

## Carole R. McNeel, 53

Carole R. McNeel, 53, died Jan. 2, 1997, in Seattle after living courageously with scleroderma for most of her life.

She was born Feb. 15, 1943, in Kalispell. She was a Havre resident for 15 years. She worked in the medical records department at Northern Montana Hospital. She spent her last year with her children near Seattle.

She will be remembered as a loving, unselfish mother and caring friend, and for her wonderful sense of humor. She enjoyed spending time with her friends and family, helping others, and was an avid

Seattle Mariners and SuperSonics fan.

She will be missed terribly by her children, daughter Kelly Ford of Bothell, Wash., and sons Craig of Spokane, Warren of Redmond, Wash., and Scott of Missoula; mother Lucille Johnson of Whitefish; and sister Marjorie Hanson of Polson.

A private memorial service is planned Tuesday at Floral Hills Cemetery in Lynnwood, Wash. Please send remembrance donations to the United Scleroderma Foundation, P.O. Box 399, Watsonville, Calif. 95077-0399.

## Ardis McNeil, 80

Ardis Odhild McNeil, 80, of Portland, Ore., died Sept. 16, 1997, at Karington Care Center in Portland.

She was born Aug. 31, 1917, in Hinsdale, and raised in the Genevieve and Hinsdale area where her parents, Sam and Magda Hookland, homesteaded.

She spent most of her free time horseback riding across the countryside. She graduated from high school in 1935, and attended college in Havre where she earned her teaching degree.

She taught in Lodge Grass, where she met L.W. "Mac" McNeil. They were married on July 5, 1942. They moved to Glasgow, and then to Fort Peck, where she worked as a waitress. In 1952, they moved to Columbia Falls, to resume their teaching careers. She taught fifth and then third grades until her retirement in 1975.

During this time, she earned her bachelor of art's in education, taking summer classes in Havre in Dillon. She was a wonderfully imaginative and endearing teacher.

She had a way with flowers. In Fort Peck, her gladiolus were as tall as the

corn; and the gardens at her homes in Columbia Falls were always filled with flowers. She remained in Columbia Falls until September 1992, when she moved to Portland, Ore., to be close to family members.

She was preceded in death by her parents, brothers, a sister, and her husband, who died in April 15, 1989.

She is survived by daughter Karen McNeil of Portland; stepsons, Gene McNeil, Theodore "Ted" McNeil, and Wallace "Wally" McNeil, all of Portland; stepdaughter Beth Miller of Glasgow; 17 grandchildren; and many great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were today at Gable Funeral Chapel in Portland. She will be returned to Columbia Falls and interred next to her husband at Glacier Memorial Gardens on Monday at 11 a.m.

Memorials may be made to Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, 1124 Columbia St., Seattle, WA 98104 or OHSU Foundation (for Cancer Research), 1121 S.W. Salmon St., Ste 200, Portland, OR 97205-9945.

## Chester George McWhorter, 80

### Katherine J. McPherson, 81

Katherine J. McPherson, 81, passed away Friday, Dec. 28, at her home near Columbia Falls.

Local survivors include daughters Katherine Pierce and Karen McLean, of Columbia Falls and sons David Strand, of Libby, and Laurence Strand, of Columbia Falls.

Visitation is 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday, at Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. A funeral will be 2 p.m., Tuesday, at the Columbia Mortuary. Burial will follow at Woodlawn Cemetery.

Chester George McWhorter, 80, died Thursday, April 3, at Brendan House in Kalispell. 1997

He was born June 1, 1916, in St. James, Mo., to Andrew and Tressa Fern McWhorter. His family moved to Springfield, Ill., in his early childhood. In June, 1936, the family moved to the Flathead Valley.

On April 14, 1941, he married Siri Danielson in Kalispell.

He worked at the Flathead Mine and Martin Mine until they closed. He then worked in the timber industry until 1951, when he went to work for Mountain States Telephone, which later became Northwestern Telephone Inc. He retired from that company in 1975.

He was an avid fisherman and sportsman and dearly loved the out-of-doors. He served his community throughout his life, giving a helping hand without hesitation or thought of repayment. He was a member of the Smith Valley Grange for 35 years.

He lived the simple philosophy of living each day to its fullest and with good conscience. He had a wonderful sense of humor, sparkling eyes and generously shared his love and life with family and friends.

He left a legacy of 16 grandchildren; 18 great grandchildren. They were the light of his life. He considered himself fortunate for the many nieces

and nephews that he loved dearly. Those who knew and loved this man will miss his love and laughter.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Gilbert, in 1969, and a cousin, Wilber Lewis, who was raised as a brother. Chester is survived by his wife, Siri, and their six children, including sons Jack McWhorter and his wife, Sandy, of Middleton, Idaho, Robert McWhorter and wife, Judy, of Kalispell, Gerald "Gary" McWhorter and wife, Sharon, of Butte, and Melvin McWhorter and wife, Lindell, of Walla Walla, Wash.; daughters Faith Hodges and her husband, Dale, of Kalispell, and Laurie Foster of Helena; sisters Irene Dennison and husband, Earl, of Whitefish, Cleo Stroisch, of Kalispell, Maud Lindbom and her husband, Frank, of Osage, Minn. and Betty Jones and husband, Stanley "Bud," of Kila.

The family suggests donations be sent to Flathead Valley Community College Foundation for the Chester McWhorter Memorial Scholarship Fund, 777 Grandview Drive, Kalispell.

Visitation will be 1-6 p.m., today and 9 a.m. to noon, Monday, at Johnson Mortuary. A funeral will be 2 p.m., Monday, at Easthaven Baptist Church, Dan Lambert officiating. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens in Kalispell.

## Atha Meade, 87

Atha Minnie Meade, 87, passed away Sunday, Sept. 14, 1997, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

She was born Sept. 23, 1909, in Cedar Falls, Iowa, to Robert and Minie Adamson.

She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She was a very kind and loving person who loved her home and especially her yard.

Friends and neighbors were always coming by her home and admiring her beautiful flowers.

She will always be known for the fact that all the neighborhood animals loved coming to her house, and she loved them all.

She will be deeply missed by everyone that knew her.

She is survived by her husband, Dodd Meade of Kalispell; daughter Metha and her husband, Bill Edens, of Rollins; grandson Corey and his wife, Susan Edens; granddaughter

Trudy and her husband, John Gebhard; and four great-grandchildren, Shelby and Blaine Edens and John Michael and Willy Gebhard.

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

## Kenneth J. Meagher, 76

Kenneth J. Meagher, 76, of Columbia Falls, passed away Monday evening, May 12, 1997, at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

He was born Dec. 1, 1920, in Whitefish, to James and Gertrude Meagher. He was raised and educated in Whitefish.

He worked for the Great Northern Railroad before entering the Army in 1942. After his discharge from the Army, he returned to Whitefish. He returned to work for the Great Northern Railroad and retired as a conductor.

He married Kathleen A. Conlon on Oct. 2, 1949, in Kalispell. They lived in Whitefish and then Havre. They later lived in Libby and Kalispell.

He loved the outdoors, fishing and boating.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his wife, Kay, of Columbia Falls, a brother, and numerous nieces and nephews.

A private inurnment will be held at a later date.

Columbia Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

## Daniel M. Meier, 46

Daniel M. Meier, 46, died Wednesday, May 14, 1997, from injuries received in a mill accident at Eureka.

He was born Aug. 17, 1950, in Sacramento, Calif., to Frank and Claudia Meier. He was raised and educated in the Sacramento area. He resided in Bonners Ferry, Idaho, for 11 years before moving to the Eureka area eight years ago. He was employed by Owens & Hurst Lumber Co.

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

He was the beloved husband and

friend of Alane, residing at the family home at Rexford. He is also survived by four children, Robin Schrock of Ohio, Curtis Meier, Sara Meier and Janet Meier, all of Rexford; 10 brothers and sisters, Rosie, Adam, Anne, Leo, Cecilia, Nick, Sybil, Helen, Bob and Theresa; and two grandchildren.

Visitation will be until 9 p.m. today at Nelson & Vial Chapel in Eureka. Services will be Saturday morning at 10 a.m. at the First Church of God in Eureka. Interment will follow at Tobacco Valley Cemetery.

## Adella Mellett, 89

Adella "Ada" Sarah Mellett, 89, passed away at the North Valley Extended Care on Monday, Oct. 13, 1997, of natural causes.

She was born July 10, 1908, in Iona, Idaho, the oldest of six children born to Jesse and Sarah Stranger Brandon.

She graduated from high school in Iona and in 1926, the family moved to a farm near Chinook.

She worked in a department store where she met and married Melvin "Mick" Mellett on June 8, 1929. They lived in Chinook with their son, Mickey Earl and daughter, Nancy Lee Mellett. In 1941, the family moved to Whitefish. Mickey Earl was killed in Havre in 1951, while attending college.

She and her husband lived at and managed the Moose Home until moving to Glacier National Park in 1953. They grew beautiful flower gardens, enjoyed picking huckleberries and taking rides in the Park.

She was an excellent pie and cinnamon roll baker, cook and seamstress. She also enjoyed crocheting, knitting and spoiling her little dogs. She was very active and held many positions in the Latter-day Saints Church.

She was a very caring and lovable person to her family and friends.

In 1970, her husband passed away. She moved to Columbia Falls in 1972, and in 1990, moved to Mountain View

Manor in Whitefish. She moved to Columbia Falls to live with her daughter, Nancy, in 1994, and finally to extended care in 1996, where she has resided since.

She was a very dedicated best friend to her daughter, Nancy Tesmer, in Whitefish; and to her six granddaughters; 11 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-granddaughter. She is also survived by a sister, Donna Murphy of Shelby; sister-in-law Ruth Brandon of Havre; brother-in-law Andrew Brumback of Toppenish, Wash.; six granddaughters and their husbands, Cheri Crow and Ron of Kalispell; Cheli Bleck and Michael of Sacramento, Calif.; Claudena Brady and Bill of Kalispell, Anita Ellman and Charlie of Columbia Falls, Joelle Forman and Ben of Columbia Falls, Sandee Grawunder and Lee of Whitefish.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Mick Mellett; a son, Mickey; parents; two sisters, Ruth and Blanche; two brothers, Jake and Ray; and a son-in-law Claude Tesmer.

Visitation will be 1 to 7 p.m. Thursday at the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish.

Interment will be 11 a.m. Friday at the Whitefish Cemetery. A memorial service will be 2:30 p.m. Friday at the North Valley Extended Care dining room and all friends and family are invited.

## Irene M. Mengon, 92

Irene M. Mengon, 92, of Columbia Falls, died Sunday afternoon, April 27, 1997, at North Valley Extended Care in Whitefish.

She was born April 10, 1905, in Austria, to Peter and Justina Mengon. She was raised and educated in Columbia Falls. She graduated from Columbia Falls High School in 1923 and from Montana State Normal School in Dillon in 1928.

She was a teacher and homemaker for most of her life. Her gift of sewing was unique. She will be remembered for her great faith and her life of beautiful simplicity.

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

She is survived by seven cousins, Richard Cavalari of Polson, John Cavalari of Kalispell, Robert Zanon of Kalispell, Barbara Greer of Spokane, Janet Parks of Seattle, Judith Holter of Olympia, Wash., and John Holter of Gresham, Ore.

A rosary will be recited today at 7 p.m. at Columbia Mortuary. Memorial mass will be celebrated Wednesday at 10 a.m. at St. Richard's Catholic Church. The Rev. Joe Pat Sullivan will officiate. A reception will follow the service at the church.

The family has suggested that memorials be made to St. Richard's Catholic Church.

## Donna Rae Merrick, 57

Donna Rae Merrick passed away at home surrounded with love, her family and friends on Friday June 20, 1997.

She was a very strong-willed, kind, honest caring woman. We were blessed by her friendship and love while she was here with us and now the Lord has taken her home.

She was born on July 21, 1939, in Louisville, Ky., the daughter of John and Angela Merrick. She attended school, graduating from Male High School in Louisville.

She began her career in Fort Worth, Texas, in 1975, as a food and beverage director at a Holiday Inn. She was then transferred to San Antonio, Texas, and then to Albuquerque, N.M. After 15 years of long hours and hard work, she moved to Kalispell. She worked as a hostess manager at Hennessey's in the Outlaw Inn for 10 years.

In 1988 she battled breast cancer and won.

In the eyes of God, she married Warren Nelson at Shining Mountains Church on Feb. 14, 1996, in Kalispell. The couple purchased a home together and their love for each other was

truly great and known by everyone around them.

She enjoyed crocheting, arranging flowers, reading and astrology. She was a member of Shining Mountains Church and did the church book-keeping. She was also a member of Eagles Lodge.

She was preceded in death by her father, John Randolph Merrick, in 1947.

She is now survived by her husband, Warren Nelson; stepchildren Ken Nelson and Angela Nelson and her fiancé, Kevin Roesner, all of Kalispell; mother Angela Merrick and a brother, Gary W. Ketterer, both of Louisville; stepgrandchildren, Kenny Kurtis and Kane Nelson of Kalispell; and numerous other relatives.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. on Wednesday in the Stagecoach Room at the Outlaw Inn with the Rev. Chrysta Bourne officiating. Urn burial will follow at Conrad Memorial Cemetery. The family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society, Box 1002, Kalispell, MT 59903-1002.

Arrangements and cremation are by Johnson Mortuary Crematory.

## Cyrena Mae Baldwin Metcalf, 99

Cyrena Mae Baldwin Metcalf, 99, passed away on Thursday, Jan. 23, 1997, at the Lake View Care Center in Bigfork.

She was born Nov. 18, 1897, in Colfax, Wash., to Asahel and Myra Cook Baldwin. On Dec. 16, 1918, she married Carl F. Metcalf in Colfax.

They moved to Libby in 1926 and lived there until 1939. They then moved to Thompson Lakes, where she lived until 1987, when she entered the Lake View Care Center.

She enjoyed fishing and caring for her family.

She was preceded in death by her

husband in 1971. She is survived by sons Clifford, of Columbia Falls, Ace, of Yakima, Wash., and Howard, of Libby; daughters Ethel Pier, of Columbia Falls, Shirley Ensley, of Surprise, Ariz., and L. Kay Price, of Hot Springs. She is also survived by sisters Rosena Gunn and Ruth Henderson, of Colfax, and brother David Baldwin, of Steptoe, Wash.; 18 grandchildren; 20 great grandchildren and one great great grandchild.

No public services will be held. Private family burial will be at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary.

## Jessie Naomi Meyer, 59

Jessie Naomi Meyer, 59, met her maker on Tuesday, Jan. 28, 1997, due to a terminal illness.

She was born to Jess and Alma Wareham in a little cabin built by her dad. The cabin was located at Galena Gulch but her schooling was in Basin and Boulder.

She met Charles Meyer in Boulder and they married Nov. 9, 1957, in Burns, Ore. They had six children, two of whom preceded her in death, Eddie and Kevin. She's also preceded in death by both her parents; one sister, Joyce Hamby; and two brothers, David Wareham and Frederick Wareham.

She is survived by her sons, Terrie Dirk Meyer, Chad Robert Meyer and Daniel Kenneth Meyer; her only daughter, Lori Alyce Meyer; three grandchildren, Dean Edward Meyer, Ashley Alyce Meyer and Kayla Daniellé Shupert-Meyer; two sisters, Lil Giulio and Della Vosburgh; three

brothers, Albert Wareham, Richard Wareham and Robert Wareham; numerous nieces and nephews; three stepsons, Neai, Darrell and Steve; two stepdaughters; two step great-granddaughters;

She was dearly loved and her memory will be a cheerful keepsake for all.

Her greatest pleasure was serving the Lord first and her loved ones next. Her soul will live in each and every person she touched.

She was a faithful member of Happy Valley Missionary Baptist Church in Whitefish.

Donations are being accepted and are greatly appreciated. Any donation should be sent to the Whitefish Credit Union, Jessie Meyer Memorial account, Whitefish Branch.

Memorial services will be held at 4 p.m. Friday at Happy Valley Missionary Baptist Church, Hwy 93 S., Whitefish.

## Jordan Michael Anthony Meyers, infant

Jordan Michael Anthony Meyers, infant son of Danielle and Donald Meyers Jr., of Missoula died from complications at birth on Saturday, June 7, 1997, at Community Medical Center in Missoula.

Survivors include his parents and a brother, D.J. Meyers, all of Missoula; maternal grandparents, John and Leilani Lutz, of Kalispell; pater-

nal grandparents, Donald Meyers of Florence and Carole Meyers of Missoula; great-grandparents, Roger and Margie Schoening of Charlo, Neal and Carol Davis of Missoula, Bill and Montana Kennedy of Browning, Donald Meyers Sr. of Rocky Boy-Box Elder; and numerous other relatives.

Services were held Friday.

## Allen Michels, 58

Allen Michels, 58, died Sunday, May 11, 1997, of complications from pneumonia.

The third of four children, he was born May 24, 1938, to Blanche and Roger Michels in Kila.

He was employed by the Montana Department of Transportation for the last 28 years as a surveyor.

He was raised in the Flathead Valley and attended valley schools. He served in the Marine Corps.

In December 1964, he married Karen Holiday in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

He was an active member of Epworth United Methodist Church. He was a giving individual who was also a volunteer in the Boy Scouts since 1977 and was member of Flathead Search and Rescue for 27 years.

He enjoyed the outdoors, fishing,

camping and hunting; and was an avid Jeep enthusiast. He was a member of Flathead International Track Club.

He is survived by his wife, Karen; sons, Kelvin and Doreen of Kalispell, Kraig and Kerri of Missoula, Kurt and parents, Roger and Blanche Michels of Kalispell; brothers Gerry and Denny; sister Jeanne Hills.

A memorial service will be held at Epworth United Methodist Church on Wednesday at 11 a.m. with the Rev. Marvin Northcutt officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Flathead Search and Rescue Association or the Montana Council Boy Scouts of America.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements and cremation.

## Juanita Ewing Micken, 88

Juanita Ewing Micken, 88, passed away Saturday, April 5, 1997, at the Gallatin Rest Home in Bozeman.

She was born Nov. 16, 1908, in St. Joseph, Mo., to Hugh and Ada Jones Ewing. She came to Montana as a child with her family who homesteaded near Cut Bank. They later moved to Browning where she attended elementary school. She graduated from high school in Cut Bank.

She received her nurse's training in Rochester, Minn., and Great Falls.

She married Robert Lawrence Micken in Great Falls in 1932, and they resided on Flathead Lake where they worked together in the grocery business until 1954. She practiced nursing from 1954 until 1980, when she retired.

She enjoyed doing handiwork and was an excellent seamstress.

She was active in the Bigfork Order of Eastern Star.

She was preceded in death by her

husband in 1984, and by two sisters, Kathryn and Willie.

She is survived by sons and daughters-in-law, Ewing Martin and Constance Mae Micken of Spokane, Donald and Mary Micken of Eugene, Ore., and Darrell and Lee Micken of Bozeman; a sister, Virginia Shotwell, of Grants Pass, Ore.; grandson and wife, Terrance and Lori Micken, of Post Falls, Idaho; granddaughter and husband, Bobby Joe and Mike Engle of Spokane, granddaughter Angie Micken of Eugene, Ore., granddaughter and husband, Kelly and William Bernard of Edmonds, Wash., grandson and wife, Robert and Sandra Micken of Dillon, grandson Brian Micken of New York City, N.Y., grandson Sean Micken of Bozeman; four great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

No services are planned. Cremation has taken place and ashes will be interred in Conrad.

## 1997 Mary E. Mikesell, 75

Mary E. Mikesell, 75, of Ronan, died Oct. 31, at St. Luke's Hospital in Ronan.

She was born April 6, 1922, in Whitefish, to William and Florence Norquay. She grew up and attended schools in Whitefish. She married Raymond Mikesell on July 11, 1938. She was a member of the Christian Missionary Alliance Church of Ronan. She was active in the programs at St. Luke Extended Care Facility in Ronan and will be missed by many.

She is survived by sons Richard H.

Mikesell, of Livingston, Laurence R. Mikesell, of Ronan and Louis W. Mikesell, of Plains; 10 grandchildren; 10 great grandchildren and one great, great grandson.

She was preceded in death by 12 brothers and sisters and her husband, Raymond, in 1975.

A memorial service will be 2 p.m., Tuesday, at the Christian Missionary Alliance Church in Ronan. Rev. Don Brown will officiate. Inurnment will be set later in Florence Cemetery in Florence. Arrangements are by Shrider's Mortuary in Ronan.

## Betty JoAnn Miller, 64

Betty JoAnn Miller, 64, of Columbia Falls, passed away Thursday afternoon, October 16, 1997, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center after a valiant, 14-year struggle with cancer.

She was born Sept. 28, 1933, in Kankakee, Ill., to George and Bernice Reue.

On Nov. 5, 1955, she married Robert G. Miller.

She worked at Columbia Falls elementary school as a teacher's aide for many years. She was a volunteer with the Rape Crisis Line, the Montana Veterans Home, the Church Women United and Columbia Falls Clothes Closet. She enjoyed playing bridge, camping, gardening, quilting, traveling and cross-country skiing. She was active in the United Methodist Church on Columbia Falls.

She was preceded in death by an infant grandson, Kyle Raymo.

She is survived by her husband of 42 years, Robert, at the family home near Columbia Falls; daughters Carolyn Raymo and her husband, Robert, of White Cloud, Mich., and Patti Miller and her husband, Cuong Phong, of Sacramento, Calif.; son Thomas Miller and his wife, Trina, of Columbia Falls; grandsons James, of Columbia Falls, and Tyler, of White Cloud, Mich.; sister Donna Mander-scheid and her husband, Bill.

A service will be 3 p.m., Tuesday, at the United Methodist Church in Columbia Falls. Rev. Ray Davis will officiate. Cremation will follow the service.

Visitation will be 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday and 10 a.m. to noon Tuesday, at Columbia Mortuary at Columbia Falls. The family suggests memorials be made to the American Cancer Society or the United Methodist Church in Columbia Falls.

## Margaret Fisher Miller, 80

Margaret Fisher Miller, 80, died Saturday, March 8, 1997, at the Libby Care Center.

She was born Oct. 18, 1916, in Kalispell, to Henry and Mabel Fisher. She was raised and educated in Kalispell and Columbia Falls, graduating from Columbia Falls High School in 1935.

She resided in the Flathead Valley for many years, working at Alton Pierce Drug in Kalispell. She lived in the Seattle area for several years

before moving to Libby 15 years ago.

Survivors include a daughter, Vicki Foster, of Red Bluff, Calif.; sister, Ida Gehring, of Libby; two brothers, Fred Fisher and Henry Fisher, both of Libby; four grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Private interment will be in the City of Libby Cemetery under the direction of Nelson & Vial Funeral Home. Memorials may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

## 1997 Fae I. Mischke, 79

Fae I. Mischke, 79, died June 26 at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

She was born July 29, 1917, in Howard, S. D. She was raised in southern Minnesota, where she attended grade school and high school and went on to receive her teaching certificate.

She married Lester Mischke on Feb. 15, 1941, in Sioux City, Iowa. He died in 1964.

In 1967 she completed her teaching degree at Mankato State College in Minnesota. After completing college she moved her family to Peerless,

where she took a teaching position. She continued to teach in eastern Montana until she retired in 1987. Her last position was in Vida. She then moved to Kalispell to be closer to the mountains. She was a member of the Montana Teachers Association and was very active as a volunteer in Bigfork.

She was also preceded in death by a sister, Leota Boschert.

She is survived by sons Calvin Mischke and wife, Denise, of Bigfork, and Carl Mischke and wife, Loretta, of Deer Park, Wash.; sisters Violette

Guy, of Spring Valley, Minn., and Bernyce Leonard and husband, Wayne, of Truman, Minn.; stepbrother Robert Campbell and wife, Phyllis, of Lakeland, Fla.; stepsister Lois Jean Fussell of Bartow, Fla.; 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be 1 p.m. Tuesday at Johnson Mortuary Chapel, Jerry Schrenk, lay minister of Trinity Lutheran Church, officiating. Visitation will be 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday, and Tuesday until the time of the service. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

## Marlys Alt Milne, 76

Marlys Louise Alt Milne, 76, of Vermillion, S.D., a retired educator, died Dec. 21, 1997 at home following a brief illness with cancer.

She was born Oct. 9, 1921, at Letcher, S.D. She attended both grade school and high school in Letcher. In 1939, she went to San Francisco to work and later to participate in the defense effort. After World War II, she moved to Chicago and served as an assistant editor to Lyons-Carnahan Publishers, working in childrens' literature.

She began her college education at South Dakota State but completed her bachelor of arts at Yankton College in 1946. She taught English at Howard, S.D., before moving to Denton, where she continued high school teaching.

On May 28, 1950, she married Bruce G. Milne of Roundup, who was also teaching in Denton. She then taught in Frenchtown from 1952-53. When they moved to Bigfork in 1953, they began their family by having three daughters.

She returned to South Dakota in 1969 with her family and her husband joined the USD faculty in Vermillion.

After receiving her masters in English, she served eight years as administrative secretary of the English department. Upon her retire-

ment in 1984, she became very active in reading for the blind for the South Dakota State Library. She lived in Vermillion until her death.

She was a member of the United Methodist Church, serving in various roles with the Woman's Society of Christian Service; a member of the Flathead Lake Chapter of Eastern Star; and an active member of USD Faculty Womens' Club.

In addition to her husband, survivors include three daughters, Catherine Martens of St. Peter, Minn., Nancy Bruch of Appleton, Wisc., and Jennifer Spradling of Iowa City, Iowa; brother Bernard Alt and his wife, Lucile, of Kalispell; sister Ellen Yadesky of Danbury, Conn.; sister-in-law Ethel Alt of Pompton Lakes, N.J.; three grandsons, Bruce, James and Bob Martens; one granddaughter, Stefny Von Crossman of Iowa City.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Albert and Josephine Alt; a sister, Arlene; and a brother, Wendel.

A memorial service will be held at the United Methodist Church in Vermillion on Saturday at 10 a.m. Siecke-Iverson Funeral Home will be handling the arrangements.

Those who wish may make a contribution to the USD Shrine to Music, 414 E. Clark, Vermillion, SD 57069, in her name.



## David Mitton, 86

David John Mitton, 86, of Kalispell died Monday, Oct. 6, 1997, in the Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

He was born July 6, 1911 in Niarada to John and Gertrude Mitton, the oldest of two sons. After the death of their mother they were raised by their grandparents, William David and Laura Griffith.

He was a graduate of Flathead County High School where he met and later married his high school sweetheart, Rachel T. Wise. They had two daughters, Rachel Mertene and Laura Lee.

The family resided in Montana and Washington until moving to San Diego, Calif., in 1943, following his work as an ironworker on high rise buildings and bridges.

He was a 32nd Degree Mason and member of the Scottish Rite, Shriners and Eagles Lodge. He was an avid deep sea fisherman and



enjoyed his own pleasure craft for 20 years, fishing coastal waters in California. He was a devoted father, grandfather and great grandfather.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 63 years, Rachel, in March 1997, and also by a grandson, Gregory Scott Brown in October 1982.

He is survived by two daughters, Rachel Mitton Lehmer and husband, Ken, of San Diego, Calif., and Laura Mitton Brown and husband, Bob, of Kalispell; one brother, Edward Mitton of Kalispell; grandchildren, David Lehmer of Louisiana, Douglas Ronald Lehmer and Rachel Rene Smith of San Diego, Linda Lee Hill of Kalispell; and 11 great-grandchildren.

He was greatly loved by his family and will be sorely missed.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Ron Pierce officiating. Burial will be in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of the Johnson Mortuary Crematory.

## Rachel Thelma Mitton, 83

Rachel Thelma Mitton, 83, of Kalispell, died at Brendan House on Sunday, March 23, 1997.

She was born Aug. 20, 1913, in Kalispell to George and Mary Wise. She was the oldest of nine children. She graduated from Flathead High School and married her high school sweetheart, David J. Mitton, on Feb. 3, 1934.

They had two daughters, Merlene and Lauralee. The family resided in Montana and Washington until moving to San Diego, Calif., in 1943.

She held many accounting positions, the last at Sea World in San Diego. Upon retirement they returned to the Flathead Valley where she enjoyed the mountains and the company of friends and many family members.

She was a member of the San



Diego Chapter of the Eastern Star and a member of the Eagles Auxiliary.

She enjoyed oil painting, sewing, gardening, and was an excellent cook. She loved being grandmother to her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Wally Wise; three sisters, Mae Lester, Mary Roach and Mariam Willey; and one grandson, Gregory Scott Brown.

She is survived by her husband, David Mitton, at the family home; two daughters, Merlene Lehmer and husband, Kenneth, of San Diego, and Lauralee Brown and husband, Bob, of Kalispell; two brothers, Doug Wise and Gene Wise, both of Kalispell; two sisters, Lorraine Schultz and Gladys Kikendall, both of Kalispell; six grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary chapel. Burial will follow at Conrad Cemetery. Visitation is today until 6 p.m. and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

## Inez Mize, 86

Inez Evelyn Mize, 86, a former resident of Kalispell, died Tuesday, Dec. 16, 1997, in St. Joseph Convalescent Center at Polson.

She was born in Havre on Jan. 19, 1911, to Carl William and Armeta Pearl Coit Shaw.

She moved around during elementary school, going to Gilford, Hingham and Columbia Falls elementary schools.

She went to eighth grade in Saybrook, Ill., then returned to Columbia Falls for ninth and tenth grades. She went to Great Falls and graduated from high school there.

She lived in Great Falls until 1939, when she moved back to Kalispell. She married Lee Everett Mize May 24, 1947, in Kalispell and they moved to Woods Bay, living on the East Shore of Flathead Lake. They had no

children.

She was a member of the Community Alliance Church and Kalispell Senior Citizens Center.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lee, three brothers and one sister.

She is survived by one sister, Bernice Mix of Polson, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be Friday at 2 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Ron Pierce officiating. Burial will follow at Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Visitation will be Friday from 9 a.m. until service time.

Arrangements are by the Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

## Norman E. Moen, 77

Norman E. Moen, 77, a Kalispell resident, passed away Aug. 15, 1997, at the Veterans Medical Center in Seattle, Wash.

He was born Jan. 15, 1920, in Medicine Hat, Alberta, to Hans and Nellie Moen. While he was a young child, his family moved to Kalispell where he graduated from the Flathead County High School with the class of 1939.

He entered the service in 1941, and served as a radio operator with the 19th Bombardment Squadron of the Army Air Force in the Pacific. He was taken prisoner near Clark Air Field in the Philippines and was a survivor of the Bataan death march. He was liberated from Cabantatuan POW camp in 1945 by the Army Rangers.

He graduated from Arizona State University in 1952, and worked as an auditor as an accountant for Robert P. McCulloch, the founder of Lake Havasu City, Ariz. During his working years he spent weekends in Mexi-

co where he enjoyed fishing. In later years he spent winters in Lake Havasu City and summers in Kalispell.

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

He is survived by two sisters, Irene Henriksen and husband, Howard, and Alice Ford and husband, Bob, all of Kalispell; brother Harold B. and wife, Gwen, of Kalispell; nephews, Larry Kositzky of Whitefish, Gary Moen, Steve Moen and David Ford, all of Kalispell, Robin Ford of Des Moines, Wash.; and niece Lorraine Bickerstaff of Thousand Oaks, Calif.

Graveside services will be 11 a.m. Wednesday at the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell with military honors provided by the United Veterans of the Flathead Valley. Arrangements are under the direction of the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish.

The family requests in lieu of flowers that memorials be made in his name to the charity of the donor's choice.

## 31 July 1997 Donald H. Morgan, 70

Donald H. Morgan, 70, of Eureka, died Thursday at St. Patrick Hospital in Missoula.

He was born March 14, 1927, at Shamut, to John H. Morgan and Barbara Snyder Morgan. He came to Eureka with his family as an infant and was raised and educated there. He graduated from Lincoln County High School in 1945.

He served with the U.S. Army during the Korean War, serving in ordnance intelligence until his honorable discharge.

He returned to Eureka and worked in logging for several years. He then worked for Midnite Oil for many years and at Montana Market until his retirement. He had been a member of Our Lady of Mercy

Parish and served many years with the Eureka Volunteer Fire Department.

Survivors include brothers Ronald Morgan and John Morgan, both of Eureka; sister Doris Simpson, of Kalispell; aunts Elsie Helms, of Eureka, and Rachel Helms, of Hamilton, and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

Parish vigil and rosary will be 7 p.m. today at Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church; Mass of Resurrection will be 11 a.m. Monday at Our Lady of Mercy, with the Rev. Henry Steinhoff as celebrant. Interment with military honors will be at the Tobacco Valley Cemetery. Arrangements are by Nelson and Vial Funeral Home in Eureka.

## Joseph W. Morin, 74

Joseph W. Morin, 74, of Columbia Falls, passed away Saturday morning, March 29, 1997, at his home near Columbia Falls.

He was born Feb. 10, 1923, in Sanford, Maine, to Elzear N. and Rose Anna Morin. He was raised and educated in Sanford. He served in the Air Force from 1941 until 1963.

He married Eunice A. Ross on Sept. 25, 1954, in Tawas City, Mich.

After his discharge from the Air Force in 1963, he worked as a deputy sheriff in Aurora, Colo. They moved to the Flathead Valley in 1971, and he worked as deputy sheriff until his

retirement in 1990.

He was a member of the Good Sam Club.

He is survived by his three daughters, Cheryl Brunson and her husband, Mark Brunson, of Logan, Utah, Janice Morin of Eugene, Ore., and Lorraine Becke of Columbia Falls; five grandchildren; a sister, Rita Tringalli, of Maine; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held Thursday at 2 p.m. at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Columbia Falls. The Rev. Terry Forke will officiate. Inurnment will be in Fairview Cemetery in the summer.

## George James Morgan II, 77

George James Morgan II, 77, passed away Tuesday, June 24, 1997, at his home in Rollins.

He was born Dec. 31, 1919, in Bay Port, Mich., to George and Georgia Morgan. He graduated from schools in Michigan.

He married Dorothy Jean Leiprandt in Detroit in 1943. After graduating from college, he went to work for Stauffer Chemical Co. as a chemical engineer. Stauffer Chemical transferred him to several different cities during his career with them including Dobbs Ferry, N.Y., and Butte, where he lived for 10 years.

He moved to Rollins in 1990 and has lived there ever since. Even

though he had retired, he loved his work so he had been working as a consultant with Re-Con Associates out of Connecticut.

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

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy Jean Morgan, of Rollins; son, George James Morgan III, of Copper Canyon, Texas; three grandchildren, George James Morgan IV, Rebecca Ferris and Kathryn Claire; two brothers, Xell Morgan and Buck Morgan; and sister, Margaret Swartzentrupper.

Memorial services will be held in Michigan. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

## 1997 Helen L. Monroe, 87

Helen L. Monroe, 87, a former resident of Kalispell, died in a Burlington, Wash., care center on Thursday, March 20.

She was born Feb. 11, 1910, in Kalispell, to Walter B. and Harriet E. Fredenberg Monroe. She was educated in Kalispell, graduating from high school in 1929.

She later graduated from Gradwohl School of Medicine with a degree in medical technology. She interned at Pierce County Hospital in Tacoma, Wash., and later lived in Idaho, Washington, Utah and settled in Bellingham, Wash., in 1943. In 1958, she moved to Mount Vernon, Wash., where she lived ever since.

She worked at the local blood bank in Mount Vernon for many years and retired a supervisor in 1972. She was a member of the Methodist

Church, the Business and Professional Women's Club and a member of the American Association of Blood Banking.

She has no immediate relatives but is survived by a cousin, Lois Swisher Barrett, in Whitefish; a Monroe cousin from Oregon, and a number of Fredenberg family cousins.

Cremation has taken place at Mount Vernon Crematory, under the direction of Kern Funeral of Mount Vernon. A memorial service will be 2 p.m., Tuesday, at Johnson Mortuary, with Rev. Robert Van Alstine officiating. Helen has come home to be buried with her family at Conrad Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Skagit Hospice, 1971 Highway 20, Sedro Woolley, Wash., 98284 or a favorite charity.

## 1997 Blanche Morken, 84

Blanche Morken, 84, died May 9 at her home in LaCasa Personal Care Center in Plentywood.

She was born July 5, 1912, in Antelope, to Fred and Susan (Lautzenhiser) Glaze. She graduated from Antelope High School and was trained as a teacher at Western Montana Teacher's College in Dillon. She returned to northeastern Montana to teach in the Reitan, Munson and Coalridge rural schools.

She married Oscar Morken on Dec. 3, 1932, at the Morken farm east of Coalridge.

During World War II, she taught in her home.

While their secular lives were important to them, their lives revolved around their work for the Lord as committed Christians.

For many years, she served as a licensed minister and she and Oscar pioneered a small church in Coalridge.

Oscar did most of the work building the church building.

They maintained their home in Plentywood since 1966. They were members of the Plentywood Assembly of God Church and served as Sunday school teachers.

In 1967, they moved to Jamestown N. D., where they worked in Trinity Bible College. She served as boys' housemother and Oscar was chief of maintenance.

In 1979, they went to Moberge, S. D., where they worked at the Good Shepherd Bible Institute, where she worked as Bible instructor and Oscar

as chief of maintenance.

She truly gave her heart and her life to teaching and to the ministry of God's word. She never wanted praise or glory for herself, but prayed that she might in some way be the mortal instrument of God's will. Although seriously injured in a car crash that claimed Oscar's life in 1992, she recovered and continued her life of ministry to the best of her ability.

She is survived by four sons, Donald and his wife, Geraldine, of Polson, David and his wife, Judy, of Dagmar, Philip and his wife, Donna, of Bigfork, and Joe and his wife, Roberta, of Somers; and by a daughter, Sandra Newman, and her husband, Bob, of Bozeman.

She is also survived by 15 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren, and a brother, Alton Glaze, of Umatilla, Ore., and sisters Beulah Waller and her husband, Sander, of Wolf Point, and Alta Stephan and her husband, Charles, of Dagmar.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Oscar; brothers Charles and Archie Glaze; sister, Bernice Nielsen Plaggemeyer; grandson, Kerry Morken; and great granddaughter, Tiffany Seavey.

Fulkerson Funeral Home of Plentywood was in charge of arrangements.

Funeral services were held on May 14. Pastors Randy Lindgren and Bob Steele officiated at the service at Sheridan County Civic Center in Plentywood.

## Robert Cole Morris, infant

Robert Cole Morris was still-born to Rob and Michelle Morris on Jan. 4, 1997, at Kalispell Regional Hospital.

Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. on Friday in Glacier Memorial Gardens with the Rev. John Weaver of the Christian Center Assembly of God officiating.

Friends will meet at the cemetery for the services.

He is survived by his parents at home; his grandparents, Keith and Sherry Stewart, Gary Whitman and Veda Murray, Bob and Donna Morris of Helena, Lee and Sue Salmonsens of Portland, Ore.; Rob Schweigert and Wes Murray and numerous other relatives.

Arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary.

## June L. Morrow, 82

June L. Morrow, 82, of Missoula, died of natural causes on Thursday, March 13, at St. Patrick's Hospital in Missoula.

She was born June 15, 1914, in Bigfork, to Walter and Amber Penny. She was raised and educated near Kalispell. In June, 1940, she married Philip Morrow.

She was active in her church and was a member of the Bible Baptist Church since 1967. She loved flowers, gardening and painting and researched the early days of logging in the Flathead Valley.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Philip, on March 8, 1964 and brothers Jay, Bill and Glen Penny.

She is survived by her children, John

R. Morrow and Randall A. Morrow, of Missoula; daughter Amber Martin, of Las Vegas, Nev.; sisters Rosemary Hedahl, of Libby and Ida Johnson, of Columbia Falls; seven grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Visitation will be 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday, at Johnson Mortuary. A funeral will be 2 p.m., Tuesday, at Johnson Mortuary, with Rev. Jan D. Schroeder, pastor of Bible Baptist Church of Missoula, officiating. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Kalispell. Arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary in Kalispell and Garden City Funeral Home in Missoula.

## Elva Beth Clawson Mortensen, 57

Elva Beth Clawson Mortensen, 57, died Sunday, April 13, 1997, in Kalispell.

She was born Jan. 17, 1940, in Charlo to Ray and Veva Harker Clawson. She was raised in Charlo and lived there until she married

Dee K. Mortensen on Aug. 28, 1959, in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple.

She lived all her married life in Kalispell and raised her family here.

She worked for a few years for School District 5 in the school lunch program. She loved her children and dedicated her life to raising a good family.

She was a lifelong member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and was a member of the PTA at Russell School.

She enjoyed sewing, quilting, cooking and reading. She loved to crochet and made dozens of baby blankets for friends and family. She enjoyed working with children of the church with music. She also loved family dinners and get-togethers.

She was preceded in death by her parents and an infant son, Howard Jay Mortensen.

She is survived by her husband, Dee K. Mortensen; two sons, Ryan C.



Mortensen and wife, Tamra, of Federal Way, Wash., and D. Kiley Mortensen of Kalispell; seven daughters, Marcia Peterson and husband, David, of Centerville, Utah, Roxanne Smith and husband, Allen, of West Jordan, Utah, Kimberly Conrad and husband, Shawn, of West Valley City, Utah, Meridy Palmer and husband, Timothy, of Orem, Utah, Julaine Blaser and husband, Richard, of Rexburg, Idaho, Paige Sheen and husband, Jeff, of Provo, Utah, and Amanda Mortensen of Kalispell; her stepmother, Margaret Clawson, of Charlo; three brothers, George, Rone, and Jack Clawson; three sisters, Emily O. Scott, Marion Packer and Myrtle Allred; 16 grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Chapel on Whitefish Stage Road, with Bishop Carl Clark officiating. The family will receive friends for visitation from 5-8 p.m. Wednesday at Johnson Mortuary and at the LDS Church on Thursday an hour prior to the service. Burial will follow at Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

The family suggests memorials to Flathead Hospice, 1280 Burns Way, Kalispell, or Cancer Center Memorial Fund, care of Kalispell Regional Hospital Cancer Center, 10 Sunnyview Lane, Kalispell.

## 1997 Joyce May Motichka, 62

Joyce May Motichka, 62, passed away at her home on Braig Road, near Columbia Falls, Wednesday, January 29, after a short illness with cancer.

She was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, daughter and sister.

She was born Sept. 6, 1934, to George S. Ward and Verna L. (Warner) Ward, in Columbia Falls. She spent her early childhood and school years in Columbia Falls. Her family later moved to Polson.

On Nov. 1, 1951, she married Warren Dean Motichka and they lived in various places before finally moving to their home on Braig Road, west of Columbia Falls. She was a dedicated wife and mother and a friend to all she met. She spent her time doing her best to take care of the family as well as being the sole bookkeeper of the family dairy. She gardened and put her entire self into her yard and flowers. Her main goal in life was the salvation of her family and to walk in

the light of God. She truly lived the life of God's child that she was. She will be missed by all who knew her.

She is survived by her husband, Warren, at the family home; daughter Joni; son Carl and his wife, Dee, Gary and his wife, Janet, Ron and his wife, Jan and Mike and his wife, Deb, all of Columbia Falls; 10 very special grandchildren and three great grandchildren; her mother, Verna Ward; three sisters, Gayle Spooner, Montana Luce, and Faith Lake and many other relatives.

Visitation will be 1-8 p.m., Monday, at the Columbia Mortuary. A funeral will be 2 p.m., Tuesday, at the mortuary with Rev. Gerald Schulze, officiating. Burial will follow at Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

Casketbearers will be her sons, Carl, Gary, Ron and Mike, with her grandchildren and great grandchildren as honorary casketbearers. The family suggests memorials be made to the Seventh Day Adventist Church in her name.

## Verla Mary Motichka, 83

Verla Mary Motichka, 83, died at St. Patrick Hospital in Missoula on Tuesday, Jan. 28, 1997.

She was born Nov. 4, 1913, in Kalamazoo, Mich., to William and Helen Klein.

She met Leonard Motichka when she traveled from her home in Nashua to the Flathead Valley for a Grange meeting in February 1945. They were married Dec. 10, 1946, Franklin Motichka in Nashua. They made their home on Conn Road for 30 years, farming and raising their family. In 1978, they moved to the Trumble Creek area. They have been active in St. Richard's Catholic Church and LaSalle Grange activities.

The love of her life was her family and church. She loved also baking special goodies for her granddaughters and always sent a care package home with them when they went

away to college and then to their own homes. She was dearly loved by her family and friends. On Dec. 8, 1996, the couple celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

She is survived by her husband, Leonard, at the family home; two sons, Neal Motichka and wife, Bonnie, of Kalispell, and Myron Motichka and wife, Judy, of Columbia Falls; a brother, Earl Klein, of Olympia, Wash.; and two granddaughters, Kelly King and her husband, Matt, and Shannon Jones and her husband, Matt, all of Weiser, Idaho.

A rosary service will be today at 7:30 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary. Mass of Christian burial will be on Saturday at 10:30 a.m. at St. Richard's Catholic Church with the Rev. Charles W. Strom as celebrant. Burial will be at Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

## 1991 Mary Elizabeth 'Betty' Muldown, 80

Mary Elizabeth "Betty" Muldown, 80, loving wife, mother and lifetime resident of Whitefish, passed away Friday, June 27, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

She was born in Whitefish on May 2, 1917, to Charles and Mayme Jennings. Her family lived on Whitefish Lake in the summers and she loved swimming at Glenwood Park and dancing at the Rest Haven Pavilion.

She was an accomplished pianist and was the organist at the United Methodist Church for many years. Her love of music ran the gamut from ragtime to classical, two of her favorites being "Clair de Lune" and "The Maple Leaf Rag."

She graduated from Whitefish High School in 1935, and attended the University of Montana where she was on the rifle team and was affiliated with Kappa Alpha Theta sorority.

She was among the early ski pioneers on The Big Mountain and was an active member of the Hell-roaring Ski Club and later the Whitefish Lake Ski Club. She was

also a longtime member of P.E.O., Eastern Star and Whitefish Lake Golf Club.

On Aug. 10, 1945, she married Lloyd A. "Mully" Muldown who preceded her in death in 1993. She had a brother, Charles "Bub" Jennings, who also preceded her in death.

She is survived by three children and six grandchildren, Suzy Ronfeldt and husband, Steve, and their children, Lara, Javier, Heidi and Matthew of Berkeley, Calif., Mike Muldown and wife, Suzan, and daughter, Anna, of Whitefish, and Meg Koonce and her husband, Jon, and children, Hank and Gabe, of Oregon City, Ore.

In later years, her activities were limited by Alzheimer's disease. She was able to remain at home with the loving assistance of friend and caregiver, Shirley Potter.

Memorial services are planned for sometime in August. The family suggests memorials be made to the Muldown Academic Achievement Scholarship Fund, Box 935, Whitefish, MT 59937.

## Gina Munson, 102

Gina Munson, a very special person in many people's lives, died on Sept. 1, 1997, at the age of 102.

She was born Sept. 28, 1894, in Twin Valley, Minn., to Andrew and Anna Rude. She was the oldest of 16 children.

She married Oscar Melvin Munson on Feb. 28, 1915. They moved to Eastern Montana in 1918, to homestead north of Dodson. They farmed there for 35 years. They then moved to Vancouver, Wash. She spent her later years with daughters and one son in Billings, Ronan, Spokane, and Whitefish. She traveled extensively and enjoyed her family very much.

She is survived by three sisters; one brother; her eight children, Clifford and Betty Munson of Dodson,

Irwin and Helen Munson of Vancouver, Wash., Margaret Peterson of Olympia, Wash., Garfield and Pauline Munson of Helena, Edna LaBrie of Whitefish, Iva and Orville Paulson of Ronan, Ole Munson of Spokane, and Wilma and Bob O'Donnell of Billings; also included in her large family are 34 grandchildren; 64 great grandchildren; and 17 great-great grandchildren.

She led a full life and was a joy to every life she touched. We love her and will miss her.

Cremation has taken place and services will be held in Dodson at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be given in her name to the North Valley Hospital Extended Care in Whitefish.

## 1999 Eleanor Grafton-Murphy, 77

Eleanor Grafton-Murphy, 77, died of cancer May 27 at her son's residence in Baltimore, Md.

She was born Oct. 24, 1920, in Bel Air, Md., to Burlington and Murrel Herman Grafton. She grew up and attended high school in Bel Air. After living in Maryland all her life, she moved to Kalispell on Oct. 24, 1986, to marry her high school sweetheart, Thomas J. Murphy.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a stepson, Warren McAllister.

She is survived by her husband, Thomas J. Murphy, of Kalispell; sons Jarred and Robert Foy of Maryland and Virginia; stepdaughters, Colleen Clark of Washington and Kathy McAllister of Kalispell; stepson, Tom Murphy, of Washington; and numerous friends.

To know her was to love her.

Memorial services will be held Saturday at 729 St. Johns Rd., Baltimore.

Memorials may be given to the cancer society.

## Elizabeth Murphy, 50

Elizabeth K. "Liz" Murphy, 50, passed away Saturday, Nov. 1, 1997, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

She was born June 5, 1947, in Vernal, Utah, to Herb and Mary Moore. She attended schools in Casper, Wyo., graduating from high school in Casper in 1967. After high school, she attend Casper College for two years, then went to Oklahoma Baptist University, where she graduated with a degree in education. She went to work as a second grade teacher for several years.

She married Ron Murphy on Aug. 21, 1971, in Casper. They moved to Kalispell in March of 1984.

She worked as an aide for the last several years, first in the Sunshine Room at Peterson Elementary School, then in the special education classes at both Edgerton and at Hedges.

She was a member of East Haven Baptist Church.

"Liz," as she was known to family and friends, centered her life around her family, her church and her friends

at the schools where she worked. She had a deep love for the Lord and loved to serve with her church family in spite of the physical handicap she endured all of her adult life. She was especially drawn to infants and small children and the handicapped. She will be sorely missed by her family and her many friends.

She was preceded in death by her mother, May Grace Moore.

She is survived by her husband Ron Murphy at their home in Kalispell; three children, sons, Gregg and Michael Murphy, and one daughter, Melinda Murphy, all of Kalispell; her father, Herb Moore of Casper, Wyo.; and a brother Jerry Moore of Riverton, Wyo.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday at East Haven Baptist Church in Kalispell, with the Rev. Daniel Lambert officiating. At her request cremation has already taken place. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home in charge of arrangements and the cremation.

## 1997 Byron Myers, 15

Byron A. Myers, 15, died Sunday, Sept. 14, of injuries received in a vehicle accident near Libby.

He was born at Libby on May 29, 1982, and resided in Libby for most of his childhood.

He attended Asa Wood Grade School, the Libby Middle School and was a member of the sophomore class at Libby High School. He was active in many musical activities as a percussionist participating in the Libby Logger Pep Band, marching band, concert band and jazz band. He also played Libby Major League baseball this past season.

Survivors include his mother Laurie Myers of Libby; his father, Scott Myers of Kalispell; two sisters, Paula Myers of Stevensville

and Cassie Myers of Libby; his grandmothers, Gay Myrhang of Thompson Falls and Patricia Kenoyer of Chalis, Idaho; grandfather, Lee Myers of Seattle; great-grandmothers Marie LaClaire of Philomoth, Ore., and Clara Myrhang of Libby; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his grandfathers, Ken Brown, in 1985, and Bob Myrhang in 1989.

Visitation will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be Thursday morning at 11 a.m. at the Assembly of God Church with the Rev. Paul Wheeler officiating. Interment will follow in the City of Libby Cemetery.