

## Stephen D. Sabol, 48

Stephen D. Sabol, 48, died of pneumonia Thursday, Jan. 2, 1997, at Good Samaritan Hospital in Phoenix, Ariz.

He was born Jan. 11, 1948, in Bozeman to Stephen and Markie Sabol. He attended school in Fairfield, Whitehall, and Wolf Point.

In 1964, he moved with his family to Kalispell. He graduated from Flathead High School in 1966 and attended college at the University of Montana.

He moved to Phoenix, where he spent the rest of his life. He worked for 26 years as a proofreader for the Arizona Republic and Phoenix Gazette newspapers.

He married Diana Mae Campbell in Phoenix and they divorced. He later married Sandi Shepard and they also divorced.

He will be remembered by his friends and family for his artistic talent, insight, and wit. He found and appreciated beauty in unlikely things. He was happiest writing, carving, and creating artwork.

He is survived by his parents, Steve and Markie Sabol, in Kalispell; his brother, Don, and his wife, Cheryl, in Sarasota, Fla.; his sister, Kathy Woodward, and her husband, Vern, of Billings; and sister Chery Sabol Hopkins and her husband, Roger, of Columbia Falls; ex-wives Diana Campbell and Sandi Shepard in Arizona; and nieces and nephews Angie, Dan and Lisa Woodward in Billings and Treyson and Elizabeth Hopkins in Columbia Falls.

A memorial service is planned for this summer in Montana.

## Philip Dallas Sadlier, 81

Philip Dallas Sadlier, 81, passed away on July 10 in Dawson Creek, British Columbia. 1997

He was born Jan. 4, 1916, in Park Rapids, Minn. At age 7, his family moved to Great Falls. He married Vivian Margaret Immel on June 23, 1939. She passed away in 1984.

His military service during World War II was spent as a welder in the shipyards in San Francisco, Calif.

He married Mary Burkholder in September 1988.

He was preceded in death by an infant son, Joseph Anthony, in 1940

and grandson Rex Anthony in 1967.

He is survived by his wife, Mary; children Theresa Anne Fatheree, of Donna, Texas, Joann Marie Pesterfield, of Williamina, Ore., James Arthur, of Baytree, Alberta, Timothy John of Kennewick, Wash., Paul David of Fort Nelson, B.C., and Kathryn Amelia of Fort St. John, B.C.; sister Dorothy Burleigh, of Kalispell.

A funeral was July 14 at the Baytree Mennonite Church in Baytree, Alberta. Interment was at Hillhaven Cemetery in Bonanza, Alberta.

## John W. Safford, 82

Dr. John W. Safford, 82, passed away Saturday, Feb. 8, 1997, at Heritage Place.

He was born Feb. 15, 1914, in Buffalo, Mont., to Guy and Ethel Safford and graduated from high school in Lewistown. He attended Washington State University where he received his bachelor of science and doctorate in veterinary medicine in 1938. He was a member of Phi Delta Theta and Sigma Xi.

After receiving his degrees, he went on to work as the Montana deputy state veterinarian, assigned to meat inspections from 1940-1942; veterinary private practice and district deputy state veterinarian for Missoula and Butte, 1942-1949; technical veterinarian on the Livestock Sanitary Board in Helena, 1949-1950; associate professor at Montana Veterinary Research Laboratory at Montana State University in Bozeman, 1951-1955; and administrator and state veterinarian, Animal Health Division, Department of Livestock in Helena, 1956-1973.

He served on many boards and committees during his career, including

vice president, president-elect and president of the United States Livestock Sanitary Association. He was very instrumental in making Montana the 30th state to become brucellosis-free on March 21, 1973. He and his wife, Ellamae, have lived in the Flathead Valley since his retirement in 1973.

He is survived by Ellamae Poston Safford, his wife of 59 years; three sons, John and his wife, Sarah, of Kalispell, Thomas and his wife, Mary Ann, of Columbus, Robert and his wife, Lori, of Kalispell; a daughter, Mary Sue Stevens, of El Paso, Texas; sisters, Goldie Tierney of California and Judith Lowenstein of Arizona; nine grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Private family services will be held. The family requests that donations in memory of Dr. John W. Safford be sent to the Alzheimer's Association, 919 North Michigan Avenue, Suite 1000, Chicago, IL 60611-1676 with a special request that they be used for research. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements and cremation.

## Gilman 'Slim' Sagen, 80

Gilman "Slim" Sagen, 80, died Feb. 6, 1997, in Crescent City, Calif.

He was born in North Dakota on April 23, 1916. His family moved to the Whitefish area in 1930 and he was raised there.

He was a resident of Crescent City since returning home from the Pacific, where he served in the Army as a Chief Warrant Officer during the Leyte, Luzon and Philippine battles of World War II.

Returning to the U.S., he worked as a commercial fisherman for five years out of Crescent City. Later he worked for 29 years as manager for the McNamara and Peepe sawmill

and lumber company.

His wife, Edith, preceded him in death.

He is survived by two daughters, Helen Kaeding and June Brosten of Kalispell; grandchildren Larry Brosten and his wife, Judy, Carole McAtee and her husband, Robert, all of Kalispell, Lynda Hober and her husband, Terry, of Missoula, and Jerry Brosten and his wife, Eilene, of Whitefish; great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren; cousin Bob Sagen; and many nieces and nephews.

At his request no funeral services were held.

## 1994 Erva 'Skip' Sager, 79

Erva "Skip" Sager, 79, of Polson, passed away at her home on Friday, Dec. 12.

She was born Sept. 18, 1918, to Elgie and Faye Sager.

She grew up and attended schools in Rollins and Polson. She graduated from Polson High School.

She spent 32 years in the government service career at Polson Light and Power. In 1962 she advanced to the post chief collecting clerk.

She enjoyed boating, skiing, snowmobiling, motorcycling, camping, fishing, carpentry, gardening and most of all a love of animals.

She was preceded in death by sister and brother-in-law Una and Leslie Thomas; brother Gerald Sager; niece

Pamela Sager, and friends Twig Olietti and Tex Pierce.

She is survived by a sister Oma Howard, of Polson, nieces and nephews Mike and Steve Howard, of Spokane, Judy Brown, Bruce and Jay Thomas, all of Polson, Kimi McCandless and Tessa Jannelli, of Kalispell, Gary Sager, of Lakeside and Jody Ford, of Whitefish; 19 great nieces and nephews.

No services are planned, as she requested. Cremation has taken place.

Donations may be made to the Multiple Sclerosis Society, American Cancer Society or the Humane Society. Arrangements are by Grogan Funeral Home of Polson.

## Gerald Duane 'Chic' Sager, 68

Gerald Duane "Chic" Sager died at Kalispell Regional Hospital on April 15, 1997. He was 68.

He was born in Polson and was raised in Rollins. He was a logger.

In 1968, he was diagnosed as having multiple sclerosis. He and his family moved to Lakeside where he resided until he died.

He loved horses, gardening and playing pool.

He was preceded in death by his

mother, Faye Martin; father, Elgie Sager; sister, Una Thomas; and a daughter, Pamela.

He leaves two sisters, Erva Sager and Oma Howard of Polson; five children in and near Kalispell, Gary Sager, Jody Ford, Kimi McCandless, Tessa Jannelli, and Clinton Sager; nine grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Cremation has taken place and no services will be held.

## F. D. 'Joe' Sailaz, 96

F. D. "Joe" Sailaz, died Tuesday, April 15, 1997, at Billings Deaconess Medical Center.

He was born May 11, 1900, in Venita, Okla. He was a Cherokee Indian.

He as an old-time cowboy most of his life and was on some of the last big cattle drives. He enjoyed working with all the animals on the ranches where he worked, hunting, fishing, and working in his garden, where no weeds dared to grow.

He married Catherine Pingetzer on July 9, 1963.

He is survived by his wife, Catherine; a son Thomas E. Salaz and wife, Debra, of Spokane; stepdaughters

and sons-in-law, Donna and Curtis Risa of Billings, and Bonnie and John O'Brien of Reno, Nev.; grandchildren, Thomas J. and Teresa Salaz of Spokane, Thomas L. Risa and wife, Candace, and Pam Risa Theirel and husband, Kim, all of Billings, John and wife, Amber, and Michael and Michelle O'Brien of Reno; three great-grandsons, Thomas and Christopher Theirel of Billings and Jakob Salaz of Spokane; a favorite sister-in-law, Ellen Prouty, of Billings; and a special nephew, Harvey Pingetzer.

No services are planned at this time.

## Lionel R. Sandon, 79

Lionel R. Sandon, 79, a long-time Sunburst area farmer, died of a heart attack Sunday, Feb. 2, 1997, at his home in Mesa, Ariz.

Rosary was said at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church in Sunburst and funeral mass was held Saturday, also in Sunburst. A memorial mass was held at Holy Cross Church in Mesa on Feb. 5. Cremation has taken place. Private burial will follow on the family farm.

The family suggests memorials be donated to the Heart Fund or charity of their choice.

He was born Jan. 30, 1918, in Sunburst, to Sophie and Israel Sandon. He attended schools in Sunburst and Oilmont. Following high school, he worked in the oilfields until enlisting in the U.S. Army prior to the start of World War II. He served with the 41st Infantry Division in the South Pacific.

In 1945, he married Agnes Hogan

in Olympia, Wash., and they returned to Sunburst where he worked for Wm. Halter prior to moving back to the family farm in 1947. The couple remained on the farm until retirement in 1981, when they moved to Lakeside and spent their winters in Mesa. They celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at Somers and Kalispell in June 1995.

He was active in his church, Knights of Columbus, and VFW. He enjoyed playing cards, hunting, fishing and golf.

Survivors include his wife, Agnes "Pat," of Lakeside; son, David, of Sunburst; sisters, Louise Castle of Great Falls and Cherie Mallo, Myrna Sandon and Rosalie Manley, all of Shelby; brothers, Freeman of Scarborough, Maine, Armand of Mesa, and Paul of Sunnyvale, Calif.; and three grandchildren.

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

## Ruth Santanen, 77

Ruth Eleanor Santanen, 77, former resident of Kalispell, died peacefully in her sleep in Mission Viejo, Calif., Nov. 3, 1997.

She was born April 26, 1920, in Gackle, N.D., to Jacob and Katherine Schweinforth Flaig.

She married Harold Santanen on Dec. 10, 1943. They enjoyed 50 years together before his passing in November of 1994.

She lived in Kalispell from May 1957 to October 1996, when she moved to Mission Viejo, to be close to her niece, Diane Hufstedler and her family.

She taught for a while at a college in Kalispell, but her main occupation was homemaking.

She was a member of Saddleback Community Church in Mission Viejo, Calif.; a past member of Northridge Heights Church of God in Kalispell; a past member of Little Brown Church in Bigfork; and past member of the Sunshine singers, Kitchen Band ensemble.



She enjoyed oil painting, ceramics, flower arranging, gardening, singing, music and collecting antiques.

She is survived by one sister, Ann Dahl and husband, Donald, of Sutter, Calif.; three nephews, Don M. Dahl and Dean M. Dahl of Sutter, Calif., and Darro Santanen and wife, Janice, of Hazelton, N.D.; one niece, Diane Hufstedler and husband, Steve, and children, Heather, Shirley and Esteban of Mission Viejo; cousins, Elmer Brosz, Joe and Fredia Brosz, Martha and Jake Zenker, and Lorraine Vossler, all of Sacramento, Calif., John and Della Brosz of Pioneer, Calif., Joe Flaig of Los Angeles, Calif., Ken Flaig from Idaho, Lloyd and Ester Schweinforth of Tyndall, S.D., Luwanna Remmick of Gackle, and Alice Schroeder of Sonora, Calif.

Funeral Service will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel in Kalispell with the Rev. Ron Pierce officiating.

Internment will follow at Fairview Cemetery. A gathering for fellowship will be at Fairview Cemetery Chapel following the burial.

Arrangements are by the Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

## Stella M. Schermerhorn, 83

Stella M. Schermerhorn, 83, formerly of Eureka, died Sunday, Feb. 16, 1997, in Spokane.

She was born Nov. 1, 1913, in Rolla, N.D., to Mr. and Mrs. John Doucette. She married Lyle W. Schermerhorn in 1938 in North Dakota. They came to Eureka in the early 1940s where she raised her family and resided for many years.

She worked at the Queen Bee Restaurant in Eureka for several years.

Her husband, Lyle, preceded her in death in January of 1968.

She moved to Spokane in 1979 and resided there for the past 17 years. She was a member of Our Lady of Mercy Parish in Eureka.

She is survived by four children,

Joyce Stanfill of Marysville, Wash., Lila Eubanks of Spokane, Judy McAlister of Kent, Wash., and Ronald Schermerhorn of Spokane; a sister, Yvette Gagnon, of North Battleford, Sask.; a brother, Joseph Doucette, of Madison, Wis.; 11 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by two brothers.

Parish vigil and rosary will be this evening at 7:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Mercy Parish. Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church with the Rev. Henry Steinhoff as celebrant. Interment will be in Tobacco Valley Cemetery under the direction of Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Eureka.

## Jessie Lou Hennessey Schlinger, 62

Jessie Lou Hennessey Schlinger, 62, died of cancer Saturday, Dec. 6, 1997, at the Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

She was born Oct. 12, 1935, to Ralph "Spike" and Emma Hennessey in Whitefish. She attended school in Whitefish, and married Kenneth Schlinger on July 26, 1952. They resided in Whitefish until 1976, when they moved their family to Kalispell.

She was recently awarded a lifetime achievement award by the Montana State Foster/Adoptee Parents Association for her 30 years of dedication to working with foster children and their families. Commendations were given by Gov. Marc Racicot.

She helped develop a Mapp Training Program for adoptive and foster parents and spent many years as a trainer in Flathead County. She held offices for several years in Flathead County and national foster parents organizations including voluntarily lobbying for children's rights on both a state and national level. She and her husband received several awards during their years as foster parents including the state Foster Parents of the Year award in 1992. She and her husband have cared for over 200 foster children and adopted nine children.

Over the years she was active in many area churches including Northridge Heights Church of God in



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Kalispell and in recent years with the Whitefish Community Church of God. She taught, worked with youth and served in many areas. She considered her church family to be her family.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Kenneth; her father, Ralph "Spike" Hennessey; son Melvin; grandson Kenneth Earl Pritchett; and aunts Clara Knofel and Francis Horton.

She is survived by her mother, Emma Hennessey of Whitefish; sister Bonnie Berger of Bellevue, Wash.; brother Ralph Hennessey of Kalispell; children, Anna Castor of Phoenix, Ariz., Rebecca Carlson of Columbia Falls, Bonne Kuehn, Merisha Hicklin, Kenneth Schliner II, all of Kalispell, Jeff Schlinger of Crestview, Fla., Brendon Schlinger of Whitefish, Lynette Schlinger of Kalispell, and Samantha, Norma, Raven, John and Joey at the family home in Kalispell; 19 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; numerous nieces, nephews, and foster children. She is also survived by a close friend of the family, Ron Foster, who assumes guardianship of the minor children.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday at the Whitefish Community Church of God, 5685 U.S. 93 S., with the Rev. Larry L. Lautaret officiating. Burial will follow at the Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery. The casket will be opened for visitation on Tuesday from 5 to 7 p.m.

The family suggested memorials to the Whitefish Community Church of God or to the State Foster Parents Association.

## Eugene Schmidt, 60

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Eugene "Gene" A. Schmidt, 60, of Libby, died Monday as the result of injuries received in an vehicle accident near Libby.

Local survivors include his wife, Joan, of Libby; daughters Collette Cress and husband, Randy White, of Libby, and daughter Lisa and husband, Ray Peterson, of Kalispell; and mother-in-law Vivian Peterson of Libby.

Visitation will be 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., today at Nelson and Vial Funeral Home, and until 10:45 a.m. Saturday at the Relief Society Room of the LDS Church.

A service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Church of Jesus Christ of the Later Day Saints, Bishop Jeffrey Scussel conducting. Interment with military honors will be at Libby City Cemetery.

## Hilda V. Schenck, 82

Hilda V. Schenck, 82, died on Thursday, June 19, 1997, at Colonial Manor Nursing Home in Whitefish.

She was born Nov. 26, 1914, in Sheyenne, N.D., to Axel and Martha Bergholm. She moved with her family to Kalispell in 1930.

In 1932, she married Stewart Schenck.

She lived much of her life in the Flathead Valley since then.

She was of the Methodist faith.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Axel and Martha; a sister, Evelyn; a brother, Gus; and her husband, Stewart, in 1952.

She is survived by a son, Lewis

Schenck, and his wife, Beverly, of Kalispell; a daughter, Patricia, and her husband, Donald Kallevig, of Colorado Springs, Colo.; grandsons, Steven Schenck of Kalispell, Rodney Schenck of Boise, Brian Schenck of Idaho Falls, Brent Kallevig of Colorado Springs, and Brad Kallevig of Vail, Colo.; nine great-grandchildren; and a sister, Ellen Schlegel, of Kalispell.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Monday at Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Marvin Northcutt, pastor of Epworth Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will be at Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

## Harold Schnackenberg, 63

Harold L. Schnackenberg, 69, passed away at his home in Marion, Saturday, Oct. 4, 1997.

He was born in Brady, Neb., Feb. 5, 1928, to Henry and Margaret Kiniburgh Schnackenberg.

He attended grade school in Sterling, Neb., and moved with his family to Marion, in 1943. He graduated from Flathead County High School in 1947.

He served in the military during the Korean War and returned to Marion, where he and his father and brothers ran a sawmill for several years.

Later he and his brother, Ray, became partners in business and worked in the logging industry. He retired in May 1982, after a serious heart attack.

He was a devoted son, brother and uncle who adored his pets. He took his greatest joy in helping his family

and his friends.

He was greatly loved and will be missed greatly by all who knew him.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and one brother, Edwin Schnackenberg.

He is survived by one brother, Ray Schnackenberg; and three nieces, Connie Schnackenberg of Marion, Debra Schnackenberg of Franktown, Colo., and Mary Colleen Wood of Libby; his sister-in-law, Laura Schnackenberg and nephews, John, Steve, and Joe Schnackenberg, all of Libby; and numerous great-nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Charles Couch of the Missoula Christian Church officiating. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Arrangements are by the Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

## Harold Reynhold Schneider, 83

Harold Reynhold Schneider, 83, of Whitefish, died Tuesday, Jan. 7, 1997, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

He was born March 15, 1913, in Whitefish, to Henry R. and Hellen A. Schneider. He

attended Whitefish schools, graduating in 1931. He attended Montana State College in Bozeman, graduating in 1939, with a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering.

He worked at Fort Peck Dam, in Great Falls, Butte, and Polson for Montana Power Co., in Butte and Seattle for Milwaukee Railroad, and in Polson as an electrical engineer for the Bureau of Indian Affairs until his retirement in 1977. He also did part-time radio and television repair for many years.

He married Audrey E. Parker, also of Whitefish, on March 20, 1939. She preceded him in death in 1992.

He developed an interest in radio construction in high school and self-education in that field led into ham radio, then radio-repair service, and in 1933 to building several sets of transmitters and receivers for Glacier National Park for fire control. He was a lifelong ham operator, better known in the radio world as W7BKM, receiving his license in 1931. He was a charter member and first president of the Quarter Century Wireless Association, a member of the Flathead Valley Amateur Radio club in which he served as secretary and treasurer for many years, and the Amateur Radio Relay League. He received his "all-county" award in 1989 as one of very few amateur radio operators to contact every county in the United States.

He was the grandson of one of Montana's original pioneers, Julia Mae Allen Stock, and was active in the Sons and Daughters of Montana Pioneers, of which he was president in 1989 and 1990, and was currently serving on the board of directors.

He received his 50-year pin as a Mason in 1993. He served as Master in Polson Lodge 78 AF & AM in 1963; High Priest of Polson Chapter, Royal



Arch Masons in 1962; Master of Flathead Council, Royal Select Masters in 1976; Commander of Cyrene Commandery No. 10, Knights Templar in 1971; and was awarded Knight of the York Cross, highest in the York Rite of Freemasonry.

He was also a life member in Kalispell Chapter 13, Royal Arch Masons, Flathead Council #15 of Cryptic Masons, and a member of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry. He was a life member of Whitefish Lodge No. 64 AF & AM and was a past master. He was also a member of the board of directors of the Montana Masonic Home in Helena and was an active member of Algeria Temple AAONMS, and the Flathead Shrine Club. In 1990 he was recognized as the Flathead Valley "Mason of the Year." He was a member of Mystic Chapter No. 53 OES in Polson, and served as worthy patron in 1967-68 and 1972-73. He then affiliated with Vista Chapter No. 44 OES in Whitefish and served as worthy patron several times.

He served as president and was on the board of the Whitefish Golden Agers several times. He also served on the boards of RSVP and the Agency on Aging, along with doing much volunteer work, such as assisting with tax counseling for the elderly, for those organizations. He did volunteer work for the Whitefish Food Bank, delivered Meals on Wheels for several years and was active in AARP programs.

He and his wife, Audrey, were active in square dancing, for which he called. He also enjoyed traveling, fishing, model railroading, and working at his property.

He is survived by his son, Delbert, of Missoula; daughters Judith Gurzynski of Milwaukie, Ore., and Liane Jett of Vancouver, Wash.; seven grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and very special friend, Eldora Morrow.

Memorial and Masonic services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Austin Funeral Home.

The family requests no flowers. Memorials may be made to The Shrine Children's Hospital, the Whitefish Food Bank, or a charity of the donor's choice.

## Doris L. Schoenrock, 83

Doris L. Schoenrock, 83, of Whitefish, died Saturday, Feb. 15, 1997, at Colonial Manor Nursing Home.

She was born Oct. 29, 1913, in Chinook, to Garnet W. and Nellie Fleming. She was raised and educated in Chinook.

On Aug. 8, 1933, she married Herman R. Albrecht and he preceded her in death on March 16, 1953.

On Dec. 19, 1953, she married Lyle E. Schoenrock in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, and they lived in Minnesota, Washington, Oregon and Montana while he worked on construction.

For the past 10 years, she resided at Colonial Manor.

She was preceded in death by her

husband, Lyle, on Feb. 29, 1988, in Whitefish.

Surviving members of the family include three sons, Gary Albrecht and Richard Albrecht, both of Columbia Falls, and Ed Schoenrock of Billings; three daughters, Delores Laudenschlager of Great Falls, Janice Gulderon of Marsa, Texas, and Jeanette Albrecht of Kalispell; 11 grandchildren; four stepgrandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren and other relatives.

Funeral services will be Wednesday at 1 p.m. at Austin Funeral Home with the Rev. Tod Fox of the Canyon Community Church of Coram officiating. Burial will follow at Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

## 1997 Jason Erick Schrader, 24

Jason Erick Schrader, 24, of Coram, passed away Monday, July 28, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident near Hungry Horse Dam.

He was born April 23, 1973, in Kalispell to Lee and Sharyn Schrader. When he was 1, his family moved to Colstrip. He attended school in Colstrip and graduated from high school at Columbia Falls.

He enjoyed the outdoors and music and was very artistic. He also earned



a second-degree brown belt in judo. His family and many friends were always a priority in his life.

Since high school, he was employed as an iron worker on various construction projects.

He is survived by his parents, of Coram; sister Kristyn Schrader, of Coram; grandparents Al and Lucille Perkins, of Columbia Falls, and grandmother Jean Jones, of Kalispell, along with many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

A memorial service was held Thursday at Our Redeemers Lutheran Church in Columbia Falls. The Rev. Terry Forke officiated.

## Dec 1997 Gertrude Adelia Schroeder, 85

Gertrude Adelia Schroeder, 85, of Great Falls, died at the Great Falls Care Center of natural causes.

She was born June 7, 1912, in Marion, Mich., to Burt E. and Esther A. Smith Bradley. She attended schools in Michigan and later went to a seamstress training school.

She worked as a seamstress for Beckman's and Dale Stapp Clothiers in Great Falls and also at Malmstrom Air Force base. She enjoyed dancing, gardening, playing pinochle and sewing.

She is survived by her children: Kenneth G. Ritter, of Columbia Falls,

Bonnie J. Thompson, and Phyllis Farrell, of Great Falls, Leota "Dolly" Black, of Lower Lake, Calif.; 14 grandchildren; 35 great grandchildren and many great great grandchildren.

At her request, no services are planned. Cremation has taken place. There will be a private family disposition of ashes.

Memorials are suggested to Missouri River Manor, 1130 17th Ave. South, Great Falls, MT. Chapel of Chimes Funeral Home, in Great Falls, is in charge of arrangements. *Feb 28 Dec 1997*



## 1997 Russell Stark Schulte, 23

Russell Stark Schulte, 23, formerly of Columbia Falls, died Monday morning, Sept. 1, near Ennis, the result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

He was born April 3, 1974, in Sheridan, to Bill and Laurie Shay Schulte. The family later resided in St. Regis and Glasgow, before returning to Columbia Falls, where he attended school. He was an honor student and played Wildcat football at Columbia Falls High School, graduating with the class of 1993.

He was a junior in civil engineering at Montana State University and was employed by Superior Concrete in Bozeman. He loved sports including skiing, golfing, fishing and hunting.

He is survived by his parents, Laurie and Dusty Dusterhoff of Columbia Falls, and Bill Schulte of Taipai, Taiwan; sister Alayna Schulte of Columbia Falls; stepbrother Jay Dusterhoff of Columbia Falls; nephew Chase Schulte of Columbia

Falls; grandparents, Edith Schulte Mason, Gladys Shay, and Al Shay, all of Columbia Falls, Babe and Bud Dusterhoff of Kalispell; aunts and uncles, Becky Shay of Cody, Wyo., Tim and Gwen Shay, Sherry and Marty Martindale, Carole and Ken Bell, all of Columbia Falls, Howard and Connie Shay of Spirit Lake, Idaho, Janet and Jerry Townsend of Baker, and Gail and Mitch Linne of Anchorage, Alaska.

A rosary will be recited today at 7 p.m. at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. Mass of the Christian burial will be Saturday at 11 a.m. at St. Richard's Catholic Church in Columbia Falls.

The Rev. Charles Strom will officiate. Burial will follow in St. Richard's Catholic Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

The casket will not be open for viewing.

The family has suggested that memorials be made to charity of the donor's choice.

## Betty Lou Schwegel, 65

Betty Lou Schwegel, 65, of Whitefish, died Nov. 13, 1997, at St. Vincent Hospital in Portland, Ore., of complications during open heart surgery.

She was born Dec. 2, 1931, in Clear Lake, Minn., to Ted and Eunice Corne, the second of nine children. She graduated from Blackduck High School in Blackduck, Minn., in 1949, and married Albert Schwegel in July of 1949. They resided with their seven children in Blackduck until moving to Whitefish in 1968, where their eighth child was born.

She enjoyed her life with family members and friends, camping, fishing and hunting. Her hobbies included quilting, bowling, playing cards, traveling, amateur gold mining and her grandchildren.

She was a member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the VFW Post in Whitefish and a member of the Olney Sewing Club.

She was preceded in death by her father, Ted Corne; brother Joseph Corne, daughter Lori Anne Schwegel; and a grandson, Chase Hart.

Survivors include her husband, Albert; her mother, Eunice Corne of Columbia Falls; brothers, Tom and

wife Helen of Spokane, Ben of Fairbanks, Alaska, Ted and wife Val of Whitefish; sisters, Nancy and husband Roman Schwegel of Whitefish, Mary and husband Doug Lawson of Ephrata, Pa., Joanne and husband Jim Stiles of Davis, Calif., Lynn Sande of Park Rapids, Minn.; sons, Tom and wife Clarissa, Roy and wife Cheryl, all of Whitefish, Bob and wife Theora of Eureka, Dave and wife Penny of Fairbanks, Jerry and wife Christine of Olney; her daughters, Luanne Sagen and husband Ben, and Lee Beutler and husband Jay, of Whitefish; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and friends.

Visitation will be 1 p.m. Tuesday at Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish with the Christian wake at 7 p.m. Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Wednesday at St. Charles Catholic Church in Whitefish, with the Rev. Charles Roman as celebrant, with burial following.

Immediately following services will be a luncheon hosted by the Whitefish VFW Auxiliary at the Whitefish VFW Post.

Memorials are suggested to the American Heart Foundation.

## Martha Jane Schwenke, 78

Martha Jane Schwenke, 78, died Tuesday, April 15, 1997, in the North Valley Extended Care Unit in Whitefish.

She was born Oct. 15, 1918, to Clement Roy "John" and Sara Ella Lee Chapman in Samuels, Idaho. She came to the Flathead Valley in a covered wagon when she was 5 years old.

She lived in the Swan River Community until she married Herbert Schwenke July 3, 1937. They had nine children, three boys and six girls.

She liked to cook and sew. She loved to dance and she enjoyed soft rock, rhythm and blues, and Elvis Presley music. She really enjoyed her grandchildren.

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

She is survived by her nine children — six daughters, Dorothy Krause, Lois Jackson, and Florence

Rhodes and husband, Carl, all of Kalispell, Barbara Daugherty and husband, Bing, of Paradise, Calif., Irene Ferguson and husband, Jim, and Shirley Ship and husband, Clyde, all of Columbia Falls, and three sons, Francis Schwenke and wife, Carol, of Crescent City, Calif., and Bill Schwenke and Wayne Schwenke and wife, Anita, all of Colville, Wash.; a sister, Clarice Rost, of Whitefish; and 34 grandchildren and 32 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held today at 3 p.m. at the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with Mike Dougherty of the Jehovah's Witnesses officiating. Visitation will be today from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Johnson Mortuary in Kalispell. A private family burial will be in the Lone Pine Cemetery in Bigfork. Arrangements are by the Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

## Harvey Robert Shaffer, 69

Harvey Robert "Bob" Shaffer, 69, passed away Monday, Dec. 29, 1997, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center, after a year-long battle with lung cancer.

He was born May 30, 1928, in Mercer, Pa., to Harvey and Blanche Shaffer. He attended school in Mercer, graduating from Mercer High School in 1946. He then attended Grove City College.

On Jan. 23, 1948, he married Anna Louise Uber in Grove City, Pa. They would have celebrated their 50th anniversary in three weeks.

He spent most of his adult life working as a mechanical design engineer for several large companies. He designed everything from small electronic parts to giant steel mill equipment.

Before retiring to the Flathead in 1985, he and Anna bought the East Arms Apartments in Kalispell.

He delighted in training his bird dogs and hunting as a young man. Throughout his life he enjoyed oil painting, but reading, rose gardening and especially fishing were his passions.



He had a wonderful sense of humor and a never-failing optimism which served him well in this final trying year. He will be missed by all his friends and family.

He was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers, Bill, Don, and George.

He is survived by his wife, Anna Shaffer of Kalispell; three daughters, Lin Knutson of Kalispell, Gale Nolder and Roberta Hiatt of Placerville, Calif.; one son, Richard Shaffer of Chico, Calif.; and one brother, Jack Shaffer of Fremont, Calif.; nine grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

Memorial services will be held at 12 noon Saturday at the Buffalo Hill Funeral Home, with the Rev. Jack Shannon of Bethany Lutheran Church of Bigfork officiating. At his request, Bob will be cremated.

If memorials are desired the family suggests Home Options Hospice of Kalispell, or the Mountain Brook Memorial Scholarship.

All friends are invited to an open house at the family home following the service.

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

## Dagna S. Shaw, 87

Dagna S. Shaw, 87, of Spokane, died Aug. 12, 1997.

She was born in April of 1910 in Canada to Ole and Thea Borgen. They moved to North Dakota, and in 1928, moved to Kalispell. In 1933 she married Duane Shaw. In 1942 they moved to Spokane, where she worked for 20 years as a cook at Edgecliff Sanitarium.

She did volunteer work for the Spokane Valley Center, Spokane Valley Food Bank and Zion Lutheran Church, where she was a member.

Her husband, Duane, died in 1994.

He was the son of Peck Shaw, who was the clerk and recorder for Flathead County for many years.

She is survived by three sons, Richard Shaw of Yelm, Wash., Rodney Shaw of Post Falls, Idaho, and Haven "Bud" Shaw of Redmond, Wash.; brother Norman Borgen of Columbia Falls; two sisters, Olga Price and Maybelle McPoland, both of Seattle; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Services were held Saturday at Hazen and Jaeger Valley Funeral Home with interment at Pines Cemetery in Spokane.

## Gladys Shaw, 82

Gladys "Nova" Shaw, 82, died Tuesday, Dec. 16, 1997, at the Brendan House in Kalispell.

She was born Oct. 23, 1915 in Somers to Alfred and Olive Anderson Bondeson. She was raised and received her early education in Somers, then attended two years at Flathead High School in Kalispell.

She married Leo Beller in 1933 in Kalispell. They had one son, Jerry L. Beller, who passed away in 1964. She was later divorced.

In 1936, she then married Clem A. Zook in Libby. He passed away in 1955. They had one son, Joseph Zook.

In 1965, she married Thomas Shaw of Fernie, British Columbia, in Kalispell. They were later divorced.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one husband, Clem Zook; one son, Jerry Beller; a sister, Emma Ryan; and a brother, Floyd Bondeson.

She is survived by one son, Joseph Zook of Kent, Wash.; a stepbrother, Erle Bondeson of Kalispell; one half-sister, Florence McNeily of Issaquah, Wash.; a stepsister, Joan Smithers also of Issaquah; and numerous nieces and nephews and friends.

Private graveside services will be held at C. E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell, Montana. Cremation has taken place.

Cremation and arrangements are by the Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

## 1997 George Shaw, 69

George E. Shaw, 69, of Libby, died Monday, Nov. 17 at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Spokane.

He was born Dec. 10, 1927, at Hardin, to Dwight Shaw and Margaret Holcomb Shaw. As a child, he lived with his family at Hardin, Cody, Wyo., and Kalispell.

He served with the United States Navy during World War II and later with the United States Air Force.

He had worked as a logger and as a miner in Butte, attending the Butte School of Mines.

He returned to the Flathead Valley where he had operated a Conoco Service Station in Kalispell.

He came to Libby in the 1960s and mined and prospected in the area.

He was preceded in death by a son,

Jerry, in 1970, and also by a sister, Alice.

Survivors include four sons, Daniel Shaw of Anchorage, Alaska, Douglas Shaw of Kalispell, George Thorsrud-Shaw of Libby, and Mike Perry of Spokane; two daughters, Beverly Barri of Everett, Wash. and Dorothy Shaw of Polson; five brothers, Dwight Shaw of Kalispell, Norman Shaw of Pablo, Don, Bob and Richard Shaw, all of Libby; 10 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday and until 10:30 a.m. Monday at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home. Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at the City of Libby with military honors by the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

1997 Lillian Shay, 85

Lillian T. Shay, 85, died Thursday at Kalispell Regional Medical Center of natural causes.

She was born on Jan. 6, 1912, at Westphalia Township, Mich., the daughter of Sylvester M. and Carrie Schueller Gross.

She was a cook at Trego School for 23 years.

She loved gardening, reading, crocheting, listening to music and visiting with family and friends.

She was a active member of Our Lady of Mercy Parish in Eureka. She was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother.

She was preceded in death by her husband, A.J. "Bing" Shay; a daughter Sandra A. Pluid in 1966; and a sister Mary Platte in 1996.

Survivors include two sons, James A. Shay, John P. Shay, both

of Eureka; two daughters, Ann M. Palmer, Susan A. Lee, both of Eureka; a brother, William Gross; eight grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; five stepgrandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Parish vigil and rosary will be Sunday at 7:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church.

Mass of the resurrection will be celebrated Monday at 11:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church with the Rev. Henry Steinhoff and the Rev. Thomas Finlan as celebrant.

Interment will follow at Tobacco Valley Cemetery under the direction of the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Eureka.

Memorial may be made to Eureka Ambulance, PO Box 736, Eureka, MT 59917.

## Ruby Nellie Shepard, 81

Ruby Nellie Shepard, 81, passed away Saturday, May 10, 1997, at her home in Ronan surrounded by her family, after a long courageous battle with cancer.

She was born April 18, 1916, in Whitetail, to Fred and Nellie Willard Marsh.

On Dec. 14, 1937, she married Harley Shepard in Missoula.

Her greatest loves were her family and the Mission Valley.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harley, three brother, her parents, and a great-grandchild.

Survivors include her sons, Jim Shepard and family of St. Ignatius, Joe Shepard and family of Charlo; daughters, Pat Cousins and family of Ronan, Kay Padilla and family of Polson; foster sons, Eugene Left-hand of Ronan and Joe Combs of Arizona; foster daughters, Vickie and Abby Combs of Missoula, and Denise Combs of Washington; six sisters, Ruth Gray of Seattle, Shirley Crow and Louceal Sinclair, both of Kalispell, Ione Marsh of Kalispell, Marjory Marsh of Lakeside, and Joanne Strawn of Phoenix, Ariz.; four brothers, Jerry Marsh of Kalispell, Arnie Marsh of Somers, Bill Marsh of Paradise, and

Earl Marsh of Arizona; 18 grandchildren; and 22 great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held Saturday at 3 p.m. at the North Crow Clubhouse in Ronan.

Arrangements and cremation are under the direction of Shrider's Mortuary in Ronan.

## Jesse Shelley, 84

Jesse K. Shelley, 84, of Troy, died Thursday, October 2, 1997, at St. John Lutheran Hospital in Libby of natural causes. He was born at Watford City, N.D., to Jesse C. and Hattie M. Shelley on April 2, 1913.

He married Marion F. Berntson on Dec. 4, 1937. He worked for the Forest Service in Eureka and Troy before retiring in 1978.

Survivors include his wife Marion, of Troy; son Dennis Shel-

ley of Troy, daughters Mavis Potter of Libby, Grace Bock of Rexford, and Rosalie Countryman of Eureka.

Visitation will be from 1-8 p.m. today at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home and from 10 a.m. to 12 noon Monday at the Troy Church of God. Services will be Monday at 1 p.m. at the Troy Church of God, with Rev. Gene Bushnell officiating. Interment will be at Milnor Lake Cemetery.

## Jean Shelley

*24 May 1997*  
Jean Shelley of Libby died Monday at Kalispell Regional Hospital.

Survivors include a son, Kirk Kraft, and his wife, Dana, of Libby; a granddaughter, Chelsea; and a sister.

Visitation will be Wednesday from 1-8 p.m. at Nelson & Vial Funeral Home. Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated Thursday morning at 11 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church with the Rev. Ray Hanigan as celebrant. Interment will be in the City of Libby Cemetery.

## Ruby Ruth Shupert, 73

Ruby Ruth Shupert, 73, died Sunday, March 23, 1997, at Kalispell Regional Hospital.

She was born Jan. 11, 1924, in Kalispell to Melvin and Ruth Lytle. She married Glen Shupert on Sept. 1, 1940, in Polson.

Her life revolved around her children and grandchildren. She enjoyed bingo, camping, going on rides and spending time with her family and family holiday get-togethers.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Glen, and her parents.

She is survived by five sons, Richard Shupert and wife, Char, of Cle Elum, Wash., Jerry Shupert and wife, Joann and Tom Shupert and wife, Karen, all of Trego, and Mike

Shupert and Dan Shupert and wife, Jeri, all of Kalispell; a daughter, Sue Porter and husband, Mike, of Kalispell; four brothers, Kenneth Lytle and wife, Laura, of Whitefish, Mel Lytle and wife, Tina, of Dallas, Ore., Robert Lytle of Kalispell, and Terry Rich and wife, Tina, of Portland, Ore.; 24 grandchildren and step-grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be on Friday at 2 p.m. at Whitefish Christian Church, 914 Second Street in Whitefish, with the Rev. David Kauffman officiating. Cremation has taken place and arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

## Leonard Shorey, 59

Leonard H. "Lennie" Shorey, 59, died Dec. 14, 1997, in Denver, Colo.

He was born Feb. 14, 1938, in Lincoln, Neb., to Norman and Norma Shorey. He served four years in the U.S. Navy and served on the U.S.S. Saratoga. He also served in the U.S. Army for four years.

He was a member of North Valley Eagles; American Legion of Sitka, Alaska; past exalted ruler of the Sitka Elks Lodge; and past governor of the Moose Lodge.

He was an avid hunter and until last year did a lot of fishing in the Yaak area.

He was preceded in death by his father, Norman Shorey, two infant daughters and one grandson.

He is survived by his mother, Norma Shorey of Enfield, Me.; three daughters, Lisa Marie Carrol of Middletown, Conn., Valerie Connell and Rachael Shorey of Sitka; three brothers, Dennis Shorey of St. Albans, Vt., Michael Shorey of Harrisburg, Pa., Keith Shorey of Burlington, Maine.; three sisters, Sharon Quesada of Stuart, Fla., Kelly Cookson of Middlefield, Conn., Corace McMann of Enfield, Maine.; five granddaughters; one grandson; and his companion of 8 1/2 years, Phillis Moore of Whitefish.

Memorial services will be held in Sitka and Whitefish, with United Veterans military services at the VFW Club in Whitefish on Friday at 2 p.m.

## 1997 Omis A. 'Shorty' Short, 62

Omis A. "Shorty" Short, 62, of Kalispell, died in the Virginia Mason Hospital in Seattle on Monday, March 24, of complications following surgery.

He was born May 10, 1934, in Cranesnest, Ken., to Leonard and Sarah Short. When he was 16, he moved to Oregon, where he lived much of his life. Whitefish and Kalispell were his homes for the past 14 years.

He had worked for the Union Pacific Railroad for the past 17 years. He moved to the Flathead in 1982 and was county animal warden from 1982-86. He was injured on the job and was disabled since then.

He was preceded in death by a grandson.

He is survived by his wife, Charlotte, at the home in Kalispell; children from an earlier marriage, Kathy Young and her husband, Rex, of Olympia, Wash., Paul Short and his wife, Linda, of Nampa, Idaho, Debbie Mott and her husband, Coy, of Fruitland, Idaho, and Dallas Short and his wife, Holly, of Kalispell; stepdaughter Sheila Morris, of Kalispell, and stepson, Randy Kimball, of Bend, Ore.

He is also survived by nine grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; seven stepgrandchildren; one step-great-grandchild and many nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Visitation will be 2-5 p.m., Monday, at Johnson Mortuary. A private family burial will be at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

## Melbourne Shupe, 86

Melbourne L. Shupe, 86, a resident of the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls, died Dec. 6, 1997, at the VAMC in Fort Harrison.

He was born Aug. 17, 1911, in Carstairs, Alberta, to Harry and Elizabeth Shupe.

A longtime Missoula resident, he retired as a business agent for the iron workers of northwestern Montana.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Altamay.

Survivors include his daughter; sisters including Elnora Pomajevich of Polson; three grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

At his request there will be no services. Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is in charge of arrangements.

## Ava Shepherd-Siderius, 90

Ava Shepherd-Siderius, 90, passed away Monday, Dec. 8, 1997, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

She was born on June 29, 1907, in Ferdinand, Idaho, to John and Anna Noel. She had seven brothers and three sisters. She attended schools in Idaho, graduating from Teachers College in Pocatello, Idaho. After college, she taught for several years in Idaho.

In 1932, she married Vernon Schad. They had two daughters, Mary Ann and Dixie. He passed away in 1944.

In 1946, she and her daughters moved to Kalispell to make their home. In 1946, she also met and married Glen Shepherd. He had five grown children who, with their families, became like her own children.

She filled her life with family, cooking, gardening and crafts.

She was an active member of the First Baptist Church for many years. She was a member of many church groups as teacher, leader and organizer. Her husband passed away in 1981, at Immanuel Lutheran Home.

She continued to live at their home until 1991, when she moved to Buffalo Hills Terrace. While there she met and married George Siderius in 1992. He has one son. In December 1996, she moved to Immanuel Lutheran

Home where she lived close to George.

She was preceded in death by her two husbands; Vernon Schad and Glen Shepherd; one sister; seven brothers; one stepdaughter; and three stepsons.

She is survived by her husband, George Siderius at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell; her two daughters, Mary Ann Zauner and husband, John, of Kalispell, and Dixie Lee Tye and husband, Cliff, of Duluth, Minn.; two stepsons, Neil Shepherd and wife, Alice, and Dick Siderius and wife, Joan; also daughters-in-law, Nina Shepherd, Pearle Shepherd and Arlene Shepherd; and one son-in-law, Bob Bracken; with numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Friday at 3 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Max Kasier of the First Baptist Church officiating. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens. The family suggests memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church, 301 West Wyoming, Kalispell, MT 59901; Immanuel Lutheran Home, 185 Crestline, Kalispell, MT 59901; or Home Options Hospice, 1280 Burns Way, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Arrangements are by the Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

## Samuel Sidmore, 81

Samuel Byron Sidmore, 81, of Troy, died Sunday in Red Bluff, Calif. *16 Mar 1997*

Survivors are three sons, including Allan Olson of Libby; four daughters, including Carol Miller of Kalispell; 16 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be Thursday from 4-8 p.m. at Nelson & Vial Funeral Home. Services will be Friday 2 p.m. at the Troy Cemetery.

## Johanna Eleanora Siegel, 89

Johanna Eleanora Siegel, 89, of Bremerton, Wash., died March 21, 1997, at Bremerton Convalescent Rehabilitation Center.

She was born March 2, 1908, in Kalispell.

She held a bachelor's degree in elementary education.

On June 2, 1928, she married Alfred Arthur Siegel in Kalispell.

She was a fifth- and sixth-grade teacher for 18 years at Chico Elementary School and a librarian for 11 years

at Central Kitsap Junior High School.

Survivors include two sons, Victor of Port Orchard, Wash., and Allan of Tracyton, Wash.; a daughter, Myrna Botz, of Auburn, Wash.; a brother, Alfred Krause, of Lewistown; a sister, Erna Dillard, of Bigfork; 11 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were held at Miller-Woodlawn Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to Memorial Lutheran Church, 10th and Venable, Bremerton WA 98310.

## Steve Sevener, 64

Steve Sevener, a veteran Montana broadcaster who worked in Butte and Kalispell, has died. Sevener died Tuesday night in Salt Lake City. He was 64. *17 Mar 1997*

He was a weatherman on KXLF-TV in Butte in the early 1960s and joined KBOW Radio in Butte in 1965. While Sevener was at KBOW, the station won Associated Press citations for outstanding story contributions to the AP in 1966, 1967 and 1968.

Sevener also won a national AP Managing Editors' Association award in Honolulu in 1992. In 1994, he won a Montana AP Broadcaster of the year award at the annual state AP broadcast meeting.

Until recently, Sevener was news director at KGEZ radio in Kalispell.

Sevener is survived by his daughter, Susan, of Butte. A memorial service will be Friday afternoon in Butte.

## Ernest Siems, 80

Ernest Siems, 80, died Tuesday, Aug. 5, 1997, at his home in Kalispell.

He was born June 19, 1917, in Hill City, Minn., to Henry and Emma Siems.

He worked in the shipyards in Duluth, Minn., during World War II. When the war was over, he worked for U.S. Steel in Coleraine, Minn., until retiring in 1983 after 30 years of service.

He married Leora J. Norton on Oct. 23, 1939, in Webster City, Iowa. He moved to Kalispell in 1983. He enjoyed baseball, hunting and fishing, and the outdoors.

He was preceded in death by his

parents, a sister and a brother.

He is survived by his wife, Leora, at the family home; two children, Marie Mitchell of Kalispell and John Siems of Oregon; and a sister and two brothers.

Private family burial was Wednesday at Glacier Memorial Gardens. A service of remembrance will be Monday at 10:30 a.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel, with Laurel Sundin officiating.

The family suggests memorials be sent to Kalispell ambulance association or Home Health Options, Hospice, 1280 Burns Way, Kalispell.

## 1997 Mark A. Simonson, 42

Mark A. Simonson, 42, died unexpectedly Friday, April 4, at his home in Boise.

He was born Dec. 7, 1954, at Culbertson, to Larry and Betty Simonson. He was the fourth of six children. He was raised in Cut Bank. He later attended the University of Montana, graduating with a bachelor's degree in business management. He enjoyed music and was involved with the choir and band.

He was involved in banking, starting his career in Billings. Later, he moved to Boise, working for First Security Bank. He worked for U.S. Bank as vice president and manager for retirement plans for the Intermountain region at the time of his death.

He achieved the professional designation of certified employee benefit specialist through the Wharton School of Business and certified retirement services professional through the American Bankers Association.

He was a past president of the Kiwanis Club of Boise, a member of the National Institute of Pension Administrators, and a participant in many community activities. He was a board member for the Crane Creek Country Club.

His wife, Ruth, and his family were his biggest joys. He was an avid golfer and enjoyed the game with his wife, family and many friends. Those fond memories will be cherished by all his golfing companions. His family and friends will

miss him dearly.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth, and two stepchildren, Brigitte Sullivan, of Billings and Joe Sullivan, of Chicago; his mother and father, Larry and Betty Simonson, of Kalispell; sisters Judi Hewitt, Laurie Simonson, Jan Schlegel, and Connie Titland; brother Philip Simonson and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be 1 p.m., Monday, at the First Presbyterian Church in Kalispell. A reception will follow at the church parlor.

Flowers may be sent to the First Presbyterian Church at South Main and Sixth in Kalispell.

## William Sievers, 76

William Conley Sievers, 76, a long-time Libby resident, died Tuesday, Sept. 16, 1997, in Apopka, Fla.

Survivors include his wife, Miriam V. Sievers of Libby; a son; three daughters; a stepson; two stepdaughters; two sisters including Grace Wolf of Kalispell; and two brothers, including Lawrence Sievers of Eureka.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Cora.

Visitation will be Friday from 1 to 8 p.m. at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Libby.

Funeral services will be Saturday, 2 p.m., at the Seventh Day Adventist Church. Interment will follow at the City of Libby Cemetery.



### Kevin Simonich, 4 months

Kevin Daniel Simonich, 4 months, of Helena died unexpectedly Oct. 22, 1997. He was born in Helena on June 11 of this year.

He is survived by his mother Danielle Simonich; a brother, Mike Vitt; and a sister, Megan Simonich, all of Helena; grandparents, Frances and Daniel Buck of Kalispell, and

Maurice and Victoria Panchot of Henderson, Nev.; aunts and uncles, Richard and Lynn Worsech Panchot of Helena, Mike Panchot of Wyoming, Jared Buck of Kalispell, plus many loving friends.

Funeral services were held in Helena. Memorials are suggested to an organization of the donor's choice.

### Arlene 'Lena' Rose Sinclair, 36

Arlene "Lena" Rose Sinclair, 36, of Kalispell, died at Brendan House on Sunday, April 20, 1997.

She was born Aug. 4, 1960, in Phoenix, Ariz., to Odell and Louceal Marsh Sinclair and moved with her family to Kalispell at the age of 6. She went through grade school and high school in Kalispell. She worked for the City of Kalispell as a water department clerk and retired from there.

She enjoyed traveling and made excellent original Indian bead work.



She is survived by her mother, Louceal Sinclair, of Kalispell; two sons, Jory Sinclair of Kalispell and Doran Hoge of Alberta, Canada; a daughter, Roseanne Hoge, of Alberta, Canada; three sisters, Wanda Stevens and husband, Vic, of Casper, Wyo., Carol Sinclair of Kalispell, and Elaine Dochtermann and husband, Bruce, of Columbia Falls; her fiancé, Keith Mitton, of Columbia Falls; and many relatives and friends.

Memorial services will be held at 3 p.m. on Thursday at Johnson Mortuary Chapel with David Gray of the Jehovah's Witnesses officiating. Friends and relatives are invited to a gathering at the Eagles after the service.

### 1997 Eva Sindt, 72

Eva M. Sindt, 72, died Wednesday, Nov. 19, at her home near Columbia Falls.

She was born May 3, 1925, in Bemidji, Minn., to Frank and Maud Coleman. She married Lewis Sindt on Jan. 3, 1946, in Sandpoint, Idaho.

She was preceded in death by her husband and a son, Richard.

She is survived by two sons,

Lewis Sindt Jr. and Russell Sindt, both of Columbia Falls; and a brother.

A graveside service will be Saturday at 1 p.m. at Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls. The Rev. Jerry Buchanan of the First Baptist Church will officiate. Visitation will be Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

## 1997 Agnes Sirucek, 72

Agnes Sirucek, 72, of Kalispell, died Friday, March 21, at Heritage Place.

She was born in Lewistown on Aug. 24, 1924, to Emil and Rose Sirucek. She was the oldest of 13 children. She helped raise them, plus some nieces and nephews.

She excelled as a seamstress and worked with sewing most of her life.

She was an active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

She is survived by 10 brothers and sisters, Edgar Sirucek, of Bigfork, Marie Reed, Genevieve Baumann, Shirley O'Lexey, all of Kalispell; Carl

Sirucek, of St. Ignatius; Rubie Smith, of Spokane; Betty Ferry, of Raytown, Mo.; and William, George and Donald Sirucek, all of Minnesota. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

A funeral will be 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Burial will be at Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary.

## Eileen L. Sisson, 90

Eileen L. Sisson, 90, formerly of Kalispell, went to be with her husband and meet her heavenly Father on Saturday, March 29, 1997, in Boise, Idaho.

She was born Sept. 6, 1906, in Princeton, Minn., to Ernest and Minnie Cilley Sanford.

She married Burton Clifford "Bert" Sisson on Oct. 6, 1924, in Baker.

They celebrated their golden-wedding anniversary in August of 1974. They lived in a number of cities and finally moved to Kalispell where they lived together for the remainder of her husband's life. She then moved to Boise to be with her daughter and family and has lived there for the past eight years.

She devoted her life to her family and for that devotion the family she leaves behind knows the true meaning of the words mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and great-great-grandmother, sister, aunt and friend. She was deeply loved and greatly respected and will be missed forever by her family.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bert; her parents; two sisters, Edith Orton and Jean Sanford; and a grandchild, Betty Eileen Ungar.

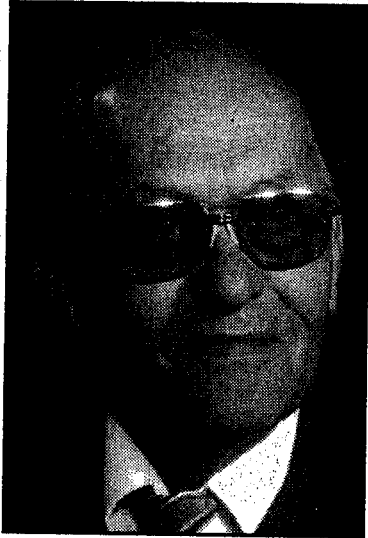
She is survived by a son, Clifford Duane Sisson, and wife, Mary, of San Diego; two daughters, LaVonne Ungar and husband, Nick, of Cut Bank and Linda LaRocque Smith and husband, Lloyd, of Boise; eight grandchildren, Christine Howell, Charlotte Camp, Nikki Jo Gomendi, Pattie Lynn Sheldon, Greg Sisson, John Sisson, Monte LaRocque and Lonja Howell; 10 great-grandchildren, Brian Howell, David Howell, Erin Camp, Brittany Camp, Sara Gomendi, Cody Sheldon, Laura Sisson, Emily Sisson, Stacie LaRocque and Lindsay LaRocque; three great-great-grandchildren, Landon Howell, Taylor Howell, and Austin Howell; a sister and brother, Eva Lanktree and Roger Sanford; other family members, including Jim and Don Lanktree, Harry and Delbert Sanford, John A. LaRocque Jr., Lee and Joe Tower, Dennis Howell, Buck Sheldon, Lisa Sisson, Wendy LaRocque and John Camp.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday at Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Larry Gaylord, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, officiating. Burial will be at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Family and friends may call.

## 1997 Al Shay

A private graveside gathering for longtime Columbia Falls resident Al Shay is Friday at Woodlawn Cemetery. He died Saturday, Nov. 8, in Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, Twin Falls, Idaho. He was 79.

Graveside rites will be conducted by members of Columbia Falls Masonic Lodge No. 89 and United Veterans of the Flathead.



**Al Shay**

He died after suffering a heart attack while in Twin Falls en route to spend the winter in Arizona.

George Albert Shay was born Oct. 10, 1918, in Park City to Loren and Marie Vannice Shay.

He was raised near Laurel and received his education there. He was an Army World War II veteran.

He came to the Flathead Valley in 1946 and owned a

welding business and fix-it shop.

On Oct. 20, 1947, he married Gladys Van in Kalispell. They were later divorced.

He was an apprentice printer at the *Hungry Horse News* and

was then employed at the Anaconda Aluminum Company from the early 1950s until 1962, when he purchased, co-owned and operated the Columbia Falls Transfer and Taxi. He also was a School District 6 bus driver.

He was Columbia Falls city judge 1968-81 and Flathead County justice of the peace until his retirement in 1984.

He enjoyed spending time with his family and his special friend Marjie MacDonald, along with rock hounding, digging and collecting bottles, growing roses and gardening. They especially enjoyed camping and the outdoors and were looking forward to spending the winter in Arizona.

He was retired from the Columbia Falls Volunteer Fire Department. He also was a member of Columbia Falls Masonic Lodge AF and AM No. 89 and the Scottish Rite.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a grandson Russ Schulte, and a nephew Dick Branstetter.

Survivors include Marjie MacDonald at their home in Columbia Falls; six children: Gail Linne of Anchorage, Alaska, Jan Townsend of Baker, Mont., Howard Shay of Spirit Lake, Idaho, Laurie Dusterhoff and Tim Shay, both of Columbia Falls, and Becky Shay of Cody, Wyo.; sisters Erma Branstetter, Irene George and Carol Smith, all of Billings; brothers Loyd and Howard Shay, both of Laurel; 18 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives.

A special memorial fund for the Trees for Russ project, in memory of his grandson Russ Schulte, is being developed. Memorials can be sent to Laurie Shay Dusterhoff, 476 Seventh Ave. EN., Columbia Falls, Mont., 59912 or to the charity of the donor's choice.

Friends are invited to see the family during visitation 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday at Columbia Mortuary. Private graveside services will follow.

## Olander Slethaug, 89

Olander G. Slethaug, 89, beloved father, husband, and brother, passed away peacefully in his sleep on Dec. 20, 1997, in Kalispell at his apartment in Buffalo Hill Terrace.



He was born Jan. 9, 1908, the first-generation son of Norwegian parents Engebret and Margaret Slethaug at the family farm near Wolcott, N.D. In 1910, his family moved to their farm on Echo Lake road north of Bigfork, where, after attending Swan River School and graduating from Flathead High School in 1924, he spent his early years working in local logging camps and then the U.S. Forest Service until 1940.

It was during his forest service years that he met and married Florence Dunham of Kalispell on April 27, 1934. While starting their family they ran the then-existing Echo Ranger Station at the head of Jewel Basin Road until they moved to their farm along Echo Lake Road.

They were active dairy and Christmas tree farmers until 1995, when they moved to Buffalo Hill Terrace.

Although he was an active farmer near his beloved Swan Range every day until he was 87 years old, he was also active in community service.

He served on many local boards including REA, Swan River School and the Bethany Lutheran Church. He also served many years on the National Board of Directors for CENEX and the Agricultural Cooperatives Development Institute, traveling to many parts of the world in promotion of farmers cooperatives.

He is survived by his wife Florence of Kalispell; son Gordon and his wife,

Mary Slethaug, of Hong Kong; daughter Sharon and her husband, Don Schiltz, of Bigfork; seven loving grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren; sister Olive and her husband, Joe Tencich, of Tacoma, Wash.; sister Gordyce and her husband, George Durocher, of Seattle; as well as many nieces and nephews and their families.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by his brothers Gordon and Erwin and his sister Helma "Bobbie" Newton.

Graveside services will be held Saturday at 1:30 p.m. at the Bethany Lutheran Cemetery with the Rev. Jack Shannon of the Bethany Lutheran Church officiating.

Visitation will be Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Johnson Mortuary Chapel.

The family suggests memorials be sent to the Bethany Lutheran Church, c/o Herbert O.L. Knutsen, at 8559 Montana Hwy. 35, Bigfork, MT 59911.

Arrangements are by the Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

## 1949 Neola Slobojan, 88

Neola J. Slobojan, 88, of Columbia Falls, passed away Saturday morning, Sept. 20, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

She was born April 10, 1909, in Ackley, Iowa, to Joseph and Gertrude Scallon.

The family moved to Wing, N.D., where she graduated from high school. She began nurses training in Bismarck, N.D.

She was married to Joseph W. Slobojan on July 23, 1936, in Wing. They moved to Onalaska, Wash., for four years and then to Longview, Wash., for 13 years.

They moved to Columbia Falls in 1954.

She enjoyed raising flowers, needlework, walking, volleyball, and bowling. She kept score at the bowling alley, playing on as many as three teams at once; was a team captain; and won several bowling trophies.

She was a member of St. Richards Catholic Church and belonged to the

Altar Society and the Daughters of Isabella. She served as president of Royal Neighbors.

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

She is survived by her husband Joe of Columbia Falls; two brothers, Hallard Scallon of San Diego, Calif., and Garth Scallon of Carmichael, Calif.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

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

Mass of the Christian burial will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at St. Richards Catholic Church in Columbia Falls. The Rev. Joe Pat Sullivan will officiate.

Burial will be in St. Richards Catholic Cemetery.

Visitation will be today until 8 p.m. at the Columbia Mortuary.

The family has suggested that memorials be made to the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell or to the charity of the donor's choice.