

Verna Ann LaBar, 75

Verna Ann LaBar, 75, of Bigfork, died at Kalispell Regional Hospital on Friday, Jan. 3, 1999.

She was born Aug. 7, 1921, in Libby, to Vernon and Ann Crotteau. She received her education in Libby, graduating from high school there in 1939.

On April 14, 1941, she married Ernie Roberts in Libby. She was preceded in death by him.

On June 15, 1967, she married Roy LaBar in Salmon, Idaho. He also preceded her in death.

She was a florist and had owned and operated Roberts Floral in Libby and later operated Flathead Floral in Whitefish.

She served as organist for St. Joseph Catholic Church in Libby for

26 years and was a teacher for Catholic Youth Organization. She enjoyed flowers, music, painted windows and bingo. She was a member of the Ladies of the Moose Lodge.

She is survived by a daughter, Charleen De Mars, of Bigfork; sons Gary Roberts, of Spokane, and Larry Roberts, of Lake Havasu City, Ariz.; brothers John Crotteau, of Pullman, Wash., and Jim Crotteau, Weiser, Idaho; two sisters, Francis Fuller of Weiser and Valentine Crotteau of Clancey; six grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

A funeral will be 2 p.m., Tuesday, at Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Burial will be in the Woodlawn Cemetery, in Columbia Falls.

Mildred LaBere, 66

Mildred Clara "Millie" LaBere, 66, passed away Monday, Nov. 3, 1997, at her home in Kalispell.

She was born June 17, 1931, in Glendive, to Clarence and Esther Harper Kinsey. She married Alphonse LaBere on January 5, 1950, in Glendive.

She loved camping, fishing and especially young children. One of her greatest joys was working with children and watching them discover what this earth had to offer them. She loved to spend her quiet time reading.

She read books of all kinds and titles. She worked very hard all of her life, helping anyone that was in need.

Family and friends knew they could always depend on her for help.

She worked for several years as a sanitation engineer at the Columbia Falls City Hall, where she was very well known and loved. She thrived on

her work and was very committed to her job.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Blake A. LaBere who died in November of 1959; a grandson, Jake A. who died January 1986; and one brother.

She is survived by her husband, Alphonse LaBere of Kalispell; three children, Connie E. Wright of Las Vegas, Nev., Brad A. LaBere of Moise, and Corinne F. LaBere of Kalispell; four grandchildren, Tisha R., Sebastian S., Kyla R., and Sarah S.; five great grandchildren.

She had helped nurture several foster children throughout her life and considered them family.

Memorial services will be held at noon Saturday at the Buffalo Hill Funeral Home, with the Rev. Steve Snipstead officiating. Urn burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Garden.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home in charge of arrangements and cremation.

Viola L. LaBonty, 87

Viola L. LaBonty, 87, of Kalispell died Saturday, Feb. 22, 1997 at Heritage Place.

She was born Sept. 6, 1909, in Waseka, Minn., to Andrew and Marie Olson. She grew up on the homestead outside of Flaxville, and received her education in a country school. She helped raise her six siblings.

She married John B. Fournier in 1930, and later divorced. In 1940, she moved to Kalispell.

She married John "Jack" LaBonty in Missoula in 1956. She was an avid horsewoman and enjoyed riding and competing in barrel racing. She was Horse Woman of the year at the Northwest Montana Fair and won over 150 trophies and 1,000 ribbons during her lifetime. She was still active and racing up to age 70.

She was preceded in death by her

ex-husband, John Fournier, in 1957, and a son, Wallace Leon Fournier, in 1978.

She is survived by her husband, John "Jack" LaBonty, of Kalispell; one daughter, Shirley Miller, and husband, Moose, of Kalispell; two stepsons, John LaBonty of Glasgow and Dennis LaBonty of Provo, Utah; a stepdaughter, Linda LaBonty, of St. Ignatius; eight grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Private family burial has taken place. A gathering of friends and family will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at the residence of Moose and Shirley Miller, 632 6th Street East, Kalispell.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to the charity of the donor's choice. Arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary & Crematory

Betty Lahti, 64

Betty J. Lahti, 64, died at her home in Kalispell on Wednesday, Sept. 24, 1997.

She was born Sept. 13, 1933, in Falmouth, Mass., to Frederick and Mae Briggs. She was married Aug. 29, 1958, in Wareham, Mass.

She enjoyed ceramics, crafts and outdoor activities such as fishing, camping and hiking.

She is survived by her husband, Robert; a son, Ronald Lahti and his wife, Shirley, of Bigfork; three daughters, Cheryl Lahti of Florida, Brenda and her husband, Stephen McGloughlin, of Sacramento, Calif., and Laurie and her husband, Norman Baldwin,

of Reno, Nev.; 13 grandchildren, Robert, Christopher, Sandra, Michelle, Rebbecca, Jason, Misty, Meri, Jeni, Stephen, Chris, Victor and Robert.

Memorial services will be held at 4 p.m. on Saturday, in the Stillwater Free Lutheran Church with the Rev. Tim Batholomew officiating.

The family suggest in lieu of flowers memorials donations be sent to the family for a memorial to be established.

Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of the Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

18.20 John Christopher Lamanna, 30 1997

John Christopher Lamanna, 30, of Martin City, died Tuesday evening of a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

He was born Nov. 6, 1966, in Youngstown, Ohio, to John R. and Mary Lou Lamanna. He was raised and educated in Ohio and graduated from high school there. He served 3 1/2 years in the Navy. He then attended mechanics school in California and worked as an auto mechanic ever since.

He belonged to the darts team for Packers Roost in Coram.

He will be greatly missed by his daughter, Megan, 4, who loved him very much. Others include his wife, Nancy Ann Lamanna, of Martin City. His parents and 10 brothers and sisters all live in Ohio.

Cremation has taken place and a local memorial service will be announced later. Columbia Mortuary, of Columbia Falls, is in charge of arrangements.

1991 Raymond Van Lancker, 55

Raymond Van Lancker, 55, died at his home in Kalispell, Wednesday, May 21.

He was born June 1, 1941, in Cleveland, Ohio, to Rena and Anna Peternel Van Lancker. He married DeAnna Szalai on Nov. 2, 1964 in Los Angeles.

In 1955, he worked for Fruehauf Trailer Co. in Avon, Ohio. He was in the U.S. Marines from 1957 to 1961. He was a sheet metal worker, joining Union No. 65 in Cleveland until 1968. Then, he moved to California and settled in Orange County. There, he joined Local 420, where he worked until starting his own business in 1978.

In 1987, he moved to Kalispell and started the Northwest Mechanical business, where he worked until his



death. He was a member of Kiwanis International in California and the Kalispell Golf Association. He had a passion for golf, watching tournaments and playing, constantly striving to master the game.

He is survived by his wife, DeAnna, daughter Robin Ann Ferren, and son Michael Van Lancker, all of Kalispell; stepson William Holmes III, of Salt Lake City; five brothers, Robert, of Poland, Ohio; Maurice, of Canyon Lake, Calif.; Emil, of Portland, Ore.; Pete, and Andy, both of Cleveland, Ohio; aunt Francis Seman of Cleveland; cousins Linda Seman and Terry Seman and six grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be made to Hospice, 1280 Burns Way, Kalispell, or the Gift of Life Foundation (Cancer) 510-1 Ave. North, Great Falls, 59404.

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

Carrie Hanson

Landa, 90
9 June 1997

Carrie Hanson Landa, 90, died Monday in Libby.

She is survived by six children, including Syneva Pitman and Carol Dexter of Libby, and Janice Lindbom of Kalispell.

Visitation will be Thursday from 1 to 8 p.m. at Nelson and Vial Funeral Home in Libby. Services will be Friday at 2 p.m. at St. John Lutheran Church with the Rev. Eric Christiansen officiating. Burial will follow at the City of Libby Cemetery.

Leonard Leo Landwehr, 72

Leonard Leo Landwehr, 72, died at home in Kalispell on May 31, 1997.

He was born March 7, 1925, in Elbowoods, N.D., to Robert and Mary Reinbold Landwehr. He graduated from Flathead High School in 1943. He married Lenore O. Johnson on Aug. 21, 1944. He joined the U.S. Naval Service during World War II and served in the Coast Guard from 1943 to 1946.

When he returned he began working for Garey Motor Company in Kalispell and later worked for Rygg Ford, retiring with 40 years service for Ford Motor Co. He enjoyed hunting and fishing.

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

He is survived by his wife, Lee Landwehr, of Kalispell; a daughter, Sheila Schuldheiss Fleming and husband, Jim; two sisters, Eleanor Hedstrom and her husband, Bill, and Delores Lampman; and a brother, Vincent Landwehr, all of Kalispell. He also had three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Cremation has taken place and a private family service will be held later. Arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Hazel P. Langdon, 82

20 July 1997
Hazel P. Langdon, 82, of Columbia Falls, died Wednesday at North Valley Extended Care in Whitefish.

She was born in Waitsburg, Wash., to Harry and Cassie Buroker. On Aug. 12, 1936, she married Marvin Langdon.

She was preceded in death by her husband and two grandsons.

Survivors include three sons;

daughter, Judith Adkins, of Columbia Falls; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

A graveside service will be held Monday at the Waitsburg Cemetery. Colonial-Dewitt Funeral Home of Walla Walla, Wash., is in charge of arrangements in Washington. Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is in charge of local arrangements.

Ruby Bernice Lansing, 101

Ruby Bernice Lansing, 101, died on Sunday, July 20, 1997, in Glacier County Nursing Home.

She was born on Aug. 20, 1895, to Dennis and Ella Smith in Jamaica, Iowa. She received her education in Iowa, graduating from Green River High School in Utah. Later she attended business school in Idaho Falls, Idaho.

She worked as a secretary for Rogers Brother Seed Co. in Idaho Falls, Idaho, for 25 years. She married Claude Lansing in 1938 in Idaho



Falls. He preceded her in death in 1970.

The couple farmed on Foothills Road for 34 years enjoying their orchard and gardens. She was a member of the Senior Citizens of Cut Bank and was of the Presbyterian faith.

She was also preceded in death by two brothers, including Walter Smith of Lake Blaine, and two sisters.

She is now survived by numerous nieces and nephews, including Dorothy Krause of Kalispell and Patricia Smith of Cut Bank.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. on Tuesday at Conrad Memorial Cemetery with the Rev. Ron Pierce officiating. Visitation will be until 6 p.m. today. Arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

1997 Alma Ida Lapp, 89

Alma Ida Lapp, 89, died Wednesday, Sept. 10, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

She was born March 29, 1908, at a farm near Hebron, N. D., to Herman and Caroline Eggert. Her first eight years of education were at a country school near her home. During her high school years at Hebron, she won many awards for the unique sketches and stories that she wrote.

As a youth, she was active in Campfire Girls and church activities. Later, she became a girl scout leader.

In 1932, she married Peter Lapp and worked with him at the grocery store they owned. They had two children. After selling the store,

they chose Missoula as their home and lived there until Peter died in 1987. Then, Alma moved to Kalispell.

She was preceded in death by her husband and a sister.

She is survived by daughters Isabel Larsen and husband, Don, of Kalispell and June Watson and husband, Carl, of Colusa, Calif.; grandchildren Kim Larsen, Jeff Larsen and Shelley Watson; two great grandchildren; three sisters and a brother.

A graveside service will be 1 p.m., Thursday, at Sunset Memorial Gardens in Missoula. Pastor Henry Littlehales officiating. Arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary.

Pearl Violet Larsen, 79

30 Jan 1997
Pearl Violet Larsen, a longtime resident of Kalispell, died at Good Samaritan Health Care Center in Yakima, Wash., on Thursday.

She was born Nov. 27, 1917, to Alderbert and Bertha Smith Pike of Eureka, where she was raised and attended school.

In May of 1941, she married Peter Olaf Larsen Jr. of Libby. In 1948, they moved to Kalispell,

where they owned and operated an LP gas service. Her husband preceded her in death on July 31, 1995.

She was involved in the Episcopal Church, Alisha Club and the Eastern Star.

Survivors include a daughter, three grandchildren, five nieces, and a nephew.

Memorial services will be at Good Samaritan Health Care Center in Yakima on Thursday at 4 p.m.

Ernest Larson, 96

Ernest Larson, 96, of Sioux Falls, S.D., died Sept. 1, 1997, at Prince of Peace Retirement Center.

He was born Dec. 18, 1900, in Sergeant Bluff, Iowa, where he grew up and attended schools. He moved to Sioux Falls, and was employed as a diesel mechanic for Sioux Road Equipment Co., for several years, retiring in 1967.

He married Ferne Brown on Sept. 18, 1930 in Akron, Iowa. She died in Feb. 27, 1967.

He married Edith Humphrey in December 1969, in Kalispell, where they lived until returning to Sioux Falls, in 1990.

He was active in many Masonic organizations including past master of the lodge in Kalispell; past patron

of Jasper Chapter of Eastern Star; and past member of Unity Lodge in Sioux Falls. He was a member of First United Methodist Church.

He is survived by his wife Edith; son Ronald Larson of Sioux Falls; daughters, Darlene Revell of Chicago, Ill., and Donalene Hoke of Minneapolis, Minn.; nine grandchildren; six great grandchildren; and sister Lila Mathieson of Sioux City, Iowa.

Funeral services were held today at Miller Funeral Home in Sioux Falls with burial at Woodlawn Cemetery.

The family requests that expressions of sympathy take the form of donations to Prince of Peace Retirement Center in Sioux Falls.

Lawrence Tosten Larson, 83

Lawrence Tosten Larson, 83, died at Brendan House on Thursday, June 19, 1997.

He was born May 27, 1914, in Dentaybow, Minn. When he was 6, his family moved to Kalispell. For 77 years, the Flathead Valley was his home.

His mother was Alma Helmina Johnson Larson and his father was Hans Larson, the founder of American Timber Co.

Lawrence graduated from Flathead County High School in 1932. During his senior year, he earned honors in scholastics and athletics. He won first place in Montana's statewide academic pentathlon and was a member of the all-state football team.

He spent the next six years working his way through college by cutting car stakes for the Great Northern Railroad and telephone poles for electric power companies.

In 1938, he graduated from Washington State University with a degree in mechanical engineering.

In 1937, he married Helen Nina Peterson. While they had known each other during high school, they never dated. They were engaged on their first date. On May 27, they celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary.

In 1941, following three years of research in thermodynamics with General Electric Co. in Schenectady, N.Y., he and Helen returned to Kalispell to continue a career in the lumber industry which he began as a teenager and spanned more than 65 years.

Over the past six decades, it was his training, experience and ingenuity in mechanical engineering that made it possible for American Timber Co. to expand and prosper.

In 1947-48, he designed and built the company's first stationary random-length sawmill in Olney. In 1969, he constructed an entirely new studmill in Olney. In 1973, he built a planing mill with its related boilers and dry kilns. The entire operation remains viable in a competitive industry largely through the utiliza-



tion of unique, ingenious and specialized machinery and equipment, most of which was designed and built by Lawrence Larson.

His final construction project was the Glacier Gold composting plant which began operation in 1993. He was intimately involved in the company's construction and start-up operations.

His leadership and resourcefulness brought the family business through nearly 60 years of changes in technology, economic cycles and political climates. His ingenuity has created more than 300 full-time, family-supporting jobs in his community and the products manufactured in his plants are sold throughout the United States.

He had a variety of hobbies and recreational pursuits. He had an appreciation and love for music, which included jazz, classical and contemporary. He also had a deep appreciation for works of art, especially paintings. His home was an ever-changing gallery of reproductions of the old masters.

For several years, he was an active bridge player and member of the Kalispell Duplicate Bridge Club. He participated in many local, regional and national tournaments during the 1950s and 1960s, eventually becoming a life master.

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

Survivors include his wife of 60 years, Helen N. Larson; their four sons, L. Peter Larson and his wife, Donna, Paul H. Larson and his wife, Hulda, and Kurt E. Larson and his wife, Carol, all of Kalispell, and Jon S. Larson of Sacramento; his brother, Hollister Larson, and sister, Mrs. Warren (Adeline) Sparling, both of Kalispell; 12 grandchildren, Brent, Robin and Julie Larson, Steven, Michael and Tyler Appgar, Mrs. Kelly Brothers, Erik and Jon Larson, Mrs. Loey Carette and Tosten and Derek Larson; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. at Bethlehem Lutheran Church with the Rev. Rick Nelson officiating. Burial will be at Conrad Cemetery.

Arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary.

Rudolf L. Larson, 95

Rudolf Ludwig Larson, 95, of Whitefish, died Wednesday at North Valley Extended Care in Whitefish. *30 April 1997*

He was born in National Mine, Mich., to Louis Larson and Johanna Johnson Larson. He was a barber and was self-employed during his work career.

Survivors include a son, Kenneth R. Larson, of Whitefish.

Funeral services and burial will be later in the week at Ishpeming, Mich. Local arrangements are by Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish.

Rose Lauman, 80

25 Jul 1997
Rose Lauman, 80, of Kalispell, died Tuesday at Heritage Place.

She was born in Kalispell, and lived all her life in the valley.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Carl Lauman, and four brothers.

She is survived by four sons and four daughters, including Loretta McKay and husband, Elwood, Bobbi Van Ham, Ed Lauman and wife, Dawn, all of Kalispell; and 18 grandchildren.

Cremation and arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

1997 Endel Laumets, 77

Endel Laumets, 77, died at his home in Kalispell, Friday, Dec. 5.

He was born April, 17, 1920, in Estonia, to Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Laumets. His father was the school master where Endel received his early education. He then attended the military academy and the University of Hamburg, where he studied mathematics, physics and English.

He arrived in America in 1947. He continued his education at the University of Washington, where he met Juanita Kahler. They were married in 1955 in Los Angeles.

He began his career with the U.S. Naval Research Lab, involved in nuclear shielding technology. He continued this work for 16 years

before retiring. After retiring, he remained in the San Francisco area, working as a tax preparer and paralegal to keep busy.

He enjoyed spending time in the Estonian community, participating in their activities. He loved to play bridge, and was a master at the game. He also enjoyed chess and sharpshooting.

He is survived by a son, Kristjan K. Laumets, of Kalispell; brother Uno Laumets, of Palo Alto, Calif.; a half-brother and half-sister, both of Estonia; grandchildren Kristjan Jr. and Erik.

A memorial service will be later in Palo Alto and another in Estonia. Cremation has taken place. Arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary.

1997 Larry Lawrence, 47

Larry E. Lawrence, 47, of Columbia Falls, was set free after a full life to be with Jesus on Monday morning, Nov. 3, at the Kalispell Regional Hospital in Kalispell. He died after a long, brave battle with cancer.

He was born Feb. 18, 1950, in San Jose, Calif., to Kenneth E. and Lillian Lawrence.

He was passionate in his love of hunting and fishing. He was a firm believer in Christ and was strong in his Christian beliefs. He was an active member of Alcoholics Anonymous. He was also active in the

Christian ministry, working with children and in prisons.

He is survived by his wife, Gail Lawrence, of Columbia Falls; his adored children, Jessica Lawrence of Deer Park, Wash., and Matthew Lawrence of Santa Cruz, Calif.; two adored grandchildren; a brother, Chuck, and two sisters, Char and Carrie of California; his father, Ken Lawrence of San Jose; and his mother, Lillian Pearson of Monterey, Calif.

A memorial service will be held Wednesday at 1 p.m. at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

Eleanor 'Marie' Lecher, 86

Eleanor "Marie" Lecher, 86, of Kalispell, died on Friday, April 11, 1997, at Kalispell Regional Hospital.

She was born on Sept. 30, 1910, to John and Cordelia Meyer in Spaulding, Neb. The family moved in 1913 to Chadron, Neb., where she received her education.

She married William Lecher on Oct. 1, 1928, in Hot Springs. The couple returned to Nebraska, engaging in farming, and she also worked as a cook in restaurants.

In 1948 the couple moved to Montana where she worked several years during the Christmas season cutting bows and baling Christmas trees. Later she worked for Hank Marken, walking many miles through the woods and fields doing rodent control. She also worked seasonal during potato harvesting.

She enjoyed crafts, collecting teddy bears in all sizes, and the outdoors. Her greatest hobby was beading, making many gifts for her family from tiny ornaments to hanging lamps. She crocheted numerous afghans for family members. Every Tuesday, bingo was a favorite activity at the community center where she lived.

She was a charter member of

TOPS, a member of the Rebekkahs and a volunteer at Kalispell Regional Hospital.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William; a son, Fred; two brothers, Roy and Johnnie Meyer; and a sister, Cordelia Sauerbier.

She is survived by a daughter, Ann Bunyea, of Kalispell; six grandchildren and family, Gary Thomson and children, Gary Gene, and Chrissy of Kalispell, Cheryl Gilbert and husband, Jim, and their children, Jamie and his wife, Tish, and daughter, Mary, of Beech Island, S.C., Bruce Krause and wife, Adele, and their son, Travis, of Kalispell, Kathy Thomson and children, John and Trina, of Kalispell, Kevin Sears and children, Dylan and Trevor, of Bigfork, and Ricky Gembala and wife, Lynn, and their children, Amy and Jake of Bigfork; a brother, E.I. "Doc" Meyer, of Bigfork; a sister, Eileen Hebbert, of Boise, Idaho; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. on Tuesday at Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Ron Pierce officiating. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be today until 6 p.m. Arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary Crematory.

Charlene P. Lee, 67

Charlene P. Lee, 67, died Sunday, July 20, 1997, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

She was born Aug. 7, 1930, in Malta to Peter and Marie Bartlett Schmitz. She grew up in Patrick Creek and attended Flathead High School. She married Kenneth Lee on Dec. 4, 1955, in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

She worked as a cook and waitress at the Palm Cafe and for Phil's Silver Grill in Kalispell for many years. She also worked as a merchandiser for American Greeting Cards until her retirement.

She was known as "Chuck" to her friends and family. She was a member of the Kalispell Women's Softball League. She loved and lived for baseball, playing in the women's softball league for many years. She was an avid Atlanta Braves fan, an avid reader and enjoyed crocheting and doll making. She was also a Boy Scout Leader.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Lorraine Hendrix; and two brothers, Orville Wolfe and Bud Schmitz.

She is survived by her husband, Kenneth Lee of Kalispell; two daughters, Lynn Norby and husband, Ray, and Roni Palicz, all of Kalispell; son Scott Lee and wife, Kelly, of Kalispell; two stepdaughters, Danetta Lee and husband, Tom, of Butte, and Linda Stewart and husband, Jim, of Snoquala, Mich.; sister Elsie Isakson of Kalispell; brother Donovan Ellis of Oakpoint, Texas; 11 grandchildren, Jerry and Denise Norby, Nicholas and Melissa Palicz, Lynzee and Danika Lee, Scott Audette, Yvette Mikelson, April Lee, and Stacie and Jason Stewart; and two great-grandchildren, Whitney and Jordyn Michelson.

Family and friends will meet at Glacier Memorial Gardens for graveside services and urn burial on Saturday at 11 a.m. The Rev. Harold Kellam of Faith Covenant Presbyterian Church will officiate. The family suggests memorials be sent to Hospice Home Health Options, 1280 Burns Way, Kalispell, MT 59901. Cremation and arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Charles 'Chuck' David Lee, 62

Charles "Chuck" David Lee, 62, died on Saturday, July 26, 1997, at North Valley Hospital due to cardiac arrest.

He was born Aug. 1, 1934, to George and Inez Lee at DeLamere, N.D. He attended school in DeLamere, graduating from high school and the School of Science. He started playing in bands at the age of 7 with his father and brother. He moved to Shelby in 1952. He married Gwenn Rambo on Oct. 20, 1958, in Shelby. In 1967, the couple moved to Kalispell where he bought Jernberg Distributing which is now known as Lee Distributing. He had been in many bands, including Red Lee Orchestra; Company Brass; and Chuck Lee Trio.

He was an active member of many organizations, including Sunrises Lions; life member of Elks; charter member of Moose Lodge; and a life member of Eagles. He served on the board of Flathead Industries, and was past president and on the board of directors of BankWest. He was a member of Jazz Society, a life member of American Federation of Musicians, and on the board of Montana Beer and Wine Association.

He was preceded in death by his



parents; one brother, Wally Lee; one sister, Karen Chida; one son, David Lee; and two infant brothers.

He is survived by his wife Gwenn of the family home in Kalispell; two daughters, Criste Lee and Valerie Lee, both of Kalispell; one grandson, Tom Mousel of Mandan, N.D.; one brother, Donald Lee and wife, Alice, of Milner, N.D.; one sister, Betty Newell of Kennewick, Wash.; and numerous nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services will be 1 p.m. on Wednesday at the Outlaw Inn, Stagecoach Room, with the Rev. Bob Nilsen officiating. Burial will follow at the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Visitation will be today until 6 p.m. at the Johnson Mortuary.

Memorials are suggested to Flathead Industries, 66 4th Ave. WN, P.O. Box 1916, Kalispell, MT 59903-1916, or to American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 721, Helena, MT 59624-0721, or the charity of donor's choice.

Chris Lentz, 87

Chris Lentz, 87, died at Kalispell Regional Hospital on Tuesday afternoon, April 29, 1997.

He was born on Aug. 8, 1909, in McClusky, N.D., to Wilhelm and Paulina Lentz. He moved to the Flathead Valley at the age of 3 and lived here for the remainder of his life.

He married Leona M. Ingraham in 1939. He was baptized as one of Jehovah's Witnesses in 1942. He worked on Hungry Horse Dam, Noxon Rapids Dam and Libby Dam. He was also on the construction crew or the original Flathead High School. He and Leona lived in Hungry Horse from 1950-1996.

He enjoyed fishing, hiking in the mountains, and taking his grandchildren huckleberry picking.

He was preceded in death by five brothers, two sisters, and one grandson, Jeff Hawkins.

He is survived by his wife, Leona, in Lakeside; two daughters, Kenda Hawkins and her husband, Harvey, of Kalispell, and Judy Bolz and husband, Dale, of Lakeside; three grandchildren, Kristine Burrows, Jeremy Hawkins, and Jade Bolz, all of Kalispell; and three great-grandchildren.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial services will be held at 5 p.m. on Sunday at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 1414 Woodland Ave. Kalispell, MT. Cremation and arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Leo G. Leir, 82

Leo G. Leir, 82, died Wednesday, May 21, at St. John Lutheran Hospital in Libby. 1997

His wife, Anna, preceded him in death in 1994 and a son, Gary, in 1988.

Local survivors include brother Ernest Leir, of Libby.

Visitation will be 1-8 p.m., Tuesday, at Nelson and Vial Funeral Home. A service will be 11 a.m., Wednesday, at Nelson and Vial Chapel. Pastor Charles Couch officiating. Burial will follow at Libby Cemetery.

Local survivors include Nelson, William Rardon and his wife, Jacklyn, of Coram.

A memorial service will be 11 a.m., Thursday, at Columbia Mortuary. Inurnment will follow at Woodlawn Cemetery.

Ruth Annie McConville Lindlief, 88

Ruth Annie McConville Lindlief, 88, of Whitefish, passed away of natural causes on Wednesday, Jan. 1, 1997, at the Lakeview Care Center in Bigfork.

She was born June 3, 1908, in Whitefish to Edward and Annie Kirk McConville. She was raised and graduated from Whitefish High School.

She married Frank Andrew Lindlief June 4, 1933, in Whitefish and lived in Whitefish all her life except for the last few years.

In her younger years she worked at the Pioneer Mercantile in Whitefish.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, Frank, and a son, Charles.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Arthur and Sandra Lindlief of Kalispell, grandchildren, and other relatives.

Graveside services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. at the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell. Friends are to meet at the cemetery for services. The Rev. Larry Gaylord of the First Presbyterian Church of Kalispell is officiating. Arrangements are through Austin Funeral Home of Whitefish.

Blaine W. LeSuer, 66

Private graveside rites were held recently at Riverview Cemetery in Hamilton for Blaine W. LeSuer, 66, of Trego. He died March 13 at his Dickey Lake home following a long illness with congestive heart disease.

He was born in Hamilton on March 29, 1930, to William B. "Hap" LeSuer and Margaret Fullerton LeSuer. He was raised in Hamilton, and graduated in 1948 from Hamilton High School, where he was a track and field athlete. He was in the U.S. Army, serving in Special Forces in Germany during the Korean War.

He attended Montana State College at Bozeman, receiving a master's degree in botany and a bachelor's in entomology. He spent most of his working life in the agricultural chemicals industry, including owner-

ship of Falls Chemical in Great Falls.

He married Lorella Lowry of Hamilton in 1954, and was preceded in death by her in 1988. He moved back to Hamilton after her death, and then to Dickey Lake in 1992.

He is survived by three daughters, Ann LeSuer of Edgecomb, Maine, Karen and husband, Dave Terry, of Missoula, and Joan and husband, Dan Cornell, of Sun River; two sisters, Maurine Pence of Spokane and Zoe Wetzsteon of Sula; 11 grandchildren; numerous nephews and nieces; and his companion, Joan Shirley, of Dickey Lake.

Memorials may be made to the Eureka Ambulance, P.O. Box 736, Eureka, MT 59917. Cremation was under the direction of Nelson Vial Funeral Home of Eureka.

George Joseph Levesque, 70

George Joseph Levesque was received into the Lord's arms on May 12, 1997.

He was born April 18, 1927, in South Paris, Maine, to George and Clara Levesque.

He met and married Margaret Libby and they, along with their four children, settled in Montana.

He worked for many years as a sawyer in the woods. He was an avid hunter, trapper and fisherman.

He was a strong Christian man who was very passionate about his thoughts and beliefs. He was an honest and loyal friend to those who knew him - a friend to all.

Family members he thought the world of are: son, Steven; daughters

Rhonda, Sherry and Tessa; grandchildren, Destany, Lori, Michael, Jeffery, Ashley, Jess, Brent and Jeremy; brothers, Henry and Hubert; sister, Janet; stepbrothers, Benny, Clarence, Ernest and O'Neal; stepsisters, Lena, Florence and Ida. Included are many other relatives and friends, all of whom were equally important to him.

Graveside services will be held at Conrad Cemetery at 1 p.m. Saturday. Memorial services will be held at Grouse Mountain Lodge at 2 p.m. Saturday.

Memorial funds may be sent to the Olney Volunteer Ambulance, P.O. Box 233, Olney, MT 59927. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is in charge of cremation and arrangements.

28 May Kenny Line, 58 1997

Kenny Line, 58, a former Whitefish resident, passed away Wednesday, in Richland, Wash., of emphysema.

He was born Oct. 6, 1938, in Whitefish, the youngest child of Ed and Sarah Line. He was raised and attended schools in Whitefish. He then went to work for Western Fruit Express in Whitefish until 1981, when he was transferred to Spokane. He was then transferred to Wenatchee and finally Kent, Wash., where he lived for 14 years. He retired from Western Fruit in 1990 due to a disability.

He was preceded in death by three

brothers, Jim, John and George and a sister, Mildred Nelson and his first wife, Alyce Kelly.

He is survived by his wife, Glenda; sons David, Edward and Michael and a daughter, Robynne, all of Kent, Wash.; sisters Mary Kuhn, of Colfax, Wash., Lilly Westerlund, of Whitefish, and June Kuenzel, in Montasano, Wash.

Visitation will be noon to 8 p.m., Tuesday, at Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish. A service will be 1 p.m., Wednesday, at the funeral home, Rev. Robert Hodges of the Nazarene Church officiating. Burial will follow at Whitefish Cemetery.

1997 Dr. John Joseph Lipinski, 75

Dr. John Joseph Lipinski, 75, died Tuesday, March 18, at Kalispell Regional Hospital.

He was born March 17, 1922, in St. Bonaventure, Manitoba, Canada, to Stanislaus and Caroline Lipinski.

He received his education at the University of North Dakota and the University of Illinois. He worked as a general surgeon at Wesley Memorial Hospital in Chicago from 1949 to 1953.

He served twice in the military, first at the A.S.T.P. branch of the service from 1943 to 1945 and second in the Army in 1953, serving as a general surgeon until retiring in 1955. He served as Army Captain in the Medical Corps, NATO, in Fontainebleau, France, until 1955.

He married Ann Marie Hepnar on April 15, 1950, in Chicago. They had one daughter and two sons.

He moved to Kalispell in August 1955 and went into private practice as a general surgeon until 1979. He worked for the Whittaker Corp. as general surgeon in Saudi Arabia for two years and in North Yemen for six months. He volunteered for Project Hope in Vietnam, promoted by the American Medical Association and the Agency for International Development.



He was awarded the highest civilian service medal given for volunteer service to the U.S. Army.

He was a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, the Montana Medical Association and the American Medical Association. He enjoyed traveling and labor-intensive management of rural real estate.

He is survived by his wife, Ann Lipinski, of Kalispell; daughter Terese Lipinski Amos, of Kalispell; sons Robin Lipinski, of Kalispell, and Karl Lipinski, of Atlanta, Ga., and a granddaughter, Rachel Amos, of Kalispell.

Vigil service will be 7 p.m. today, at the chapel of Johnson Mortuary. Visitation will be 1-4 p.m., today, at Johnson Mortuary. A funeral will be 10 a.m., Monday, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church. Rev. Bede Hepnar officiating. Burial service will follow at Conrad Cemetery in Kalispell. The family suggests memorials to the purchase of a new bus for Eagle Transit, 723 Fifth Ave. E., Kalispell, 59901.

Jake Little, 83

Jake W. Little, 83, of Libby, died Wednesday, Nov. 19, 1997, at St. Johns Lutheran Hospital in Libby.

Survivors include his wife, Gail Little of Libby; two sons including Lee Little of Libby; one daughter; brother Walter Little of Hungry Horse; niece Nora May Auge of Libby; three nephews

including Carl Robbe of Libby; 13 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at the First Baptist Church.

Local arrangements are by the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Libby.

K.C. Little, 70

K.C. Little, 70, died Thursday, July 17, 1997, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

He was born Sept. 25, 1926, in Cardston, Alberta. He was a veteran and served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He was a pioneer of the cable television industry in Montana, and owned and operated Channel 4 TV in Eureka from 1971 until 1993.

His interests included bowling, fishing, hunting, hiking, singing, and playing the harmonica and the guitar. His children describe him as their best friend, who was kind, sensitive, compassionate, giving and humorous. He was also a very intelligent "thinking man" with an analytical, visionary outlook and stubborn determination.

We will miss him, and what he has given each of us will be carried throughout future generations.

He is survived by three daughters, Karen Little of Kalispell, Diane J. Alex-Brody of Pennsylvania and Kaylene Erben of Billings; three sons, Dennis Little of Spokane, Ronald Little of Eugene, Ore., and Robert Little of Eureka; four brothers, Lyle Little of Missoula, Mick Little of Longview, Wash., Lorin Little of Moses Lake, Wash., and Gene Little of Cardston,

Alberta; two sisters, Urada Maier of Bowden, Alberta, and Lela Hook of Cardston; 16 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

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

Wayne E. Littlefield, 59

Wayne E. Littlefield, 59, passed away Sunday, March 30, 1997, at Kalispell Regional Hospital.

He was born Nov. 22, 1937, in Whitefish, to Frank and Rosie Littlefield. He spent most of his younger years living in the Flathead Valley before moving to Minnesota where he lived for several years working as a laborer. He moved back to the Flathead Valley in 1991 to be near his family and friends.

He loved the outdoors, hunting and especially fishing were among things he loved to do. His hobbies included collecting baseball cards since he was a young boy and drawing. He was a very good artist and his art

work can be found hanging up at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell. He was an avid Star Trek fan and belonged to the Star Trek Fan Club in Minnesota.

He was preceded in death by his father.

He is survived by his mother, Rosie Littlefield, of Kalispell; a brother, Frank Littlefield, of Hungry Horse; sisters, Joyce Carrico and Norma Houff, both of Kalispell; aunt Vi and uncle Louie Clark of Columbia Falls.

Cremation has taken place and at his request no services will be held. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is in charge of arrangements.

Ive C. Lockrem, 87

Ive C. Lockrem, 87, of Longview, Wash., died April 26, 1997, at Community Hospice in Longview.

He was born April 29, 1909, at St. Hilaire, Minn., to Eli A. and Blanche Thompson Lockrem. He attended school in Sanish, N.D. He married Hazel on Oct. 21, 1936, in Kalispell.

He was a meat cutter in his own grocery store, Lockrem Brothers, in North Dakota. He also did carpentry work with his father. He moved to Seattle in 1985, then to Longview in 1996.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing, carpentry work, going on trips with the family and the rodeo.

He became a born-again Christian in 1971. Until his graduation into

heaven he attended nondenominational churches.

Survivors include his wife, Hazel, at the family home in Longview; two sons, Don Lockrem of Toutle, Wash., and Rick Lockrem of Seattle; and five grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by four brothers; seven sisters; and his parents.

At his request no services will be held.

Memorials contributions may be made to Community Home Health and Hospice, P.O. Box 2067, Longview, WA 98632.

Arrangements were by American Burial and Cremation Services at Dahl's Ditlevsen-Moore Funeral Home in Kelso, Wash.

David W. Long, 75

David W. Long, 75, of Eugene, Ore., and a former Whitefish resident, died of a stroke on March 19.

He was born Nov. 5, 1921, in Whitefish, to Thomas and Marcia Long. He married Peggy Julum in Whitefish on Dec. 17, 1957. They moved to Eugene in 1986.

He served as an Army medic during World War II and retired from the National Guard in 1983. For 36 years, he worked as a conductor on the Burlington Northern Railroad and retired in 1982.

He was a lifetime member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars post in Whitefish, a member of

the Moose Lodge since 1966, and a member of the McKenzie Ramblers RV Club.

He was preceded in death by three grandchildren.

Survivors include his wife; nine daughters, including Nancy Weldele, Linda Robinson and Jordy Berger, all of Whitefish; a brother; a sister; 19 grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Austin Funeral Home with the Rev. David V. Kauffman officiating. Final rites will be by the Whitefish Moose Lodge and by the VFW posts 276 and 2252. Inurnment will be at Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Kalispell.

James Loser, 68

James S. Loser, 68, former Whitefish police chief, passed away Wednesday, Oct. 29 at Virginia Mason Hospital in Seattle, of cancer.

He was born May 1, 1929, in Havre, to Anton and Annie Darcy Loser. During the Korean War, he served in the military police in the Air Force.

After his discharge from the service, he worked in law enforcement in Great Falls for 23 years until in 1974. He moved to Whitefish, where he was police chief for three years, retiring in 1978. For many years after that, he worked with the Columbia Falls School District, retiring in 1994.

He enjoyed woodworking and being with his family.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Anton F. Loser; brothers Bud Loser and Charles Loser.

On Nov. 10, 1956, he married Doris K.

Shaffer at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Great Falls. He is now survived by his wife at the family home in Whitefish.

He is also survived by daughters Brenda K. Loser, of Missoula, and Natalie J. L. and her husband, Ted B. Smith, of Laguna Hills, Calif.; his mother-in-law, Stella Shaffer of Sheridan; sister Mary Alfano; and brother Jack Loser; and many nieces and nephews.

Wake services will be Tuesday at 7 p.m. at St. Charles Catholic Church. A funeral mass will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, at St. Charles Catholic Church in Whitefish, the Rev. Charles Roman officiating. Military graveside rites and inurnment will be 2 p.m. Thursday in Sheridan. Arrangements are by Austin Funeral Home.

The family suggests memorials to the charity of the donor's choice.

Ruth Loveless, 90

Ruth Adams Loveless, 90, of Kalispell, passed away on Friday, Oct. 17, 1997, at Brendan House.

She was born Dec. 5, 1906, the daughter of Albert and Mildred Curtiss Adams, in Amery, Wisc. Her family moved to Kalispell when she was still very young.

She attended schools in Kalispell, graduating from Flathead County High School.

She married Howard A. Loveless on July 3, 1925, in Kalispell, and welcomed three sons to their lives.

She was a member of the Kalispell Eagles Auxiliary for 38 years and was a member of the drill team. She was also an avid bowler, loved swimming and playing horse-shoes.

She was preceded in death by her

parents, her husband, one son, a brother and a sister.

She is survived by two sons Donald L. Loveless and wife, Ruth, and David Loveless, all of Kalispell; daughter-in-law, Irene Loveless of Libby; 5 grandsons; 15 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren. Also several nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday at Johnson Mortuary Chapel with grandson Dennis Loveless officiating.

Burial will follow at the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Lewis William Luce Sr., 77

Lewis William Luce Sr., 77, died Friday, March 28, 1997, at North Valley Hospital's extended care unit.

He was born Sept. 13, 1919, in Ft. Shaw, to Ronald and E. Marie Keck Luce. He came to the Flathead in 1923 in a covered wagon with his family and attended Columbia Falls High School until 1936.

He married Anna G. Kraft on July 1, 1950, at Episcopal Church in Kalispell.

He spent some time working in the shipyards in Puget Sound, Wash., during World War II. He returned and worked at Hungry Horse Dam and in the woods independently as a sawyer. He worked at Plum Creek Box Factory for 29 years, retiring in 1982.

He enjoyed taxidermy for a short time. He loved music, especially playing the fiddle. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping with his family and gardening.



He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Ann; and three brothers, Albert, Joseph and Robert.

He is survived by three daughters, Leila King and husband, Don, of Great Falls, Julia Schooler, and Cathy Nicklaus and husband, Don, all of Columbia Falls; two sons, Ron Luce and partner, Leslie Barry, and Lewis "Bill" Luce Jr. and wife, Debbie, of Columbia Falls; a sister, Julie Craft, and husband, Laurence, of Columbia Falls; and five granddaughters and four grandsons.

Funeral services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Ray Davis of the United Methodist Church in Columbia Falls officiating. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens. There will be a reception at the Eagles Lodge in Columbia Falls following the committal services.

The family suggests memorials be sent to North Valley Search and Rescue Unit or Shiners Childrens Hospital, P.O. Box 2472, Spokane, WA 99210. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday and 9 a.m. to noon on Thursday.

James Lucey, 88

James Cloyd "Chub" Lucey, 88, died peacefully in his sleep of natural causes at Mountain View Manor in Eureka, on Saturday, Oct. 25, 1997.

He was born on Feb. 26, 1909, in Portland, Ore., to Edna and Dennis Lucey and lived in Oregon, Washington and Nevada, finally settling in Butte.

He met his wife, Mary Conn, while she was a nursing student at Murray Hospital in Butte, and they were married on June 28, 1935. They resided in Butte, Hot Springs, and Missoula, raising two sons, James W. and Dennis "Buzz" Allen Lucey.

During World War II, he served in the U.S. Navy aboard the USS Antheodon, a submarine tender, in the Pacific Theater. He served from February 1943 to December 1945.

He worked many years at Turmell Motors, leaving in 1956 to found Lucey's Bicycle Shop in Missoula. They retired in 1971, moving to Seeley Lake, and then to Bigfork in 1974.

He was a model of what the term "family man" means. Everything in his life was centered around his wife and family. They loved the outdoors, hunting, fishing, and gatherings with friends and families. They built a cabin on the Clearwater River near Seeley Lake that became a second home to scores of neighboring kids, relatives and other visitors.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his youngest son, Dennis "Buzz" of Eureka; brother Dick

Lucey of Butte; and sister Missy Erickson of Bigfork.

He is survived by his wife, Mary, residing at Mountain View Manor in Eureka; son and daughter-in-law, Jim and Norma Lucey of Anaheim, Calif.; daughter-in-law, Dee Glover and her husband, Keith, of Eureka; five grandchildren and their mates, Wayne and Nita Lucey of Seattle, Dennis and Chong Lucey of Boise, Idaho, Julie and John Ward of Eureka, Kyle and Darcy Lucey of Missoula, and Jim and Cari Lucey of Manhattan. Also surviving are six great-grandchildren; sisters-in-law, Sarah Reed of Anaconda, and Jessie Kavanaugh of Butte; brother-in-law John Conn and his wife, Darlene, of Hall; nieces and nephews, Dick Erickson of Morris Plains, N.J., Shirley Frayer of Bigfork, Lucy Weir of Florence, Ore., Peggy Shone and Rick Lucey of Bigfork, Mona Cole of Lewistown, numerous other relatives and many, many friends. He was greatly loved and will be missed by all.

Visitation will be Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at the First Baptist Church. Graveside services will be Wednesday at 1 p.m. at the Tobacco Valley Cemetery with the Rev. David Hopper officiating. Military honors will be provided by the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Eureka.

James R. Ludwig, 56

James R. Ludwig, 56, of Kalispell, died of natural causes at his home on Friday, Jan. 17, 1997.

He was born Oct. 21, 1940, in Rochester, N.Y., to Eleanor and Carl Ludwig.

An early interest in television and the news media led to an academic career that resulted in a communications degree from Syracuse University. A brief tenure as a high-school instructor in Rochester was highlighted by a trip with students to Cuba, where he interviewed Fidel Castro.

A fascination with the West and the American Indian led him to Montana in the late 1960s, when he worked for two years as a VISTA volunteer on the Blackfeet Indian Reservation, writing and producing two films to assist the Blackfeet Tribe with their economic-development programs. A longtime friend of Tribal Chief Earl Old Person, he was adopted into the Blackfeet Tribe and given the name Young Eagle. His Blackfeet films were widely shown, including screenings on public television and at the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C. He also worked for public radio in Alaska, producing documentaries on the Athabaskan Indians.

In the mid-1970s, he was hired to direct a telecommunications program at Flathead Valley Community College in Kalispell. The Total Community Education project received funding from the fund for the Improvement of Post Secondary Education and became a national model of how a sparsely populated rural locale could use cable television as a means of delivering educational and community service programming to area residents.

Having achieved the rank of Eagle Scout as a high school student, he maintained a life long interest in the Boy Scout movement, and served for many years as a merit-badge counselor for Flathead-area troops.

After six years with FVCC, he joined KCFW TV in Kalispell as sales manager and producer/host of a series of award-winning public affairs programs. His involvement in media issues led to opportunities to visit the Republic of Germany as a guest of the German gov-



ernment to study international issues. A passionate student of the media, he pursued opportunities to investigate media issues in Mexico, Korea,

Japan, Taiwan, the former Soviet Union and other foreign countries.

A tireless proponent of Native American issues, he offered an annual course in Blackfeet culture through FVCC for more than a decade, exposing dozens of students to in-depth information and one-on-one contact with Blackfeet political and cultural figures. He taught media courses at the Blackfeet Community College in Browning for two years in the late 1980s.

Locally, he was active as a member of the board of the United Way of Flathead County and as a substitute instructor at Flathead High School. He also conducted in-service training on Native American studies for local schools and frequently presented programs on Indian culture at area schools.

For the past two sessions of the Montana Legislature, he hosted a weekly cable television public affairs program "Ask Your Legislator," seen on cable channel 9. Among his recent interviews were Rep. John Mercer, speaker of the House of Representatives; and Judy Martz, Montana's new lieutenant governor. The previously taped programs will continue to run on local TCI cable systems.

He was preceded in death by his father.

He is survived by his mother, Eleanor, of Rochester, N.Y.; a sister, Linda Muller, of Hamilton, N.Y., and a niece and nephew.

Funeral services were conducted in Rochester on Saturday. A local memorial service is scheduled for Feb. 3 at 1 p.m. at Northridge Lutheran Church in Kalispell.

In lieu of flowers, Mr. Ludwig requested that contributions be made to the Jim Ludwig (Young Eagle) Scholarship Fund, Blackfeet Community College, Box 819, Browning, MT 59417.

Thomas Henry Luke Jr., 66

Thomas Henry Luke Jr., 66, of Whitehall, died Sunday, Aug. 3, 1997, at Parkview Acres Care and Rehabilitation Center in Dillon.

He was born April 10, 1931, in Kalispell to Thomas Henry and Una Ritter Luke.

He married Shirley Bauman on April 21, 1951, in Kalispell. They moved to Billings in 1961. They later moved to Butte, and then to Whitehall in 1976. They had two children, Randall and Carrie.

He was in the National Guard for nine years. He worked in the woods and sawmills around the Flathead. While he lived in Billings, he drove over-the-road trucks. In Butte, he worked for Anaconda and Arco mines as a mechanic. He later bought his own truck and went to many different states.

His hobby was gunsmithing.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Shirley, in April, 1990, and his daughter, Carrie, in September, 1990.

He is survived by his son, Randall, of Whitehall; a granddaughter, Tamisha; a grandson, Thomas; a sister, Wonita Drake, and her husband, Ernest, of Kalispell; a nephew, David Drake, and his wife, Cindy, of Kalispell; a niece, Shellene Patton, and her husband, Roy, of Delta Junction, Alaska; and two great-nephews, three great-nieces and two great-great-nephews.

Funeral service will be Thursday at 3 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Terry Van Heyningen of Central Christian Church officiating. Inurnment will follow at Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Julie A. Lucking, 65

Julie A. Lucking, 65, passed away Thursday, July 17, 1997, at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

She was born Jan. 28, 1932, in Austin, Minn., to Carter and Ruby Christianson. She lived most of her life in Minnesota, working for the 3M company for 34 years. She retired from 3M in 1992. She also owned her own craft store for several years.

She married Elmer Lucking in Hastings, Minn., in 1952. They moved to the Flathead Valley in 1994.

She loved downhill skiing and biking. She served as a Girl Scout leader

for many years.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

She is survived by her husband, Elmer, of Columbia Falls; daughter, Tracie Mortonson, of South St. Paul, Minn.; and a brother, Carter Christianson, of Austin, Minn.

She has been cremated and private family services will be held. Condolences may be sent to Tracie Mortonson, 1052 5th Ave. South, South St. Paul, Minn. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is in charge of cremation and arrangements.

Clifford F. Lund, 86

Clifford F. Lund, 86, died at Lake View Care Center in Bigfork on Aug. 18, 1997.

He was born, raised and educated in Eau Claire, Wisc. He married Irene D. Forsythe in 1934 in Minneapolis. They moved to Stevens Point, Wisc., where they operated a dental laboratory for 25 years.

In the 1960s, they spent three years as papal volunteers in Bolivia. Upon their return, they moved to Fond du Lac, Wisc., where he operated a dental lab until his retirement to Harlingen, Texas. They moved to the Flat-

head Valley in 1993.

He is survived by his wife, Irene Lund, of Kalispell; his only daughter, Judy Lund, also of Kalispell; two brothers, Jack and Tom Lund; two sisters, Paula LaBelle and Donna Dugaw; as well as many nieces, nephews and grandnieces and grand-nephews.

A memorial mass will be Friday at noon at St. Matthew's Catholic Church in Kalispell with the Rev. Kevin O'Niell as celebrant. Cremation has taken place. Arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

Leota Marie Lunstad, 87

Leota Marie Lunstad, 87, died Saturday, June 7, 1997, at Immanuel Lutheran Home.

She was born April 8, 1910, in Sego, Kan., to Arthur and Pearl Glazier. When she was 3, she moved with her family to a homestead west of Opheim. She attended Sunflower School, where her father was the first teacher.

In 1925 the Glaziers left the homestead and moved to Opheim, where she graduated from high school in 1928. That same year she married Clint Lunstad. They lived in Opheim until 1931, when they moved to Kalispell.

They lived in several homes in and around Kalispell until they found the perfect place to build by Flathead Lake, a few miles south of Somers. They built a beautiful home, and Leota's yard was a showplace of flowers from early spring to late fall.

Clint was a carpenter by trade, and he and Leota helped design and build the Eidsvold Lutheran Church. She was an active member of the church, and made lefse for the annual bazaar. She also worked with the women of the church who made quilts to send overseas; they laughingly named themselves the "Cover Girls."

The Lunstad home was always



open to a friend or relative who needed a place to spend a night or two, or a year or two. Their cabin on the lakeshore was an open house every Sunday afternoon from June through September. Their friends and relatives gathered to swim, fish, water ski, ride the waves on inner tubes, play cards and other games, visit and enjoy a sumptuous potluck dinner. Leota always provided a delicious treat of berries or vegetables from her garden.

She cared for her husband at home during a long illness and was at his bedside when he passed away in 1979. She was also preceded in death by a sister, Thelma Mallick; three brothers, Chester, Walter and Claude Glazier; and a stepson, Ernest Lunstad and his wife, Betty.

She is survived by two sisters, Viola Hurlbutt and Velma Warner of Kalispell; two stepdaughters, Bernice Montgomery and Lillian Hollenbeck of Dayton, Wash.; several stepgrandchildren, including Joann Adams and her husband, Jerry of Kalispell; and several nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Urn burial will be at Conrad Memorial Cemetery at noon Wednesday. Memorial services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday in Eidsvold Lutheran Church with the Rev. Wayne Pris officiating.

The family suggests memorials to Eidsvold Lutheran Church.

Arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Lucille Gibson Lutes, 92

Lucille "Grace" Gibson Lutes, 92, of Bigfork, died Oct. 14, 1997, in Las Vegas, N.M.

She was born May 10, 1905, in Necessity, Texas, to John and Freddie Parr Sanders.

She is survived by three sons; two daughters including Frances Covington of Bigfork; five sisters including Cathleen

Noble of Bigfork; 16 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Funeral services are today at 3 p.m. at Hudman Chapel in Post, Texas, with the Rev. Darryl Smith officiating.

Hudman Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Robert Wayne Lutz, 50

Robert Wayne Lutz, 50, died as a result of a myocardial infarction on Dec. 21, 1997, in Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney, Neb.

He was born on Nov. 19, 1947, the son of Robert and Margerie Lutz at San Bernadino, Calif. He served in the military from 1966 to 1970, including a tour of service in Vietnam.

On June 30, 1967, he married Marilyn S. Vinson and was a loving husband for 24 years. He worked as a truck driver from 1966 until the time of his death. He enjoyed riding Harley Davidson motorcycles and was a member of Harley Owners Group.

Biker Bob was a man with a heart as big as he was. If you were a broth-



ROBERT WAYNE LUTZ

er, you were a brother for life. He was loyal to his friends and would give the shirt off his back just to see you smile. He would give a helping hand to anybody who needed one. He enjoyed nothing more than being in the wind with close friends and he spoke highly of his biker brothers. We will be laying our dad's spirit to rest along the highway to the sun, his favorite place to ride. We love and miss dad. Now he will be in the wind forever. He was a great son, father, brother, friend and most recently, grandfather. His legend will live forever.

He is survived by Marilyn S. Vinson and two sons, Robert W. Lutz III of Sacramento, Calif., and Franklin J. Lutz of Julian, Calif.

A wake will be held from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Tuesday at Johnson Mortuary with services at 10 a.m. on Wednesday at Johnson Mortuary Chapel with Virgil Ray, VFW chaplain, officiating. Military honors will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Arrangements are by the Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

Glenn Lynn, 54

Glenn C. Lynn, 54, of Somers, passed away Saturday, Aug. 30, 1997, at St. Patrick Hospital in Missoula.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Paul and Irene Lynn and brother Albert.

He is survived by his son, Ronnie of Clarksville, Tenn.; sisters, Dorothy Davis of Hot Springs, and

Shirley DeSpain of Arizona; brother Robert of Kalispell; and nieces and nephews.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial services will be held Oct. 4 at 11 a.m. at the Bigfork Christian Church with the Rev. Orin P. Covington of Bigfork officiating. Memorials may be to donor's choice.

Lawrence H. Lyons, 75

Lawrence H. Lyons, former Kalispell resident, died Sunday, July 13, 1997, in Missoula at the age of 75.

He was born July 7, 1922, in Missoula, to Omer and Angie Lyons.

He was a sausage maker and butcher and spent 37 years in the meat business. He was a resident of Kalispell in the early 1960s.

He retired in 1983 after 20 years with Buttrey Food-Drug and made his home in Missoula.

He married Armeda Peterson on

July 24, 1938. She died in 1994. He was also preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, a sister and a daughter.

He is survived by three children, Deborah, Joni and Michael, all of Missoula; seven grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren; one great-great grandchild; and a brother, Burl, in Kalispell.

Services and burial were in Missoula under the direction of the Garden City Funeral Home & Crematory.

William A. Lyons, 73

William A. Lyons, 73, of Whitefish, died Sunday, Feb. 9, 1997, at the North Valley Hospital in Whitefish of natural causes.

He started his career in auto mechanics while he was still a teenager. During World War II, he served in the Air Force. While in, his ambitions broadened into aircraft mechanics. He and his crew serviced the prisoner of war transports in Okinawa, Japan.

After his honorable discharge, he worked 50-plus years as an auto mechanic and his mechanical ingenuity and skills were much sought after. He retired in 1985, and he spent his summers fishing and he enjoyed sightseeing in Alaska.

He was a member of the Whitefish Moose Lodge, a charter member of the Sunrise Lions Club, and North Valley Hospital Auxiliary.

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

He married Irene Roder on Aug. 19, 1943, in Holcombe, Wis., and is now survived by her at their home in Whitefish.

He is also survived by his children, Jeanne Jenson of Juneau, Alaska, David Lyons of Eureka, Joe Lyons of Kenai, Alaska, Karen Horak of Dutton, Christine McGuire of Florence and Robin Alipaz of Fresno, Calif.; 13 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; a brother, Kenneth Lyons, of Holcombe; and a number of other relatives.

The family has suggested memorials to the North Valley Hospital Auxiliary, 6575 Highway 93 S., Whitefish, MT 59937.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday at 1 p.m. at the Church of the Nazarene with the Rev. Robert Hodges officiating. Burial will follow at Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell. There will be visitation at Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish today until 8 p.m.