancouver, Wash.

He was born in Whitefish to Frank and Rose Baldwin. He graduated from Whitefish High School in 1940 and attended Montana State College in Bozeman before joining the Marine Corps in 1942.

He married Shirley J. Devitt on March 1, 1959 in Kalispell, where he was employed with the Kalispell Police Department from 1958-1971. They left Kalispell in 1971 and he worked for the Governor's Crime Control Commission in Helena until 1978. They moved to Alaska and Oregon.

He was a member of the Whitefish Masonic Lodge 64 AF&AM.

Survivors include his wife, two sons, a daughter, brother Bill Baldwin, of Whitefish, six grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

He will be cremated and a memorial service will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. in the VA Hospital Chapel, 1601 East Fourth Plain Blvd, Vancouver, Wash.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be sent to NIVA Outreach (VA Medical Center, P.O. Box 1035, Portland, OR 97207).

## 1997 Dan R. Bangeman, 91

Dan R. Bangeman, 91, formerly of Somers, died Friday, May 30, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home.

He was born April 19, 1906, in Fordland, Mo. He was the oldest of three children born to John and Susan Bangeman. His father, a steam engineer, moved the family to Somers when he was 5. He attended high school in Somers, hunted, fished and cut grass to earn money.

He served as Scoutmaster for three years, worked for two years at the planing mill in Somers, fired boilers for five years at Somers Lumber Co. He worked 43 years in the Somers Tie Plant retiring as manager of the A & B Mill at age 65.

He was a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, the Lions Club and the Methodist Church.

In 1927, he married Gretchen Lighthall. They had two children, Dan C. Bangeman, of Somers, and Barbara Haglund, of Spokane.

He enjoyed fixing up their home, gardening, fishing, hunting and playing pinochle.

Gretchen died suddenly in 1976.



Dan was a widower for a few years before marrying Pearl Thoreson, whom he had known since 1929. Pearl has a daughter, Arlo Christianson and son, Thomas Thoreson, both of Kalispell.

Dan and Pearl lived in a lakefront home in Somers before moving to the Elms in Kalispell. They traveled together in Washington, Minnesota, California and Hawaii. They enjoyed getting together with friends for dinner.

Dan moved to the Immanuel Lutheran Home in 1996.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Fred Bangeman, and sister, Marie Curry.

He is survived by his wife, Pearl; their children and many grandchildren, great grandchildren and other relatives.

Visitation is 5-7 p.m., Monday and 9 a.m. to noon on Tuesday, at Johnson Mortuary. A graveside service will be 2 p.m., Tuesday, at Glacier Memorial Gardens, with Rev. J. Torrance Harvey officiating. Friends will meet at the cemetery for the services. A reception for family and friends will be held at the family home after the service.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Lakeside Chapel.

## James Arek Barden, 34

James Arek Barden, 34, died in Kalispell Tuesday, Aug. 5, 1997.

He was born April 2, 1963, in Redwood City, Calif., the only child of Jim and Dee Barden.

He grew up in Sedona, Ariz., where he worked as a mechanic. It was there he met and fell in love with Julie Marsh. They married Oct. 10, 1990, in Sedona.

When they moved to the Flathead, he worked at Western Automotive as a mechanic. As he and Julie started their life and family together, he also started his own business, A & J's Automotive. Over the next few years,



he loved to relax by working in his flower gardens and being with his family.

His favorite saying was, "When I works I works hard; When I plays I plays hard; And when I thinks, I fall asleep."

He was a loving husband and father and will be greatly missed by all.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents.

He is survived by his wife, Julie "Hunzy," and his beloved children, Shyanne, Dakota, and Madyson, at their family home in Kalispell; his beloved little girl, Stephanie, from his previous marriage; and his parents, Jim and Dee Barden, of Sedona.

Funeral services will be Saturday at 1 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary chapel.

## Cecelia Helen Lyonais Barnhart, 81

Cecelia Helen Lyonais Barnhart, 81, of Columbia Falls, went to be with her Lord and Savior Saturday evening, Dec. 27, at the North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

She was born Dec. 5, 1916, in Williston, N.D., to Phyllias and Salome Lyonais. She attended school in Valley City, N.D., and graduated valedictorian of her class.

She was married to Floyd A. Barnhart on Jan. 4, 1939, in Sidney. She was a loving wife and mother and stayed home and raised their family of 10 children.

Through the years, she wrote for the Hungry Horse News, was a much loved 4-H leader for many years, and member of St. Richard's Catholic Church and CCW, where she also worked for a short time. She belonged to the Senior Citizens and enjoyed the card parties and dances. Her paintings through the years have blessed many people.

She wrote to prisoners and people in the service. She was always doing something for others. The best thing about her was she was a very giving and loving person.

She trusted the Lord in all things and instilled a great faith in her children. We are truly blessed. She always said God gives back threefold and proved it many times with her generosity.

She was preceded in death by her

parents; 10 brothers and sisters; and a daughter.

She is survived by her husband, Floyd of Columbia Falls; nine children and their spouses, Cherie and Doug Darsow, Mary and Don Reynolds, Linda and Bruce Reynolds, Koko (Frances) and Jerry Thomas, Jan and Dave Prier, all of Columbia Falls, John and Karen Barnhart of Bozeman, Kathy Yang of Tacoma, Wash., Patty and Dan Arlt of Portland, Ore., and Sandy and Roger Erickson of Kalispell; one brother, Zen Lyonais of Kalispell; one sister, Rosalie Stenslie of Kalispell; numerous grandchildren great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

Visitation will be Friday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

A rosary will be recited Friday at 7 p.m. at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

Mass of the Christian burial will be Saturday at 10 a.m. at St. Richard's Catholic Church in Columbia Falls. The Rev. Joe Pat Sullivan will officiate.

Burial will follow in Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Kalispell.

The family has suggested that memorials be made to the St. Richard's Catholic Church Building Fund in Columbia Falls.

## James LeRoy Barnhart, 50

James LeRoy Barnhart, 50, died at Brendan House on Tuesday, July 8, 1997, after a long illness.

He was born March 13, 1947, at Kalispell Regional Hospital to Curtis and Helen Barnhart, the third of four children. He graduated from Columbia Falls High School in 1965. He went to college in Havre.

He married Kathy Volk on Sept. 21, 1968, and they had two children. He continued to live and work in Columbia Falls, employed at Park Mercantile and B&B and sold real estate. He was elected to the city council. Most recently he lived in Kalispell and worked at Herberger's.

He was preceded in death by a

brother, Joseph Curtis Barnhart.

He is survived by his parents, Helen and Curtis; daughter, Tammi, and her husband, Darryl Walters, and son, Brock, all of Columbia Falls; sister, Joyce, of Missoula; brother, Jerry, of Ocean Grove, N.J.; two grandchildren, Ashley and Cody Walters; and niece, Joy Twite, and nephews, Ben, Bob and Chris.

Rosary will be recited at 7 p.m. today at Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls and Mass of the Christian burial is at 2 p.m. Friday at St. Richard's Catholic Church in Columbia Falls. Memorials may be made in his name to a favorite charity.

## 1999 Geraldine E. 'Betty Bell' Barrier, 77

Geraldine E. "Betty Bell" Barrier, 77, entered into rest Feb. 20 in Spokane, her home for 30 years.

She is survived by a son, and daughter-in-law, Thomas and Janet Sharkey, of Ontario, Canada; brother and sister-in-law, James and Cathy Bell, of Kalispell; step-daughter, Janice M. Erickson, of Gresham, Ore.; step-sons James M. Barrier, of Bermuda Dunes, Calif., and William A. Barrier, of Spokane; step-daughter Brenda M. Probert, of Kalispell; 10 grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

She graduated from the University of Montana and worked as a dietitian at various hospitals, including Holy Family Hospital in Spokane. She was a member of the St. Charles Catholic Church.

A funeral will be 11 a.m., Wednesday, at Holy Cross Cemetery Chapel, Ralph Reynolds officiating. Interment will follow at Holy Cross Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Spokane Mental Health, 107 S. Division, Spokane, Wash., 99202. Riplinger Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

## 1999 Sondra Lee Barta, 32

Sondra Lee Barta, 32, of Missoula, passed away Thursday, Aug. 7, at St. Patrick Hospital of injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident.

She was born Nov. 16, 1964, in Jacksonville, N. C., to Leroy and Noemi Barta.

She was raised in Butte and moved with her family to Missoula in 1979. She graduated from Sentinel High School in 1983. She worked for many years for J. C. Penney in Missoula and for the past seven years worked for the Trails West Bar. She loved the outdoors, was an avid whitewater rafter and an excellent runner. She participated in the University of Montana triathlon.

She loved animals, especially cats, and was a very giving person who

will be sorely missed. She is survived by her parents, Leery and Noemi Barta, of Kalispell; brother James Barta, of Missoula, and her grandmother, Sara Gomez, of Weslaco, Texas, and many aunts, uncles, cousins and other relatives.

A memorial service will be 2 p.m., Monday, at Garden City Funeral Home and Crematory, with the Rev. Harold Kellum, of Kalispell, officiating. Cremation has taken place and her ashes will be scattered in the rivers that she loved to float.

Memorials have been suggested to the Humane Society or to the Jaycees Coat Drive for Children. Arrangements are by Garden City Funeral Home and Crematory.

## 1999 Ellen Delores 'DD' Gleason Bartel, 46

Ellen Delores "DD" Gleason Bartel, 46, died June 30 of heart failure.

She is survived by her her husband, Larry Bartel; son Eric Lawrence Bartel; granddaughter Jamie; parents Alvin "Rod" and Ellen Gleason of Kalispell; two sisters, Terry Lee Gleason and Patti Lynn Gleason Lelm of Kalispell; and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

She graduated from Flathead High School in 1969 and resided in Kalispell until 1992.

She was employed by Brendan House in Kalispell, and a nursing home in Depoe Bay, Ore.

A memorial service will be held in Kalispell at a later date.

## Opel Bartley, 74

Opel Olive Bartley, 74, of Kalispell, died in St. Patrick Hospital in Missoula, Sunday, Dec. 7, 1997.

She was born March 23, 1923, in Ballard, Wash., to Lloyd Francis and Gladys McGlenn Fisher.

She is survived by five children, including Edward McDermid of Marion and Kristy Pszanowski of Kalispell.

Cremation and arrangements are by the Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

## 2 Hogan 1997 Edith M. Bartlett, 71

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Donnis B. Phillips Beard, 59

Donnis B. Phillips Beard, 59, of Auburn, Kentucky, died Sunday, May 25, 1997, at her home.

She was born in Portland, Ore., Sept. 17, 1937, to Paul A. and Mildred L. Jackson Phillips. She was raised in Somers and moved to Washington, D.C. at the age of 17. She lived in the Washington area for 40 years.

She worked for the Department of the Navy, National Clay Pipe Institute, a business lobby, and in 1972, entered the insurance field working for Lincoln National Life. She became a successful employee benefits specialist, retiring in 1994.

She was the widow of Charles Beard.

She is survived by daughters, Robin Davenport of Littleton, Colo., and Kelly Gonzales of Woodbridge, Va.; stepdaughters, Tina Beard of Charlottesville, Va., and Donna Beard of Hagerstown, Md.; stepson, Charles Beard Jr., of Hagerstown;

brothers, Calvin Phillips of Loveland, Colo., Merle Phillips of Dale City, Va., and Del Phillips of Auburn, Ky.; sister, Pam Johnson, of Butte; five grandsons; and three granddaughters.

Funeral services will be held today at 3 p.m. at Pearce Memorial United Methodist Church in Auburn, Ky., with Brother Nick Roe and Brother Dudley Moseley, officiating. Visitation will be from 1:30 p.m. until funeral time at the church today.

Graveside services will be held Thursday at 3 p.m. at Mount Olivet Cemetery in Frederick, Md. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The District of Columbia Life Underwriters Foundation, Inc. The Donnis Beard Continuing Education Fund, 1922 F. Street NW Washington, D.C., 20006.

Memorial Funeral Home, Inc. Russellville, Ky. is in charge of Kentucky arrangements.

## 1997 John 'Jack' Harold Beatty, 75

John "Jack" Harold Beatty, 75, died at the Lakeview Care Center in Bigfork, Sept. 19.

He was born May 26, 1922, in Valley City, N. D., to John Harold and Alice Irene Hansen Beatty. He moved to Washington as a small child and grew up on a dairy farm.

He attended school in Chehalis, Wash., until graduation. After he graduated, he successfully completed school at the North American School of Conservation, graduating in 1964.

He married Margaret G. Sarroff in 1984. He worked logging and running dairy cattle with his step-father. He enjoyed following the careers of presidents of the United States, with Abe Lincoln being his favorite. He also enjoyed traveling, going to Alaska, California and the Midwest. He also read a lot. His favorite books were



about World War II planes and National Geographic.

He moved to the Flathead Valley in the late 1980s and lived at Woods Bay and Kalispell. He moved to the Lakeview Care Center in Bigfork in 1993, where he lived until his passing. He loved the outdoors, animals, children, gardening, music and bingo. His hobbies were latch-hook and word-find puzzles.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Rex Beatty.

He is survived by a sister, Elspeth Ann Coutts, of Kirkwood, Mo.; niece Becky Olsen, of Shelton, Wash.; nephew Bob Beatty, of California; step-grandsons Travis Caverly, of Polson and T. J., Caverly, of Bigfork and various great nieces and nephews and friends.

A memorial service will be 2 p.m., Monday, at the First Baptist Church on Highway 35, just north of Bigfork. Pastor Rodney Myrum will officiate. Burial will be at Sunset Memorial Gardens in Chehalis, Wash. Arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary.

## 1997 Doris Irene Beck, 80

Doris Irene Beck, 80, died Friday, March 14, at Kalispell Regional Hospital.

She was born Dec. 26, 1916, in Creston, Iowa, to Robert Hall Foley and Lillie Crom Foley.

She married Lloyd Clarence Beck in 1938. Her family came to Columbia Falls in 1960 and she lived there until 1982, when she moved to Nebraska. She returned to Kalispell in July, 1996, to live with her daughter, Patricia Parsons. She remained there until her death.

She loved spending time with her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. She loved the outdoors in every season, especially spring, when she could get her hands in the soil. She and her husband shared many happy years working and farming. They also enjoyed

camping and fishing. She enjoyed gardening, quilting, crossword puzzles and any game that would bring the family around the table. Her quick wit and marvelous sense of humor will be missed by all who knew and loved her.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Lloyd Beck.

She is survived by four children, L. Don Rogers, of Missoula, Marilyn J. Larsen, of Hooper, Neb., Michiel J. Beck, of Suwanee, Ga., and Patricia J. Parsons, of Kalispell; 12 grandchildren and 20 great grandchildren.

A funeral was Saturday at Johnson Mortuary. Cremation has taken place and burial will be later in Nebraska.

## Richard D. 'Dick' Bean, 68

Richard D. "Dick" Bean, 68, of Kalispell, died Wednesday, Aug. 27, 1997, at St. Patrick Hospital in Missoula.

He was born Dec. 6, 1928, in Warren to Maynard S. and Anna Caroline Bean.

He was a member of the Flathead Lake and Evergreen Lions Clubs. He was also a member of the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

He is survived by his wife, Elvera "Cookie;" two daughters, Mary Simpson of Kalispell and Lucinda Bean of Tigard, Ore.; son Richard

James of Eureka; three grandsons, Joshua and Curtis Bean and Robert Simpson; and two sisters and two brothers.

Funeral services will be Saturday at noon at the Johnson Mortuary chapel with the Rev. Kevin O'Neill of St. Matthew's Catholic Church as celebrant. Visitation is today until 6 p.m. at the mortuary chapel.

He will be sent to Michelotti, Sawyers & Nordquist Mortuary in Billings, where graveside services will be held Tuesday at Sunset Memorial Gardens.



## Nadyne Sarah Beeson, 101

Nadyne Sarah Beeson, 101, passed away Tuesday, Feb. 4, 1997, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.



She was born Jan. 11, 1896, in Brownsville, Ore., to Joseph and Katherine Blakeley. At the age of 3, she moved with her family to Pendleton, Ore., where she received her education.

In 1919, she married Cecil Sykes and together they had a son, Joseph, and a daughter, Cecille.

In 1925, the family moved to Kalispell and soon thereafter owned and operated Sykes Grocery for more than 20 years. In 1940, she and Cecil Sykes were divorced and she moved to Seattle, where she worked for more than 20 years as a professional fashion model for Fredrick & Nelson Department Store. In 1946, she married Walter G. Beeson in Seattle.

She preceded in death by her first husband, Cecil; her second husband, Walter; her son, Joseph; and recently, her daughter, Cecille (Mrs. Jack) Brown.

She made her home in Kalispell since 1971. She was a member of St. Matthew's Catholic Church and the Daughters of Isabell. She worked side-by-side with her daughter, Cecille, as a hospital volunteer for some 20 years.

She is survived by her son-in-law, Jack Brown, of Kalispell; grand-

daughter, Cheryl Sykes, of Spokane; grandsons Scott Brown and wife, Shirley, of Portland, and Ron Brown and wife, Judy, of Maui, Hawaii; five great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandson.

Whether remembered as "Nadyne," "Sarah," "Mom" or "Nana," she was dearly loved by all those whose lives she touched, regardless of how briefly. She was happiest when she and daughter Cecille could entertain mutual long-time friends together at a luncheon or afternoon visit filled with reminiscing. Her sincere consideration, kindness toward others and her warm, jolly sense of humor will be cherished forever and fill a special place in the hearts of everyone she leaves behind. She will be deeply missed.

We are comforted to know that she will once again be joined with her beloved daughter and best friend, Cecille, for mutual and eternal bliss.

At her request, no public services will be held. A private family memorial service will be held on Thursday at Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Burial will be at Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Open casket viewing for the general public will be available from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday. At the parish mass on Feb. 13 at 5:15 p.m. at St. Matthew's Church a special remembrance will be made for Nadyne and her daughter, Cecille.

The family suggests memorials to St. Matthew's Parish or Immanuel Lutheran Home.

## Clarice Bernice Bell, 77

Clarice Bernice Bell, 77, died at the Immanuel Lutheran Home on Friday, July 18, 1997.

She was born March 2, 1920, in Chinook. She was the ninth of 11 children of Clarence and Mary Sargent. Her father operated a coal mine.

She graduated from Chinook High School, devoting the last two years to training as a beautician.

She spent summers baby-sitting her brother's children at Nyack and dating Wes Bell. The couple married at a Baptist parsonage in Kalispell when she was 19 and he was 24. Wes worked for her father at the mine. Then he worked for the highway department out of Nyack.

They raised three boys. In 1958, the family moved to Evergreen and he started working for the aluminum company.

She always enjoyed cutting other people's hair, although she did not officially set up shop in their home

until after the children were in high school. She enjoyed knitting and crocheting.

After Wes retired, they traveled to Canada a few times and made two trips to Alaska. She attended the Christian Missionary Alliance Church. After selling their home on the Flathead River, the couple lived briefly with their sons until entering the Immanuel Lutheran Home.

She is survived by her husband, of Kalispell; sons Mark and wife, Gerye, of Cody, Wyo., Britt and wife, Lee, of Spokane, and Tom Bell of Kalispell; sister Alice Fox, of Havre; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Private family burial was in Glacier Memorial Gardens. A memorial service will be 3 p.m. today at Immanuel Lutheran Home Chapel, Rev. Dennis Jingst, pastor of Grace Bible Fellowship, officiating. Arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary.

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## Wesley Britton Bell, 82

Wesley Britton Bell, 82, of Kalispell, died Aug. 1 at Liberty Lake, Wash., where he was living with his son, Britt.

He was born Feb. 2, 1915, in Sibbald, Alberta, to Thomas and Lena Lenora Davis Bell. He was the youngest of four children. His father worked farming and logging. His mother raised the children and cooked in camps and restaurants.

The family moved to Great Falls when he was 8 and to Nyack soon after. He was an excellent student, entering Flathead High School at age 12. After graduation, he lived with his family at Nyack, trapping and living off the land.

He married Clarice Sargent on Sept. 7, 1939, in Kalispell. He mined coal in Chinook and became a U.S. citizen there in 1941. Before going to work on the Columbia Falls aluminum plant in 1953, he worked con-

struction for the highway department and railroad. He and Clarice bought and operated a tourist camp at Essex for two years. He retired, operating the paste plant for ARCO, in 1977. His interests included hunting, gunsmithing and woodworking. He was an avid reader. He and Clarice traveled in the United States and Canada, visiting numerous relatives.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Clarice, on July 18, 1997.

He is survived by sons Tom Bell, of Kalispell, Britt Bell and his wife, Lee, of Liberty Lake, Wash., and Mark Bell and wife, Gerye, of Cody, Wyo.; sister Gladys Alton, of Kalispell; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Graveside service will be 3 p.m. today at Glacier Memorial Gardens, Pastor Dennis Jingst of Grace Bible Fellowship officiating. Arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary.

## Ken Bellmore, 70

Ken Bellmore passed away Friday, April 11, 1997, at the age of 70.

He was the youngest of eight children born to Fred and Stella Bellmore on Jan. 3, 1927, in Bigfork, where he received his education.

He married Jeanette Moen on Oct. 23, 1946, and began his life-long career with General Telephone Co. in 1949. Promotions he received with the company through the years resulted in transfers to numerous locations in Washington, Montana and Idaho before moving in 1966 to Bonners Ferry, Idaho, where he held the position of equipment technician.

After 36 years, he retired from GTE in 1985, and was able to enjoy the following years traveling with his wife to warm weather climates during the winters.

He was an avid outdoorsman, a licensed pilot, a member of the local Eagles Club, and in later years, became a member of the Academy of Model Aeronautics.

But his greatest enjoyment came from a natural talent for being a self-

taught musician at a very young age. He played the guitar for the local senior dances and entertained at the yearly local fair. He could play any tune on any instrument handed to him.

The Bellmore family shared many, many fun times during the 50 years they had with Ken. Those times and his light-hearted personality will be what is remembered about a devoted and dedicated husband, father, grandpa and great-grandpa.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Jeanette, at their home in Bonners Ferry; his son, Clifford Bellmore, in Wenatchee, Wash.; his daughter, Joanne Bellmore, in Bonners Ferry; grandchildren, Leah, Bobby, Brent and Leora; great-grandchildren, Shawn, Robby, Jenna and Blake; and four nieces.

He was preceded in death by his parents, four brothers, three sisters and three nephews.

Funeral services were held at Bonners Ferry Funeral Home with burial following at Grandview Cemetery.

## Winifred L. Bengtson, 80

Winifred L. Bengtson, 80, died Tuesday, June 17, 1997, at her home near West Glacier.

She was born June 1, 1917, in Minot, N.D., to Sidney and Martha Dyer. After living in several Montana towns where her father was a barber, the family eventually moved to Whitefish where she graduated from high school in 1935.

In the fall of 1936, she met Clarence J. Bengtson at St. Mary, on the east side of Glacier Park. She worked in a cook camp and he worked on the park's road crew. They married that same year on Dec. 23 in Whitefish. She lived most of her married life in Glacier Park and the West Glacier areas with Clarence and her family.

She devoted her entire life to the



Lord and her family. She loved children, taking long walks, and picnics, which all coincided with her love for Glacier Park and the many hours she spent there.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a grandson.

She is survived by her husband, Clarence, at the family's Lake Five home; four sons, Chuck and his wife, Susie, Jim and his wife, Stacey, John, and Tom and his wife, Sharon, all living in the West Glacier area; three daughters, Susan and her husband, Jim McDonald, of LaGrange, Ky., Karen and her husband, Todd Hileman, and Mary and her husband, Kyle Johnson, all of West Glacier; 24 grandchildren; a brother, Kenneth Dyer, of Livingston; and a nephew, Robert Dyer of Minnesota.

Private family services will be held later.

The family requests memorials to Hospice-Home Options of Kalispell.

## Claude Berg, 91

Claude Berg, 91, passed away Monday, Oct. 13, 1997, at Lakeview Care Center in Bigfork.

He was born Aug. 20, 1906, in Clinton, Wash., to Tom and Tillie Berg. He was raised and educated in Clinton.

After high school, he did undergraduate work at the University of Washington and Central Washington Teacher College. He then did postgraduate work at the University of Washington, University of New Mexico, University of Utah and the University of Arizona. He did special studies in Spanish at Parque Azteca and Escuela Normal De Profesores in Saltillo, Mexico.

He taught music in Grandview, Hoquiam, Coulee Dam and West Seattle High Schools. He then spent 22 years teaching music in Seward and Wrangell, Alaska, before coming to Polson, where he taught for eight years. He retired in 1971 after having taught for 35 years. He moved to Bigfork, in 1972.

He was married to Geraldine Hine of Glendive on Aug. 24, 1934, in Seattle, Wash. She passed away in September of 1988.

He had many special interests. He played the violin in the faculty string

quartet, directed church choirs and played the violin in several dance bands. He was an active member and past president of Pend d'Oreille Retired Teachers Association.

His hobbies included gardening and photography. He was an active member of the United Methodist Church in Bigfork. For the past five years he rented his apartment to the Mormon missionaries. They provided him with love and friendship during those years. He will be greatly missed by all his friends and neighbors.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; and three sisters.

He is survived by his son, Charles and his wife, Helen Duval of Alaska; two grandsons, David Duval of Ketchikan, Alaska, and Eric Duval of Michigan; a very close friend Diane and her husband, Fred Jenneskens.

Funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. Friday at the United Methodist Church in Bigfork, with the Rev. Jan Witman officiating. Burial will follow at Lonepine Cemetery in Bigfork.

He request memorials to the United Methodist Church of Bigfork, or a charity of donor's choice. Bigfork Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

## Andrew Beringer, 83

Andrew L. "Andy" Beringer, 83, of Kalispell, died in the Brendan House on Sunday, Oct. 19, 1997.

He was born Oct. 14, 1914, in Teton County, near Choteau. He had received his education in Central Montana and on Dec. 26, 1938, he was married to Alice Yeager in Plentywood. He had farmed and ranched in the Conrad area until 1963 when the family moved to Kila, where he ranched until his retirement.

He had enjoyed bowling and was a member of the Senior Bowling League. He enjoyed camping, boating, fishing and all sports. He loved to sit in his favorite chair under the apple tree, and he enjoyed his dog.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Otto, and a sister, Helen, and is now survived by his wife, Alice, at home; three sons, Alden of Kent, Wash., Richard and his wife, Rosie, of North Bend, Wash., and Calvin

Beringer of Maple Valley, Wash.; a daughter, Mavis and her husband, Gerald Heitmann, of Kalispell; grandchildren and great-grandchildren, Kent Heitmann and his wife, Crystal and their children, Travis and Sareece Heitmann of Kalispell, Darin Heitmann and his wife, Barbara, and their child, Emily, Roxanne and her husband, John Swartzenberger and their children, John, Candice and Bailey of Kalispell, Richie Beringer and Kimberly Martin and her daughter, Jennifer, all of North Bend, Wash.; a sister, Eleanor Miller of Polson.

Memorial services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday in the Bethlehem Lutheran Church with the Rev. Rick Nelson officiating. Private family burial will be in the Glacier Memorial Gardens. Arrangements are under the direction of the Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

## Alta Jeanette Bern, 80

Alta Jeanette "Babe" Bern, 80, died Wednesday, Aug. 27, 1997, at a nursing home in Great Falls.

She was born Oct. 31, 1916, in Wibeaux to James and Alice Hawks.

She married Lloyd Bern in June 1934. She worked in sewing machine sales for 25 years. She was a member of a Flathead County Home



Extension Home Demonstration Club and Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

She is survived by sons Gene Bern and wife, Karlene, of Great Falls, and Larry Bern and wife, Nancy, of Kalispell; grandchildren Deborah Haskell and husband, Randy, of Great Falls, and David Bern, of Federal Way, Wash., and one great granddaughter, Rebecca Haskell.

A memorial service will be at 3 p.m., Friday, Sept. 5, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Kalispell.

The family suggests memorials be made to Immanuel Lutheran Home.

## Jack Gladstone Bettis Jr., 52

Jack Gladstone Bettis Jr., 52, died at his home in Kalispell on Monday, July 14, 1997.

He was born to Ruth Elizabeth Law and Jack Gladstone Bettis Sr. on Sept. 26, 1944, in San Mateo, Calif. He was raised and received his early education in California. He married Judy Marie Engel on Oct. 6, 1986, in San Francisco.

He joined the Army Special Forces and served in the Green Berets from 1965 to 1968. He was very proud to be a Green Beret.

In 1993 he moved to Kalispell, where he enjoyed the outdoors. He enjoyed hunting, shooting, fishing and gold prospecting. He attended several years of college and had an intense curiosity that led him to read avidly on many technical topics. He held several white

collar jobs, but enjoyed construction and free-lance writing for gun and outdoor magazines. He was an avid fly fisherman and photographer. He was a lifetime member of the National Rifle Association.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his wife, Judy, of Kalispell; a daughter, Karin, of Davis, Calif.; two sisters, Gina of Vacaville, Calif., and Lisa of Carson City, Nev.; four brothers, Scott Bettis and Dana Bettis, both of Paradise, Calif., Chris Bettis of Bellingham, Wash., and Randy Bettis of Redwood City, Calif.

Cremation has taken place. No public services are planned. Arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

## Elizabeth Agnes Biby, 85

Elizabeth Agnes Biby, 85, passed away Thursday, March 6, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

She was born Jan. 26, 1912, in Anaheim, Calif., to Albert and Rosa Bannach. Her parents were born and raised in Germany.

In 1917, Elizabeth, her parents and her two sisters, Mary and Helen, moved to Calio, N. D., where Mr. Bannach farmed and the girls attended school.

On Oct. 20, 1931, she married Hobart Biby in Starkweather, N. D. They farmed near Clyde, N. D. until they retired. She was very active on the farm, in the early years milking cows and cooking for the threshing crew and always raising a large gar-

den for canning and freezing vegetables.

They enjoyed traveling and spent 17 winters in Apache Junction, Ariz. Hobart preceded her in death on Sept. 21, 1984.

She was also preceded in death by sons Glenn and Dean. She is survived by daughters Linda Biby Anderson, of Marion, and Patricia Biby Needham, of Olympia, Wash. She has 12 grandchildren, four step grandchildren and 28 great grandchildren.

She is being sent to Langdon, N. D., for burial next to her husband in the Clyde Cemetery in Clyde, N. D. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is in charge of local arrangements.

## Charles W. Bibler, 83

Charles W. Bibler, 83, died on Wednesday, April 9, 1997, at Brendan House, where he had been an Alzheimer's patient for the past 11 years.

Brother of Kalispell resident Louis "Sam" Bibler, he was born and raised on the family farm in Indiana. Except for military service in World War II, he worked most of his life as a machinist at Wright-Patterson Airfield in Dayton, Ohio.

On retirement in 1972, he moved to Kalispell, where he lived very quietly and usually could be found at the library profitably reading the Wall Street Journal or at the Buffalo Hills Golf Course.

He is survived by his brother, Paul, of Hood River, Ore.; sister, Jean, of Urbana, Ill., in addition to his brother, Sam, of Kalispell.

His body is being returned to Port-

land, Ind., by Johnson Funeral Home for burial in the family cemetery.

Memorial donations may be directed to the Alzheimer's Association, 201 S. Last Chance Gulch, Helena, MT 59601 or the Conrad Mansion, P.O. Box 1041, Kalispell, MT 59903.

## Kathryn Ann 'Kay' Okins-Billmayer, 68

Kathryn Ann "Kay" Okins-Billmayer, 68, of Kalispell, passed away at noon on Sunday, May 11, 1997.

She was born May 8, 1929, in Turtle Lake, N.D., to Leonard and Gina Okins. Her family moved to Seattle in 1941. She met her husband, John Billmayer, there in 1945. On March 11, 1946, they were married and moved to Hogeland, Mont., where her husband had been raised.

She put herself completely into being a farmer's wife and mother of a growing family. Born to them were, Karen, Dick, Dave, Doug and Dean. Her family was the joy of her life. They operated the farm and a waterwell drilling business for many years before moving to the Flathead Valley in 1969. Their whole family was



involved in Billmayer's Drilling.

She enjoyed having fun with her friends the last few years, playing bingo, traveling and visiting. She and Dean recently took a trip to Seattle, playing bingo as they went, where she was diagnosed with leukemia in the early stages. A sudden complication whisked her away on Mother's Day and she went peacefully to meet her Lord Jesus Christ as her family was gathered at her bedside singing her favorite songs.

Surviving family members include daughter, Karen Ann Crick, of Elko, Nev.; sons, Richard Billmayer, Dave Billmayer, and Dean Billmayer of Kalispell, and Douglas Billmayer of Bigfork; 11 grandchildren; one great-grandson; and one on the way; and siblings, Helen, Kenny, John and JoAnn.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Dale Okins.

Services will be held at Buffalo Hills Funeral Home Thursday, at 3 p.m. with reception at the VFW hall afterwards.

## Betty Annette Bitz, 76

Betty Annette Bitz, 76, died Tuesday, Aug. 26, 1997, at Brendan House in Kalispell after a long fight with cancer.

She was born March 27, 1921, in Wayton, Ark., to Roy and Marie Lang Gutcher. She was a veteran of U.S. Navy in World War II.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers, Dale and Glen Gutcher.



She is survived by son Ron Wooley and wife, Faye, of Winchester, Va.; one granddaughter, Susan, a student at Virginia University; two brothers, Bud Gutcher and wife, Gail, of Kane, Ohio, and Ken Gutcher and wife, Peg, of Joplin; one sister-in-law, Doris Gutcher of College Station, Texas; and many dear nieces and nephews.

No public service is planned at this time. Cremation and arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

Memorials may be given to the Gift of Live in Great Falls or Brendan House in Kalispell.

## Alvin 'Alvie' L. Blades, 64

Alvin "Alvie" L. Blades, 64, formerly of Columbia Falls, died Monday evening, Jan. 27, 1997, in Salt Lake City, Utah.

He was born Feb. 27, 1932, in Columbia Falls, to William and Maude Blades. He was raised and educated in Columbia Falls and graduated from Columbia Falls High School in 1950. He served in the Army during the Korean War.

He worked at the Columbia Falls post office for 30 years.

He was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Columbia Falls and was a bishop of the church for three years.

He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers, and four sisters.

He is survived by his wife of 41 years, Dora Mae Blades of Salt Lake City; his children, J.D. Blades, Teena

Nemelka, Kellie Jolley and Robert Blades of Salt Lake City, Paula Ladenburg of Columbia Falls, Michael Blades of Bozeman, and Christine Foote of Aurora, Utah; two brothers, Bill Blades of Columbia Falls and Roger Blades of Twin Falls, Idaho; four sisters, Jewel DeGolier and Beatrice Beebe of Kalispell, Celestine Grigg of Whitefish and Ruby Anderson of Carpentersville, Ill.; 14 grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be today from 6-8 p.m. at Columbia Mortuary and Friday, 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Funeral services will be held Friday at 1 p.m. at the church. Burial will follow at Woodlawn Cemetery with military graveside rites by the United Veterans of the Flathead.

## William Dewaine Blades, 66

William Dewaine Blades, 66, died Thursday morning while climbing his favorite mountain trail.

He was born July 4, 1930, in Columbia Falls to William Andrew and Maude Mae Blades.

He went to school in Columbia Falls and then to work for the Bureau of Reclamation. He entered the United States Air Force where he was a staff sergeant and flight engineer. He was honorably discharged in 1952.

He was an operating engineer and a member of the local 400 union for 45 years. He was a charter member of the Eagles Club in Columbia Falls and was a member of the American Quarter Horse Association.

He had a great love for the outdoors in which he hunted, hiked, fished, camped and rode horseback. He loved to spend time in his garden.



He was loved by many and was happiest when surrounded by his nieces, nephews and great-nieces and -nephews, whom he considered his own children.

He is survived by his wife of 36 years, Tona; brother Roger Blades of Twin Falls, Idaho; sisters, Jewell DeGolier and Beatrice Beebe, of Kalispell, Celestine Grigg of Whitefish and Ruby Anderson, of Carpentersville, Ill.; special nieces, Ronda Sorenson and her daughters Brandi, Brittany and Ashlee, Brenda Felstet and her children, Meagann and Matthew; and many more too numerous to mention.

He will be missed and remembered for his wonderful wit and humor by the many who loved him. We will all carry a special part of you, Uncle Bill, in our hearts forever.

Visitation will be until 6 p.m. today at Columbia Mortuary. A service will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the mortuary.

Memorials may be sent to the North Valley Search and Rescue or to the local high school rodeo clubs.

## 1997 Gotthard 'Ernest' Boehme, 92

Gotthard "Ernest" Boehme, 92, died at the Brendan House on Thursday, Aug. 7.

He was born March 3, 1905, in Dresden, Germany, and received his education as a precision tool and die maker in the same city. He left

Germany in 1923 in the political turmoil following World War I.

He came to America via Ellis Island on the SS Mongolia. He went to work for Willy's Overland in Toledo, Ohio, then Studebaker in South Bend, Ind. He and his brother drove to San Francisco, where he worked for Caterpillar.

The lure of the sea caught his fancy and he was a marine engineer on several ships from 1927-34. He sailed the globe many times and went through the Panama Canal more than 100 times.

In 1934 he went to work for the Employer's Liability Insurance Co. in New York City, inspecting boilers and large machinery. For fun, he sang Gilbert and Sullivan with the Greenwich Village Light Opera Co.

It was there he met a young soprano named Louise Meneely. They were married July 11, 1938, and had two children.

The settled in West Sand Lake, N. Y., and then moved to Glen Goin, N. J. In 1949 the family moved to a small farm in Grafton, N.Y., where they



raised chickens, pigs, cows, ducks, geese, cats and dogs. He was self-employed, using special cold metal mending process, Metal Lock, for large cast-iron machinery. In 1951, he went to work for the Behr-Manning Co. in Watervliet, N. Y. He was instrumental in developing the machinery needed to produce adhesive-based tape and held a patent on one of the machines.

In 1970, he retired, but remained active in community affairs including church, 4-H, fire commissioner and the town planning board.

In 1989, he and his wife moved to Buffalo Hill Terrace in Kalispell.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Louise, on July 14, 1992; a brother, Alfred Boehme, on May 31, 1953 and a brother, Kurt Bohme (German spelling), a famous opera singer.

He is survived by a daughter, Elizabeth Howe and grandson, William Howe, of Holliston, Maine, and a son, Dr. William M. Boehme, a physician in Kalispell.

He always enjoyed meeting and talking with people, cutting firewood and tinkering in his shop. There was nothing mechanical he could not fix. His motto was, "Never let the sun set on a cross word and always do something for the flag."

The family suggests memorials in lieu of flowers to Immanuel Lutheran Home or the Brendan House. Service arrangements will be later at the Gilead Lutheran Church of Troy, N. Y. Arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary.

## Robert Blonshine, 38

Robert R. "Bob" Blonshine, 38, died Sunday, April 27, in Eureka.

Survivors include his wife Michelle of Eureka; son Michael Blonshine of Eureka; three daughters including Renea Blonshine and Kimberly Blonshine of Eureka; parents Russell and Julia Blonshine of Eureka; grandmother; sister; niece and nephew; a godson; and a friend.

Visitation will be Sunday from 1-8 p.m. at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Eureka. Services will be Monday at 2 p.m. at Pinkham Schoolhouse in Pinkham Creek with the Rev. Dave Hopper officiating, burial to follow at Wilson Family Cemetery in Pinkham Creek.

## Frances Boisen, 85

France Edith Boisen, 85, passed away Tuesday, Nov. 11, 1997, at North Valley Extended Care in Whitefish, where she had resided for the past four years.

She was born Aug. 12, 1912, in Moline, Ill., to David and Helen Nelson. She attended schools in Rockford, Ill. In 1937, she married Leonard C. Boisen, and in 1940, they moved to Kalispell.

During the war they lived in Spokane, and later settled in Hungry Horse. They opened and operated the Hungry Horse Grocery until her husband's death in 1964.

She later moved to Columbia Falls, where she was active in the Our Savior Lutheran Church. She moved to the North Valley Extended Care in February of 1992, where she had resided until her death.

She was preceded in death by her

husband Leonard Boisen; son Donald L. Boisen; two brothers, Harold and Paul Nelson; and one sister Laura.

She is survived by her brother, Carl Nelson of Fullerton, Calif.; stepdaughter Janet M. Wyman of Kalispell; daughter-in-law Theresa Boisen of California; four grandchildren, Kathy, Trudee, Mathew and Nancy; five great-grandchildren; and many, many, nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home, with the Rev. Tom Gopp of Our Savior Lutheran Church officiating. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

The family requests memorials to Our Savior Lutheran Church in Columbia Falls.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

## Robert H. Bolton, 57

Robert H. Bolton, 57, of Honolulu, Hawaii, died on Aug. 11, 1997. He was a business owner in Eugene, Ore., for 30 years.

He was born Aug. 25, 1939, in Kalispell to Ben and Phyllis Bolton. He married Linda Ellis on Dec. 18, 1970, in Eugene. He attended the University of Montana.

He moved to Eugene to work for U.S. Plywood in 1964, then worked at American Steel for 10 years. He joined Sawyer Machine Works, which he bought and renamed Atlas Cylinder, Inc.

He loved the Flathead and spent much time here. He will be very much missed by all.

He was preceded in death by his

parents.

He is survived by his wife, Linda Bolton, of Eugene; children Steven R. Bolton and his wife, Karlene, of Lynnwood, Wash., Samuel E. Bolton and his wife, Jenny, of Boulder, Colo., and Sally E. Bolton of Honolulu; sisters, Patti Bolog and husband, Don, of Buffalo, Wyo.; and two nieces and a nephew.

A service of remembrance will be Thursday at 4 p.m. at Bethlehem Lutheran Church for family and close friends. His ashes will be sprinkled at sea in Honolulu.

Memorials may be given to the Robert H. Bolton Memorial Scholarship at the University of Oregon Athletic Department.

## James A. 'Jay' Bondurant, 85

James A. "Jay" Bondurant, 85, passed away on Sept. 6, 1997, at St. Patrick Hospital due to a stroke and congestive heart failure.

He was born on June 26, 1912, the ninth of 13 children born to C.B. and Minnie Bondurant of Kalispell. He and his brother, E.C. "Gene," started logging with a team of horses in the 1920s. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy Seabees and served in the Aleutian Islands and South Pacific during World War II.

After the war, he married Lois Begg, the "lady barber" of Kalispell. He and his brother reactivated their logging company and Bondurant Brothers, later Huson Logging Company, became one of the major operations in the Missoula area in the '50s and '60s.

They designed and built a heel-boom loader which revolutionized their logging method. A similar design was later marketed by a major heavy equipment manufacturer.

He and his wife bought a ranch at Nine Mile near the Nine Mile Ranger Station.

They raised three children: Bryce, James "Jim" and Dede. They raised cattle and bred champion quarter horse racing horses. They raced in California, Arizona, Oregon, Wash-

ington, and Montana in the 60s.

They retired in 1971, and lived in Mesa, Ariz., during the winter and Polson in summers. They traveled extensively in the United States, Canada, Caribbean and South America, Asia and Africa. He took up golf and square dancing when health permitted.

He was widely known and respected as an honest businessman and generous friend.

He was strong and independent and bold enough to meet any challenge of life.

He will be greatly missed by his family: Lois, his wife of 50 years; Bryce, Barb, Betsy, and Brittany, of Frenchtown, James and Candy of Orlando, Fla., Dede of Globe, Ariz., Christina of Albany, Ore., Becky and Stuart Crane of Albuquerque, N.M.; brother Morris of Seattle, Wash.; and many nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be at Garden City Funeral Home, 1705 West Broadway, Missoula, on Wednesday, 4 p.m. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to Camp Make-a-Dream, 3700 South Russell, Missoula, MT 59801.

Arrangements are under the direction of Garden City Funeral Home and Crematory.