

Floy Belva Borgen, 86

Floy Belva Borgen, 86, former resident of Kalispell, died Oct. 21, 1997, in Four Seasons Health Care Center in Fort Collins, Colo.

She was born Feb. 2, 1911, in Caruthersville, Mo., to Roy C. and Mary E. McGee Caldwell. While a small child, the family moved north and settled near Grenora, N.D., where her father and an uncle engaged in farming for a short time.

In 1919, the two families moved westward and settled near Kalispell, in the Rhodes Draw area northwest of Kalispell. She was one of five children and was baptized in the Epworth Methodist Church in Kalispell. She attended schools in the Prospect Park and Kalispell areas and graduated from Flathead County High School. She attended Eastern Washington College of Education in Cheney for a time and earned her bachelor of art degree in elementary education from Montana State University in Missoula.

In 1935, she married Fred J. Borgen in Wallace, Idaho. They made their home at Half Moon where her husband was a contractor for Stolze Land and Lumber Co. and she taught school at Canyon View near Columbia Falls. They returned to farming in the Helena Flats area for many years. They farmed in the Helena Flats area for 10 years, then moved to Evergreen and had farm land in the Birch Grove Area for approximately eight years, before moving to Hillcrest Estates overlooking the Stillwater River upon retirement.

She taught in many schools around the valley, finally retiring after 20 plus years at the Evergreen School. She was a member of Calvary Lutheran Church. She and her husband, Fred, were instrumental in the conception and construction of the Calvary Lutheran Church.

She was a member of Delta Kappa Gamma and was involved in numerous activities involving young people. She loved to play the piano, playing for dances when young and doing the music and Christmas plays for the schools in which she taught. She and her husband Fred enjoyed an occasional round of golf. She moved to Fort Collins, Colo., four years ago to be closer to her daughter.

She was preceded in death by her

husband, her brother, and three sisters.

She is survived by one daughter, Sonja Vines of Fort Collins; and four granddaughters, Kim Dickerson and Hillary Vines of Cheyenne, Wyo., Jennifer Huckfeldt of Wheatland, Wyo., and Stephanie Vines, a student at Colorado State University at Fort Collins. She is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be Saturday, at 10 a.m. at the Calvary Lutheran Church with the Rev. Bob Nilsen officiating. A private family burial was held Friday, at Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell. Arrangements are by the Johnson Mortuary & Crematory

Vera Border, 78

Vera Mae Border, 78, of Libby, died Saturday morning, June 7, 1997, at her home.

Local survivors include her daughters Bonnie Border and Lila McQueen, both of Libby; granddaughter Jeanna Speed, of Martin City and Lauri Pruttis, of Libby.

Private family services are being held.

Muriel Beavers Border, 58

Muriel Beavers Border, 58, passed away in Durban, South Africa, at noon on Monday Feb. 17, 1997, with her sister, Linda, and her yachtie friends at her side. She was diagnosed with inoperable cancer less than four months ago.

She was born Oct. 15, 1938, in Missoula, to Edna and Jess Beavers. She attended school in Missoula and graduated from Hellgate High School in 1956.

The next nine years she worked for Dr. Lloyd "Bud" Zimmerman.

She married Donald Border of Whitefish on June 17, 1961. They lived in Anchorage, Alaska, from 1965 to 1977. In July 1977, they began a world cruise on their yacht "Aries," which took them to Richards Bay, South Africa, where they lived since 1985.

Don preceded her in death July 11,

1994, in a yachting accident. He drowned off the east coast of South Africa.

She was preceded in death by her father in 1954, and her stepfather Nels Newgard in 1989.

She is survived by her mother, Edna Newgard, of Missoula; her sister and brother-in-law, Linda and John Hudak, and her niece, Lesley Hudak, all of Orinda, Calif.; a nephew, Russell Hudak, of Missoula; her mother-in-law, Gladys Border, of Whitefish; and a stepbrother and wife, Bruce and Sandy Newgard, of Silverdale, Wash.

Cremation has taken place with her ashes to be distributed at sea where Don was lost.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Hospice, Camp Mak-A-Dream, or a charity of the donor's choice.

Wilma Davis Bottom, 89

Wilma Davis Bottom, 89, died Sunday in Kalispell.

She was born in Wacusta, Mich., to Elias and Elsie Davis.

She married Bill Bottom on June 7, 1930.

She was preceded in death by

her husband in 1984.

She is survived by her brother, Berwyn Davis, of Kalispell and a sister.

Direct cremation has taken place and burial is to follow at a later date. Arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

1997 Shirley S. Bowdish, 59

Shirley S. Bowdish, 59, of rural Kalispell, passed away of heart failure May 23, at her home.

She was born Sept. 7, 1937, in Polson, to Arthur and Hulda Struss. For 12 years she lived in Polson, then moved to St. Ignatius, where she was raised by her aunt and uncle. She graduated from St. Ignatius High School in 1953.

She graduated from college in Denver, Colo., and for a year she taught school at Valley View School, near Polson.

She boarded horses for many years. From 1981-91, she was a trustee of the Flathead Valley Community College. Since then, she did many hours of volunteer work for the college.

She was a member of Trinity Evan-

gelical Lutheran Church in Kalispell for 40 years.

On June 2, 1957, she married John Bowdish in St. Ignatius. She is survived by him at their home.

She is also survived by sons Bruce Bowdish, of Spokane, and David Bowdish, of Denver; her aunt Lenora Lensman, of St. Ignatius, and sister and brother-in-law, LaVonne and Ron Olmsted, of St. Ignatius, plus many nieces and nephews.

A funeral will be 11 a.m., Tuesday, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Kalispell, Pastor Darold Reiner officiating. Burial will follow at Trinity Lutheran Church Cemetery, under direction of Austin Funeral Home. The family has suggested contributions to the Flathead Valley Community College Foundation in her name.

Shirley J. Bowers, 46

Shirley J. Bowers, 46, passed away Saturday, July 19, 1997, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

She was born July 2, 1951, in Kalispell, to John and Anna Burcham.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Anna, and her sister, Carolyn.

She is survived by her husband, Lanny Bowers, of Eureka; two daughters, Lani J. Moen and Kizzy Bowers; one grandson; two brothers, Gene Burcham and Marvin Burcham; and a sister, Earlene Burcham.

Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. today at First Baptist Church in Eureka with the Rev. Kevin Strong

officiating. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

1997 Marion Glenn Bower, 92

Marion Glenn Bower, 92, of Kalispell, died Saturday, Feb. 22, at Heritage Place.

He was a native of Union, Iowa, and had lived at Heritage Place since July.

A funeral is planned in Newport, Wash., and details are pending. Local arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary.

Leone Bowles, 89

Leone Olson Bowles, 89, formerly of Libby, died July 24, 1997, at San Mateo, Calif.

Survivors include two daughters; a son; a brother, Donald Olson of Kalispell; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

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Graveside services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. at the City of Libby Cemetery with the Rev. Wally Smith officiating. Arrangements are by Nelson & Vial Funeral Home.

Frances S. Bradley, 93

Frances S. Bradley, 93, passed away Jan. 12, 1997, at Immanuel Lutheran Home.

She was born Nov. 2, 1903, in Havana, Ill., to Albert and Amelia Steffen. She attended schools in Havana, graduating from Havana High School. She went to college at Shurtleff College in Alton, Ill.

After college, she worked for many years at Central Illinois Public Service as an accountant.

She married Homer Bradley on May 13, 1942, in Hannibal, Mo. Soon after their marriage, she resigned her job and went with her husband to the Chautauqua Wildlife Refuge which he managed for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife department. They managed several other refuges until 1957, when they took over a refuge near Kenmare, N.D., where they stayed

until he retired in 1969.

She enjoyed gardening, embroidery, cards, and banding birds. An annual highlight for her was their annual trip to Canada to go fishing.

After retirement, they moved to Charlo where they built their first home in 1970. In 1986, they moved to Ronan. In 1994, they moved to Buffalo Hill Terrace.

She was a member of the Baptist faith, Eastern Star, and enjoyed classical music.

She is survived her husband, Homer, of Kalispell; a daughter, Mary Sue Snyder, of Minnesota; and two grandsons.

Her ashes will be buried at Chattfield Cemetery in Chattfield, Minn. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is in charge of arrangements.

Lawrence Brannan, 83

Lawrence "Larry" Edwin Brannan, 83, died Saturday, Nov. 22, 1997, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

He was born June 20, 1914, at Pullman, Wash., to Harold H. and Maude Hatley Brannan. He graduated from high school in Johnson, Wash., served one year in the U.S. Navy and then attended Washington State College. He was a typesetter for the Pullman Herald.

On Jan. 18, 1941, he married Margaret Davis. They worked on an 1000-acre ranch and had their own dairy. They lived in Pullman, Colfax, and Deer Park, Wash., and raised two daughters.

In 1964, he was working at a college in Pullman. He and his wife moved to Kalispell when he was offered a job in the produce department at Fred Meyer B & B.

He enjoyed playing basketball and baseball in high school. He enjoyed fishing, camping, wildlife, long rides in the country, and oil painting. He became a taxidermist of deer, fish and birds. He enjoyed visits from his

sheltie dog, "Beau."

He moved to North Valley Extended Care in the spring of 1990, and to Immanuel Lutheran Home on Dec. 21, 1992.

He was preceded in death by his parents and is now survived by his wife, Margaret at her home in Kalispell; two daughters, Sonya Bush and husband, Don, of Salem, Ind., and Kay Martinez and husband, Alejandro, of Salinas, Calif.; one grandson; Craig Bush of Kalispell; two great-grandsons, Jarid and Nathan Bush also of Kalispell.

Funeral services will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel, with the Rev. Richard Whittet of Four Square Church of the Valley officiating.

Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be today until 6 p.m. and Wednesday, from 9 a.m. to noon.

The family suggests memorials to Immanuel Lutheran Home, 185 Crestline, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Arrangements are by the Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

30 Dec 1997 **Rolland Nelson Breed, 81**
Anna Laura Breed, 79

A memorial service will be held for Laura and Rolland Breed at the First Presbyterian Church in Kalispell at 1 p.m. Saturday.

Rolland Nelson Breed, 81, and Anna Laura Breed, 79, died in a tragic automobile accident on Dec. 30, 1997. They were on their way to a jazz festival in Olympia, Wash., when their car spun out of control on I-90 near Saltese. Neither of them regained consciousness after the accident.

They are survived by their son, Dennis Breed of Granbury, Texas, and his children, Lara Breed Johnson and Heather Breed of Kansas City, Mo. Rolland is survived by his brothers, Glenn Breed and George Eldrich of Helena, and Herbert Breed of Klamath Falls, Ore. Laura is survived by John Moore of Tucson, Ariz., and Whitefish, and Bucky Moore of Aerivoca, Ariz.

Rolland graduated from high school in Helena and received his bachelor of science in electrical engineering from Montana State Univer-



sity. He worked for Westinghouse for a short time, then had a lifetime career with Bell Telephone Laboratories. Laura graduated from high school in Whitefish and from St. Luke's School of Nursing in Spokane. They lived in New Jersey and Ohio until retirement in 1981. They were both birdwatchers, lovers of nature, childre and people.

The couple were also renowned jazz enthusiasts. They will be sorely missed.

Donations can be made in Laura and Rollie's name to: Glacier Jazz Stampede, P.O. Box 9524, Kalispell, MT 59904, or Friends of Glacier, P.O. Box 5001, Kalispell, MT 59903.

Helen June Briggs, 76

Helen June Briggs, 76, died Wednesday, Aug. 6, 1997, at Lakeview Care Center in Bigfork.

She was born Nov. 9, 1920, in Salt Lake City to Roy and Amy Shaw Linnell. She grew up in Utah and graduated from high school in Salt Lake City in 1937.

The family then moved to Montana, where she married Joseph C. Briggs on Oct. 16, 1940, in Great Falls. They owned and operated Briggs Conoco in Swan Lake from 1974 until 1979.

She enjoyed yard work and flowers. She was a loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

She was preceded in death by her



parents, her husband, Joseph, in July 1982, and a sister in 1997.

She is survived by three daughters, Roilene Gordon and companion, Randall Jones, and Wendy Briggs, all of Bigfork, and Sandra LaCapra and husband, John, of LaCenter, Wash.; two sons, Fred Briggs and wife, Jeanie, of Helena, and William Briggs and wife, Linda, of Great Falls; a sister, Geri Bielenberg of Swan Lake; 13 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Graveside services will be Saturday at 4 p.m. at Lonepine Cemetery in Bigfork with the Rev. Ron Pierce officiating.

The family suggests memorials to the Bigfork Quick Response Unit, Bigfork, Mont., 59911. Arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

23 Jan 1997 **Donal G. Brock, 72**

Donal G. Brock, 72, died Thursday, at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

He was born to Guy and Clara Brock on May 22, 1924, at Kalispell. He was raised and educated on the West Kootenai, near Rexford, and graduated from Lincoln County High School in Eureka in 1942.

He served in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II, in the South Pacific.

He returned to north Lincoln County, where he worked for the J. Neils Lumber Co. and, later, the St. Regis Paper Co., as logging foreman out of the company's Rexford shop. He retired due to a disability.

He and his wife operated Don's Gun Shop and Omie's This 'n' That in Eureka until the time of his death. He was a member of the Veterans of

Foreign Wars Post 6786.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Naomi, in 1976.

He is survived by his wife, Omie, of Eureka; son Harry Brock, of Tonapah, Nevada; daughter Chris Croucher, of Glendive; step-daughter Ginger Lehr, of Coos Bay, Ore.; sister Nada Lavoie, of Rexford, and seven grandchildren.

Visitation is 1-8 p.m., today, and until noon Monday at Nelson and Vial Funeral Home in Eureka. A service will be 2 p.m., Monday, at First Baptist Church, Rev. David Hopper officiating. Interment will be at Tobacco Valley Cemetery, with military honors by VFW. Memorials may be made to the Mountain View Manor, in Eureka, or the charity of the donor's choice.

1997 **Dorothy Mae Brod, 69**

Dorothy Mae Brod, 69, of Nebraska City, Neb., passed away on March 19 at Nebraska City Manor.

She was born Aug. 25, 1927, to Lewis and Ella Smith Huss, on a farm near Nebraska City. She was one of five children. She received her education in rural schools near Nebraska City.

On July 10, 1946, she married Dwight Brod in Nebraska City. To this union three sons were born.

They made their permanent home on a farm southwest of Talmage, Neb. She was involved in nursing, working at Auburn Clinic and the Good Samaritan Center in Auburn.

Since 1947, she was a member of the Charter Oak Christian Church in Talmage. She served as a Sunday school superintendent and as deaconess at the Church. Her sons and family were the pride of her life. They joyfully celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at the Cook

Community Center in Cook, Neb., in July 1996.

She suffered from rheumatoid arthritis for many years. On March 10, 1997, she was admitted to St. Mary's Hospital in Nebraska City. On March 11, she was admitted to Nebraska City Manor.

She is survived by her husband, Dwight Brod, of Cook, Neb.; sons Gary Brod, of Kalispell, Randy Brod, of Evergreen, Colo., and Rex Brod and his wife, Vicki, of Maryville, Mo.; five grandchildren, Jennifer, LuvStarr, Mark, Luke and Hannah; brothers Robert Huss, of Nebraska City and Harold Huss and his wife, Gladys, of Nebraska City; sisters Shirley McCord, of Nebraska City and Mary Sigler, of Omaha, Neb.; nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

The family requests memorials be made to the Arthritis Foundation for research.

1997 **Darlene Brodhead, 61**

Darlene F. Brodhead, 61, of Hungry Horse, died Monday, Dec. 29, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

She was born April 13, 1936, in Noley, Mont., to James and Meree Yardon. She was educated in Fairview.

She was married to William M. Brodhead on Oct. 4, 1953 in Sidney.

She is survived by her husband, Bill, of Hungry Horse; a daughter, five brothers, three sisters, two grandchildren, and

numerous nieces and nephews.

A funeral will be held Friday at 2 p.m. at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. The Rev. Patrick Pierce of the Lion Hill Baptist Church in Martin City will officiate.

Burial will follow in Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls. Visitation will be Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Columbia Mortuary.

Mabel Louise Jewell Brooner, 99

Mabel Louise Jewell Brooner died Tuesday, March 4, 1997, in Salt Lake City at the age of 99.

She was born in Kalispell in 1897, and was active in community life here before moving to Salt Lake City.

She is survived by daughters Jean Tyler of Salt Lake and Jewell Shannon of Mankato, Minn.; son, Ernest

Brooner, of Lakeside; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

The Rev. Edward Shannon will conduct a brief, family-only service and interment at Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Cards only, please. Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary.

Charles E. Bronson, 56

Charles E. Bronson, 56, died at the family home on Beaver Lake Road on Saturday, April 26, 1997.

He was born May 6, 1940, in Kalispell, to F.F. "Abe" and Nellie Bronson, the youngest of three children. He attended Whitefish schools and an automotive trade school in Spokane. He served in the Montana National Guard for six years.

He married Karen Keister in June 1967. They moved west of Whitefish and made their home there for the last 30 years.

He was employed at Stacey Oil Co. for more than 30 years. In 1987 he purchased Martin's Cleaners. At both these establishments he will be remembered for his love of people.

He loved and attended North Val-

ley Alliance Church. He enjoyed reminiscing with people and working with his antique cars.

He is survived by his wife, Karen; daughter and son-in-law Ami and Byron Logue, and their children, Alysha and Bryon, of Kalispell; son and daughter-in-law Charles and K. J. Bronson of Novato, Calif.; stepmother Lorraine Bronson of Whitefish; brother and sister-in-law Lee and Sylvia Bronson of Spokane; sister and brother-in-law Bobette and Ted Tucheck of Spokane; and several nieces and nephews.

Cremation has taken place, and memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Austin Funeral Home.

The family suggests memorials to the donor's choice.

Lester Brower, 73

Lester B. Brower, 73, passed away Friday, Dec. 5, 1997, at his home in Kalispell.

He was born Feb. 22, 1924, in Carter County to James and Pearl Brower.

After high school he enlisted in the U.S. Army, where he served in the European Theater from 1943 until 1946.

After his discharge from the military he worked at numerous jobs, moving to Northern California and becoming a grocery clerk for many years. He moved to Montana in 1985, where he had lived ever since.

He will always be remembered for his wonderful sense of humor and his

quick wit. He was a very caring and kind person, and will be missed by all his family and friends.

He loved hunting and fishing, and he really loved to play pool.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by two sons, Larry L. Brower of Marion, and Richard Brower of Kalispell; three grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and a very special friend, Mary Amos, of Kalispell.

At his request he has been cremated. Memorial services are pending. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements and cremation.

Cecile Katherine Brown, 73

Cecile Katherine Brown, 73, passed away Tuesday, Jan. 7, 1997, at Brendan House, following a courageous 35-year battle with diabetes and more recent complications of Alzheimer's disease.

She was born in Pendleton, Ore., on Jan. 31, 1923, and moved to Kalispell with her parents, Cecil and Nadyne Sykes, at an early age. She attended Flathead County High School.

She married Jack Brown on Oct. 31, 1939, and they have resided in Kalispell since then.

As a supportive wife and new mother she stood beside her husband in the early years at Sykes Grocery and later at B&B stores where she also worked as a checker.

She was a member of St. Matthew's Catholic Church.

In addition to being a wonderful wife, mother and homemaker, she worked side-by-side with her mother in devoting many years and countless hours to the hospital volunteer program at Kalispell Regional Hospital.

When physically capable, she enjoyed golf but was happiest when at home cooking, knitting and sharing special times with her husband, Jack. She enjoyed a very close rela-



tionship with her mother and they were many times mistaken for sisters.

Survivors include her husband, Jack, at home in Kalispell; mother, Nadyne, residing at the Lutheran home in Kalispell; two sons, Scott Brown and his wife, Shirley, of Portland, Ore., and Ron Brown and his wife, Judy, of Maui, Hawaii; grandsons, Kemp of Seattle, Derik of Missoula, Eric of Vancouver, Wash.; and granddaughter, Hilary, of Arroyo Grande, Calif.

She was preceded in death by her father, Cecil Sykes, and her brother, Joe Sykes.

She will be so deeply missed by family and friends. The emptiness she leaves behind will be filled with the wonderful memories she provided us all. We will lovingly cherish those memories and hold her shining spirit securely in our hearts until we can once again be together.

At her request, no public services will be held. A private family memorial service will be held on Friday at Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Burial will be at Conrad Memorial Cemetery. The family suggests memorials to any of the following: American Diabetes Association, Alzheimers research, Brendan House, or St. Matthew's parish.

God bless you and keep you, dearest wife ... dearest mother ... dearest friend.

Chester Harold Brown, 79

Chester Harold Brown, 79, died Monday, April 28, 1997, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

He was born Aug. 18, 1917, on the Red Creek Indian Reservation in Saskatchewan, Canada, to William Henry and Maryann Pate Brown. He moved with his family to Oklahoma when he was 2.

He enlisted in the National Guard from 1934 to 1940. In 1940, he enlisted in the regular Army. He retired from the military in 1965. He then went to work for the military civil service until his full retirement in 1975.

He married Betty L. Holman in 1943. After his retirement, he moved to Bigfork, where he resided with his daughter and her family.

He loved to go fishing, loved good food and most of all loved spending time with his family.

He belonged to the VFW in Bigfork, the Peace Officers Association, and the National Rifle Association.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his wife, Betty Brown; his daughter, Linda, and her husband, Jay Bottin, of Bigfork; two grandsons, Jason Bottin of Bellingham, Wash., and Jaymason Bottin of Bigfork; and his son, William H. Brown, of Lynchburg, Va.

Private family services will be held later. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements and cremation.

Harold Brown, 65

Harold L. "Hal" Brown, 65, a Kalispell resident, died at St. Patrick's Hospital in Missoula, Thursday, Oct. 2, 1997, from cancer.

He was born Nov. 1, 1931, in Raton, N.M., to David L. and Anne Carol Cunningham Brown. He received his education in Cheyenne, Wyo., graduating from Cheyenne High School in 1949, and attending Colorado A. & M. College and Idaho State College.

He married Patricia Peters on June 10, 1951, at the United Methodist Church in Cheyenne.

He joined the U.S. Forest Service in 1958, and worked for the U.S. Forest Service until his retirement in 1985.

He and his family lived in Pocatello, Idaho; West Yellowstone; Livingston; Ketchikan, Alaska; and Kalispell.

He loved the outdoors and taught his family to share that love.

He was a member of Epworth Unit-

ed Methodist Church in Kalispell.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Betty McBee and Donna Rae Brown; and his brother, David L. Brown.

He is survived by his wife, Pat, of the family home in Kalispell; one daughter, Terri Griffith and husband, Robin, and their two children, Jessica and Christopher; one son, Timothy H. Brown of Jackson Hole, Wyo., and his sons, Charlie and Jon.

The family suggests memorials be sent to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 1002, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Memorial services will be Sunday at 3 p.m. at the Epworth United Methodist Church with the Rev. Marvin Northcutt officiating.

A private family burial will be at Glacier Memorial Gardens on Saturday.

Cremation and arrangements are by the Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

Nettie E. Brown, 70

Nettie E. Brown, 70, of Hungry Horse, died Saturday evening, April 26, 1997, at Kalispell Regional Hospital.

She was born April 20, 1927, in Havre, to Harry and Ellen Youso. She was raised and educated in Havre.

She married Byron C. Brown on Sept. 17, 1946, in Havre. They moved to the Flathead Valley in 1951.

She loved camping, fishing and listening to her husband play music.

She was a member of the V.F.W. auxiliary.

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

She is survived by her husband, Byron, of Hungry Horse; four children, Charlotte McClain of Coram, Betty Remsik of Billings, Byron Brown Jr., of Columbia Falls and Harry Brown of Kalispell; a sister, Marian Pyette, of Hot Springs; 14 grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held Friday at 2 p.m. at Columbia Mortuary.

Robert 'Brownie' Brown, 88

Robert "Brownie" Brown, 88, passed away Saturday, May 31, 1997, at Brendan House.

He was born Sept. 14, 1908, in Williston, N.D., to Howard and Anna Brown. He married Leona Howard in 1937 in Glasgow.

He managed Buttrey stores at Ft. Peck, Conrad and Cut Bank.

In 1947, he bought Hockersmiths Store in East Glacier which he owned and operated for 36 years. He retired in 1983, moving to Kalispell where he has lived ever since.

He was an ardent and excellent fly fisherman. Fly fishing and working

were his hobbies.

He is survived by his wife, Leona, of Kalispell; son, William Brown, and his wife, Eileen, of Laurel; two sisters, Pat Paulson and her husband, Don, and Edna Rothert, all of Kalispell; five grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

No services are planned at this time. Private memorial services for family will be held at later at Two Medicine in Glacier Park. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is in charge of arrangements.

LaDonna Brown, 60

LaDonna H. Brown, 60, passed away Monday Dec. 8, 1997, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

She was born June 18, 1937, in Tagus, N.D., to Arthur and Gladys Bredahl. She moved to the Flathead Valley in 1965, where she went to work for Kalispell Regional Hospital in the laundry department. She retired in 1990.

She was a very loving and caring person. She loved her family and especially loved being with her grandchildren. She was very good with her hands, and loved doing all sorts of craft work. She will be missed by all that knew her.

She was a member of the Kalispell

Eagles Club.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one son Bobby; one daughter LaRene; one brother; and one sister.

She is survived by two sons, Daniel and his wife, Marcia Brown, of Kalispell, Kim Brown of Kalispell; daughter Rita and her husband, Andy Alford, of Columbia Falls; five grandchildren; and one brother, Gerald Bredahl of Des Moines, Iowa.

Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Northridge Lutheran Church, with the Rev. Dan E. Heskett of Northridge Lutheran Church officiating. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home in charge of service and cremation.

John Brusich, 87

John L. Brusich, 87, of Kalispell, died in the Brendan House on Saturday, Oct. 11, 1997.

He was born Oct. 15, 1909, in Toluca, Ill., to John and Antonia Stemes Brusich.

In 1910, he moved with his family to a farm near New England, N.D. He attended St. Mary's High School in New England and after graduating he operated a service station there for 18 years.

He married Gertrude Brentrup on Aug. 4, 1935, at Amidon, N.D. In 1958, they moved to Custer, S. D. and several years later moved to Belle Fourche, S.D. where he was a self employed appliance repairman. After his wife died in 1983, he moved to Kalispell and has lived here until the time of his passing.

He spent his spare time in his workshop creating original gadgets



to entertain others.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Gertrude; one sister, Marie Tiller; and two brothers, James and Anton Brusich.

He is survived by one son, Bill Brusich of Phoenix, Ariz.; one daughter, Marlene Nardinger and husband, Ken, of Kalispell; two grandchildren, Sue Plummer of Kalispell, and Brenda Nardinger of Las Vegas, Nev.; two great-grandchildren, Jeremy and Amy Plummer of Kalispell; and two sisters, Catherine Miller of Frenchtown, and Ann Bayman of Yakima, Wash.

Memorial services are being held Thursday, at 10 p.m. at St. Matthew's Catholic Church with the Rev. Kevin O'Neill officiating. Urn burial will be at Pineslope Cemetery in Belle Fourche, S. D.

The family suggest memorials be given to St. Matthew's Catholic School, 602 Main Street, Kalispell, MT 59901 or Sponsor a Child.

Cremation and arrangements are by the Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

Carl Lewis Bruner, 85

Carl Lewis Bruner, 85, passed away Tuesday, April 11, 1997, at Kalispell Regional Hospital.

He was born Aug. 8, 1911, in Waterloo, Iowa, to Ralph E. and Elle Roth Bruner. He moved with his family to Pomona, Calif., where he completed high school and junior college.

He enlisted in the Navy during World War II and he spent two years working as a swimming instructor and physical therapist.

After being discharged from the Navy, he attended La Verne College where he completed his education.

He went to work as the assistant director of the Pomona Recreation Department until taking a position as team trainer and physical therapist at Mt. San Antonio Community Col-

lege, where he was also in charge of the athletic department.

He was well-known in Southern California for his work with many Olympic and professional athletes. He traveled as the team trainer to Moscow and Mexico City. He received many awards for his work as trainer and therapist. He retired in 1971 and moved to Kalispell.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by a brother and his wife, Stan and Shirley Bruner, of Kalispell; a niece, Nancy Hanchett; and a nephew, S.E. Bruner, of Melbourne, Fla.

He has been cremated. Memorial services and urn burial will be in June. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Tammy Jeanne Bruce, 24

Tammy Jeanne Bruce, 24, returned home to her Father in Heaven on Thursday, May 15, 1997. She learned in May 1995, she had a terminal illness and throughout her last months on Earth, kept a positive attitude.



She was born in Phoenix, Ariz., July 9, 1972. She moved to Whitefish in 1986 and graduated from Whitefish High School in 1991. Following graduation, she worked for her parents' computer business. From December 1994 until May 1995, she volunteered as an aide at Central School. The teachers and students were very kind to her and she enjoyed working there.

She was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Her church service included leading the music in relief society and working in the primary nursery. She had a strong testimony of the Plan of Sal-

vation and came to know her Heavenly Father and Elder Brother, Jesus Christ, on a personal level. She received her endowments in the Arizona Temple in March 1994.

Her grandparents, Sam E. Case and Marilyn J. Porter of Phoenix, regularly placed her name on the prayer rolls of the Arizona Temple, giving her spiritual strength. Her parents, Gary Floyd Bruce and Ruthe Elaine Case, will miss her very much. Her sisters, Julie and Lisa, and her brother, Brian, know they will be reunited with her some day — on the other side of the rainbow.

Funeral services will be Thursday at 4 p.m. at the Whitefish Ward of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (across from DePratu Ford). Bishop Scott W. Wendling will conduct the services. Burial will follow at the Whitefish Cemetery.

Memorials are suggested in her name to the Aplastic Anemia Foundation of America, Inc., P.O. Box 613, Annapolis, Md., 21404 (800) 747-2820, or to the donor's favorite charity.

Irene G. Burns, 79

Irene G. Burns, 79, died peacefully Monday evening, Feb. 3, 1997, at her home near Columbia Falls.

She was born Oct. 22, 1917, in Burnett County, Wisc., to Harry G. and Ellen M. Holler. When she was young the family moved to Montana, where she was raised and educated.

She was an excellent cook and worked in restaurants in California and Montana before opening her own restaurant, which she ran for many years. She then moved to Helena where she met Henry Burns. They were married in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, on May 6, 1966. They made their home together in the Columbia Falls area.

She and her husband enjoyed riding and raising their horses. She loved her flowers and enjoyed working in her greenhouse. Most of all,

she loved and enjoyed her grandchildren and great-grandchildren very much.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers and a sister.

She is survived by her husband, Henry, at the Colonial Manor in Whitefish; three sons, Dave, Paul, and Don Salminen of Columbia Falls; five stepchildren, Maurice Burns and Cindy DeCamp of Martin City, Greig Burns of Kalispell, Donald Burns of Columbia Falls, and Donna Thrall of Washington; and a sister, Elaine Rickard, of Sand Coulee.

A graveside service will be Saturday at 2 p.m. at Fairview Cemetery. The Rev. Tod Fox of the Canyon Community Church will officiate. Visitation will be today until 8 p.m. at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

Robert Edward Burns, 71

Robert Edward Burns, 71, longtime Shelby funeral director, passed away Monday from injuries in a vehicle accident. *28 July 1997*

He was born May 14, 1926, in Havre, to William and Regina Wyse Burns. When he was 3, his family moved to Shelby where he grew up and graduated from high school. He graduated from the San Francisco College of Mortuary Science.

He married Virginia Stower on April 16, 1956, in Helena.

He owned and operated the Burns Funeral Home in Shelby for over 50 years, retiring in 1993. He also owned funeral homes in Fort Benton, Choteau, and Conrad. He served on the Montana State Board of Funeral Service.

He was a member of St. William

Catholic Church and the Elks Lodge, was past president of Shelby Jaycees, and the Montana Funeral Directors Association.

He enjoyed raising Appaloosa horses and working on antique cars.

Survivors include his wife, Virginia, of Shelby; daughter, Brenda Burns, of Great Falls; sons, Robert Joseph Burns of Shelby and John Patrick Burns of Hillsboro, Ore.; brother, Jack Burns, of Cut Bank; sister, Mary Geraghty, of Missoula; and five grandchildren.

Funeral mass will be at 1 p.m. Friday at St. William Catholic Church with burial in the Mountain View Cemetery. Wake services will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Burns-Whitted Funeral Chapel in Shelby.

1997 Virgillia 'Jill' Burns, 70

Virgillia "Jill" Burns, 70, of Kalispell, died Tuesday, Oct. 28, at Community Medical Center in Missoula.

She was born June 10, 1927, in Peru, Ind., to Harvey and Ruth Gutbrod. On Nov. 23, 1946, she married Leland Burns in Las Vegas.

She enjoyed going to garage sales, camping, fishing, and traveling. She was an excellent ping pong player in her youth.

She had a pure heart and was loved by all who knew her.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Tom and George Gutbrod,

and a sister, Esther Milstead.

Survivors include her husband, Leland E. Burns, of Kalispell; son Gary W. Burns, of South Bend, Wash.; sister Katherine Crapser, of Tucson, Ariz.; brother Donald Gutbrod, of Peru, Ind., and granddaughters Emily Burns, Tracey Burns and Sheila Burns.

Private graveside services will be at Fern Hill Cemetery, Menlow, Wash.

Arrangements are by Garden City Funeral Home, Missoula, and Stoller's Mortuary in Raymond, Wash.

Agnes Mary Bryon, 94

Agnes Mary Bryon, 94, passed away at Brendan House on Friday, Feb. 4, 1997. She was born on a farm near Armstrong, Iowa, to Henry Sauser and Catherine Meysembourg Sauser on Nov. 11, 1902. She had her early schooling in Iowa. In 1916, her parents moved to a farm near Barlow, N. D. She attended St. James Academy in New Rockford, N.D., and in 1921, she graduated from high school at Sacred Heart Academy in Fargo, N.D. Her sister, Marguerite, remembers how beautifully she played the piano during those years. She spent most of her younger years helping her parents on the family farm and taking care of them during their final illnesses.

She married Harry J. Byron on Dec. 13, 1951, in Concord, Calif. They lived on their farm near New Rockford until 1959, when they retired and moved to Kalispell.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, two sisters and three brothers.

She is survived by two sisters, Genevieve Medinger of Lincoln, Neb., and Marguerite Mallette, of

Long Beach, Calif.; a niece, Joan Jack, of Santa Fe, N.M.; a step-niece, Susan Bittner, of Lincoln; and her husband's nephew, James Spilman, of Bismarck, N.D., and many cousins in Omaha, Neb., and David City, Neb.

She will also be remembered by her special friends in Kalispell for her beautiful flower gardens and her gifts of baked goods.

She was a longtime member of St. Matthew's Catholic Church in Kalispell.

Friends may call at Johnson Mortuary for visitation until 6 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Thursday. The body will then be forwarded to the Evans Funeral Home in New Rockford, N.D., where services will be held later in the week. Burial will be at St. Johns Cemetery there. A vigil service will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Monday at St. Matthew's Catholic Church. Memorial Mass will be held at 12:10 p.m. Tuesday at St. Matthew's Catholic Church with the Rev. Carl Deitchman officiating. The family suggest memorials be made to St. Matthew's Catholic School or to the charity of donor's choice.

1997 Viola Bunton, 78

Viola Bunton, 78, passed away Thursday, Oct., 23, at North Valley Hospital following a short illness.

She was born May 21, 1919, in Overly, N. D., to Charley and Karen Smith. Her life was characterized by hard work, beginning her first job at age 14 at a TB sanitarium. She was working at Deck's Bakery and Cafe when she met her first husband, Lynn York. They were married in 1937 and were blessed with two children, Janet and Eddie. She was a loving wife, homemaker and mother until his death in 1953.

After his death, she returned to work in numerous jobs in Plentywood, Glasgow and Havre. In Havre, she met and married Harry Bunton.

After Harry was blinded in a railroad accident, they moved to the Flathead Valley, where they lived in Vetville. It was here that she created the rock and flower gardens that were her pride and joy and for which she was recognized by family and friends. They were a real showplace.

She worked at Frenchy's Chinese Gardens in Whitefish, the best place to eat at the time. Some of her fondest memories were of working there, doing everything from the payroll, bartending and waiting tables. She formed many lasting friendships with the customers and co-workers at Frenchy's.

It was after moving to Washington that she was diagnosed with, and successfully battled, cancer. After her surgery and treatment, she and her husband moved to Portland, to be near her son, Eddie. Throughout this time, she devoted her life to the care of her husband, Harry, until his death in 1994. After his death, she returned to Columbia Falls to be near her daughter, Janet.

In addition to her flower gardens, she will be remembered for her cooking and baking, especially her rolls. She shared her love with family and friends by sharing these talents. She created many wonderful memories with her cooking — holidays, family meals, and coffee klatches. Her grandsons will always remember going to Grandma's house for ice cream and chocolate syrup. There was always a three gallon tub of ice cream waiting for them.

In her later years, her favorite pastimes were listening to her police scanner and reading. She could often be found chuckling over a racy novel her neighbor had lent her.

We will miss you Grandma, for your love, laughter and wonderful sense of humor. We know we will not be able to hear the phrase, "Uff da" without thinking of and remembering you. You will always be in our hearts and memories.

She was preceded in death by eight siblings.

She is survived by her daughter, Janet Sandefer, of Columbia Falls; son Eddie York and wife, Betty, of North Bend, Ore.; grandsons and their families, Lynn Sandefer and children Jesse and Holly, of Columbia Falls, Gary Sandefer of Henderson, Nev., and his children Taira and Kelly, of Butte, Mike Sandefer and his wife, Laura, and their children Madison and Michael, of Columbia Falls, and Joey York, of North Bend, Ore. She also has two surviving brothers, Arthur Smith, of Georgia, and Francis Smith, of Oregon.

Visitation will be 1-6 p.m., today, at Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. A service will be 2 p.m., Monday, at Our Redeemer, Lutheran Church. Pastor Terry Forke will officiate. Cremation will follow the service.

26 Nov 1997 Helen Woods Burns, 89

Helen Woods Burns passed away Wednesday at her home in the Buffalo Hill Terrace.

She was born July 10, 1908, in Connellsville, Penn., to Margaret Carroll Woods and Omar Woods. She attended school in Connellsville and upon graduation attended the University of California at Berkeley. She graduated with a degree in nutrition, one of a handful of women at the time with advanced degrees.

She was a member of Omicron Nu Honor Society. She did post-graduate work in nutrition at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Md. She returned to California and was chief dietitian for St. Luke's Hospital in San Francisco.

On Aug. 1, 1936 she married Dr. Malcolm O. Burns. Upon her marriage, she became a Montana resident.

Her husband preceded her in death in 1983.

She is survived by two children, Dr. Alastair H. Burns, of Slidell, La., and Helen Burns Twomey, R. N., R. D., N. P., of Roanoke, Ind. and four grandchildren, Kathleen Helen and Alexander Burns, and Malcolm Dan and Ronald Scott Twomey. She is also survived by a sister, Mrs. Donald Whipkey, of Frankfort, Ken.

Private graveside services were held.

Arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary.

Hildegarde Bucher, 84

Hildegarde Bucher, 84 of Kalispell died on Saturday, July 26, 1997, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

She was born on Aug. 11, 1912, to Adam and Josephine Kimmet in Conception, Mo.

She married Alvin Bucher on Jan. 28, 1936, in Sunburst.

She was preceded in death by two sons, Eugene S. Bucher in 1964, and Allen V. Bucher in 1976, and a brother, William Kimmet, in 1984.

She is survived by her husband, Alvin, of the family home in Kalispell; four daughters, Eileen Rollins and her husband, Arvil, of Columbia Falls, Rita Boss, Ida Von-

derHeide and her husband, Don, Martha VonderHeide and her husband, Fred, and one son Larry Bucher, all of Kalispell; 16 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; five sisters; five brothers; and numerous other relatives.

Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. today at Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Fred Topp. Mass of the Christian burial will be at 3:30 on Tuesday at St. Matthew's Catholic Church with the Rev. Kevin O'Neill as celebrant. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

Oscar I. Buller, 68

Oscar I. Buller, 68, passed away Tuesday, July 8, 1997, at his home in Kalispell after a courageous battle with cancer.

He was born to Isaac and Yettie Buller on Aug. 3, 1928. He was raised in the Richey area where he lived and worked until he moved to Kalispell in 1982.

After retiring in 1990, he not only spent his time helping family and friends, he also enjoyed his time outdoors by hunting, fishing, camping and working around his yard.

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

He is survived by his wife, Loretta; two sons of Kalispell, Don and Maureen Buller and Delmer and Mari-

anne Buller; two daughters, Donna and Kevin Kramer of Kalispell and Dixie and Greg Post of Glendive. He has 16 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He is also survived by a daughter, Debbie, from a previous marriage.

He will be missed by all who knew and loved him. Visitation will be held today from 1-5 p.m. at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Northridge Lutheran Church with the Rev. Dan Heskett officiating. The family suggests memorials be sent to North Valley Extended Care Unit in Whitefish or to the charity of their choice. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Fred Bussey 1997

Fred Bussey, a former Glacier Park employee, of Ridgway, Colo. and Phoenix, Ariz., died Jan. 9.

He was born in Denver on Jan., 1907, where his grandparents established a bakery on Champa St. in the 1800's. He spent his youth in Juneau and the Yukon working in gold mines with his father, an 1893 graduate of the Colorado School of Mines. After graduating from North High and Parks College in Denver, he joined the National Park Service in 1931 at Mount Rainier. He married Mabelle Ely of Denver in 1933 and moved to Yellowstone where he founded the first credit union in a national park. Before joining the Navy in World War II, he was stationed in Rocky Mountain National Park. In 1946, he rejoined the Park Service as chief administrative officer at Glacier National Park.

He was superintendent of Colorado National Monument and The Black Canyon of the Gunnison from 1957-1964. He retired in 1969 as regional administrator.

He is survived by two sons: Clark of Santa Fe, and Alan of Denver and four grandchildren.

Private graveside services will be held at a later date in Crown Hill Cemetery, in Denver, Colo. *HH*

Ruby L. Bussey, 80

Ruby L. Bussey, 80, passed away Wednesday, Sept. 3, 1997, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

She was born Oct. 14, 1916, in Ryan, Okla., to John and Minnie Thomas. She lived on a farm most of her younger years, attending Ryan High School and graduating in 1934.

Shortly after graduation, she married Samuel Bussey, a career airman in the U.S. Air Force. They had one son, Sam Jr. They moved many times throughout his career, living in such places as California, Texas, Alaska and Montana.

She moved to Great Falls in 1957. Her husband retired from the Air Force in 1977 and passed away in 1980. She moved to Kalispell in 1981, to be nearer her son, Sam.

She had many interests throughout her life. Many of them centering around music. She loved to sing and

was offered a recording contract when she was younger. She played the piano, harmonica, guitar and banjo.

She also enjoyed a good game of dominoes or several other table games. She loved to fish and especially loved her family.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband Sam; one son, J.R.; and one sister, Juinita Morgan.

She is survived by her son Sam and his wife, Teri Bussey, of Kalispell; two grandchildren, Sam Bussey and Trina Stivers, both of Kalispell; sister Elwanda Jo Jameson of Selma, Calif.; and five wonderful great-grandchildren.

Viewing was held Thursday for the family. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Floral Memorial Park in Selma, Calif.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Maro Neelands Butchart, 81

Maro Neelands Butchart, 81, died July 21, 1997, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

He was born Oct. 17, 1917, in Choteau to William and Olive Wilcox Butchart. Upon graduation from Teton County High School in Choteau, he married



Maro Butchart
at age 45

Margrye Roeseler, on May 19, 1940, in Stanford. He attended the University of Montana in Missoula, where he earned a bachelor's degree in music, and Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill., where he earned a master's degree in music.

Before coming to Kalispell in 1944, he taught in Stanford and Three Forks. He taught band at Central

Junior High School in Kalispell until retiring in 1976. He served as choir director of Central Christian Church from 1957 until 1993. He was a member of local, state and national education and music education associations.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Marion Dreibach.

He is survived by his wife, Margrye of Kalispell, and two daughters, Nadine Hart of San Jose, Calif., and Bonita Smith of Victoria, B.C.

Memorial services will be today at 5 p.m. at the Central Christian Church with the Rev. Terry Van Heyningen officiating. A private family urn burial will be at the Conrad Cemetery in Kalispell.

The family suggests memorials be made to Immanuel Lutheran Home or to Central Christian Church. Arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Harold Butzlaff, 77

Harold Butzlaff, 77, died Thursday at Kalispell Regional Medical Center. *29 Aug 1997*

He was born May 31, 1920, in Wausau, Wisc., to Fredrick and Alma Kruger.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his wife, Catherine, at the family home in Lakeside; one son, Benny Bee, of Whitefish; two grandsons, Benny Bee Jr. of Kalispell and Dennis Bee of Whitefish.

No services are planned. Cremation and arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

Gerald Lee Butts, 61

Gerald Lee Butts, 61, of Whitefish, passed away Wednesday, Oct. 29, 1997, at the North Valley Hospital in Whitefish of cancer.

He was born March 3, 1936, in Priest River, Idaho, and later moved with his family to Rexford, where he was raised. He graduated from high school in Eureka, and joined the U.S. Navy and served for four years.

Following his discharge, he moved to Minneapolis, Minn., where he met and married his wife, Dorothy Dischinger, on Sept. 27, 1958. They moved to Pullman, Wash., where he was employed as an auto mechanic. In 1965, the family moved to Whitefish where he was an electrical motor winder repairman, recently employed with Quantum Electric.

He liked to hunt, fish, and camp with his family and friends.

He was a member of the Flathead Wildlife and National Rifle Association.

He was always there for anyone to lend a helping hand. He was a beloved husband, father, and grandfather. He was a good man who never complained about his pain.

He was preceded in death by his

father, Clarence Butts; his mother, Ilda Butts; and sister Clarice Dennis.

Survivors include his wife Dorothy at the family home; daughters, Lynette Kellner and her husband, Joe, of Whitefish, Theresa Anderson and her husband, Paul, of Whitefish, and Delsena Caldwell and her husband, Jerry, of Olney; son Darrin Butts and his wife, Jena, of Columbia Falls; eight grandchildren, Mandy, Jennifer, Jessica, Stephanie, Sheila, Cory, Derik and baby Caldwell; and two brothers, Roy Butts and Jack Butts, both of Eureka.

Christian wake services will be held Sunday, 7 p.m., at the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish. Funeral mass will be held on Monday, 11 a.m. at the St. Charles Catholic Church in Whitefish. Burial will follow at the Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Kalispell with military graveside honors.

1997 Jeryl Ann Byers, 42

Jeryl Ann Byers, 42, passed away Saturday, Oct. 11, at the home of her parents on Flathead Lake, after an extended and courageous battle with cancer.

Her loving husband, Gary Byers, her two children, daughter Logan and son, Canon, along with other family members were at her side.

She was born Jan. 4, 1955, in Billings, daughter of Gerald and Lyn Tucker, joining her brother, Stephen, and sister, Karin Hegesheimer. Another brother, Michael, later completed the family.

She attended school in Great Falls and Havre, graduating from Havre High School. She went on to graduate from Kinman Business College with honors and then to attend the Univer-



sity of Montana.

She is survived by her husband, Gary, and their two children at the family home west of Whitefish; her parents; her brothers and sister. She is also survived by Gary's parents, John and Darlene Byers, of Stryker; her maternal grandmother Ruth Hestekin, of Billings; her paternal grandfather R. J. Tucker, of Missoula and many loving nephews, nieces, uncles and aunts.

She will be remembered for her unselfish dedication to others. She never said "Why me?" during her ordeal. Her only concern was for her family and friends and her two dogs, Jake and Maggie.

Memorial services will be 10 a.m., Tuesday, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church, Father Kevin O'Niell officiating. Remembrances of Jeryl may be gifts to Camp Make-A-Dream, Hospice, or the charity of the donor's choice. Arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary.

Robert 'Bob' Irving Byhoffer, 75

Robert "Bob" Irving Byhoffer, 75, of Bigfork, passed away from natural causes on Tuesday, March 18, 1997, at St. Patrick Hospital in Missoula.

He was born Jan. 15, 1922, in Mobridge, S.D., to William H. and Ella A. Werges Byhoffer. He spent his childhood on a farm near McIntosh, S.D., with two older brothers and three sisters — one sister was his twin, Rose.

He graduated from high school in McIntosh in 1940. He worked at the Boeing aircraft plant in California. He enlisted in the Army Air Corps in 1942 and served through the war. He was serving in the South Pacific at the time of the Japanese surrender.

He earned his degree of chemical engineer at the University of Minnesota and went to work immediately for Minnesota Mining Manufacturing (3M). After 27 years, he moved to the Flathead Valley. He and his mother joined his brother Tom and his wife, Gayle, on the Byhoffer Cher-

ry Orchard near Yellow Bay. After the death of his mother, he moved to Ferndale where he was living when he passed away.

He was part owner of Elk Glen, an elk farm. He enjoyed all wildlife and spent many hours at the bison range. Duck and goose hunting were a big part of his life.

He was a grand, caring man who could recite an appropriate poem for every occasion, entertaining family and friends.

He is survived by his twin sister, Rose E. Olson, and her husband, Carol, of Edina, Minn., sister Betty Lou Scott and her husband, Hartley, of Missoula; 18 nieces and nephews; and 32 grandnieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to your favorite charity. Memorial services will be held on Saturday at 11 a.m. at Bethany Lutheran Church in Bigfork. Inurnment with military honors will follow at Lonepine Cemetery in Bigfork. Arrangements are by Grogan Funeral Home in Polson.

Robert J. Byrne, 78

Robert J. Byrne died at his home on the evening of Aug. 21, 1997, after living a remarkable life.

He was born on a farm outside Kalispell on Sept. 25, 1918, to John and Lottie Heller Byrne. He attended Cayuse Prairie School and graduated from Flathead County High School.

He spent his early working years as a dairy farmer. He also raised and trained border collies to work sheep, an activity that would continue to be of interest to him for the rest of his life. But farming was not in his future, since a childhood episode of polio left him with physical limitations.

On Aug. 21, 1948, he married Peggy Crail. That marriage would last 49 years.

In 1950, he entered the wholesale hardware trade, working at the Kalispell Mercantile Warehouse, later the Montana Mercantile, until 1968. He also raised Shetland ponies at his home on Appleway Drive.

In fall of 1968, he and his wife purchased the Capri Motel in Walla Wal-

la, Wash. They operated it together until retiring in 1986.

In retirement, he pursued interests he had developed early in life and which were always consistent with the care and affection for his wife, children, grandchildren and brother, Tom.

He was preceded in death by an infant sister.

He is survived by his wife, Peggy Byrne, at home; daughters Jeri Davisson, of Palmer, Alaska, Carol and Cliff Wilkins, of Coram, Noreen and Michael Fraleigh, of Lincoln, R.I., and Colleen Fisher, of Walla Walla, Wash., and by brother Tom Byrne, of Columbia Falls; 12 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren and an uncle, Henry Byrne, of Kalispell.

Visitation will be at Johnson Mortuary, 4-6 p.m., Tuesday and from 8 a.m. until after the service on Wednesday. The funeral will be 2 p.m. Wednesday at Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Interment will follow at Fairview Cemetery in Columbia Falls.