

LeRoy Rabidue, 82

LeRoy Eugene Rabidue, 82, a longtime resident of Columbia Falls, died at his home Sunday, Oct. 12. 1997

He was born Oct. 17, 1914, in Rolette, N.D., to Gene and Gertrude Rabidue. He attended area schools and left home at an early age to custom combine.

During World War II, he moved to Great Falls where he ranched for Bill Corcoran of Eden, and also worked on the construction of the air base.

Shortly thereafter, he moved to the Flathead Valley area and married Mary Louise Bubring in December 1944.

He was employed in several logging operations and was a longtime employee of Stoltze Lumber Company.

In his later years, he worked on several construction jobs which included the Rexford Bridge and the Two Medicine Dam. He also was employed by Bill and Marge Gress at the Old River Bridge Inn before retiring.

He was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed fishing and hunting. He

also enjoyed doing various hobbies in his shop.

He was preceded in death by a son, Wendell; three brothers, Percy, Woodrow and Ralph Rabidue.

He is survived by two sisters, Leona Paulson of Hoffman, Minn., and Marge Pickett of Salt Lake City, Utah; a son, Ronald of Martin City; three daughters, Donna Marsh of Columbia Falls, Carolyn Brubaker of Miles City, and Peggy Rowe of Great Falls; 11 grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren.

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

Mass of the Christian burial will be Thursday at 11 a.m. at St. Richards Catholic Church in Columbia Falls. The Rev. Joe Pat Sullivan will officiate. Burial will follow in Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery near Kalispell.

The family has suggested that memorials be made to the Flathead County Home Health or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Visitation will be today from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

1997 Dr. Harold G. Rainwater, 81

Dr. Harold G. Rainwater, 81, died on Dec. 21, in Fresno, Calif.

He was born May 16, 1916, son of Claude and Agnes Rainwater, in Kalispell.

He worked as a psychologist most of his life.

A graveside service will be 11 a.m., Wednesday, at Trinity Lutheran Cemetery, Rev. Darold Reiner, pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, officiating. Arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary.

Margaret C. Ramsey, 85

Margaret C. Ramsey, 85, of the Colonial Manor in Whitefish, died Saturday, April 5, 1997.

She was born Aug. 5, 1911, in Fort Benton, to James and Caroline Wolfe. Her grandfather made the bricks for some of the original buildings in Fort Benton.

For a number of years she was a telephone operator. For the past 13 years, she has resided at the Colonial Manor.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Frank, in 1967; two brothers, Norman and Donald Wolfe; and two

grandsons, Larry and Alan Mattson.

She is survived by a son, William Ramsey, and his wife, Gayle, and grandson, Talon, of Colbert, Wash.; a daughter, Frances Mattson, and her husband, Ken, of Kalispell; grandson Randy Mattson and his wife, Carol, of St. Maries, Idaho; sister, Mildred Alford, of Hemet, Calif.; four great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

No services are planned at. Burial will be at Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

She was one of Jehovah's Witnesses.

Virginia Renee Randall, 46

Virginia Renee Randall, 46, of Clarksburg, Md., died of heart disease Friday, June 13, 1997, at Shady Grove Adventist Hospital in Rockville, Md.

She was the wife of William J. Randall.

Born July 29, 1950, in Whitefish, she was the daughter of James and Helen DeLong of Kalispell.

She was a graduate of Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C.

She worked for 23 years for the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration within the Department of Transportation. Whenever a fatal vehicle crash happens, a policeman writes up a report describing the accident. NHTSA aggregates this information at the federal level. This data is used by Congress, the auto industry, universities, insurance companies, other special interest groups and DOT itself to develop programs and form legislation to help ensure the safety of the nation's highways.

Her job was to respond to inquiries from these various groups by analyzing data for answers to their questions. This is an important job at NHTSA, and Virginia did it well. She answered hundreds of inquiries every year.

She was a member of Calvary Lutheran Church of Silver Springs, Md.

She is survived by her husband and two sons, Wayne Randall and Yuri Randall, both at the family home in Clarksburg; three brothers, Tom DeLong of Kalispell, Dennis of Eureka and Kevin of Whitefish; mother and father-in-law, Wilbur and Audrey Randall; two brothers-in-laws and two sisters-in-law, all of Corinth, N.Y.; many nieces and nephews; and a host of friends and fellow employees.

The family received friends Monday at Calvary Lutheran Church in Silver Springs, where a celebration of Virginia's life was held. Burial was private.

Perry L. Ranes, 73

Perry L. Ranes, 73, of Columbia Falls, succumbed to congestive heart failure Friday afternoon, Feb. 7, 1997, at Kalispell Regional Hospital, attended by a large number of his family.

He was born Oct. 6, 1923, in St. Ignatius to Mary and Francis Ranes. He attended school in Big Sandy. He then moved to Tacoma, Wash., where he proudly served in the Merchant Marines for the duration of the war.

He was married to Rita Ruth in May, 1945. They moved to Fort Benton and farmed until moving to Columbia Falls in 1952. He worked on the construction of Hungry Horse Dam and later worked at the Anaconda Aluminum Plant. He retired in 1982. He spent his retirement years delivering Meals on Wheels, traveling, fishing, camping and spending time with his family.

He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers, Tom, Joe and John, and a sister, Marie.

He is survived by his wife, Rita, of Columbia Falls; two daughters and their husbands, Mary and Jim Ayres of Belgrade and Sherrie and Ron Henderson of Anchorage, Alaska; a son

and his wife, Perry "Tom" and Peggy Ranes of Seattle; three brothers, Melvin Ranes of Fort Benton, Bill Ranes of Columbia Falls, and Donald Ranes of Cody, Wyo.; four sisters, Maggie Hayes of Bigfork, Alberta Johnson of Spokane, Judy Gathright of Bullhead City, Ariz., and Barbara Ludwig of Las Vegas, Nev.; grandchildren Heather, David, Kelli, Perry Ann, Tracy, Jennifer, Megan and Eric; great-grandchildren Jacob, Hannah, Emily and Eli; and the many friends and relatives who made up the family of this remarkable man.

Visitation will be this evening from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. A prayer service will be tonight at 7 p.m. at the mortuary. Mass of the Christian Burial will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at St. Richard's Catholic Church in Columbia Falls. The Rev. Joe Pat Sullivan will officiate. Burial will follow in St. Richard's Catholic Cemetery with military graveside rites.

The family suggests memorials to the Columbia Falls Volunteer Ambulance Association, P.O. Box 1411, Columbia Falls, MT 59912.

1997 Julia 'Judy' Hazel Ranney, 83

Julia "Judy" Hazel Ranney, 83, a longtime Kalispell resident, died on Friday, Dec. 12, after an extended bout with cancer.

She was born Oct. 28, 1914, in Smoky Butte to William and Pearl Hull. She grew up in Deer Lodge and excelled at girls' basketball in Powell County High School.

She married and had five children. She worked as a housemother at Montana State University and also at the Lewis & Clark County clerk and recorder's office in Helena. She moved to the Flathead County about 1978. She worked for the county library until retiring.

Her interests were many. She was a member of the Order of Eastern Star and active in many churches. She was a master duplicate bridge player and loved card games. She also enjoyed flower gardens and crossword puzzles.

She was preceded in death by three

brothers, Walter "Buzz" Hull, Ed Hull and her twin brother, Joe Hull. She was also preceded in death by sisters Florence Martin and Ruth Mason.

She is survived by daughters Arlene Lindsley and husband, Lyle, of Kalispell; Susan Lock and husband, Andy, of Lincoln; Sharon Toma, of Eldon, Iowa; sons Carl Hanson and wife, Nancy, of Waupan, Wisc.; Bob Ranney and wife, Dianne, of Henderson, Nevada; and Jim Ranney and wife, Gail, of Holland Lake; sister Dorothy Geisser, of Glenview, Ill.; 16 grandchildren and 23 great grandchildren.

A memorial service will be later in Deer Lodge. Cremation has taken place.

The family suggests memorials be made to Central Christian Church, 248 2nd Ave. East, Kalispell, or to Home Options Hospice, 1280 Burns Way, Kalispell. Arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary.

Dorothy R. Rardon, 58

Dorothy R. Rardon, 58, died at her home near Columbia Falls on May 7, 1997.

She was a Great Falls native and worked as a nurses aid at the hospital and nursing home there. She lived in Columbia Falls since 1983.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Loran W. Rardon.

Norman Hans Rask, 77

Norman Hans Rask, 77, of Kalispell, died on Friday, Feb. 14, 1997, at Brendan House after a lengthy illness with cancer.

He was born Aug. 11, 1919, in Isanti, Minn., to Andrew and Emma Rask. He went to school in Isanti, then served in the Army in World War II; he was stationed in Brisbane, Australia.

It was there that he met his lifetime bride, Violet Hone. They were married on Aug. 31, 1945. They returned to Minnesota with a son in 1946. They raised three sons and one daughter, moving to the Denver, Colo., area in 1960.

He worked as a teletype operator until his retirement from the Denver Post in 1981. His retirement was spent enjoying his grandchildren, gardening and traveling. He and his wife moved to Kalispell in 1985.

He was a volunteer for RSVP at Russell School teaching cribbage, the Visitors Center, and Friendship House.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing, bowling, golf, helping children, music, dancing, singing and playing cards at the Senior Center. He was a member of the DAV, Eagles, Kalispell



Senior Center, and the typographical union.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a sister, Martha, and an infant son, Robert.

He is survived by his wife, Vi, at home; three sons and their wives, Larry and Fran Rask of No. Attleboro, Mass., Paul and Maria Rask of Thornton, Colo., and Tom and Joanie Rask of Lubbock, Texas; and a daughter and her husband, Deb and Tom Torgerson, of Kalispell; a brother, Alton Rask, of Isanti; five sisters and spouses, Elvera and Wes Wolff, Ruth and Dana Larson, Anna and Wilford Holine, Bette and Gordon Sundberg, and Donna and Burton Sundberg, all of Minnesota; seven grandchildren, Darlene, Amanda, and Crystal Rask of No. Attleboro, Aaron and Nicolas Rask of Thornton, Colo., Cristina Rask of Lubbock and Krista Franklin of Kalispell; an aunt, and numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

He is loved and will be greatly missed by all.

Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Epworth United Methodist Church with the Rev. Marvin Northcutt officiating. Burial will take place later at Fort Logan, Colo. The family suggests memorials be made to Epworth Methodist Church, the Senior Center or Friendship House. Cremation and arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

Thomas Holiver Ratchford, 90

Thomas Holiver Ratchford, 90, died at the Lakeview Care Center in Bigfork on July 9, 1997.

He was born Oct. 18, 1906, in Hinsdale, Mont., to Henry Thomas and Cara Lund Ratchford. He graduated from Flathead County High School in 1924, where he played football, basketball and was on the track team.

He attended college in Madison, Wis. He married V. Margaret Clark on Nov. 12, 1936, in Sandpoint, Idaho. He worked for the Montana Highway Department as a civil engineer in Bozeman and Helena. He retired in Helena.

He belonged to the Algeria



Shriners and the Bigfork Masonic Lodge AF & AM No. 150. He enjoyed camping, hunting, fishing and leather tooling.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Stella Ratchford Powell; a daughter, Colleen Ratchford; and several infant children.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret, of Bigfork; son Thomas Ratchford of Missoula; daughter Helleen Taylor of Sheridan, Wyo.; grandson Shawn; and granddaughters Tanya, Stephanie and Jennifer.

He was a devoted husband, father and friend. He will be sorely missed.

A memorial service will be 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Bigfork Masonic Lodge AF & AM No. 150. The family suggests memorials to the Shriners Children's Hospital, PO Box 2472, Spokane, Wash., 99210. Cremation and arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary.

Warren 'Mickey' Read, 76

Warren "Mickey" Read, loving husband, father and friend, died on Monday, April 7, 1997, in Kalispell.

He was born March 25, 1921, in The Dalles, Ore., to Bernice Alvin and Lula Viola Oaks Read. He married Dorothy Varang on Sept. 12, 1940, at Coeur D'Alene.

He served in the Army. He was a licensed master barber in the state of Washington from 1951 until the time of his death. He was a heavy machine operator, an asphalt raker and a road construction worker for 45 years. He was a miner in Ione, Wash., working in the silver mines and other mines throughout Washington. He was a bus driver in Bellingham, Wash., and also drove for Greyhound Bus and as a taxi driver. He was a school bus driver in Noxson.

Daddy always said, "Jack of all trades, master of none." He belonged to the Operating Engineers Union and the Laborers Union, Local 231, in



Spokane.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing, leather tooling and auto mechanics. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather and friend to all who knew him. He will be greatly missed. We'll see you again, Daddy, "Mickey," when our chores are done.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, Merle Alvin and Harold Wallace; and sister Doris Patricia Ranney.

He is survived by two sons, Andrew Warren Read and wife, Dee, of Chandler, Ariz., and James Edison Read and wife, Kim, of Whitefish; three daughters; Shirley Ann Mullen and husband, Mike, of Oklahoma City, Okla.; Patricia Lu Guckenberger and husband, Ron, of Fortine; and Kelly Dawn Yamane and husband, Keith, of Toppenish, Wash.; along with 21 grandchildren and 29 great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to Kalispell Hospice at Hospice Home Options, Kalispell Regional Hospital, 1280 Burns Way, Kalispell, MT 59901. Cremation and arrangements are by the Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

Charles W. Ray, 90

Charles W. Ray, 90, of Whitefish, died Thursday, June 17, at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

He worked in the woods and as a carpenter. He was a Forest Service blacksmith and an outfitter.

Local survivors include his wife, Patricia Morrison, and daughter Dixie Ray, both of Whitefish.

Family graveside service was held on Saturday at Glacier Memorial Gardens cemetery in Kalispell. Pastor Brad Brittsan, of Whitefish Christian Life Fellowship Church, officiated. Arrangements were by Austin Funeral Home of Whitefish.

Ann Elizabeth Rechtsteiner, 73

Ann Elizabeth Rechtsteiner, 73, died Monday at Heritage Place in Kalispell. *14 April 1997*

She was born in Denver. She married Robert M. Rechtsteiner and they lived in the Flathead Valley for many years.

She is survived by her husband, Bob Rechtsteiner, of Kalispell, two sons, and three granddaughters.

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

Janice Redmond, 71

Janice E. R. Redmond, 71, passed away with grace, dignity and love, surrounded by her family on Wednesday, Sept. 10, 1997, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

She was born on Feb. 18, 1926, in Somers, to Jim "Robert" and Leah Poirier Adams.

She received her education in the Flathead Valley and married Francis Redmond Aug. 18, 1948, in Kalispell.

She raised her family in the Kalispell area and was a loving mother, grandmother, and great grandmother.

She was of the Lutheran faith.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

She is survived by her husband, Frances Redmond of Kalispell; two daughters, Janet Redmond of Somers,



and Wendy Decker and husband, Donald, of Kalispell; three granddaughters, Leslie West, Brandi West, and Jocelyn Ferguson; one grandson, David Decker; also one

great-granddaughter, Kristen Dull; and two great grandsons, Connor and Kyle Eaton, all from Somers; one brother, Robert Adams of Fredricksburg, Va.; and one sister, Wilma Merchant and husband, Guy, of Wichita Falls, Texas.

Graveside service will be held Friday at 3 p.m. at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery, with the Rev. Peter Ramseth from the Immanuel Lutheran Home officiating. Arrangements are by the Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

Aura Janette Clack Reed *WP 9 Jan 97*

Aura Janette Clack Reed, 93, of Whitefish, died Jan. 1, 1997, at the North Valley Hospital Extended Care Center in Whitefish.

She was born Sept. 12, 1903, the fifth child of Edward and Mary (Armstrong) Clack in Pittsville, Wis. She moved to eastern Montana in 1929.

In 1949, she married Dr. Leon Reed. They lived in Malta several

years before moving to Whitefish.

She was a member of the Eastern Star of Vista Chapter 44, Social Order of the Beauceant, Daughter of the Nile in Helena and Kalispell.

She had traveled extensively with her husband and loved the Flathead Valley and Glacier National Park. She was an avid gardener and bridge player.

She was preceded in death by her

husband Leon in 1970; a daughter, Leone Martinson in 1986; and a nephew, Willis Clack.

She is survived by her daughter, Lois Van Aken of Whitefish; five grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Jan. 4 at the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish. Private burial followed on Jan. 6 at the Whitefish Cemetery.

Madeline Amiot Remick

Madeline Amiot Remick, ended her third and final bout with cancer at Brendan House in Kalispell on Friday, April 4, 1997.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Oscar and Angelina Amiot, of Red Lake Falls, Minn.; her brother, Richard Amiot, of Port Angeles, Wash., and her grandchildren, Adam Remick and Alyssa Morey.

She was born in 1921 and grew up on her parents' farm in northern Minnesota. After completing her schooling, she worked at a hospital in nearby Crookston. As a young girl, when asked what she wanted to be when she grew up, she would enthusiastically reply, "A mommy." That was much to the chagrin of adults who expected her to answer, "a teacher" or "a nurse." And a wonderful mother she was to her seven children. This world would be a far better place if we had more mothers like her.

She married Bernard Remick on Sept. 5, 1939, and one of her fondest memories was of their 50th wedding celebration with a family reunion in Kalispell in July, 1989.

She taught religious education classes for many years in Erskine and Oklee, Minn., when her children were young. She was also active in Girl Scouts and served as chairwoman for the local American Cancer Society drives, wherever she lived. She enjoyed crafts, such as making

artificial flowers and working with yarn. Her color-coordinated Kleenex boxes grace the homes of many loved ones. She loved decorating the many homes she lived in, as well as planning the two new houses they built in Oklee and Libby. But most of all she loved being surrounded by her seven children, their mates and her grandchildren.

She is survived by her husband of 58 years, Bernard Remick, of Kalispell; her children, Ronald Remick and wife, Judy, of Geraldine, Douglas Remick, of Helena, Sylvia Morey and husband, Bruce, of Missoula, Andrew Remick, of Helena, Suzanne Combs and husband, Dr. Roger Combs, of Libby; Dwight Remick and wife, Patti, of Newport, Wash., and Craig Remick, of Kalispell. She is also survived by 18 grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Visitation will be 1-4 p.m., today and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday, at Johnson Mortuary. Rosary will be recited 7 p.m., Monday, at Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Funeral mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m., Tuesday, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church, Father Strum as celebrant. A memorial service will be held later in Red Lake Falls, Minn., followed by interment at St. Joseph's Cemetery there.

The family suggests memorials be made to the American Cancer Society.

Cleo Reeves, 83

Cleo Edwin Reeves, 83, passed away Thursday, Dec. 11, 1997, at Brendan House in Kalispell, after a lengthy battle with cancer.

An only child, he was born to James and Ida Reeves in Independence, Ks., on June 17, 1914.

A lifelong resident of Kalispell, he retired from American Timber Company in 1982.

He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Phyllis, at home in Kalispell; two daughters, Shirley Smith of

Kirkland, Wash., and Barbara Coppedge of Vancouver, Wash.; one son Edward Reeves of Springfield, Ore.; seven grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

At his request, a private family service was held with cremation and arrangements by Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

Family request memorials to Home Options Hospice, Kalispell, Montana.

Irene 'Susie' Reid, 75

Irene ¹⁹²²"Susie" Reid, 75, of Columbia Falls, died June 17 at the family home.

She was born March 23, 1922, in Whitefish, to George and Irene Tryon. She was the second of three children. She grew up in the Flathead and graduated from Columbia Falls High School.

During World War II, she worked as a welder in the shipyards in Portland. After the war, she returned to Columbia Falls and married Robert "Bob" Reid on Jan. 8, 1947. They had six children: Ty, Robin, Lynde, Marc, Tim and Blakey.

She worked for several area businesses and the elementary school as a custodian. She was a mother and friend to many. She enjoyed the outdoors, children, sewing, and reading. During her later years she could be seen riding her electric bike around town.

She was preceded in death by sons Robin and Marc "Spark" and her husband, Robert.

She is survived by sons Ty and Tim Reid, both of Columbia Falls, and daughters Lynde Newman, of Columbia Falls, and Blakey Lockman, of Stevensville; brothers Bill and Blakey Tryon, both of Long Beach, Wash.; 10 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be 3 p.m. Monday at the United Methodist Church in Columbia Falls. Arrangements are by Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

Alvina Riewoldt, 83

Alvina M. Riewoldt, 83, died Saturday, June 14, 1997, at her home in Libby.

She was born Aug. 12, 1913, at Sundance, Wyo., to Christopher and Alice Evans Bomar. She moved to Montana as a child, living in Sheridan, Missoula, Butte, Kalispell and Libby.

Local survivors include her husband, John Riewoldt, of Libby.

Visitation will be 1-8 p.m. Monday at Nelson and Vial Funeral Home. A service will be 11 a.m.

Tuesday at Nelson and Vial Chapel. Committal service will be 1 p.m. Wednesday at Victor Cemetery in Victor.

Charlotte Jean Riley, 33

Charlotte Jean Riley, 33, of Thompson Falls, died on Saturday morning, May 31, 1997, at Clark Fork Valley Hospital in Plains, of injuries sustained in a one-car accident.

She was born on Jan. 23, 1964, at Libby to Richard and Peggy Williams Riley. She moved to Kalispell where she attended St. Matthew's Catholic School. She later lived in Seattle and Ellensburg, Wash., where she attended Central Washington University. She moved to Missoula and attended the University of Montana.

One of her favorite subjects in college was learning sign language for work with the hearing impaired. She moved to Thompson Falls in August of 1996, and had just begun work as a customer service representative and teller at Glacier Bank.

She enjoyed playing the guitar, writing poetry, painting, and snow skiing.

She is survived by her mother, Peggy Riley of Thompson Falls; her father, Richard Riley, and his wife, Patricia Riley, of Kalispell; sister and brother-in-law Sandy and Chuck Lehman of Marshall, Minn.; two brothers, Mike Riley of Daytona Beach, Fla., and Don Riley of Thompson Falls; niece Aimee Bolton of Lakeville, Minn.; nephew Peter Dero

of Denver, Colo.; special friend Jim Garrison of Thompson Falls; two stepbrothers, Jack and David Denton of Kalispell; two stepsisters, Terri Loudermilk and Lisa Duval of Kalispell; and numerous aunts and uncles.

Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated on Wednesday at 11 a.m. at St. William's Catholic Church in Thompson Falls with the Rev. Cyril Hunkler as celebrant. Burial will follow at Thompson Falls Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to St. Matthew's Catholic Church in Kalispell.

Coffelt-Bunch Funeral Service is in charge of arrangements.

1997 Leon G. Richardson, 55

Leon G. Richardson, 55, passed away peacefully Thursday, March 20, at Kalispell Regional Hospital after a long and courageous battle with lung and heart disease.

He was born Jan. 17, 1942, at Maiden Rock, Wis., to Evin and Helen Richardson. He attended schools in Blaine, Minn.

He married Darlene Sandvig on Nov. 23, 1963, in Plymouth, Iowa. They moved to the Flathead Valley in 1972. He worked several jobs, including for Montana Medical Oxygen Supply and then as a service adviser for Roy Stanley Chevrolet. He attended college for two years at Flathead Valley Community College.

He will always be remembered as the type of person who gave 100 percent, no matter if he was involved in a minor project or a major project. He would engage it with all the enthusiasm he had.

His hobbies included painting, cooking, pool, and collecting stamps. He very much enjoyed the outdoors

in Montana and loved to sit and watch wildlife.

He will be missed by everyone who knew him.

He was preceded in death by a son, Daryl Richardson, in 1992.

He is survived by his wife, Darlene, of Kalispell; daughters Cheryl and her husband, Steven Lund, and their daughter, Alexis, all of Portland, Ore., and Georgia Jamsa, of Maryland and her four children; brother James Richardson and wife, Diane, of Coon Rapids, Minn.; sisters Cynthia and her husband, Keith Medlin, of Circle Pines, Minn.; Sandra and her husband, Chuck Porter, of Blaine, Minn.; brother Robert Richardson of Mounds View, Minn., and many nieces and nephews.

A funeral will be 11 a.m., Monday, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Rev. Paul Taylor officiating. Urn burial will be at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

James Harold Ridenour, 84

James Harold Ridenour, 84, died at his home at Lake Five on Sunday, Jan. 5, 1997.



He was born July 22, 1912, in Billings, Okla., to James and Oni Ridenour. He graduated from Columbia Falls High School in 1929 and was a lifetime scholar and teacher.

On Oct. 15, 1937, he married Edna Seville in the Columbia Falls Methodist Church.

He was a longtime resident of Lake Five, having moved with his parents to the area in 1915. His parents cleared the land and built the present home. He lived in the home nearly all his life and helped his folks with their truck farm. They raised strawberries from 1923 until 1950, when he went into construction work, working on the Hungry Horse Dam, the aluminum plant in Columbia Falls, Libby Dam and Camas Creek Road.

He worked with the labor union as a business agent. He was active in the Farmers Union on the local, state and national levels and served on the State Farmers Union Board from 1939-1950. He was a member of the United Farmers; was a board member of the Laborers Local 1192 and a business agent on the Libby Dam.

He enjoyed collecting Studebakers and books and doing woodwork. He was a great improviser and rebuilt, created or built almost anything he needed. He built a tractor, buzz saw and snowplow.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Judy, in 1950; a

sister, Rachel, and a brother, Thomas.

He is survived by his wife, Edna, at home at Lake Five; his children, Bud Ridenour and his wife, Myrna, and their children, Myrna Rae and James of Red Lodge; Kay Thomas and her sons, Jon and Jef of Great Falls; Guy Ridenour, his wife, Beth, and their children, Schjanna and Natasha Brown of Lake Five; Robin Ridenour, his wife, Carol, and their daughters Terri and Kerri of Kalispell; and Donna Rae Thompson, her husband, Stan, and their daughters, Kathy, Jennifer and Susan.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. on Thursday in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Burial will be in Conrad Memorial Cemetery. The family suggests in lieu of flowers contributions be made to the North Valley Extended Care or to Plant a Tree.

Frances Redman-Roberts, 65

Frances "Frankie" M. Redman-Roberts, 65, of Congress, Ariz., and a longtime resident of Kalispell, died Nov. 8, 1997.

She was born in Somers, Sept. 22, 1932. She was a graduate of Flathead High School in 1950. She was an active member of the Whitefish Moose Lodge and the Montana Women's Bowling Association.

She was always active in the community with her love of sewing and crafts.

She is survived by her husband Duane L. Roberts of Congress; sons, Don Roberts and wife, Vicky, of Kodiak, Alaska, John R. Roberts and wife, Terry, of Kalispell; daughters, Mary

Harmon and husband, Tom, of Kalispell, Cathy Kern and husband, Kevin, of Anchorage, Alaska; 13 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; two sisters, Jeannette Miller of Las Vegas, Nev., and Gloria Payne of Morrystown, Ariz.; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Petra Redman and a sister, Florence Sundberg.

Memorial services will be held Thursday at Freys Funeral Home in Wickenburg, Ariz.

In lieu of flowers the family requests that memorial donations be sent to the Montana Diabetes Association.

Robert Richard Roberts, 76

Robert Richard Roberts, 76, died at his home in Olney on Friday, Feb. 15.

He was born Feb. 7, 1921, in Kalispell, to William and Julia Roberts. He was raised in the Mountain Brook area, attending the Mountain Brook School.

On Sept. 22, 1942, he married Eunice Knutson in Polson. They lived in Kalispell and Polson and other places before moving to Olney 27 years ago. They lived there ever since.

He was a logger and a faller, having worked in the woods all his life.

He was preceded in death by his wife on Sept. 12, 1996; a daughter, Sharon; a sister, three half-sisters and two half-brothers.

He is survived by a son, Jerry Roberts, of Olney; his daughter, Val Carne, of Whitefish; brother Jack



Roberts, of Kalispell; sister Donna Bishop, of British Columbia, Canada and Peggy Aylsworth, of Ronan; a half-brother, Orville Roberts, of Fairfield; seven grandchildren

and four great grandchildren.

A funeral service will be 1 p.m., Wednesday, at Johnson Mortuary Chapel, Pastor Lloyd Stock, of Olney Community Church, officiating. Burial will be at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday and Tuesday, at Johnson Mortuary.

Evelyn C. Robinson, 87

Evelyn C. Robinson, 87, of Kalispell, died at her home on Monday, March 24, 1997.

She was born Jan. 10, 1910, in Staples, Minn., to Fred and Albertina Seifeild Eggert. She was raised and educated in Minnesota and on June 7, 1925, she married Roy Robinson in Duluth, Minn.

They lived in Minnesota and Washington and moved to Whitefish in 1970. In recent years she resided in Kalispell.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Roy, on April 27, 1973; and a son, John L. Robinson, on Jan. 15, 1978.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Donald A. and Karen M. Robinson of Kalispell; a daughter and son-in-law, Lorraine and Ford A. Lund of Stevensville; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren and other relatives.

Visitation will be at Austin Funeral Home on Thursday from 1 to 8 p.m. Funeral services will be at the funeral home on Friday at 10 a.m. with the Rev. David V. Kauffman of Whitefish Christian Church officiating. Burial will follow in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell.

Mark Andrew Robinson, 34

Mark Andrew Robinson, 34, a native of Libby, died in Spokane on Aug. 7. *1991*

He was a graduate of Montana State University and had worked at Semitool in Kalispell and TAMSCO, in Polson, before moving to Spokane. He was an avid skier and hiker, particularly in Glacier National Park.

Survivors include his wife, Sabrina, and children Andrew, Kevin and Crystal, of Spokane;

parents David and Jean Robinson, of Lakeside; and sister Alice Robinson, of Libby.

A funeral will be 1 p.m. Monday at Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist in Spokane. Committal service will be 1 p.m. Wednesday at Highland Cemetery in Great Falls.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association of Montana or the MSU College of Engineering. Hazen and Jaeger Valley Funeral Home of Spokane is in charge of arrangements.

Mark Allen Robison, 24

Mark Allen Robison, 24, of Columbia Falls, died Thursday, July 3, 1997, in a climbing accident on Rainbow Peak in Glacier National Park.

He lived for the mountains, where he'll be forever. Always in control. For everyone who hasn't climbed with him, he climbed like he played basketball, like he skied, like he talked, like he lived his life. Keep on climbing bro, son and friend. We love you!

Survivors include his parents, Ronald and Nancy Robison, and brothers Mike and Mason Robison, all of Columbia Falls; grandparents Ray and Joyce Bergstrom and

Dorothy Robison, all of Whitefish; and many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Visitation will be today until 8 p.m. at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls, and before the service on Thursday at the church. Funeral services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Columbia Falls, with the Rev. Thomas Gopp officiating.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Mark Robison and Chris Foster Glacier Park Memorial Rescue and Training Fund at either First Interstate Bank of Whitefish or Glacier Bank in Columbia Falls.

Wesley Dean Robinson, 57

Wesley Dean Robinson, 57, passed away Thursday, June 19, 1997, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

He was born Dec. 1, 1939, in Fergus County to Harvey and Clara Robinson. He attended schools near Lewis town.

He was enlisted in the Army when he was 18. After the military, he went to work as a truck driver for many years. He saw most of the United States.

He moved to Kalispell in 1991 and

lived there ever since. He liked to fish and hunt. He was a member of the Eagles Lodge in Kalispell for several years.

He is survived by sisters Geneva Johnson of Kalispell, Jane Robinson of Kalispell, June Jolliffe of Olympia, Wash., and Sharon Schock of Choteau; brothers Harvey E. Robinson of Billings and Lyle Robinson of Wahoo, Neb.

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

Phyllis Roch, 84

Phyllis Rowena Roch, 84, died Saturday, Oct. 25, 1997, at Colonial Manor in Whitefish.

She was born March 22, 1913, in Maple Creek, Saskatchewan, to William and Lily Roch. She never married.

At her request has been cremated and her ashes will be buried in Canada at a later date.

She is survived by a nephew. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Merlin Rohlinger, 81

Merlin Joseph Rohlinger, 81, of Kalispell, died Saturday, Dec. 20, 1997.

He was born in Saxon, Wis., on Jan. 8, 1916, the son of Adam Frederick and Margaret Weidig Rohlinger. He graduated from Marquette University in 1936, with a bachelor of science degree and he did his post graduate work with the University of Wisconsin from 1936-37.

He married Virginia Catherine Flad of Kenosha, Wis., on Oct. 9, 1937.

He is survived by his wife, Virginia Rohlinger of Kalispell; three children, Denis Rohlinger of Chicago, Ill., Marion Rohlinger of Mattoon, Ill., and Gordon Rohlinger of Kalispell; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren, all residing in South Carolina.

He held positions as pharmaceutical chief quality control chemist of U.S. Standard Products Co. from 1938-41; chief spectrographer of Globe Steel Tubes Co. in Milwaukee, Wis. from 1941-42; returned to U.S. Standard Products Co. by request as director of labs from 1942-48; chief research chemist of Allied Mills Inc. from 1948-

64; chief chemist for the Bur. Air Pollution Control, Ill. Department of Public Health from 1964-70; chief chemist for the Air Pollution Control Div., IL Environmental Protection Agency, 1970-73; manager of air pollution section for Beling Engineering Cons., 1973-75; assistant manager of health programs for Chicago and Cook County, 1975-87; and established Consultant Merlin J. Rohlinger & Associates, Inc., Analytical and Consulting Chemical Laboratory in Libertyville, Ill. from 1965-87. In 1987, he and his wife chose to retire to Kalispell.

Along with his business achievements, he acquired personal status achievements as member of American Chemical Society, emeritus; Fellow of American Institute of Chemists, emeritus; American Public Health Association; Who's Who in the Midwest. He was also a member of St. Matthews Catholic Church and honorary life member of third and fourth degrees to The Knights of Columbus.

Cremation has taken place.

Memorial service will be held Jan. 10 at St. Matthews Church.

Wanda Ronan, 77

Wanda Fernette Borup Ronan, 77, of Yakima, Wash., died Monday, Nov. 24, 1997, at Yakima Valley Memorial Hospital.

She was born Oct. 30, 1920, at Cle Elum, Wash., to Elmer and Jennie Dukeshire Pomeroy. She was raised and educated in Trego and Eureka.

She married Lawrence E. Borup on Nov. 5, 1937. He preceded her in death.

She married James Ronan on Aug. 3, 1992, in Yakima.

She enjoyed sewing, knitting, and cooking and had published two family cookbooks. She was a devoted wife and mother.

She is survived by her husband, James, of Yakima; three daughters, Sharon Sandman of Kent, Wash., Sandi and her husband, Pat LaSalle, of Helena; Alta and her husband, Keith Williams, of Kalispell; stepdaughter Pat and her husband, Tom Ward, of Yakima; sister Patricia Tanner of Yakima; 21 grandchildren; 40 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at First Church of the Nazarene in Yakima.

Memorials are suggested to First Church of the Nazarene and may be left with funeral home staff at the time of services.

Terrell Root, 73

In loving memory of Terrell Lake Root, DDS, who passed away Sunday, Sept. 28, 1997, at his summer home in Lakeside.

He was born in Elsinore, Calif., on May 13, 1924, to Stanley S. Root and C. Glendore Rush Root.

He attended Elsinore schools and entered the Army Air Corps in 1942, serving during World War II as a lieutenant. He graduated from Pomona College in Claremont, Calif., in 1947, and went to the University of Southern California School of Dentistry, graduating in 1951.

He practiced orthodontics in Costa Mesa, Calif., for many years, retiring in 1990. He became an internationally respected orthodontist, teaching and lecturing at USC and in Japan, Taiwan, France, Germany, Italy and the United States.

He was a member and past president of many orthodontic societies and organizations.



He is survived by his loving wife of 52 years, Patricia; four children, David Thomas Root of San Clemente, Calif., Kathleen Root Johnson, of Bakersfield, Calif., Terrell Stanley Root of San Jose, Calif., and Leslie Root Loveless of Mapleton, Utah. He has 16 grandchildren and one brother, S. Gayne Root of Elsinore, Calif.

There will be a celebration of his life in Newport Beach, Calif., at a later date.

He will be remembered by his family and friends with admiration and love.

We give thanks to Our Father in Heaven for the gift of his life, may he rise on the wings of eagles and be at peace.

Memorial contributions may be sent to the Home Options Hospice, of Kalispell, MT; Lakeside Community Chapel, Lakeside, MT; or USC School of Orthodontics, Los Angeles, Calif., where a room is being dedicated in his memory.

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

Georgene Rooney, 51

Georgene Gayle Rooney, 51, of Great Falls, died Nov. 3, 1997 of heart failure.

She was born May 26, 1946 in Kalispell, where she attended school up to the ninth grade. In 1960, her family moved to Great Falls and she went to Paris Gibson Junior High and Great Falls High.

She attended Great Falls Vo Tech and then earned an associate degree in interior design in 1993 at Northern Montana College.

She was awarded the student of the year award at the Vo Tech during 1990-'91.

She married Asher J. "Mick" Rooney on March 17, 1992 in Great Falls.

She was a bartender for 22 years, tending bar at the Cartwheel, Cimarron, Dusko's at Sand Coulee for one summer and the Centerville Bar for one summer. She ran the city pool leagues for five years.

She was a member of Eagles Auxil-

iary Aerie #14 and was appointed grandmother once and mother of the aerie twice.

She was a member of Our Saviors Lutheran Church.

She enjoyed boating, embroidery, crossword puzzles, cooking, pool, dancing, family gatherings, water sledding, hunting and garage sales.

She was preceded in death by her ex-husband, Roger L. Cox, in 1968, and her father, George W. Brooks in 1996.

She is survived by her husband, Mick Rooney of Great Falls; her mother, Clarice Brooks of Great Falls; daughter Tena Dee Cox Blom of Sun River; son Tony R. Cox of Great Falls; brother Wyman Brooks of Billings; and two grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday at Heritage Baptist Church in Great Falls.

Cremation was held. Arrangements are by Croxford & Sons in Great Falls.

1997 John 'Jack' Sever Rooney, 74

John "Jack" Sever Rooney, 74, died at Kalispell Regional Medical Center, Saturday, Dec. 20.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Shirley, in 1995.

He is survived by a son, Robert, of Antioch, Calif., and a daughter, Robin Kehres, of Helena; sister Marcia Anderson, of Tacoma, Wash.; brother Lawrence, of Whitefish, and five grandchildren.

He was born June 29, 1923, in Cutbank, where his parents homesteaded. In 1931, his family moved to Whitefish, where he graduated from high school in 1942. He served in the Army in the South Pacific in World War II.

He taught in public schools in Longview, Wash., until 1975. He then retired early in order to live full time on Whitefish Lake, working part time at the State Liquor Store. Later, he divided his time between Montana and Arizona.

He was a member of the Moose Lodge and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He enjoyed walking, cross-country skiing, skipping his "African Queen," doing all the odd jobs necessary to maintain his home on the lake and, especially, martini-in-hand, talking with friends and watching the night fall.

No memorial service is planned.

Duane Rose, 67

Duane D. Rose, 67, of Gold Beach, Ore., died Oct. 4, 1997. He and his family are former residents of Kalispell.

He was born on March 17, 1930, in Onaka, S.D., a son of John and Lucille Rose. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War and retired from the Forest Service after 34 years. He married Gay E. Burnside of Kalispell on Aug. 30, 1951.

He is survived by his wife Gay of Gold Beach, Ore.; four daughters, 10 grandsons and one granddaughter: Diane Davis, her husband, Mike, and sons, Donovan and Davin of St. Maries, Idaho, Dustin Davis of West Point, N.Y., and Darrin Davis of Junction City, Ore., Dawn Schmidt, her husband, Paul, children, Bran-

don and Melanie of Damascus, Ore., Debbie Mauti, her husband, John, and sons, Tony, Nick and Joe of Bend, Ore., Darlene Harroun, her husband, Don, and sons, Rob and Tyler of Brookings, Ore.; two sisters and seven brothers: Mitzi Parkinson of Libby, Julie Mee of Trego, Emmett "Bud" of Oklahoma City, Okla., Merlin of Kalispell, Frank "Fritz" of Salem, Ore., Harold of Port Orchard, Wash., Gerold of Marion, Donald of Seeley Lake, and Richard "Dick" of Columbia Falls.

He was preceded in death by both parents; an infant brother, John; and an infant daughter, Doreen.

Contributions may be made to the Dornbecker Childrens Hospital in Portland, Ore.

Paul Schweitzer Rose, 40

Paul Schweitzer Rose, 40, died at Kalispell Regional Medical Center Tuesday, Aug. 12, 1997.

He was born May 14, 1957, in Missoula, to Jim Sistino and Dorcas Means Rose. He was educated in Missoula and enjoyed praying and reading and quoting the Bible.

He is survived by his parents, and wife, Ann Van Twest of Kalispell.

Cremation has taken place. No services are planned. Cremation and arrangements are by the Johnson Mortuary & Crematory,

1997 Herman Rossol, 69

Herman Rossol, 69, of Kalispell, died Friday, July 24, in Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

He was born April 22, 1928, to Ludwig and Katherine Rossol in Fairview. He married Bertha Holm on July 3, 1954, in Whitefish. He joined the Air Force, serving seven years. He worked for Plum Creek as a millworker and laborer for 34 years, retiring in 1991.

After his retirement, he received great enjoyment from tending his flower and vegetable gardens. He also enjoyed fishing with his friends.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Hattie Meissel, and brothers Otto and Herbert Rossol.

He is survived by his wife, Bertha; daughters Katie Albertson and her husband, Richard, of Great Falls, and

Debbie Rossol, of Kalispell; special great-niece, Kari Stidmon, who he loved as if she were his granddaughter; sisters Helen Liebrecht and husband, Ted, of Wapato, Wash., and Hil-da Wilke, of Dodson; brother Henry Rossol and wife, Emma, of Sidney; his wife's sister, Dorothy, and husband Herbert Smith, of Glendale, Ariz., and his wife's brother Carl, and his wife, Faye, of Columbia Falls; also his godchildren Linda Stidmon, of Kalispell, and Larry Rossol of Columbia Falls and many nieces and nephews.

Family and friends will meet at Glacier Memorial Gardens for graveside service 2 p.m. Monday. Burial will follow with military honors by Veterans of Foreign Wars. Arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary.

Justin R. Roth, 18

Justin R. Roth, 18, of Kalispell, died Saturday, May 3, 1997, in a vehicle accident.

He was born Oct. 16, 1978, in Kalispell, to Dennis and Su Roth.

His life touched the heart of those he loved and those who loved him. He left friendships that will last a lifetime, as they were the most important aspects of his life.

He had a spirit that would challenge the limits in everything he attempted.

Freedom while skiing the most difficult runs was when he was the happiest. Watching him glide down the slopes made you realize he could never be chained.

His loyalty to his friends had



bonds that few could obtain during a lifetime. His spirit will carry to many generations with the people he loved, as he has a special place in each of their hearts.

He was preceded in death by his grandmother, Sara Sible.

He is survived by his father, Dennis Roth, of Creston; his mother, Su Dupont, of Kalispell; his stepfather, Jim Dupont, of Kalispell; his brothers, Chad and Jamie Roth of Creston; sister, Jessica Dupont, of Washington, D.C.; cousins, Heidi Lipp and Christopher Lipp of Kalispell, and Jennifer and Matthew Ely of Minnesota; and grandparents, Glen and Wauneta Roth of Creston, and Warren Sible of Minnesota.

A memorial service will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. at Community Alliance Church in Kalispell. The Rev. Jim Davey and the Rev. Paul Taylor will officiate.

Amos H. Rowe, 83

Amos H. Rowe, 83, of Kalispell, went home to be with his Lord on Friday, March 21, 1997, at Kalispell Regional Hospital after suffering a brain hemorrhage.

He was born March 25, 1913, in Potosi, Mo., to John and Lillie Dotson Rowe. One of 10 children, he spent his early childhood years on the farm helping his mother and father. After finishing high school, he worked a few years in the Potosi area.

In 1936, he moved to Detroit, where he learned carpentry which he did until being inducted into the Army in 1941.

In 1942, he married Viona E. Severson of Detroit while in the service in San Francisco. They lived at Fort Scott near the Golden Gate Bridge while he served in the Harbor Defense for three and a half years.

After the war ended, they returned to Detroit where he continued doing carpentry. In 1949, they moved to Taylor, a suburb of Detroit.

He was very active in Grace Reformed Church of Allen Park, Mich., serving as elder, deacon, and Sunday school teacher.

For more than 12 years, he was



active as a leader in Boy Scouts, receiving the Silver Beaver Award in 1968.

He retired as a finish carpenter in 1973.

In 1990, they moved to Kalispell to be near their only son, James, and his family.

He loved nature and spent his life enjoying the outdoors, working with wood, and helping others in any way he could.

He will be sorely missed and always loved and remembered as a good man who loved and glorified Jesus Christ in everything he did, not taking credit for himself.

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

He is survived by his wife, Viona; son, James, and his wife, Ellen, and grandsons, Roger and Robert, all of Kalispell; a sister, Grace Hamby, of Dearborn, Mich.; brothers Lee F. Rowe, of Potosi, and George F. Rowe of Inkster, Mich.; nieces, nephews, other relatives, and numerous friends.

A funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Daniel Lambert officiating. Visitation will be until 6 p.m. today. Interment will be at Conrad Memorial Cemetery following the service. The family suggests memorials be made to the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association.

Lawrence O. Rude, 79

Lawrence O. Rude, 79, died at his home on Lake Blaine on Wednesday, June 4, 1997.

He was born April 3, 1918, to Nels O. and Martha Rude in Bemidji, Minn. He was married to Dorothy Knapton on July 3, 1941.

They had two children, Carol Fleharty and Patrick Rude. They were later divorced.

He married Lucy Frost Hibbert on Dec. 30, 1971, in Kalispell, and took her four children to raise as his own. They just celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. He was of the Lutheran faith.

He was an assistant manager for F. W. Woolworth Co. in Antigo and Eau Claire, Wisc. He served with the U.S. Army from 1942 to 1945, stationed in France during World War II.

In 1946, he moved to Columbia Falls, where he started as an accountant for D.C. Duhham of Plum Creek Lumber Co. He became general manager in 1949, and then president of the company from 1963 until his retirement in 1971. He was a director at Valley Bank of Kalispell up until his death.

He loved the timber industry and the people connected with it. He was a trustee of Timber Products Manufactures in Spokane. He was also a member of the Advisory Council of the Devel Credit Corp. of Montana in Helena; and a member of the city-county planning board of Columbia Falls from 1968 to 1970. He was president of Whitefish Golf Association from 1963 to 1964, and was a member of Hoo Hoo International, serving as president from 1958 to 1959. He was also a member of the VFW of Columbia Falls, the Artists and



Craftsmen of the Flathead, and a Kalispell Elks Club lifetime member.

During his retirement he spent many winters in Scottsdale, Ariz., and summers at his beautiful home on Lake Blaine. He was happiest when puttering in his garden, working with wood with his hands and watching his grandchildren grow. He always encouraged his grandchildren to do their best and be proud.

He was preceded in death by his parents; an infant son, Larry Earl Rude; a sister, Evelyn Olson; and brothers Marvin and Norman Rude.

He is survived by his wife, Lucy, at the family home; daughter Carol Fleharty and husband, Jim, and a son, Patrick Rude, all of Missoula; his four stepchildren, Debbie Kaber and husband, Claude, of Whitefish, Jeff Hibbert and wife, Tawnee, Bobbi Bewley and husband, Marty, all of Missoula, and Larry Hibbert and wife, Charmayne, of Meridian, Idaho; 17 grandchildren, Kristin Savage, Kara, Korbin and Kallie Fleharty, Britney Cranston, Linsey Pfaff, Tyler, Justin, Tony and Troy Kaber, Niki, Derek and Kari Hibbert, Ryan Keltz, Taylor, Andrew, and Lucas Bewley; two great-grandchildren, Taylor Pfaff and Riley Cranston; and a brother, Don Rude of Olivia, Minn.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in the Epworth United Methodist Church with the Rev. Marvin Northcutt officiating. Interment will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens in Kalispell, with full military honors. Friends may call at Johnson Mortuary until 6 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. until noon on Saturday for visitation.

The family suggests memorials be sent to the Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch, P.O. Box 809807, Billings, MT 59108-0807.

Linda Gale Rufenach, 49

Linda Gale Rufenach, 49, passed away at home in Bigfork on Sunday, Feb. 2, 1997, following a brief illness.

She was born Nov. 28, 1947, to Bob and Thelma Blanton, in Modesto, Calif., where she was raised.

She enjoyed training greyhound dogs and worked at the Tri-Valley Cannery, canning fruits and vegetables while living in California.

She married Albert Dan Rufenach on Dec. 13, 1992, in Reno, Nev. She moved to Montana in 1995.

She enjoyed fishing, camping, and

collecting rocks. She was a fun person and a joy to be around.

She is survived by her husband, Dan Rufenach; a daughter, Terra Britt of Modesto; two sons, James Britt of Bigfork and Jackie Britt of San Luis Obispo, Calif.; a brother, Ricky Burton, of North Carolina; and a sister, Becky Beckworth, of Turlock, Calif.

Cremation has taken place and no services are planned at this time. Arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary Crematory.

Spencer H. Ryder, 72

Spencer H. Ryder, 72, of Kalispell, passed away early Tuesday morning, April 1, 1997, at Kalispell Regional Hospital after an extended illness.

He was born in Reardon, Wash., on Sept. 29, 1924, to Walter and Effie Ryder. In 1934, his family moved to Kalispell where he started fifth grade at the former West Side School. He graduated from Flathead County High School in 1943 and entered the service. He served in England in the maintenance division of the Air Corps.

He graduated from the University of Montana in 1949 with a degree in business administration. He then began a lifelong career with the Anderson Theatre Co.

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

He is survived by his wife, Alice; two daughters, Randy Hines of Duluth, Minn., and Rhonda Johnson of Kalispell; his four grandchildren, Eric and Tara Hines and Michael and Emily Johnson, all of Kalispell; three

sisters, Eppie Slater of Vancouver, Wash., Verla Cherubini of Castro Valley, Calif., and JoAnn Hatton and her husband, Bill, of Kalispell; a brother, W. Art Ryder, and his wife, Mirian, of Pocatello, Idaho; 16 nieces and nephews; sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Ruth and Bob Conn, of Kalispell; and extended family members, Dr. Stephen Johnson and Tom Hines.

Cremation has taken place. At her request, there will be no public services. All who knew him celebrate his life in a manner that pays tribute to their special association with him. He was a charter member of the "Over the Hill Gang" and enjoyed hiking in Glacier Park and skiing on The Big Mountain.

Memorials may be sent to "Friends of Glacier Park," P.O. Box 5001, Kalispell, MT 59903-5001, or to a charity of donor's choice.

Arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.