

Jerry J. Palicz, 46

Jerry J. Palicz, 46, most recently of Phoenix, Ariz., passed away at his home Sunday, July 13, 1997, of natural causes.

He was born July 28, 1950, in Iowa, and later moved to California where he graduated from high school. He then moved to Montana with his family. He went to college in Bozeman.

He enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps where he spent his tour of duty in Japan. He returned to Kalispell where he worked for his father in the construction business. He then went to work for the Flathead County Road Department as an equipment operator. He recently moved to Arizona where he was a truck driver until the time of his unexpected death.

His favorite pastimes were hunting and fishing. He was a member of the V.F.W. and Eagles Club of Kalispell.

He has four children - April, Shawn, Nicholas, and Melissa, and two stepchildren, Jason and Heather.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, April, at the age of 9, in 1983.

He is survived by his parents, Franklin and Gloria Palicz, of Somers; sisters, Jeanette Fincher and her husband, Gene, of Whitefish, and Joy Parker of Kalispell; brother, Jim Palicz, and his wife, Marie, of Oklahoma City, Okla.; his children; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Military graveside rites will be announced late.

Robert Dean Parks, 42

5 July 1997
Robert Dean Parks, 42, of Hungry Horse, died Saturday near Hungry Horse Dam from a motorcycle accident.

He was born July 27, 1954, in Grand Rapids, Minn., to Ronald and Gilda Parks.

He was a millwright and was

retired from the Burlington Northern Railroad.

Viewing for family and close friends will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at the mortuary. Burial will follow at Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

Nicholas Paliga, 72

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Nicholas Paliga, 72, of Libby, died of cancer Saturday at St. Johns Lutheran Hospital.

Survivors include his wife, Joyce Paliga, of Libby, a son, a daughter, brother Frank Paliga of Kalispell, four sisters, including Margret Albertini of Libby, five cousins, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Services will be Friday at 1 p.m. at Christ Lutheran Church. Local arrangements are by Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Libby.

Lucille Montana Parpat, 82

Lucille Montana Parpat, 82, died Thursday, March 13, 1997, at Dixie Regional Medical Center.

She was born on Sept. 22, 1914, in Columbia Falls, to Charles Thomas and Verna Leah Johnston Pemble.

She worked for Bonneville Power Administration for over 20 years. She was a very social person and loved people. She enjoyed reading, especially magazines. She was an excellent seamstress. She sewed for other people as well as for her family. She used the same sewing machine she had been using since her children were little. She loved music and dancing. She enjoyed going to the senior citizen dances. She also played the piano and the organ. Most of all, she loved Montana. She once had a cabin at Ashley Lake. She loved the scenery, flowers, birds and, most of all, the mountains.

Survivors include a daughter Carole (Ernie) Aaberge of Harlingen, Texas; a son, Glen Reising, of Alameda, Calif.; 4 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren; sister Jennie Ladenburg of Columbia Falls; two brothers, Charles (Marge) Pemble of Billings, and Fay (Audrey) Pemble of Columbia Falls; nieces and nephews.

Private family services will be held under the direction of Spilsbury & Beard Mortuary in St. George, Utah.

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Keith R. Parnell, 63, joined our Lord, Jesus Christ, on Jan. 7. He died of respiratory failure at the Beverly Health and Rehabilitation facility in Pasco, Wash., where he lived the past three months.



Prior to living in Washington, he lived with his daughter and son-in-law in Kalispell for two years. He was born in Cody, Wyo., on Dec. 20, 1933.

He is survived by sons David and

Keith R. Parnell, 63

his wife, Lisa Davison, of Fairbanks, Alaska, and Brian Parnell of Kalispell; daughters Kelly Williamson and her husband, Steve, of Tri-Cities area in Washington, KaeRae Godfrey and her husband, Steve, of Tri-Cities, and Penny Adcock and her husband, Randy, of Kalispell; nine grandchildren; brother Bill Parnell of Cody, Wyo.; sisters Lucielle Lane and Sharon Weaver of Tri-Cities; Jeanette Baker of Vancouver, Wash., Beverly Chappel of Swan River, Canada, and Sandy Hunstein of Fairbanks.

He was an army veteran, and earned a welding degree at Columbia Basin College in Pasco, Wash. He was

a welder/heavy equipment operator in Wyoming most of his life. During his years in Cody, he was active in BPOE Elks, the Masons, and loved to hunt and camp.

He will be most remembered for his love of children and grandchildren, his interest in the restoration of old cars, and his faith in God.

A memorial service and celebration of his life will be held on Saturday at the Ballard Funeral Home in Cody at 10:30 a.m. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations be made to the Multiple Sclerosis Society or the hospice center of your choice.

Helen C. Parsons, 75

Helen C. Parsons, 75, passed away Wednesday, Aug. 13, 1997, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

She was born Feb. 22, 1922, in Chinoook, to Andrew and Tillie Christensen.

She was preceded in death by an infant daughter; her parents; a second mother, Elvira Christensen; three brothers, Curtis, Woodrow, and Robert Christensen; and one grandson, Dirk Parsons.

She is survived by three sons, Rick Parsons of Page, Ariz., Jeffrey Parsons of Portland, Ore., and Larry Motari of Kalispell; two sisters, Virginia Cor-

nelius of Kalispell, and Carol Crouch of Echo Lake; brother Surg Amundson of Wassilla, Ark.; granddaughter Daisy Motari of Kalispell; grandson Monty Parsons of Page, Ariz.; four great grandchildren; and many, many "adopted" grandchildren.

At her request, she has been cremated and no public services will be held.

She requested, in lieu of memorials, that people visit an elderly person and take them out to dinner.

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

Martin William 'Bill' Parvi, 67

Martin William "Bill" Parvi, 67, a former resident of the Flathead Valley, died Monday, April 14, 1997, at his home in Libby.

He was born April 21, 1929, in Palmer, Mich., to Toivo and Martha Parvi. He was raised and educated in Michigan and served with the United States Navy from 1950-1956 as an electronics technician.

He lived in Missoula and later in Great Falls and Bigfork where he was employed by the FAA as an electronics technician before retiring and moving to Libby in 1993.

He was an avid outdoorsman, enjoying hunting and fishing and had also gardening, especially vegetables and flowers.

Survivors include his wife, April,

of Libby; a son, William Parvi, of Boise, Idaho; three daughters, Christine Parvi and Joyce Parvi, both of Seattle, and Donna Peterson of Monroe, Wash.; five stepchildren, Phillip Allen, Paul Allen and Kenneth Allen, all of Kalispell, and Tracy Allen and Kelly Allen, both of Libby; three sisters, Elinor Tapola of Gwinn, Mich., Sally Ladwig of Kewaunee, Wis., and Rita Parvi of Cocoa, Fla.; two granddaughters, Jessica and Katelynn Peterson; and several stepgrandchildren.

Visitation will be Thursday from 1-8 p.m. and until noon Friday at Nelson & Vial Funeral Home. Services will be Friday at 1 p.m. at Nelson & Vial Funeral Home Chapel; cremation will follow the services.

Marion Paul, 78

Marion Ruth Paul, 78, died Sunday, Oct. 12, 1997, at the North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

She was born in Hopewell, N.J., July 8, 1919, to Lester and Anna Cronce Paul. She received her education in Yardville, N.J., and graduated from Metuchen High School. She never married.

She worked for Raritan Arsenal, a company that did transportation of ammunition during World War II, then became an information supervisor and operator for Bell Telephone in New Brunswick, N.J. for 38 years.

She was a member of the Pioneers of America, AARP, Degree of Pochontas-Iola Council #115.

She enjoyed traveling, eating gourmet foods and has visited Ireland, Hawaii, Europe and Africa.



She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Ronald Paul and Kenneth Paul; and one sister, Norma Paul.

She is survived by her sister, Eleanor Stewart and husband, Robert, of Kalispell, along with 17 nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be today until 6 p.m. at the Johnson Mortuary Chapel in Kalispell.

Funeral services will be held at the Blackwell Funeral Home, 21 North Main, Pennington, N.J., Friday, at 2 p.m. with burial to follow in the Highland Cemetery in Hopewell, N.J.

The family suggests memorials be given to Northridge Heights Church of God, 1970 Hwy 93 North, Kalispell, MT 59901, or North Valley Hospital Extended Care, 6575 Hwy 93 South, Whitefish, MT 59937. Arrangements are by the Johnson Mortuary & Crematory in Kalispell, and Blackwell Funeral Home in Pennington, N.J.

1997 Richard 'Clyde' Paul, 83

Richard "Clyde" Paul, 83, of Kalispell, died Tuesday, Nov. 4, of complications from a heart attack.

He was born May 22, 1914, in Columbia Falls, to Simon and Pearl Paul. He grew up in Whitefish and graduated from high school in 1932. He began work for the Great Northern Railroad in 1936 and continued until 1943. During World War II, he lived in Portland, Ore., and worked as a welder building Liberty Ships.

After the war, he owned and operated a saw mill in Eureka for two years and he worked for Stoltze Land and Lumber in Half Moon. In 1949, he rejoined the Great Northern and worked there as a bridge and building foreman until he retired due to ill health in 1973.

In March, 1940, he married Esther L. Shenefelt, of Rexford. The couple lived in Portland, from 1943-49, and then moved to Whitefish. They lived

in Whitefish until 1976, when they moved to Kalispell.

Survivors include his wife, Esther, in Kalispell; son Richard Paul in Fairfield, Conn.; daughter Chrystal Higgins, of Whitefish; grandsons Christopher Paul in Darien, Conn. and Matthew Paul in Hartford, Conn.; granddaughters Kelli Higgins and Shandi Higgins, both in Whitefish; great grandson Charles Paul in Darien, Conn., and a sister, Opal Role, of Kalispell.

He was a loving husband, father and grandfather. He loved to travel. He was an excellent carpenter and loved to build and improve homes, including a summer home on Bitterroot Lake that the family still enjoys.

A private memorial service is planned and inurnment will take place at the Tobacco Valley Cemetery in Eureka. Austin Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

1997 Earl W. Patterson, 65

Earl W. Patterson, 65, died at his home in Lakeside on Thursday, May 8, of a heart attack.

He was born April 17, 1932, in Kalispell, son of Karl and Elsie Patterson. He spent his early life in Kalispell and graduated from Flathead County High School.

He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War and returned to the Flathead. On Nov. 6, 1954, he married Laura Virginia VanAlstine in Kalispell. He was a building contractor, self-employed in construction for 25 years.

He was a member of Epworth United Methodist Church and was a founding member of the Lakeside Quick Response Unit.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Robert, and his wife, Laura.

He is survived by a son, Scott Patterson and wife, Bridgid, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; daughter Paula Mathi-

ason and husband, John, of Kila; brothers Henry Patterson and wife, Carol, of Whitefish and Walter Patterson and wife, Barbara, of Polson; his twin sister Betty VanAlstine and husband, Walter, of Whitefish, and sisters Agnus Gustafson and husband, Harold, and Anna Jones and husband, Robert, of Missoula; sister-in-law Marjori VanAlstine, of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; brother-in-law Robert VanAlstine and father-in-law Leon VanAlstine, both of Kalispell; four grandchildren, Jason, Travis, Elizabeth and Sarah Mathiason, all of Kila.

A memorial service will be 11 a.m., Monday, at Epworth United Methodist Church, Rev. Marvin Northcutt officiating. Urn burial will follow at Conrad Cemetery. The family suggests memorials be made to the Lakeside Quick Response Unit, Box 911, Lakeside, MT, 59922.

1997 Helen Lawrie Keillor Gregor Patterson, 91

Helen Lawrie Keillor Gregor Patterson, 91, passed away January 17 at St. Joseph Hospital in Polson.

She was born April 14, 1905, in Glasgow, Scotland, to Catherine and George Gregor. Her father, a joiner, was injured and passed away when she was 7. She and her mother emigrated to Alberta where her mother remarried and they lived on a farm in the Balzac area north of Calgary.

After high school, she worked at Lake Louise and Banff, then moved to Vancouver, B.C., where she married Jennings Wells Patterson in 1930. They moved to Southern California to find work and lived there until the outbreak of World War II.

Following the dissolution of the Civilian Conservation Corps, Jennings went to work for the Bureau of Reclamation, and with the exception of 10 months, when they both worked for Boeing Aircraft Co. during the war, remained with the Bureau until he retired from government service after 30 years in 1964.

She became a naturalized citizen of the United States in 1946. She and

her husband lived in Oklahoma, Washington, and Montana, and retired in Salem, Ore. Jennings passed away in 1981, and she moved to Polson in 1985 to be near her oldest son, Don.

She was preceded in death by an infant sister, two half-brothers, and her husband, to whom she was married for 51 years.

She is survived by sons Don, and his wife Mary of Bigfork, and Darryl and his wife, Tomye, Anchorage; daughter Donna and her husband Lewis Allen, Lebanon, Ore.; 5 grandchildren, 8 great grandchildren and two nephews.

She was a wonderful mother, quick of wit, with a kind and generous spirit. She will be missed by all who knew her, especially her family.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be sent to the First Presbyterian Church of Polson Building Fund, or the Deacons Fund.

Memorial services will be held on Thursday at 1 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church in Polson. Arrangements are by Mosley-Shrider Funeral Home in Polson.

Douglas S. Payne Sr., 81

Douglas S. Payne Sr., 81, died Monday, June 2, 1997, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

He was born March 3, 1916, in Virginia City to Walter and Edith Payne. He married Jean H. Nelson on Oct. 5, 1940, in Kalispell. He served in the Army from May, 1946, to March, 1949, and was called back at the beginning of the Korean War for a short time.

He was a member of the sheriff's posse for a number of years.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers; and a granddaughter, Patricia Hissong.

He is survived by his wife, Jean, of

Kalispell; daughter Jean M. and her husband O. Chas Hissong of Puyallup, Wash.; son Douglas Payne Jr. and his wife, Steveanna, of Hayden Lake, Idaho; and a daughter, Kathleen A., and her husband, David Armstrong, of Sandpoint, Idaho; seven grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and a number of nieces and nephews.

Private family services will be held at a later date. The family requests memorials to the Wings Program or Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

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

Scott Timothy Payne, 38

Scott Timothy Payne, 38, died Saturday, March 22, 1997, at Kalispell Regional Hospital.

He was born Aug. 26, 1958, in Danville, Ill., to Frank and Lloyce Payne. He attended Oak Wood Illinois High School.

He moved to Montana in 1980, where he has lived ever since. He loved the outdoors. Hunting, fishing and camping were only a few of the things he enjoyed doing in Montana. One of his greatest loves in life was his son, Dustin, whom he adored.

He is going to be greatly missed by his family and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, whom he loved very deeply.

He is survived by his son, Dustin Scott Payne, of Kalispell; his mother, Lloyce Logan, of Kalispell; father and stepmother, Frank and Jody Payne of

St. Joseph, Ill.; two brothers and their wives, Michael and Phyllis Payne of Bismarck, Ill., and Mark and Melba Payne of Columbia Falls; a sister and her husband, Rebecca and Trent Olson of Kalispell; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home with the Rev. Don Bergstrom of Grace Baptist Church officiating. His ashes will be taken to Fithian, Ill., to be buried in the family plot next to his beloved grandparents, and near the farm he so dearly loved as a child. A reception will follow the memorial service at the Evergreen Fire Hall in Evergreen.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to a trust fund set up for his son in care of First Security Bank, P.O. Box 7250, Kalispell, MT 59904-0250.

Carl Pearson, 87

Carl L. Pearson, 87, formerly of the Flathead Valley, died Sunday, Nov. 23, 1997 at Holy Family Hospital in Spokane.

He was born May 29, 1910, in Kewanee, Ill., to John and Anna Pearson. He had worked for the Great Northern and Burlington Northern Railroads for 48 years prior to his retirement.

He was preceded in death by two children, Carl Pearson, Jr. and Darlene Nelson, and is now survived by his wife, Agnes, of Spokane; seven children, Dolan Pearson of Sarasota, Fla., Coleen Wise, Kalispell, Michael Pearson of Greenacres, Wash., Nor-

ma Dachwald Whitefish, Wayne Olson, Coeur d'Alene, Dennis Olson, Columbia Falls, and Larry Olson of Seattle; and a number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday, in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery with the Rev. Terry VanHeyningen of the Central Christian Church officiating. Friends will meet at the cemetery for the services.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Johnson Mortuary. Friends may call at the mortuary from 9 a.m. until noon on Friday for visitation.

25 April **Elsine Marie Pedersen, 89 1991**

Elsine Marie Pedersen, 89, beloved mother, grandmother and great grandmother, passed away Friday evening at Colonial Manor Nursing Home in Whitefish.

She was born June 7, 1907, in Racine, Wisc., to Hans Christian Johansen and Magdalene (Sundsted) Johansen. She attended school in Antelope, where her family moved to homestead. She received her teaching degree in Miles City.

She married Wilfred Link Pedersen on June 1, 1929, in Dagmar. The lived in Coleridge until they moved back to Antelope to farm a portion of the family farm. After three children and years of drought, they moved to Great Falls and became very active in the Farmers Union. Several years later they bought a strawberry farm at Lake Five. They then moved to Whitefish Lake, where they were caretakers of a lovely estate. When they moved to the town of Whitefish, she took her recertification in teaching and taught school in Olney. She later was trained as a nurse's aid and worked at Colonial Manor nursing

home until her retirement.

Most of all, she will be remembered for her kind and gentle manner and her wonderful Danish Ableskewer. She had an avid interest in politics and the social development of our country. She enjoyed crafts, sewing and her grandchildren. She will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

She is survived by her sister, Agnes Brentesen, of Plentywood; daughter Mary Lou and her husband, James Roth, of Alamogordo, N. M.; son Curtis Pedersen and his wife, Melba, of Whitefish; 15 grandchildren and many great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1977; son Eugene Wilbur Pedersen; grandson Jeffrey Eugene Pedersen; brothers Carl Lawrence Johansen, Christian Johansen, sister Helen Christensen and an infant sister in 1917.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be conducted 2 p.m., Tuesday, at the Christian Church on West Second Street, Dr. David Kaufman officiating.

Hans Pedersen, 88

Hans Ejvind Pedersen, 88, of Polson, passed away Monday, Nov. 17, 1997, in Sunnyvale, Calif.

He was born in Columbia Falls on July 5, 1909, to Peder C. and Sophie F. Olesen Pedersen. His parents came from Denmark. He married Georgia De Saussure in 1934, and they had two sons.

He was a member of the Ironworkers Union for over 50 years. He worked on bridges and dams, including the Umatella Dam, the Dalles Dam and Kerr Dam. He was a member of the Polson Masonic Lodge for nearly 60 years, and was a member of the Polson Presbyterian Church.

He and his wife lived in California for 18 years and retired to Mesa and Showlow, Ariz., in 1974. After his

wife's death in 1991, he returned to Polson.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; and one son.

He is survived by his son, Dale Pedersen and wife and granddaughter, Tisa Pedersen, all Sunnyvale; his grandson, Brad Pedersen of Yuba City, Calif.; two brothers, Harold Pedersen of Polson, and Fred Pedersen of Tacoma, Wash.

Funeral services will be held Saturday at 1 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel in Kalispell. Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery east of Kalispell.

Visitation will be Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Arrangements are by the Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

1997 Albert Perkins, 78

Albert Perkins, 78, of Columbia Falls, passed away Aug. 23 at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

He was born Nov. 9, 1918, in Racetrack, to William and Nellie Perkins.



Survivors include his wife, Lucille, of 35 years; sons Wes Perkins and wife, Angela, of Milwaukie, Ore., and Lee Schrader and wife Sharyn, of Coram; daughter Sharon Farnsworth and husband, Mike, of Great Falls; grandson Michael Glauner; granddaughters Wendy Herford, Julie Glauner, Cari Davids, Melinda Perkins, Brandy Farnsworth, Nicole Perkins, and Kristyn Schrader. Also, five great-grandchildren, Ashly Spence, Jessica Hall, J. J. Herford, Christina Herford and Michael Herford, and many relatives and friends who loved him very much.

He was preceded in death by a grandson, Jason Schrader.

He accomplished many things in his life. He was in the CCCs, was a rancher, a meat cutter, farmer and retired after 23 years as a union ironworker. He built everything from bridges to missiles. He was an avid fisherman and hunter. He loved to travel with his motor homes.

He attended Our Redeemer Lutheran Church and participated in several activities there. He also was involved with several Good Sam chapters and started the Rocky Mountain Rollers. Most of all, he was a loving husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather and friend to many.

Cremation has taken place. A service will be 2 p.m., Tuesday, at Redeemer Lutheran Church, 640 Seventh St. W., Columbia Falls.

The family suggests memorials in lieu of flowers to Redeemer Lutheran Church building fund.

Frank 'Dalton' Peters, 59

Frank "Dalton" Peters, 59, passed away Saturday, July 12, 1997, at his home in Lakeside.

He was born Feb. 10, 1938, in Lawton, Okla.

He had a great love for the outdoors, specifically Alaska. He loved spending time at his cabin with his family. He loved flying and boating. He and his son, Mont, owned and ran Spur Road Autos for many years in Kenai, Alaska.

He was an inventor; he invented Stable-Lift and founded Stable-Lift corporation.

He had a great love of life, was full of adventure, and due to his wonderful sense of humor, enjoyed life to its fullest.

His ashes will be shared by his beloved Kenai, Alaska, boyhood

home of Chattanooga, Okla., and his most recent home in Lakeside.

He was preceded in death by his parents, F.O. and Evelyn Peters; a sister, Anita Brown; and a daughter-in-law.

He is survived by his wife, Judith Ann Peters, of Lakeside; a son, Mont Peters, of Kila; two daughters, Bernadette Newman and Monica Peters, both of Elko, Nev.; a sister, Carol Perry, of Faxon, Okla.; son-in-law, David, and daughter-in-law, Amanda; two granddaughters, Judy and Miranda; and two grandsons, Joshua and Craig.

Private family services will be held. Memorials may be made to Home Options Hospice, 1280 Burns Way, Kalispell, MT. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is in charge of arrangements.

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Jerralyn Peters, 57

Jerralyn K. Peters, our generously loving mom, daughter, sister and friend died Dec. 19, at age 57, from a courageous battle with breast cancer. She died at her home with her family beside her.



She began her spirited life in Bemidji, Minn., on Jan. 9, 1940, the oldest daughter of the six children of Jerome and Dorothy (Saddler) Anderson.

Her siblings are Doug Anderson and wife, Bev, of Renton, Wash., Nola Rice and husband, Curt, of Kalispell, Penny Lee and husband, Jim, of Kenewick, Wash., Linda Duplessie, of Naugatuck, Conn., and Tim Anderson and wife, Rosemary, of Spokane.

She moved to California in 1941, then back to Bemidji in 1943 and finally to the Flathead in 1951.

She married Richard T. Peters in 1957, at Calvary Lutheran Church in Kalispell. She graduated from Flathead High in 1958.

She devoted her life to her husband and four children. Her children are Robert Duane Peters; Patte Lorraine Peters Halverson and husband, Jay, of Columbia Falls; Terry Richard Peters and wife Kelly, of Kalispell; and Karen Peters, of Kalispell. She is also survived by her mother Dorothy and stepfather Oscar Johnson of Kalispell.

She shared her angelic spirit and devotion with an unconditionally opened heart to everyone. With that, we are truly blessed with quite a wonderful extended family.

In her words, she said she is at peace knowing she completed her journey here on earth knowing that her faith in God and love for life has reached so many and that she truly felt and returned love to everyone throughout the years, but especially during her illness.

Her heart was truly filled with the love, prayers and support everyone has given her. The love she freely gave is surely returned and shared very greatly by all who knew and loved her.

Her love, joy and happiness that she had for her three grandchildren, Justin Jay Halverson, Paul David and Ricky Duane Peters, and the many extended grandchildren, are the parts we will all miss the most. But the spirit of her life that we are all blessed with will live on forever in our hearts and we can all carry on and share in the tradition of love that she so graciously gave us.

Blessed are we from knowing such a beautiful angel.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Richard Peters; her father Jerome Anderson; grandparents Clyde and Grace Saddler; and other loving family and friends.

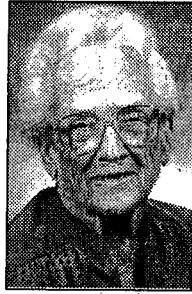
Visitation will be 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday at Johnson Mortuary. Vigil service will be 7 p.m. Monday, at Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Mass of Christian Burial will be 10 a.m. Tuesday, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church. Father Kevin O'Neill and Father Gary Reller as celebrants. Burial will follow at Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Arrangements are by the Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

1997 Margaret Louise Miner Petersen, 86

Margaret Louise Miner Petersen, 86, died Thursday, Oct. 30, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

She was born to Burl and May Bartlett Miner in Ovid, Mich., on Nov. 17, 1910. The Miner family



moved to Montana to homestead in 1911.

Following graduation from Big Sandy High School in 1929, she attended Northern Montana College, received her teaching certificate, and taught in rural schools until her marriage to Marinus Lars Petersen on March 6, 1933. They farmed west of Big Sandy for 50 years.

She was a member of Rohrer Memorial United Methodist Church and was active in the church all her life.

Upon their retirement, they wintered in Apache Junction, Ariz., and became active in Desert Chapel United Methodist Church. After Marinus' death, she moved to Kalispell, and became active in Epworth United Methodist Church. All her life she was a witness for Christ and was politically active.

She belonged to Rebekahs and LAPM and was an active 4-H leader

for many years. She also belonged to Republican Women, Retired Teachers, Senior Citizens, and UMW.

Throughout her life she enjoyed playing cards, embroidering, crocheting, gardening, and reading. She also enjoyed spending time with her family.

She was preceded in death by her husband; daughters, Mardece Terry and Mavis Mohar; brother George Miner; and sister Marion Wilson.

She is survived by daughters and sons-in-law, May and Gary McLees of Three Forks, Myrel and Ron Nelson of Portland, Ore., and Marcia and David Hashley of Kalispell. Also surviving her are 15 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law; and numerous nieces and nephews. Family members from Kalispell include grandchildren Dawn Hashley, Dana Hashley and his wife, Sissy, and Margo Sorenson and her husband, P.J. and great-grandchildren, Linnea, Noah and Jeremiah Hashley.

Funeral services will be held at Rohrer Memorial United Methodist Church in Big Sandy, Monday, at 1 p.m. A memorial service will also be held in Kalispell at Epworth United Methodist Church, Saturday, at 2 p.m.

Memorials are suggested to Rohrer Memorial United Methodist Church in Big Sandy, the Multiple Sclerosis Society, or a charity of your choice.

Arrangements are by Buffalo Hill Funeral Home of Kalispell.

Darlene Peterson, 62

Darlene Peterson, 62, died Thursday, Oct. 9, 1997 after suffering a long illness with cancer.

She was born Darlene A. Sindt on Sept. 2, 1935, in Bigfork, to Martin and Louise Sindt. She was raised in the Flathead Valley until 1950, then moved to Great Falls.

There she met and married Richard A. Peterson on Oct. 6, 1951. They moved back to the Flathead Valley in July of 1983.

She was a loving mother and housewife. She was a true friend and mother to all who came into her life. Her gentleness, smile and laugh touched everyone, especially her children.

She began working at the Outlaw Inn in Kalispell upon her returning to the area.

She enjoyed working with her hands, often doing crochet, bead work and plastic canvas work.

She was preceded in death by her

husband, Richard; twin daughters, Suzan and Suzanne; her parents; three brothers; and a sister.

She is survived by her six children, Richard A. Peterson Jr., of West Richland, Wash., Donna L. Vandeman of Pasco, Wash., Shirley M. Peterson of Lakeside, Rebecca J. Bolves of Great Falls, Dale M. Peterson of Kalispell, and Brian R. Peterson of Ulm. She was the grandmother of 17 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her sisters, Gladys Meissner of Chester, Jean Orr and Marcie Curto of Kalispell, Marlene Cannon of Columbia Falls; and a brother, Gordon Sindt of Kingman, Ariz. Also a close family member, Kenneth Bidwell of Kalispell.

Viewing will be Friday from 3 to 8 p.m. at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. The funeral will be at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home on Saturday, at 1 p.m.

Evelyn Peterson, 84

A memorial service for Evelyn Peterson will be held at Mt. Scott Church of God, in Portland, Ore., on Friday, Aug. 1 at 4 p.m.

She died July 28, 1997, in a local hospital at the age of 84.

She was born Sept. 28, 1912, in Minburn, Iowa. She was raised in Kalispell, and lived there for many years. She was an elementary teacher until she retired in 1974.

She was preceded in death by her

husband, Herman in 1988.

Survivors include nieces Deidre K. Bergler of Portland, and Kay Nessland of Havre; and nephews Ron Dunham of Portland, and Jay Ramlo of Helena.

The family suggests remembrances in her name to Mt. Scott Church of God, Children's Ministry.

Bateman Carroll Funeral Chapel, of Gresham, Ore., is in charge of arrangements.

Jon Larry Peterson, 40

Jon Larry Peterson, 40, of Kalispell, passed away into God's care on Saturday, July 19, 1997, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

He was born Sept. 22, 1956, in Kalispell to Harold and Dode Peterson. He had attended Peterson School, Kalispell Junior High School, and Flathead High School.

His lifelong occupation was carpentry, which he began at a young age with his father, Harold, and brother, Kim. He also spent some time working as a seismographer.

He was an avid outdoorsman. He loved fishing, hunting and camping. His favorite project was training Alyssa Mae's horse, Gus.

He married Sheri Howell on April 11, 1986, in Mesa, Ariz. They have a daughter, Allyssa Mae, 7.

He was preceded in death by his father, Harold.

He is survived by his wife, Sheri, and daughter, Alyssa Mae, at home;

his mother, Dode Peterson and grandparents, Mark and Ella Mohn, all of Kalispell; two sons, Chris L. Peterson and his son, Clayton, of Bremerton, Wash., and Shawn R. Peterson of San Antonio, Texas; a brother, Kim Peterson, and his wife, Cindy, and family of Kalispell; and sister, Ruthie Johnson, and husband, Ron, and family of Columbia Falls. He is also survived by many uncles, aunts, nieces, nephews, cousins and lots of friends.

He will be greatly missed by everyone who knew him.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Cremation will follow the services.

An education memorial fund for Alyssa Mae has been established at First Interstate Bank for those wishing to give memorials. Arrangements are under by Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

1997 W.E. 'Pete' Peterson, 81

W. E. "Pete" Peterson, 81, died at the Immanuel Lutheran Home on Friday, Sept. 19.

He was born Sept. 19, 1916, in Souris, N. D., to Edward and Beda Peterson. He was the youngest of six children. In 1918, his family moved to Rugby, N. D., where he attended all 12 years of school.

He married his childhood sweetheart, Jeanette Norgaard, on May 29, 1941, in Rugby. They raised three children.

He was a charter member and very active in the Northridge Lutheran Church. He also belonged to the Jaycees, the Elks, and was past president of the Kalispell Lions and Toastmasters Clubs. His interests included bird hunting, fishing, golf, and spectator sports of all kinds. He was an avid reader and enjoyed studying the Bible. Most of all, he cherished the memories of his many travels with his wife, Jeanette.

He was a loving husband and father, a kind and caring man who will be missed by his friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Jeanette, on March 22, 1988. He then sold the family home and was the first resident of Buffalo Hill Terrace in fall of 1988.



Also preceding him in death were his brothers Vernon, Charles and Clayton; sister Nona and daughter-in-law, Diane.

He is survived by his three children, Robert Peterson, and his fiancée, Sylvia, of Billings,

Connie and her husband, Jim Wilson, of Missoula, and Marilyn and her husband, Mick Washburn, of Columbia Falls; sister Violet Johnson, of San Rafael, Calif.; seven grandchildren; 10 great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday. A funeral will be 10 a.m., Tuesday, at Northridge Lutheran Church, Pastor Dan Heskett officiating. Interment will be at Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

The family suggests memorials to Home Options Hospice, 1280 Burns Way, in Kalispell, Northridge Lutheran Church, 323 Northridge Drive, Kalispell, or Immanuel Lutheran Home, 185 Crestline Ave., Kalispell.

28 Nov 1997 **Barbara Jo Lyons Petroff, 53**

Barbara Jo Lyons Petroff, 53, died at her home in Missoula Friday after a long battle with cancer.

She was born in Missoula on Aug. 15, 1944, to Chesley and Helen Lyons.

She is survived by an uncle, Burl Lyons, of Kalispell; four daughters in Missoula; a sister; a brother; and several grandchildren.

Services were to be held today in Missoula.

Nancy Barbara 'Bobbi' Petticord, 61

Nancy Barbara "Bobbi" Petticord, 61, died Wednesday Feb. 26, 1997, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

She was born June 14, 1935, in Manchester, Conn., to Michael and Nancy Orfitelli. She attended Mt. Joseph Academy in West Hartford, Conn., where she graduated in 1953. She married David Petticord on April 19, 1957, in Los Angeles, Calif.

She moved to New Mexico, where she attended New Mexico State University, graduating in 1971 with a degree in education.

She worked for a short period of time as a first grade teacher in New Mexico before moving to Montana in 1972. She worked as a first grade teacher in Kalispell, West Glacier and most recently in Columbia Falls. She loved children, and took tremendous pride in teaching them.

She loved to knit and sew and was an avid gardener. She also was a very good carpenter and built two houses

in the Flathead Valley. She will be really missed by her family, friends and students.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

She is survived by three sons, Michael Petticord of Portland, Ore., Mark Petticord of Seattle, and Eric Petticord of Ann Arbor, Mich.; one granddaughter; three sisters, Ida Lane of Phoenix, Ariz., Rose Castelluccio of Manchester, Conn., and Mary Leonowicz of Largo, Fla.; one brother, Harold Orfitelli, of Manchester, Conn.

Visitation will be from 3-8 p.m. today at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home with a wake service at 7:30 p.m. Mass of Christian burial will be at 11 a.m. Friday at St. Richard's Catholic Church in Columbia Falls. Burial will follow at Lone Pine Cemetery in Bigfork Montana. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

1997 **Pauline M. Phelps, 94**

Pauline M. Phelps, 94, of Missoula, passed away at the Riverside Health Care Center on Thursday, Dec. 26.

She was born Sept. 10, 1902, in Balcow, Mo., to Anna and O. F. Williams. As a young child, she and her family moved to Tacoma, Wash., where she was raised and educated. She married Scott Phelps in Tacoma on May 14, 1921.

The couple came to Montana in 1944, settling in Frenchtown. She worked for the Fuller Paint Co. in Missoula as an interior decorator. He worked as a carpenter, which led them to Stevensville. They moved to Kalispell, where they both worked as janitors at the high school for 15 years, until retiring.

The couple then moved to Lebanon, Ore., before returning to Montana in 1989. She particularly enjoyed her membership and activity in the Rebekah Lodge in Missoula

and Lebanon and also the Flathead Valley Cowbelles, while living in Kalispell.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1991, as well a son, Jim, in 1946, and three brothers and a sister.

Her family includes daughters June Hackman, of Missoula, and Helene Emry and her husband, Jack, of Lebanon, Ore.; sister Laurel Swartz and her husband, Walt, of Cottage Grove, Ore.; six grandchildren, and many great grandchildren, several great-great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Cremation and services are by Squire Simmons & Carr Funeral Home. Graveside services will be this spring, details to be announced later. The family suggests memorials to the Missoula Cancer Association, 3005 Queen St., Missoula, 59801.

James Phillips, 74

James A. Phillips, 74, died Saturday, Dec. 20, 1997, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

He was born Dec. 11, 1923, in Minneapolis, Minn., to Everett A. "Slim" Phillips and Melinda Thiele Phillips.

He drove a truck for Ed Conrad. He was drafted in the Army April 1943, and discharged in November 1945.

After the war he went back to work for Conrad. He was also employed by F.K. & L., John Slack and Amos Olmstead. In

February of 1961, he bought his own truck.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by a sister, Dolores Mackaman of Columbia Falls; two nephews including Ron Martin of Kalispell; and numerous cousins.

Memorial services are pending and will be announced after the holidays.

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

James A. Phillips, 74

James A. Phillips, 74, died Dec. 20, 1997, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

The family request memorials be given to the American Cancer Society.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Mildred Marion Pickrell, 72

Mildred Marion Pickrell, 72, of Eureka, died Friday, Aug. 29, 1997, at St. Patrick's Hospital in Missoula.

Survivors include a daughter, Patt Truman of Eureka; two sisters; five nieces; and numerous cousins.

Visitation will be today from 3-5 p.m. at Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church in Eureka. Services will follow at 6:30 p.m. Interments will be at the Tobacco Valley Cemetery. Local arrangements are by the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Eureka.

1997 Harry O. Pihl, 93

Harry O. Pihl, 93, who lived at Columbia Falls Veterans Home, died there Thursday, Dec. 26.

He was born in Gudhjem, Denmark, on Bornholm Island in the Baltic Sea, to Hans and Petra Marie Pihl.

When he was 14, he went to sea and worked as a seaman until his was 18. He traveled to five continents. He returned to Denmark at age 18 and went into the Danish Army. He was selected into the Elite Kings Guard.

He came to the United States in 1928, working on a ranch near Wibaux. Later, he became a heavy equipment operator, working in the United States and overseas as a member of Local 370 Operating Engineers. He was very

proud to be a U.S. citizen and enlisted in the U.S. Army at age 38.

In 1954, he married Irvina Reetz, who preceded him in death in 1970. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge of Glendive.

He moved to Hungry Horse in 1977 and lived there until February of 1996. Then, he moved to the Veterans Home.

He was preceded in death by a sister in Denmark.

He is survived by a nephew, Billie D. Mende, of Oceanside, Calif.

Cremation has taken place. A service will be held later. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Albert Pilsch, 72

Albert "Al" Leddon Pilsch, was born June 8, 1925, in Baltimore, Md., to William and Margaret Pilsch. He went home to be with his Lord on Oct. 28, 1997, at Branson, Mo.



He grew up in Baltimore, where he lived until he entered the service. He joined the Navy in 1943, and was overseas during World War II. He was honorably discharged in December 1945.

While passing from the Atlantic to the Pacific, he met the love of his life, Gladys Ross. They married Jan. 21, 1946, in Kalispell. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary by taking a trip to Puerto Rico.

In addition to his great love for his family, he loved to bowl. They owned and operated Kalispell Chicken Hatchery in the 1960s. In 1974, they joined a professional traveling art tour. For the last six falls, they participated in the National Festival of Craftsmen with their Silver Dollar City family in Branson, Mo.

They had just completed the festi-

val and were preparing to return to their home in Kalispell, when he had a massive heart attack.

He was preceded in death by his father and mother.

He is survived by his wife, Gladys; brother Bill Pilsch and sister Elizabeth Pilsch Harvey, both of Baltimore; daughters Peggy Gahr and her husband, George, and Pat Poole, all of Kalispell; sons Ron Pilsch and his wife, Nancy, of Kalispell, and Larry Pilsch and his wife, Jo, of Federal Way, Wash.; grandchildren, Tommie Cates, Shane Parker, Nanette Parker, Elton Gahr, Corey Pilsch, Misty Cook, Josh Pilsch, Wendy Poole, Jake Poole, Richard Pilsch and Michael Pilsch; 13 great-grandchildren and a number of nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be today until 6 p.m. and tomorrow from 9 a.m. to noon, at Johnson Mortuary. Funeral services will be 2 p.m., Tuesday, at Johnson Mortuary Chapel, the Rev. Jim Lopez officiating. Burial will be at Conrad Memorial Cemetery, with military honors by the United Flathead Veterans Organization. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to the charity of the donor's choice.

Aaron Pitman, 13

Aaron Anzevino Pitman, 13, passed away Thursday, Nov. 27, 1997, in Coram, as the result of a house fire.

He was born Jan. 18, 1984, to Marc and Elaine Anzevino Pitman at Fort Belvoir, Va. He lived in Virginia, Massachusetts, Saudi Arabia, New Jersey and Missouri before moving to Montana in 1992. He was in the eighth grade at Kalispell Junior High.

He was very active in sports. He played Babe Ruth Baseball, was on the football team; was a member of the Kalispell Ski Club; and enjoyed archery, golf and fishing. He started in Scouting at the age of 6 and had achieved the rank of Star with the Rotary Troop 33 of the Boy Scouts of America in Kalispell and was also selected in the Order of the Arrow in Scouting. He played trumpet in the school band and loved to travel. He has been in 34 states and five different countries. He had a love for math, geography, history, museums and the ocean. He loved camping, backpacking and hunting and got his first elk last January. He was a member of St. Matthew's Parish. He was an exceptional young man.

He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Gennaro Anzevino.

He is survived by his parents, Marc and Elaine Pitman and sister, Tamera, and brother, Eric, at the family home in Kalispell; his grandparents, Harry and Maureen Pitman of Coram, and Helen Anzevino of South Hackensack, N. J.; great grandparents, Larry



and Florence Gaffaney of Coram, and June Pitman of Columbia Falls; uncles and aunts, Thomas and Debra Anzevino of Maywood, N.J., James and Janice Anzevino of South Hackensack, N.J., Lori Pitman of Smithfield, Va., Ronald and Debi Pitman of Las Vegas, Nev.; cousins include Steven, Lisa, Elizabeth, Gennaro, Andrea, Bryan, and Bret.

Mass of the Christian burial will be Wednesday, at 11 a.m. at St. Matthew's Catholic Church with the Rev. Kevin O'Neill Celebrant. Visitation will be today until 6 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Burial will follow at C. E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Memorials may be sent to Pitman Family Memorial Fund, c/o Security Bank, P.O. Box 1819, Kalispell, MT 59901. Arrangements are by the Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

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Herbert Lee Pitman, 56

Herbert Lee Pitman, 56, a Flathead Valley resident, died at Kalispell Regional Medical Center, Sept. 25.



He was born May 5, 1941, in Shelby, to Jack and June Tibbitts Pitman. He was raised and educated in Cut Bank. In 1959, he enlisted in the Army and was stationed in Germany as company photographer. After an honorable discharge in 1963, he attended gunsmithing school in Colorado.

In 1964, he re-enlisted in the Army and spent two tours of duty in Vietnam as a helicopter gunner and crew chief and one year in Korea. He retired from the Army in 1983, after serving 23 years.

In 1984, he returned to Montana, living at Blankenship cabins and in Coram. He was a member of the Montana Riflemen's Association. He enjoyed hunting, target shooting,

stamp collecting, woodcrafting and playing pinochle. He loved carpentry and gunsmithing and spending time with friends and family. He was always willing to lend a helping hand and will be missed by all.

He is preceded in death by his father, a brother, Roger Pitman, and a sister, Iris Kiihn.

He is survived by his mother, June Pitman, of Columbia Falls; brothers Harry Pitman and wife Maureen, of Coram, Jack Pitman and wife, Pat, of Kirkland, Wash., and Francis Pitman, of Ravendale, Wash.; sister Virginia Wampler and husband, Jack, of Farmington, Mo., and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be 2 p.m., Monday, at Canyon Community Church in Coram; Pastor Tod Fox officiating.

The family suggests memorials be sent to the Canyon Quick Response Unit.

Arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary.

Clarke Potter, 100

Clarke A. Potter, 100, died in the West Side Rest Home in Ronan, on Sept. 29, 1997.

He was born Dec. 17, 1896, in Anamosia, Iowa, to Harry H. and Mittie Ann Clark Potter. He grew up and received his education in Iowa. He became a teacher in his younger years and did truck farming in Iowa until about 1932, at which time, he moved his family to a ranch in Whitetail. They lived there until 1945, when he moved his family to the Polson area.

He ran the Potter's Rest Home in Polson, from 1957 to 1963, when he retired. Upon retiring, he moved to Hot Springs, and lived there until his health required for him to move to the West Side Rest Home in Ronan. He has lived there until the time of his passing.

He was preceded in death by his

parents; his wife; two sisters, Pauline Becker and Doretta Brown; and one brother, Eugene Potter.

He is survived by four sons, Edward Potter and family of Missoula, Charles Potter and family of Marshall, Texas, Douglas Potter and family and Stuart Potter and family, all in the Dallas, Texas area; two daughters, Florence Brink and family of Anamosia, Iowa, and Susan Walters and family of Great Falls; also numerous nieces, nephews, grandchildren, great grandchildren and other relatives.

Cremation has taken place and no services are planned. The family suggests memorials be sent to the Senior Citizens Center, Hot Springs, MT 59845.

Cremation and arrangements are by the Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

William D. Potter, 78

William D. Potter, 78, of Henderson, Ky., died Saturday afternoon, April 12, 1997, in Mesa, Ariz. He was a former Columbia Falls resident.

He was a retired maintenance superintendent with Arco Metals, the parent company of the former Anaconda aluminum facility at Sebree, Ky.

He was a 50-year member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers and was an Army-Air Force veteran of World War II.

Survivors include his wife of 54 years, Mabel; two sons, Robert Potter of Sierra Madre, Calif., and Jerry Pot-

ter of Henderson; his stepmother, Florence Potter, of Hot Springs; four sisters, Betty Miller and Ruth Kline, both of Hot Springs, Mary Rogers of Post Falls, Idaho, and Helen Rackley of Henderson; two brothers, Raymond Potter of Calimesa, Calif., and Harry Potter of Phoenix, Ariz.; a half-brother, Ronald Potter, of Portland, Ore.; three grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

He will be buried at 11 a.m. on Saturday at Roselawn Memorial Gardens in Henderson. Arrangements are by Benton Glunt Funeral Home in Henderson.

Donald L. Powell, 71

Donald L. Powell, 71, of Libby, died Friday, Dec. 19, at Hillside Manor in Missoula.

He was born March 22, 1926, in Sidney, son of Roy Powell and Grace Nees Powell. The family lived in Elmdale before moving to Whitefish. He graduated from Whitefish High School.

At age 17, he qualified for Naval Officers' Training, enlisting in 1943. He attended V12 School at Butte and the University of Washington and pre-midshipman's school in Bayonne, N. J. He attended midshipman's school in Harvard before receiving his commission as Ensign S. C., he served with the 301st Seabees in the Pacific Theater, serving with the Naval Government on the Island of Guam. He married Lucille Gruenhagen in August of 1947.

Following his honorable discharge, he became employed by the J. Neils Lumber Co. in Libby in 1947, and subsequently the St. Regis Paper Co. and Champion International, working as timekeeper and bookkeeper and in later years as a foreman and superintendent of shipping and supervisor of building products until his retirement. He later moved to Missoula to be near his family.

He was a member of the United Methodist Church and was instrumental in rebuilding the church after it burned in 1960. He served as a member and chairman of Libby District 4 School Board and supported school events, serving as sportscaster for KLCB radio. He served on the Libby City Zoning Board and participated in local efforts to preserve the Kootenai River. He participated in league bowling, golfing, and softball and enjoyed music, dancing, sports and being with his family.

His wife, Lucille, preceded him in death in 1986.

Survivors include daughter Carolyn Schmidt, and husband, Joel, of Missoula, and granddaughters Alison and Deborah; brothers Dale Powell and wife, Jane, of Clarkston, Wash., Robert Powell and wife, Carol, of Libby, and Calvin Powell and wife, Annette, of Lufkin, Texas and brother-in-law Orven Pederson of Sidney.

Visitation will be 1-7 p.m., Sunday, at Nelson and Vial Funeral Home. Service will be 2 p.m., Monday, at United Methodist Church, Rev. Derf Bergman officiating. Interment service with military honors will follow at Libby City Cemetery.

Eldon Ace Powell, 53

Eldon Ace Powell, 53, died Friday, Dec. 26, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

He was born Oct. 13, 1944, in Choteau, to Asa "Ace" and Audrey Powell.

As a child, he lived with his grandparents in Apgar. When he was 10, his father remarried and they moved to Hungry Horse. He lived there until, he joined the Marines at age 17. He spent four years in the Marines, including a tour in Vietnam.

In January, 1968, he married Laurie "Lollie" Hummel in Kalispell. Together, they built, owned and operated the Powell Bronze Foundry. That was his whole life until ill health forced him to retire.

He will be remembered with love by his many friends. He was a life

member of the VFW Post 2252 and a life member of the Marine Corps League.

Survivors include his wife, Lollie Powell, of Kalispell; step-sons Randy Iverson, of Portland, and Kevin Iverson, of Kalispell; step-mother Thelma Powell, of Kalispell; step-brother Mike Conner, of Kalispell; half-sisters Allison, of Kalispell and Christa, of Spokane, and half-brother David Powell, of Great Falls; uncle Richard Powell, of Dayton, and aunt Frances Petry, of Turner, and many other relatives.

A memorial service will be 11 a.m., Tuesday, at Johnson Mortuary Chapel, Pastor Charlie Owens of Horizon Christian Fellowship of Bigfork officiating. Arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary.

1997 Nellie Prichard, 93

Nellie H. Prichard, 93, of Columbia Falls, passed away Tuesday evening, Oct. 21, at the North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

She was born April 14, 1904, in Spencer, Wisc., to Edward and Hattie Vanderhoof. The family moved to Fairview when she was five years old. She attended school in Fairview and graduated in 1923. She taught school for four years.

She was married to Dale Prichard on Nov. 24, 1928, in Wolf Point. They lived on a farm near Poplar until moving to Fairview in 1945. They moved to Columbia Falls in 1957.

She liked to knit and crochet. She made afghans for all her grandchildren and baby sweater sets for all her great-grandchildren before her eyesight began to fail.

She was preceded in death by her

parents and her husband Dale in 1968.

She is survived by her eight children, Kenneth Prichard of Columbia Falls, Vergie Lou Anderson of Little Fall, Minn., Orval Prichard of Columbia Falls, Donna Lidstrom of Stanley, N.D., Forrest Prichard, Hattie McCracken, Richard Prichard and Darrel Prichard, all of Columbia Falls; a sister, Gladys Vanderhoof of Sidney; a brother, Orville Vanderhoof of Sidney; 37 grandchildren, 78 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. The Rev. Eugene Speer will officiate. Inurnment will be in Fairview Cemetery at a later date.

Henry C. Prince, Jr. 77

Henry C. Prince Jr., 77, a longtime businessman in Kalispell, died at his home on Tuesday, June 3, 1997.

He was born the only child to Henry C. and Amanda Snedigar Prince on April 22, 1920, in Lewistown. His family moved to Kalispell from Lewistown in 1928.

He graduated from Flathead High School in 1938. He enlisted in the Army and served in World War II from 1942 to 1945. In 1946 he started to work for Albert J. Braunberger at his jewelry store in Kalispell. In 1947 he went to Bradley University to be trained in watchmaking.



On Dec. 12, 1947, he married Helen Everson in Kalispell. He later bought Braunberger Jewelry Store, where he worked until he retired and sold the store in 1979.

He was a member of Rotary, Shriners and Elks.

He is survived by his wife, Helen, and his son, Donald H. Prince, both of Kalispell.

A memorial service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Monday, at Johnson Mortuary Chapel, Rev. Larry Gaylord of First Presbyterian Church officiating. Cremation has taken place, and private inurnment will follow the services at Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

The family suggests memorials be sent to Home Health Options Hospice, 1280 Burns Way, Kalispell, or Shriners Hospital for Children, Box 2472, Spokane, WA, 99210.

Donald V. Proetel, 75

Donald V. Proetel, 75, of Polson, died on Tuesday, May 13, 1997, at St. Joseph's Convalescent Center in Polson.

He was born to Max and Mary Proetel on November 17, 1921, in Boyd, Mont. He enlisted in the Army on August of 1941. He was a disabled veteran.

He was preceded in death by his father, Max, and mother, Mary; a brother, Edward; and sisters, Lou Ann and Mildred.

He is survived by nephews, Bill Sommer of Billings and Fred Sommer of Kalispell, Bob, Tim, and Rusty Zimmerman, all of Billings, Gary and Eddie Proetel, both of Canada; nieces, Judy Reed of Sidney, Shirley Gilbertson of Lewistown, and

Dorthea Houerson of Circle; aunt, Louise Erickson, of Kalispell; uncle, Russell Anderson, of Tacoma, Wash.; and numerous cousins.

Military graveside rites will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Saturday at Conrad Memorial Cemetery by local veterans. Visitation will be today until 6 p.m. Arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Lucy Mary Purdy, 71

Lucy Mary Purdy, 71, of Martin City, died at her home on Wednesday, June 4, 1997.

She was born July 27, 1925, in Catawissa, Pa., to Anthony and Frances Krasiewski. She graduated from Mt. Carmel High School in Mt. Carmel, Pa., in 1944. She graduated from Blockley School of Nursing in Philadelphia in 1948.

She was a registered nurse at Philadelphia General Hospital and then went to Belcourt, N. D., where she worked at Turtle Mountain Indian Reservation. In June 1950, she married Clarence Purdy. The couple moved to Anaconda, where they started their family. In 1955, they moved to Martin City. She practiced private nursing until 1985.

She was a loving mother, caring friend, devout Catholic, and a member of the Living Rosary for Life. She was a certified instructor of the Catholic faith.

She was preceded in death by several brothers and sisters and by a son, Gerard Raymond Purdy, in 1975.

She is survived by her husband, Clarence, in Martin City; sons Craig, of Great Falls, Bill, of Monroe, Wash., Lynn, of Portland, Ore., Albert, of Coram, and Joe, of Hungry Horse; daughters Mary Miller, of Riverton,

Wyo., Lucie Ann Lakes, of Coram, Doreen Groschupf, of Whitefish; brothers Bill, Frank and Tony Krasiewski and 18 grandchildren.

Visitation will be 5-7 p.m. today at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. A rosary service will be recited at 7 p.m. today at the funeral home chapel. Funeral Mass will be 9 a.m. Monday at the funeral home, with Rev. Phillip Pizzate, of Post Falls, Idaho, as celebrant. Burial will follow at St. Richards Catholic Cemetery in Columbia Falls.