

### Arthur J. Smith, 86

Arthur J. Smith, 86, of Kalispell, died at Brendan House on Monday, Feb. 3, 1997.

He was born Nov. 10 1910, in Watkins, Minn., to Michael and Elizabeth Smith. He received his education in North Dakota.

On Sept. 24, 1938, he married Elizabeth Grimmer in Powers Lake, N.D. He worked with his father on the family farm there until moving to Kalispell in 1942. He worked for Kalispell Lumber Co. as an edger until his retirement.

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

He is now survived by his wife, Elizabeth, at the family home; two sons, Arthur G. Smith and his wife, Marilyn, of Kalispell and Roger Smith and his wife, Roxy, of Kalispell; three daughters, Lois Jobman and her husband, Paul, of Kila, JoAnn McPherson and her husband, Angus, of Kalispell, Elaine Szirbik and her husband, Ken, of Great Falls;

a brother, Michael Smith, in North Dakota; two sisters, Ersella Allen of Ephrata, Wash., and Marie Jacobson of Seattle; and a number of other relatives.

Visitation will be held from 6-8 p.m. today at Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Thursday at the chapel. Burial will be at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

### Merlin D. Slagle, 63

*20 June 1997*  
Merlin D. Slagle, 63, died Fri-

day at his home in Whitefish.

He was born in Lincoln, Neb., to Marlin and Berdene Slagle.

He had worked as a painter in the Flathead Valley for several years.

He is survived by three daughters.

No services are planned at this time. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

### *3 Nov 1997* Charles Smith, 77

Charles L. "Smitty" Smith, 77, of Eureka, died Monday at Mountain View Manor in Eureka.

Survivors include two daughters, Cindy Sherwood and husband, Larry, of Eureka, and Vikki Vasquez and husband, Pedro, of Whitefish; three grandsons, Josh Sherwood and Chuck Sherwood, both of Eureka, Pete Vasquez of Whitefish; three granddaughters including

Stephanie Owens and her husband, Sean, of Whitefish; two great-grandchildren; two sisters; and several nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be Friday from 9 to 1 p.m. at Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church in Eureka. Services will be 2 p.m. with interment to follow at the Tobacco Valley Cemetery. Local arrangements are by the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Eureka.

## Earl Smith, 81

Earl Stanley Smith, 81, died Tuesday, Nov. 11, 1997, at his home in Kalispell.



He was born Nov. 9, 1916, to Ray Albert and Laura Delle Smith in Danville, Iowa. They moved to Malta on Sept. 17, 1917, and homesteaded in the Bennett Lake area. In 1924, he purchased a farm in Kalispell in the Egan District. He and his father farmed here until 1942, when he enlisted in the Air Force.

After 42 months in the service as a airplane mechanic, he was discharged and returned home.

In 1946, he married Stella Zobach, a neighbor girl, in the Presbyterian church in Kalispell. They raised two boys. He continued to farm in this area for the next 50 years. He never retired, just slowed down.

He was active in school affairs, as trustee for Montford and the new Fairmont school. He was one of the first new members of Creston Fire Department, serving as trustee and clerk until he resigned because of ill health in 1968.

He served on the agriculture stabilization board for many years, becoming a spokesman for saving the farmland for future generations. He attended First Presbyterian church with his wife for many years.

He loved his family and his grandchildren. They spent many hours with him in the hayfields and irrigating, listening to his stories which he never was short of and singing old songs. He was never too busy to visit. It was fitting he passed away on his tractor in the fields where he loved to be.

He is survived by his wife, Stella, at the family farm; and his two sons, Douglas Smith and wife, Cheri, of Austin, Texas, and Kenneth Smith and wife, Danlyne, of Kalispell; grandchildren, Erin Doyon and husband, Greg, of Cleveland, Tenn., Laura, Amy, Kenny, Corbin, Ivan and

many relatives and friends.

Memorial services will be held Saturday at 3 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Larry Gaylord officiating. Visitation will be Friday from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. until noon at Johnson Mortuary Chapel. A private family burial will be at Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Those wishing to do so, may make a contribution in his name to their favorite charity. Arrangements are by the Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

## Eloise L. 'Sally' Smith, 73

Eloise L. "Sally" Smith, 73, passed away Friday, Aug. 1, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

She was born Jan. 23, 1924, in Somers to Otis and Fern Thompson. She moved to Oilmont when she was very young and graduated as valedictorian of Oilmont High School in 1941.

She married Pat Gratton on March 5, 1943, in Great Falls. He enlisted in the Army during World War II and was killed in action in the Philippine Islands.

She married Thomas Smith on Nov. 3, 1946, in Shelby. They lived in Kevin and then moved to Great Falls. In the 1960s, they moved to Missoula, then Libby. In 1975, they moved to Lakeside and later bought a home in Kalispell.

Her life was exemplified by her bright red hair and her contagious laugh. Her hobbies included bowling in the women's league and mixed doubles, playing both party bridge and



Smith in 1941

contract bridge, garnering points toward lifetime mastership. Her true and utmost passion was raising flowers and gardening. She was the ultimate green thumb and her friends and family truly enjoyed her plant room.

She and Tom enjoyed attending their grandsons' basketball games in Bigfork and Whitefish.

Besides her first husband, she was also preceded in death by her husband, Tom; son Tim Smith and brothers Bobby, Otis and John Thompson.

She is survived by a son, Tracy, and wife, Christi Smith, of Whitefish; daughter Gerri Lynne Lodico, of Spokane, and son Dan Gratton, of Great Falls. She is also survived by grandchildren Jonnie Gratton, of Miles City, Robin Gratton, of Kirkland, Wash., Ryan Smith, of Minneapolis, Ian Smith of Missoula, Elgin Smith, of Whitefish, Rick Tibbitts, of Kent, Wash., and Stephanie Tibbitts of Kent, Wash., and great-granddaughter Jessica Bone, of Kent, Wash.

A graveside service will be 11 a.m. Tuesday at Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

## 1997 Hulda Ovidia Olson Smith, 90

Hulda Ovidia Olson Smith died Tuesday, Dec. 23, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

She was born Nov. 24, 1907, in Dawson, Minn., to Helge and Kirsti Berg Olson. When she was 5, her family moved to Montana. They homesteaded near the Canadian border north of Chinook. She attended home school and public school through her sophomore year at Chinook.

In 1925, the family moved to Kalispell, when her dad took a job with Great Northern Railroad.

In 1927, she graduated from Flathead County High School in Kalispell. Her first job was in Brown- ing in the office of Sherbern Mercan- tile. In Kalispell, she worked at the credit bureau office.

On Sept. 8, 1936, she married Austin O. Smith in Helena. They had one child, Donna Jean Smith, born in 1945. After her marriage, she did vol- unteer work.

She was a nurses aide at Kalispell General Hospital during World War II. She was involved with Communi- ty Chest and other charities, Elrod School PTA, Ground Observer Corps, Sky Watchers and Flathead County Library. She was able to travel extensively during the 1970s, visit- ing every state, except Arkansas, and went to Canada and the Bahamas.

Until she moved to the Brendan House on Oct. 31, 1994, she lived in



the same house on Third Avenue West that she and Austin purchased in 1937. She knew three and four gen- erations of families in her neighbor- hood.

In any one needed help, she was there. She especially enjoyed the children growing up around her. She always had time for them and a favorite spot to visit was her front steps. Her favorite activities were walking and shoveling snow.

She walked daily until she was 86 and to the amazement of her neigh- bors was out on her immaculately clean walkway at the sight of the first snowflake. The dogs, cats and squir- rels in the neighborhood were also special friends and she had two cats of her own.

She was preceded in death by a brother at birth in 1905; sister Alna Olson Sousley in 1966 and her hus- band in 1969.

She is survived by daughter, Don- na, at the family home; cousin Oliver Halingstad, in Chinook; cousins in Oregon, Washington, North Dakota, and Norway; sister-in-law Luella Reimer Smith in Alaska; nieces and nephews, a godson, goddaughter, and many friends.

Visitation will be 1-4 p.m., today, at Johnson Mortuary. A funeral ser- vice will be 11 a.m., Monday, at John- son Mortuary Chapel. Pastor Rick Nelson of Bethlehem Lutheran Church officiating.

Burial will follow at Conrad Memorial Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memo- rials may be made to the donor's choice.

## 1997 Juanita C. Smith, 72

Juanita C. Smith, 72, went peace- fully to be with her Lord Thurs- day, Nov. 20, of congestive heart failure.

She was born Feb. 11, 1925, in Whitish, to Lawrence and Anne B. Grinager Johnson. She received her early education in Kalispell, graduat- ing from Flathead High School and going on to Kalispell Business Col- lege.

She married Richard C. Smith on Sept. 13, 1947, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Kalispell. They recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

She was a very loving wife, moth- er, grandmother and sister. She was a wonderful and famous cook. She enjoyed traveling to the Pacific Northwest coast with her brothers and sisters-in-law. She had a love for the ocean. She was a bookkeeper for various offices for years, the last being Partners in Travel in Kalispell.

She was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church and was very

active in church activities. She was current president of Bethle- hem Lutheran Church Women's Group. She was also a Help Net Volunteer.

She is preceded in death by broth- ers Wendell and Bob.

She is survived by her husband, Richard, at the family home; sons Dave E. Smith and wife, Linda, and grandson, Chad, of Kalispell and Richard "Rick" L. Smith and wife, Adrienne, of Missoula; brothers John L. Johnson and wife, Vergene, of Marion, Larry Johnson and wife, Del- phine, of Puyallup, Wash., and Rod Johnson and wife, Joanne, of Yaki- ma, Wash.; sister-in-law Elaine Thurston, of Kalispell.

A funeral will be 1 p.m., Monday, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Rick Nelson officiating. Burial will be at Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Visita- tion is 1-4 p.m., today, at Johnson Mortuary Chapel. The family sug- gests memorials be sent to Bethle- hem Lutheran Church memorial fund.

## Richard G. Smith, 59

Richard G. Smith, 59, of Columbia Falls, passed away Friday afternoon, June 13, 1997, from injuries in a motorcycle accident near Whitefish. At the time of the accident, he was employed at the Columbia Falls Aluminum Co.

He was born Dec. 20, 1937, in Park Grove, to Joe and Irene Smith. He graduated from Columbia Falls High School and attended the University of Montana in Missoula.

In 1957, he married Roberta Sanderson and three children were born of this union.

He was involved in many community organizations in Columbia Falls, including serving as president of the Jaycees and as state Jaycee secretary.

He served as a democratic state senator in the Montana Legislature for three terms. He was a member of the Order of Eastern Star, Adah Chapter No. 17 of Kalispell, the Fraternal Order of A.F. & A.M. No. 89 of Columbia Falls, the Butte Shriners Bagdad Temple No. 4873, the Fraternal Order of the Eagles No. 4081 of Columbia Falls, Moose Lodge No. 1922 of Kalispell, and the Aero Space Machinist Union in Columbia Falls.

He was an avid hunter and fisherman and enjoyed square dancing. His special interest was playing pool and he enjoyed traveling to many pool tournaments.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Joe and Irene Smith.

He is survived by a daughter, Evonne Smith Wells and her husband, Ed Wells, of Missoula; two sons, Dan and his wife, Karen Smith, of Mesa, Ariz., and Darryl Smith of Madras, Ore.; nine grandchildren; two sisters, Sylvia Stugelmeyer and her husband, Clarence, of Conrad, and Mary Ann Francis and her husband, Duane, of Columbia Falls; three nieces; two nephews; and his special friend, Kathy Kelly, of Kalispell.

A funeral service will be held Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Columbia Mortuary. The Rev. Ray Davis will officiate. Burial will follow in Woodlawn Cemetery. A reception will follow at the Eagles Club in Columbia Falls. Visitation will be today until 8 p.m. at the mortuary.

The family has suggested that memorials be made to the Columbia Falls Volunteer Ambulance or to the Columbia Falls Volunteer Fire Department.

## S.L. Smith, 74

S.L. "Doc" Smith, 74, passed away Sept. 20, 1997, in Spokane, after a lengthy illness.

He was born April 4, 1923, in Bigfork.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Alice; four children, Lee Smith of Columbia Falls, Wanda Anderson of Poulsbo, Wash., Donna Decker and Nita Hoover, both of Spokane; eight grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Irene Crohn of Bigfork, and Doris Stempin of Columbia Falls.

He was preceded in death by his

parents, Duff and Jesse Smith; and three brothers, Lloyd, Leo, and Lenard.

He worked as a carpenter superintendent on many dams and other large construction projects in the west.

He owned and operated Doc's Exchange in Kalispell, and over the years was a logger and operator. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and camping.

Graveside services will be held Monday at 2 p.m. at Lone Pine Cemetery in Bigfork.

## William Smith, 81

William Aaron Smith, 81 passed away Wednesday, Oct. 8, 1997, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

He was born Sept. 12, 1916 in Lemons, Mo., to Edward and Marie Smith.

He worked as a farmer for several years around the Chinook area before becoming a long haul truck driver.

He loved driving trucks. He was based out of Colorado, and was proud of the fact that he had crossed the U.S. from North to South and East to West many, many times.

During World War II, he served in the U.S. Army. He moved back to Montana in the 1970s.

He married Marie Gress in July of 1976.

They loved to travel to Arizona, where they would spend time panning for gold.

He also loved to dance, and was very good at dancing.

He will be remembered as having a very warm heart, and was a good-willed person who would help out anyone in need. He will be deeply missed by all that knew him.

He was survived by his wife, Marie Smith of Columbia Falls; a daughter, Marilyn and her husband, Jack Olcese of Palm Desert, Calif.; stepchildren, William and his wife, Margery Gress, of Lake Havasu City, Ariz., Benjamin and his wife, Susan Gress, of Columbia Falls, James Gress of Anaconda, Betty Lou Armstrong of Kalispell, Lilli Ann and her husband, Ron Martin, of Kalispell; one brother Glen Smith of Bozeman; one sister, Mary and her husband, Ensign Duffield; 15 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Memorial services are pending. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home in charge of arrangements and cremation.

## Thomas Andrew Smith, 71

Thomas Andrew Smith, 71, passed away Sunday, June 22, 1997, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

He was born Oct. 1, 1925, in Columbia Falls, to Vernon and Bertha Smith. He attended schools in Columbia Falls.

During his junior year, World War II broke out. He dropped out of high school and enlisted in the Air Force. He served as a tail gunner on the B-17. On his very first mission, his airplane was shot down, avoiding capture. He was picked up by the French underground where he worked helping blow up trucks as the Germans tried to evacuate.

After the war, he returned to Montana, where he lived, first in Kevin, then in Great Falls. He worked for Great Northern Tool and Supply Co. They supplied drilling equipment to the oil fields.

He married Eloise L. "Sally" Smith on Nov. 2, 1946, in Shelby. In the '60s, he moved to Missoula, where he went to work for Liberty Drilling. He then moved to Libby, where he was a partner in C&L Plumbing and Heating. This was during the building of Lib-

by Dam. His company was involved with the relocating of the town of Rexford.

In 1975, he moved back to the Flathead Valley, first living in Lakeside, then moving into Kalispell. He went to work for Liberty Drilling in Kalispell.

He was a member of the Lions Club of Libby; the Elks Lodge of Kalispell; and Buffalo Hill Golf Club, where he also served on the board of directors. He was an avid golfer.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a son, Timothy Smith.

He is survived by his wife, Eloise "Sally" Smith, of Kalispell; son, Tracy Smith, and family of Whitefish; daughter, Gerri Lynne Lodico, and family of Spokane; and stepson, Dan Gratton, of Great Falls; seven grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Visitation will be held today from 2-5 and 7-8 p.m. at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls, with military honors by United Veterans of Flathead Valley.

## Clarence L. Soderstrom, 88

Clarence L. Soderstrom, 88, died at his home in Kalispell, August 11, 1997.

Known by many as "Red" or "Kakie," he was born Sept. 22, 1908, in Larimore, N.D.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister.

He is survived by his wife Alice at the family home; son Keith Soderstrom and wife, Dana, and daughter Ruth Soderstrom, all of Kalispell; one brother; two sisters, Mildred Frach and Gladys Koford and her husband, Vic, all of Kalispell; seven

grandchildren including Scott and Libby Soderstrom, John and Richard Syth, Kim Buchholtz and Randy Dennison, all of Kalispell; seven great-grandchildren; and many cousins, nephews and nieces and two sister-in-laws.

Graveside memorial services will be Monday, at 12:30 p.m. at C. E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell, with the Rev. Marvin Northcutt of the Epworth United Methodist Church officiating. A gathering for family and friends at the Moose Lodge to follow.

Cremation and arrangements are by the Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

## Albert Leroy Solander, 78

Albert Leroy Solander, 78, died of a heart attack on Thursday, July 3, 1997, at his home in Missoula.

He was born Sept. 19, 1918, in Kalispell, to Nels Eric Solander and Signe Geneva Johnson Solander, who lived near Mud Lake. In 1920, they moved to Missoula to open GoldenGlo Creamery. He graduated from Missoula County High School in 1936. He graduated from the University of Montana in 1947, with a bachelor of art in business. He was a member of Phi Sigma Fraternity.

He joined the Army Air Corps in 1941 and served two years active duty in England as a 1st Lt. He was discharged in 1944, and worked as a salesman for his family business, GoldenGlo Creamery, until it sold in 1960. Sales was his life. He sold cars for Buick and Pontiac, and Bob & Ray's Used Cars. He also worked for Brown & Bigelow, selling advertising. He sold for Klausen Windows and Doors until his retirement.

He was a man who loved his home state of Montana, and never moved away except for his military time during World War II. His family has lived in the Flathead Valley for 100 years.

On June 3, 1950, he married Nancy Catherine Phillips. They had five chil-

dren, Mary Ann, Albert Leroy II, Alison Louise, Nels Eric, and a baby who died at birth. He divorced in 1973, and married Dorothy Appgar in 1979.

He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Missoula. He belonged to Elks BPO Lodge in Missoula, the VFW Club, and the Senior Citizens Center.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Nels and Signe Solander; his brothers, Robert, Victor, and Harvey; his sisters, Ferne and Pearl; his second wife, Dorothy; and his granddaughter, Erica Roat.

He is survived by his first wife, Nancy Burney, of Alaska; his daughters, Mary Ann Kelley and husband, Steven, of Somers; Alison Hoke and husband, Terry, of Alaska; his sons, Albert and wife, MaryAnne, of Missoula; Nels and wife, Dunie, of Missoula; 10 grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Memorial services will be held at Squire, Simmons & Carr Funeral Home in Missoula at 2 p.m. Wednesday with the Rev. Jack Oates officiating. Cremation has taken place. A reception follows at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to Fort Harrison Veteran Center, Fort Harrison, MT 59636.

## Daryl Sonnenberg, 52

On Feb. 1, 1997, Daryl Sonnenberg passed from this world to the next, surrounded by friends and family at the University of Washington Medical Center in Seattle, where he was hopeful of being a lung-transplant recipient.

Born an identical twin in Bismarck, N.D., in 1944, to Al and Angie Sonnenberg, he spent his younger years in Tacoma, Wash., and later moved with his family to Bozeman, where he was a graduate of Bozeman Senior High and Montana State University.

He achieved recognition as a social worker for the state of Montana in Billings and Missoula.

In 1972, he moved to Helena where he was to reside until moving to Kalispell in 1991.

While in Helena, he started an antique "Old Things" shop at Reeder's Alley which soon evolved into his business, The Bitterroot Folklore Center, a music store in downtown Helena.

His love for people and music made his store a gathering place for musicians in the greater Helena area and he was instrumental in forming the Helena Parlour Pickin Society which continues to bring great joy to Montanans who love toe-tapping, old time music. He was part of two trips to Europe with the Montana Friendship Force as a goodwill ambassador providing music with other Parlour Pickers in Germany and Ireland. He was active in the Montana Old Time Fiddlers Association and competed until recently in the annual state contest at Polson.

He is survived by his wife, Casey, and her children, Marissa, Dustin

and Sarah; a granddaughter, Jasmine; his twin brother, Gene Allan Sonnenberg, and his wife, Linda, and their sons, Christopher, Jonathan and Bill of Fullerton, Calif.; son, Kyle; and his mother and special friend, Terry Williams and her husband, Mike, of Helena; and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

He will always be remembered for his wit and great sense of humor and especially for his ability to be a great friend, great fiddler and musician. He will be missed tremendously by not only his family but by his Parlour Picker and fiddler friends and avid listeners.

Services and a celebration of his life will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. at Lynn and Linda Predmore's rustic village at 2000 Grizzly Gulch, Helena, where there will be a potluck meal and jam session following the service.

A memorial scholarship fund has been established in his name for the Fiddler's Camp at Camp Child. Contributions can be sent c/o Mike Williams at 1805 Cannon, Helena, MT 59601.

## 1997 Helen Sonntag, 75

Helen Louise Sonntag went to be with the Lord on her 75th birthday, Nov. 5, in Yuma, Ariz.

She was born in Kalispell on Nov. 5, 1922, to Fredrick and Grace Metcalf. She grew up in Kalispell and graduated from Flathead County High School in 1940.

She worked at the Kalispell Credit Bureau until she married Robert Sonntag in 1944. They lived briefly in Bremerton, Wash., and then spent the early years of their married life in Robert's hometown of Wenatchee, Wash., where their first two children were born. The couple returned to the Flathead Valley in 1950 and have made their home here since. She has spent the last several winters in Yuma, Ariz.

She was a homemaker until becoming employed as office manager at Kalispell Eye Clinic for 20 years and then retiring. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church. She loved to read and took pleasure in the bridge club she played in for many years. Dear to her heart were her loving husband, many friends, three daughters and six grandchildren, all of whom will miss her very much.

She was preceded in death by her parents and brother, Freddy Jr.

She is survived by her husband, Bob, in Yuma; daughters, Bobbie Roberts and her husband, Bill, of Richland, Wash., Kathy Samland and her

husband, Ted, of Olympia, Wash., Carol Grosswiler and her husband, Scott, of Kalispell; grandchildren, Bryan Roberts, Jennifer and Tim Samland, and Stacie, Sarah and Jake Grosswiler; sisters-in-law and brother-in-law, Don and Gerre Rich of East Wenatchee, Wash., and Vera Minner of Olympia; and numerous cousins.

A celebration of life service was held in Yuma. A private memorial service will take place in April in Kalispell.

Memorials may be made to the Shriners Children's Hospital or organization of donor's choice.

## Gordon Sorenson, 73

Gordon Sorenson died on July 8, 1997, at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls at the age of 73.

He was the son of Sigwald and Mabel Sorensen, born on Aug. 16, 1923, in Pine City, Minn. He was one of seven children.

He served in the 91st Infantry 362 Co. G as a B.A.R. Rifleman during World War II in Italy.

He married Bonita B. Schiefelbein in June of 1956. They were married 41 years. They made their home 9 miles west of Whitefish and raised their three children there.

He worked in the timber industry for several years and operated his own sawmill. In 1965 he was seriously injured, leaving him paralyzed and

completely disabled.

He is survived by his wife; by his daughter, Charlene Esch, and son-in-law, Tom Esch, of Kalispell; daughter Vickie Hubble and son-in-law Bob Hubble, of Whitefish; seven grandchildren, Logan, Laramie, Cody, Scott, Kory, Sierra, and Miracle; one brother, Eldon Sorensen of Grantsburg, Wisc.; and many nieces, nephews and other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his son Jordan; his brothers, Robert, Jesse, Curtis and Lawrence, and one sister, Lavina.

Funeral services were July 11. Burial was at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

## 1997 Alice Gardiner Sowerwine, 85

Alice Gardiner Sowerwine died at age 85 on May 12, in Lexington, Ken., where she resided for the past three years.

She was the widow of Owen Evans Sowerwine, of Kalispell, who preceded her in death in 1975.

She was born Nov. 2, 1911, in Long Beach, Calif., to Carrie P. and Dr. Henry C. Gardiner of Anaconda. She grew up on the Willow Glen Stock Farm and graduated from Anaconda High School in 1929. After studying at Montana State College and the School of Fine Arts in Boston, she graduated in 1934 from Pomona College in Claremont, Calif.

She married Owen in 1935 and moved to Kalispell in 1946 after his naval service in World War II.

She was active in both the community and her church. A member of the First Presbyterian Church, she sang in the adult choir from 1947-93. She also led the junior choir, composing original music that the choir performed. Among her other interests were the Community Concert Association and Flathead Valley

Community College, which Owen helped found.

She very much enjoyed history, travel, music, books, gardening, cooking, entertaining, and corresponding with her many friends.

She is survived by three children, David (and Haydi,) of Kathmandu, Nepal, Patricia, (and Chuck) Issel, in Lexington, Ken., and Henry (and Laura) in Longview, Wash.

Her youngest son, John, of McKinleyville, Cal., preceded her in death a year ago, leaving his widow, Pam.

She had two grandchildren from each child respectively: Michael and Jennifer Sowerwine, Mark Issel and Laurie Issel Tarver, Even and Carrie Sowerwine and James and William Sowerwine.

She was also preceded in death by a brother Henry (Heinie) Gardiner and sister Elizabeth (Libo) Soper.

She is greatly missed by her family and many friends. She asked that memorials be sent to Habitat for Humanity.



## Hugh E. Speer, 65

Hugh E. Speer, 65, of Columbia Falls, passed away Monday morning, Feb. 3, 1997, of natural causes.

He was born July 27, 1931, in Havre, to Gilbert and Mabel Clement Speer. He moved to the Flathead Valley as a young child and spent his lifetime here. He graduated from Flathead High School in 1949.

He went on to be a member of the National Guards. Later he was employed with his father in the furnace business. In 1955, he went to work at Anaconda Aluminum Co. He eventually retired from ARCO.

He married Audrey Campbell in Couer d'Alene, Idaho, on Nov. 27, 1953. They lived in the Flathead Valley, where they raised their family.

He enjoyed his family, the outdoors, woodworking, metalworking, flying, trail riding, traveling, birds, gardening, and nature in general, just to name a few. He was a man who embraced life and was a friend to all who had the luck of meeting him and was lovingly known as the "Genius" by his family



and friends because of his ability to make, fix, or repair anything.

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

He is survived by his wife, Audrey, of Columbia Falls; his children, Traci Erickson and her husband, Orlee, of Columbia Falls, Bill Speer and his wife, Jennifer, of Whitefish, and Peggy Speer of Kalispell; his grandchildren, Amy and Jason Zimmerman, Rocky Erickson and his wife, Shaina, Trista and Nora Speer; great-granddaughter, Bailey Erickson; his brothers, Roy Speer of Idaho and Evan Speer of Columbia Falls; his sisters, Dee Cornell and Evelyn Johnston of Columbia Falls and Jeannette DeCarrico of Portland, Ore.; and his close friends who were like family, Peter and Cheryl Hohman and Dick Mitsch of Columbia Falls, and Lear DeMerritt of Yuma, Ariz.

A memorial service will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. at Columbia Mortuary. The Rev. David Kauffman will officiate. Inurnment will be at Woodlawn Cemetery.

The family has suggested that memorials be made to A.L.E.R.T or to the Columbia Falls Volunteer Ambulance Association.

## Eva Louise Mork Spicher, 76

Eva Louise Mork Spicher was born on March 22, 1920, in Gildford. She was one of eight children born to Peter and Anna Pedersen Mork. She grew up in Gildford and received her education there, graduating from Gildford High School in 1938.

On July 22, 1939, she married Marlin E. "Chet" Spicher in Chinook. They farmed near Hingham and Joplin, then retired to Kalispell in 1981. Chet died in 1995. She remained at their Kalispell home since then.

She was taken by ambulance to Kalispell Regional Hospital. She died following a cardiac arrest on Sunday afternoon, Feb. 2, 1997. She was 76 years old.

During her high school years, she was proud to have played basketball for the Gildford Broncs. In her early married years, she was active in the Royal Neighbors of America. She was happy in her role as farm wife, homemaker, and mother of eight children.

She had many hobbies. She collected plates, cups and saucers, and rocks. She enjoyed quilting; she made quilts for all her family members over the years. She liked to cook and one of her specialties was lefse. She loved bird watching and was especially fond of hummingbirds. In

her quiet hours she enjoyed word puzzles and television. Her favorite shows were "Wheel of Fortune," "Jeopardy!" "Dr. Quinn," and "Oprah." She also enjoyed garage and rummage sales. And last but not least, she loved little kids, especially her grandchildren.

She is survived by four daughters and their spouses, Ardith and Bob Lingle of Kalispell, Sharon and Roger Borlaug of Gildford, Twyla and Craig Anderson of Rudyard, and Darlene Spicher of Kalispell; four sons and their spouses, Marlin "Sonny" and Karen Spicher of Joplin, Wayne and Rochelle Spicher of Inverness, Ronald and Patty Spicher of Hingham, and Douglas and Kathy Spicher of Petaluma, Calif.; 18 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; two sisters, Bertha Anderson of Libby and Ida McCormick of Joplin; and numerous nephews and nieces.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, two sisters, Agnes and Borghild, and three brothers, Arthur, Bjarne, and Ever.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at the Hingham Lutheran Church. Burial will follow at Hingham Cemetery. Arrangements are by Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester.

## Earl Spitzer, 90

Earl Spitzer, 90, a Columbia Falls and Bigfork resident, passed away Tuesday evening, Jan. 21, 1997, at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.

He was born Oct. 24, 1906, in Great Falls where he was raised and graduated from high school. He served in

the U.S. Army during World War II.

He worked during his life as a baker and as a rancher.

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

He is survived by a son, Don Spitzer, of Vancouver, Wash.; a daughter, Virginia Grey, of Great Falls; and

a sister, Isabel Brown, of Helena.

Graveside services with military honors will be at 2 p.m. Friday at the Montana Veterans Home Cemetery. Honors will be provided by the United Veterans of the Flathead Valley. Arrangements are under the direction of Columbia Mortuary.

## 1997 Larry O. Streeter, 59

Larry O. Streeter, 59, died Friday, Dec. 26, near his home in Bigfork.

He was born Dec. 10, 1938, to Gilbert and Oneda Streeter in Lacrosse, Wisc. When he was young, the family moved to Burlington, Iowa, where he was educated. He attended junior college in Denver and also did his heating, air conditioning and sheet metal apprenticeship.

He served in the U.S. Army from 1956 to 1963. On Oct. 12, 1958, he married Serena Swedenburg in Denver. In 1961, he opened Mile High Heating and Air Conditioning in Denver and also opened Serena Building Co. While in Colorado, he had a cattle ranch near Bailey. He served as a county commissioner for Park County and school board president in Bailey.

The family moved to Bigfork in 1980. He bought the Gay 70s Gas Station and Restaurant which was later known as Streeter's Corner. He owned and operated many businesses in the Flathead Valley, including the Super 8 Motel in Columbia Falls, Montanan Day's Inn, and many quick lube and other small businesses.

He was a member of the Masonic Lodge in Fairplay, Colo., and Denver Scottish Rite Foundation and was an avid hunter, fisherman and horseman. He had published a book, "Eating Wild Game for the Health of It."

He was preceded in death by brothers Bob, Frank and Philip Streeter.

He is now survived by his wife, Serena, at the family home in Bigfork; son Larry Streeter, Jr., of Everett, Wash.; daughters Serena Pierce and husband, Jim Bob, and Teresa Little and husband, Ryan; grandchildren Lane and Augusta-Little, all of Bigfork; mother Anne



Streeter, of Burlington, Iowa; brothers Ed Streeter, of Burlington, Iowa, and John Streeter, of Denver, Colo.; sister Yvonne Gal- lager, of La Jolla,

Calif., and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be 3 p.m., on Tuesday, Dec. 30, at Little Brown Alliance Church of Bigfork; Rev. Ron Pierce officiating. The family suggests memorials to 6865 Montana Highway 35, Bigfork, for a memorial foundation to be established later.

Arrangements and cremation are by Johnson Mortuary.

## John A. Squires, 36

John A. Squires, 36, Hungry Horse, died Thursday in Hungry horse.

He was born in Colusa, Calif.

Survivors include his wife, Shirley Squires, of Hungry Horse; four children, Melissa Squires, Crystal Squires and

Anthony Squires of Hungry Horse and David Gabbert of Polson; his parents; and a sister, Susan Steel, of Columbia Falls.

A memorial service will be held Saturday at Lion Hill Baptist Church in Martin City at 5 p.m.

Columbia Mortuary is in charge of local arrangements.

## Donna Rae Staley, 79

Donna Rae Staley, 79, of Columbia Falls, died of natural causes at Kalispell Regional Hospital on Tuesday afternoon, May 6, 1997.

She was born Sept. 27, 1917, in Square Butte Bench, Mont., to George and Blanche Todd. She attended school in a one-room schoolhouse in Square Butte.

She married Donald Lawrence Staley in Geraldine, on June 22, 1935. They lived in Geraldine and Zortman. They lived in Spokane before settling in Columbia Falls in 1947. Her husband owned and operated an automotive repair shop and worked on construction of Hungry Horse Dam and the Anaconda aluminum plant.

After her husband died in 1965, she raised her two youngest daughters while working for the Columbia Falls hot lunch program, the Whitefish hospital, and was a cook at the Montana Veterans Home before retiring.

Her lifelong achievements were: homemaker, beloved wife, beloved mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She spent a lifetime of gardening, canning, sewing for her

family, and making quilts for the special people in her life. She enjoyed the outdoors and was extremely proud of her Montana heritage.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Donald; her parents; two brothers, Lester and George Todd; four sisters, Harriett Todd, Vera Melton, Iza Blyth, and Zelda Hartford.

Survivors include five daughters, Maxine Gibson of Columbia Falls, Sharon Knudson of Libby, Diane Farally of Media, Pa., Jacque Staley of Sacramento, Calif., Patricia Bosh of Pasadena, Calif.; seven grandchildren, Kim Willett, Karen Gibson, William Farally, Dianna Farally, Todd Farally, Shawn Knudson, and Michelle Knudson; and three great-grandchildren, Cole Willett, Victoria Farally, Garret Knudson.

Visitation will be from noon to 8 p.m. Friday at Columbia Mortuary. Funeral services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. at the mortuary chapel with the Rev. Steve Bradley officiating. Burial will follow at Woodlawn Cemetery.

## Geralyn Steinhorst, 39

Geralyn Kay Steinhorst, 39, died of cancer Sunday, Oct. 5, 1997, in the Kalispell Medical Center in Kalispell.

She was born in Janesville, Wisc., May 3, 1958, to Gerald and Janet Steinhorst.

She moved at an early age to California and received her education there.

She then moved to Bend, Ore., where she worked as a medical transcriptionist for a medical clinic. She moved to Kalispell three years ago and worked at the Kalispell Regional Medical Center until the time of her passing.

She so appreciated the help of her

co-workers and staff at the medical center, especially Dr. Boehme.

She is survived by her son, Justin Steinhorst of Kalispell; her mother, Janet Steinhorst of Janesville, Wisc.; her father, Gerald Steinhorst of Port Orford, Ore.; three sisters, Michele Steinhorst of Los Gatos, Calif., Kathi Steinhorst of Crofton, Md. and Laura Steinhorst of Janesville, Wisc.; and one brother David Steinhorst and wife, Julie, of San Jose; also two nieces.

At her request, no services are planned. Cremation and arrangements are by the Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

## Cheryl Ann Stetson, 43

Cheryl Ann Stetson, 43, of Kalispell, died at St. Patrick's Hospital in Missoula, following a brief illness. She was surrounded by her loving family.

She was born Sept. 3, 1953, in Roundup, to Wallace and Ramona Triplett Stetson. She served most of her adult life working with children and the developmentally disabled.

In addition to her life partner, Mike Zattosky, of Kalispell, she is survived by her father, Wally; stepmother, Ilene Stetson, of Boise, Idaho; sister Eliah Stetson, of Idaho City, Idaho; brothers Gary Stetson, of Kalispell,

Hal Stetson, of Caldwell, Idaho, and Rob Stetson, of Roy, Wash., and many much-loved nieces, nephews and a large circled of friends.

She now goes to join her mother and will live on in the memories of her family, friends and co-workers as she lived, bringing us laughter and love.

A memorial service will be 1 p.m., Monday, at Johnson Mortuary Chapel. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to the American Diabetes Association PO Box 2411, Great Falls, 59403-2411 or the charity of the donor's choice. *Inter L 2 Feb 1997*

## John Walter Stacy Jr., 80

John Walter Stacy Jr., 80, passed away Monday, Feb. 17, 1997, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

He was born April 7, 1916, in Iantha, Mo., to John and Lena Stacy. He attended schools in Iantha, graduating from high school, then going on and graduating from college in Missouri.

He moved to Glendale, Calif., where he went to work for Lockheed as a weight engineer for the next 16 years.

He met Marian Wheeler in Glendale on March 29, 1941. They moved to Sacramento, where he went to work for Aero Jet General as a weight engineer. He worked for Aero Jet for 15 years before retiring and opening a bicycle shop that he owned for the next three years.

He moved to Lakeside in 1991 and resided there until his death. He loved children, and served as a Boy Scout master for 12 years. He was

also a member of the Toastmasters for 10 years. He loved gardening, square dancing and being active in his church.

He was preceded in death by his father and mother and two brothers, Carl and Gerald.

He is survived by his wife, Marian, of Lakeside; daughter, Lindell Stacy Horton, of Ocean Shores, Wash., sons, William S. Stacy of Shingle Springs, Calif., and Richard J. Stacy of El Dorado, Calif.; a brother, Alvie Stacy, of Sacramento; and a sister, Alice Dickey, of Waverly, Ohio; eight grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Lakeside Chapel with the Rev. Torrance Harvey officiating. His ashes will be buried in French Town Cemetery in Shingle Springs. His family requests donations to hospice. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements and cremation.

## Mary Ann Potter Stertz, 62

Mary Ann Potter Stertz, 62, died Monday March 31, 1997, at Kalispell Regional Hospital.

She was born in Herman, Neb., on April 13, 1934, to Lester and Edna Potter.

She married Philip Stertz on Sept. 13, 1951, in Omaha, Neb. In February of 1977, they moved to Kalispell and have lived here ever since.

She was a loving, devoted wife and mother. She enjoyed playing bridge and gardening.

She is survived by her husband, Philip, at home in Kalispell; two sons, Steve Stertz and wife, Susie, of Boise, Idaho, and Mike Stertz and wife, Karen, of Boulder, Colo.; two

daughters, Sue Ann Howell and husband, Dale, of Kalispell, and Becky Bellinger and husband, Dick, of Pueblo, Colo.; two sisters, Virginia Bruno and husband, Jim, of Las Vegas, and Betty Gray and husband, Don, of Omaha; a sister-in-law, Kay Cano, and husband, Roger, of Omaha; and five grandchildren, Raina, Elizabeth, Matthew, Sarah, and Kelly. She will be sadly missed by all.

Creation has taken place and memorial services will be held Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Larry Gaylord of First Presbyterian Church officiating.

## William L. 'Bill' Stolte, 82

William L. "Bill" Stolte, 82, passed away Monday, March 17, 1997, at Immanuel Lutheran Home.

He was born on Sept. 20, 1914, in Missoula, to William and Amy Stolte. He moved to Whitefish with his family when he was a very young child and that is where he grew up. He attended schools in Whitefish, graduating from Whitefish High School in 1932.

Following graduation from high school, he enlisted in the Army and became a military policeman. While he was stationed in Boise, Idaho, he met a medical secretary, Georgia Sutter, and they were married on Sept. 2, 1942.

He went to work for the railroad and was transferred several times, living in Washington, Texas, and Louisiana. They returned to Whitefish in 1949 to raise their family.

He enjoyed hiking, fishing, and watching football and basketball games. He particularly enjoyed the

outdoors. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church.

He moved to Colorado in 1986 after he retired from Burlington Northern Railroad. He returned in 1993 to Kalispell where he and his wife have lived ever since.

He was a member of the railroad union, and American Legion.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, Orval and Kenneth, and a sister, Fern Kemppanen.

He is survived by his wife, Georgia, of Kalispell; sons, Lawrence William Stolte, of Concorde, N.H., Donald Lynn Stolte, of Whitefish, and David Sutter Stolte, of Ft. Collins, Colo.; a daughter, Sharon-Ann Briggs, of Kennewick, Wash.; nine grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

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

## 29 May Dalcyce Faye Horton Stenswick 1997

Dalcyce Faye Horton Stenswick passed away Thursday after a long, courageous battle with cancer.

She was born in Rapid City, S. D., in 1939. She was raised in the Northwest.

She could best be remembered for her love of her children as well as many other children who grew up knowing her as "Mom." She would always give her last in order for her children and others so that they could succeed. Her hard work, love of people and loyalty were evidenced by the job she chose in later years.

She was secretary for Laborer's Union Local 1334 for 10 years. She also served as Ironworkers' Union Local 598 secretary for five years. Anyone who knew her as a friend could appreciate her dry humor, honesty and positive outlook on life. Her passion was her work, in which she took great pride. She retired from the Ironworkers in November only because of ill health.

She will be greatly missed as a mother, grandma and by all those who knew her as a friend.

Mom, we thank you for your laugh-

ter, your wonderful singing voice, long conversations, and the unconditional love you gave us, one and all. May you have the peace and happiness you deserve in your wonderful new world. You will always be in our hearts and lives and never forgotten. God bless you always and may you always have a song to sing. We love you!

She is survived by two sons, Bryan Greene, and his wife, Tammy, of Columbus and Darrin Greene, and his wife, Sherry, of Cheney, Wash.; and daughter Cara Stenswick, of Kalispell. She is also survived by her brother, Ron Horton, of Portland, Ore., and sister Vivian Price of Sun City, Nev. She is also survived by grandchildren, Sarah, Jaclyn, Robert, Valeree, Austin, Dally, Leon, Melanie, Nikki, and Chayne. She was very proud of them all.

Visitation will be 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. A funeral will be 2 p.m., Tuesday, at Buffalo Hill. Cremation will follow. Memorials may be sent to "A Carousel for Missoula" 1 Caras Park, Missoula, 59802.

## 1997 Marilyn A. (Nelson) Stevens, 66

Marilyn A. (Nelson) Stevens, 66, died at the Community Hospital in Bonners Ferry on July 3.

She was born Feb. 6, 1931, in Kalispell to Peter and Clara Nelson. She attended schools in Kalispell. After graduation, she attended the Columbus Hospital Nursing School in Great Falls for three years.

On Aug. 29, 1952, she married Alfred Stevens in Great Falls. They moved to Sweetgrass and later to Eastport, Idaho, and then to Porthill, Idaho, where he worked for U.S. Customs. She devoted her life to her family. After her children grew up, her tireless energy carried over to work at the Bonners Ferry Community Hospital, where she worked for 20 years, caring for people.

After retirement, they moved to Moyie Springs, Idaho. She continued as a volunteer at the hospital until her health started to fail. Her 3,000-plus hours as a volunteer for the hospital auxiliary were appreciated. Perhaps the most touching contribution she gave to the com-

munity was her work in the Idaho Baby Track Program. She was a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church and the hospital auxiliary. We will remember you, Mom, in every healthy, happy baby we see. We love you, Mom.

She is survived by her husband, in Bonners Ferry; her mother, Clara Nelson, of Kalispell; brother John Nelson, of Kalispell; daughters Kathy Garrett, Mary Funkhouser, Susan Owsley, and Cindy Mass, all of Bonners Ferry, Idaho; Sharon Wood, of Kamiah, Idaho; sons Tom Stevens of Lewiston, Idaho, Ken Stevens, Mike Stevens and Pat Stevens, all of Bonners Ferry, Idaho; granddaughters Elsie, Jenifer, Heather, Amy, Rachel, Desi, Stephanie, Melanie and Becky; grandsons Jordan, Patrick, Christopher, Glenn, Edward, Allen, Nathen and Derek.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be 10 a.m., Tuesday, at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Bonners Ferry. Burial will follow at Grandview Cemetery in Bonners Ferry.

## Glen Ernest Stewart, 70

Glen Ernest Stewart, 70, passed away Tuesday, July 1, 1997, at his home in Kalispell.

He was born Feb. 14, 1927, in Priest River, Idaho, to Glen and Beatrice Stewart. He lived most of his younger years in Priest River until enlisting in the U.S. Navy to serve during World War II.

He married Dora Luckey in May of 1946 in Sandpoint, Idaho. They lived for 40 years in the West Glacier area. He retired from the Montana Department of Transportation.

He loved the outdoors, especially

hunting and fishing.

He is survived by his wife, Dora, of Kalispell; three daughters, Glenda and her husband, Jim Wahe, of Denver, Colo., Cynthia Stewart of St. Croix Falls, Wis., and Kristine Stewart of Seattle; grandson, Justin Wahe, of Denver; half-brother, Robert Pickell, of Vancouver, Wash.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be held at 3 p.m. today at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Urn burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

## 1997 Dennis Steyee, 58

Dennis Graham Steyee, 58, of Shelby, died Saturday, Oct. 11, at a Great Falls Hospital due to heart failure.

Memorial services will be 2 p.m. Saturday at the Whitted Funeral Chapel in Shelby, with burial of ashes with military honors in the Mountain View Cemetery.

He was born Aug. 27, 1939, in Shelby, to Melvin and Luella Rensmon Steyee, where he attended schools. He served five

years with the U.S. Air Force. He married Sandra Evans Dec. 31, 1962, at Shelby. He worked as a truck driver but for the past several years was employed as a drug and alcohol counselor and retired Dec. 31, 1994.

Survivors include his wife, Sandra of Whitefish; son Bret Steyee of Columbia Falls; four daughters; two sisters including Verna Criner of Libby; and four grandchildren.

## Roland Wesley Stillwell, 82

Roland Wesley Stillwell, 82, died Saturday, June 14, 1997, at Lake View Care Center in Bigfork.

He was born Nov. 14, 1914, in Watford City, N. D., to Wesley and Mabel Stillwell. He attended schools in the Watford area, graduating from Watford City High School in 1932.

He moved to Montana in the 1960s, and then moved to the West Coast in the 1970s. He returned to Kalispell in the late 1980s and lived there ever since.

When he lived in North Dakota, he owned a cabin on a lake in Minnesota, where he loved to relax and fish. He loved music, fishing and especially gardening. He was a very caring person who will be deeply missed by

his family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Margarete, a brother and a son.

Survivors include his wife, Sadie, of Kalispell; a son Orrin and wife, Cheryl, of Kalispell; brothers Lester Stillwell, of Williston, N. D., and Larry Stillwell; sisters Bea Stillwell, of Fargo N. D., and Leona Gammache, of Grants Pass, Ore.; and six grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

The funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home, with Rev. Robert Ross of Christian Center Assembly of God Church officiating. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

## 1997 Clinton Dewain Stone, 81

Clinton Dewain Stone, 81, of Evergreen and formerly of Columbia Falls, passed away Thursday, Aug. 7, at his home.

He was born Feb. 18, 1916, in Hingham, one of 12 children of John and Gurina Stone. He was raised and attended schools primarily in Montana.

He served in the U.S. Army during World War II with the Railroad Battalion in the Mideast. He worked as a machine operator with the railroad for 43 years and retired in 1976.

He enjoyed woodworking, metal working, was a handyman and a jack of many trades. In recent years he enjoyed making both gas and steam-powered engines from scratch. He



enjoyed hunting and fishing and his recreational vehicle. He was a loving husband, father and grandfather and will be missed by all who knew him.

He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Nellie, at the family home; sons Dale, in Petersburg, Alaska, and John, in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; daughters Cheryl Stone, in Juneau, Alaska, and Diane Christman, of Delhi, La.; grandchildren Laurie, Ian, David and Deana; great-grandchild Cole; sisters Gladys Greenland, of Kalispell, and Florence Marantette, of Los Angeles.

Visitation will be noon to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. A funeral will be 10 a.m. Wednesday at Columbia Mortuary with the Rev. Jerry Buchanan officiating. Burial with military honors will follow at the Glacier Memorial Gardens cemetery in Kalispell.

The family requests memorials be made to Home Health Care.

## William F. Streeter, 79

William F. Streeter, 79, of Eureka, died Monday evening, July 14, 1997, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

He was born April 14, 1918, in Waterbury, Conn., to Robert and Frances Streeter. He was raised and educated in Connecticut and later served with the United States Army during World War II, being honorably discharged in 1945.

He married Thais Branch in 1948. They resided at Middlebury, Conn., for many years when he was employed as a tool and gauge inspector for the Timex Corporation until retiring and moving to the Eureka area in 1978.

He was a member of the Fortine

Community Church and had served as usher and greeter. He enjoyed the outdoors, being an avid hunter and fisherman.

Survivors include his wife, Thais, of Eureka; a son, Jeff Streeter, of Saratoga, Wyo.; a daughter, Chris Quilling, of Fortine; and six grandchildren.

Friends may call at Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Eureka from 4-8 p.m. today. Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. at Fortine Community Church, with the Rev. Paul McKibben officiating. Interment with military honors will be in Fortine Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Fortine Community Church, Box 155, Fortine, MT 59918.

## 0-13 May 1997 Ty Scott Stringfellow, 29

Services for Ty Scott Stringfellow, of Columbia Falls, will be 2 p.m., Monday, at Columbia Mortuary. Rev. Tod Fox will officiate. Cremation has taken place.

He was born July 13, 1967, in Kalispell, to Alvina "Nikki" and Norman Stringfellow.

He graduated from Columbia Falls High School. He had many active



hobbies. He enjoyed his pets, big-boy toys and the outdoors.

He worked for Harp Line Construction since 1989.

He is survived by his wife, Tammy; his parents; sisters Tiki Levinson, of Alaska, Renee Mountain, of Columbia Falls and Judy Dougherty, of Florida; his honorary grandmother Ilsa Bailey, of Columbia Falls.

Ashes will be buried at Woodlawn Cemetery after the service.

But his real spirit will be released 13 miles up to Snowcat Heaven, achieving his highmark.

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## Elsie S. Storms, 85

Elsie S. Storms, 85, of Trego, died at her home on July 19, 1997.

She was born July 27, 1912, in Honolulu, Hawaii, and moved to this area in 1971.

She is survived by her husband, Cecil, in Trego, four sisters, three brothers and several nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be 12-8 p.m. Friday at Austin Funeral Home in

Whitefish. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home chapel with the Rev. Jim Huff of the Bible Presbyterian Church in Kalispell officiating. Burial will follow at Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell.

Following graveside rites, friends and family will gather for a potluck at the Bible Presbyterian Church, Sixth Avenue West and Fourth Street in Kalispell.

## Karen J. Sullivan, 48

Karen J. Sullivan, 48, of Helena, died unexpectedly of natural causes at her home on June 22, 1997.

She was born in Billings to George and Gertrude Hillner. She graduated from Billings Senior High School in 1967. She graduated with a bachelor of arts degree in education from the University of Montana in 1971.

She married Dan Sullivan on Nov. 24, 1973. For several years, they lived at Flathead Lake where they were involved with the Sullivan Orchard business.

In 1978, they moved to Bozeman where she began employment with Montana State University. In a move to Helena in 1981, she worked for the Montana Office of Public Instruction where she has been state administrator of the Montana GED Program for 15 years. She referred to GED participants as "her students," and called GED students the largest graduating class in Montana, 2,000 to 3,000 each year.

She was an organizing founder of the Flathead Audubon Society and a member of Last Chance Audubon Society in which she served as an officer and committee chair.

She was an advocate of wild places

and wild things. She traveled widely but loved Montana beyond all places. She was a patron of the arts and music. Her foundation was in her family into which she included everyone she met. She had an uncompromising love and respect for the diversity of human culture and humankind. She saw no lines of separation but only a mosaic of beauty. The world is a little less at peace in her absence.

Immediate survivors include her husband, Dan, of Helena; her mother, Gertrude Hillner, and her brother, Perry Hillner, both of Billings; nieces and nephew, Kelly Weber of Boulder, Deanna Mydland and Dan Hillner of Billings, and Chesa Sullivan of Butte; and six grandnieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father, George Hillner and her brother, Oakland Hillner.

A memorial service is pending. Memorials may be made to the Last Chance Audubon Society, P.O. Box 924, Helena, MT 59624, or the Myrna Loy Center for the Performing Arts, 15 N. Ewing, Helena, MT 59601.

Hagler-Anderson Mortuary is in charge of local arrangements.

## Ruth Vincent Sund, 74

<sup>3 Mar 1997</sup>  
Ruth Vincent Sund, 74, of Redmond, Wash., died Monday at her home.

She was born to Robert and Ruth Windmeier in Kalispell. The family resided in the Flathead Valley until moving to Red-

mond in 1971.

She is survived by her husband of 55 years, two sons, a daughter, and four grandchildren.

Graveside services will be Friday at 11 a.m. at Conrad Memorial Cemetery with the Rev. Marvin Northcutt of Epworth Methodist Church officiating.



## Sylvia Grace Sustello, 87

Sylvia Grace Sustello, 87, of Bigfork, died at Brendan House in Kalispell on Monday, March 10, 1997.

She was born Feb. 8, 1910, in Ray, N.D., to Elmer and Clara Brooks. The family sold the farm and moved to Ambrose, N.D. They followed the Soo Railroad West to eastern Montana and farmed near Scobey. They moved to Kalispell in 1925.

She graduated from Flathead County High School in 1930.

She worked for School District No. 5 for Mr. Swetland and also as an "extra" in the Flathead County Treasurer's office.

On August 31, 1940, she married Phil Sustello in Libby. They lived in Bremerton, Wash., during World



War II and moved back to Kalispell. In 1943, they bought property at Woods Bay and established Phil's Bar and Cafe and a Higgins boat dealership. They later also built a hardware store.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Phil, in November 1986, and a brother, George Brooks.

She is survived by her daughter, Phyllis Eisenzimer, and her husband, Mark, of Columbia Falls; two sisters, Vera Brandewie of Bigfork and Shirley Brown of Kalispell; two grandchildren; four great-grandchildren and a number of other relatives.

Cremation has taken place. Grave-side services and urn burial will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Friends will meet at the cemetery for the services.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Bigfork Volunteer Fire Department. Arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

## Thurman M. 'Shorty' Sutherland, 51

Thurman M. "Shorty" Sutherland, 51, of Columbia Falls, died Wednesday, Feb. 19, 1997, at his home at Kokanee Bend.

He was born July 25, 1945, in Livermore, Ky., and was raised and educated there. He was a draftsman, working for the Forest Service and for logging companies. His joys in life were his family and his horse, Cody, and playing poker all over Flathead Valley.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Marie Valcore; a daughter, Shelly Clark; and a grandson, John David Wade Holt.

He is survived by his wife, Luann, of Columbia Falls; sons Chris and Curtis, and daughter, Carla, all at the family home; son, Alan Starkey, and wife, Terri, in South Carolina; daughter Sally Holt and husband, David, of Troy; son Rick and wife, Sandra, of Anchorage, Alaska; daughter Mickey Lopher in Roseburg, Ore.;

son Raymond Profitt in Kalispell; grandsons Ty and Dale in Troy, Robert and Jason in Kalispell; granddaughters Alicia and Shelby in Kalispell; sister Naomi and husband, Roy, in Libby; a brother, Thomas, in Kalispell; sisters, Sherri and husband, Stubbs, in Eureka, and Linda and husband, Dean, in Winnemucca, Nev.; father and stepmother Wade and May Bevins in Puruwer, Tenn.; brother P.D. and wife Linda Bevins in Bellesville, Mich.; sister Ann and husband Bobbie Fraer in River View, Mich.; sister Dottie and husband Rick LeBlanc, in St. Peters, Mo.; brother Dudley and wife, Trina, of Eljay, Ga.

Visitation will be 1-8 p.m., today at Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. A funeral will be 10 a.m., Tuesday at the funeral home. Burial will follow at Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell.

## 1997 Robert Stroup, 52

Robert E. "Bob" Stroup was found unconscious at his Whitefish home on Thursday, Nov. 6, by a longtime friend. He was transported to North Valley Hospital where he was diagnosed with pneumococcal meningitis. He never regained consciousness and died peacefully at 10:18 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 8, surrounded by many friends and loved ones.

According to his wishes, he will be cremated at Austin Funeral Home and his remains will be scattered over the mountains. He specifically requested that there be no formal funeral or memorial services. In lieu of flowers, etc., those wishing to do so should please make a contribution in

his name to their favorite charity.

He was born Jan. 9, 1945, in Compton, Calif., to Marie and Harry Stroup, who preceded him in death.

He served as a sergeant in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam conflict and was awarded the Army Commendation medal for heroism at Qui Nhon (Pleiku) Dec. 31, 1967.

He was one of those rare souls with the ability to make everyone he met feel special. He genuinely loved people and was loved by many.

He was the owner and operator of Cafe Kandahar on The Big Mountain. He will be sorely missed, not just in the Flathead Valley, but wherever he has been.

## Velva Maurene Sutherland, 88

Velva Maurene Sutherland, 88, formerly of the Flathead Valley, died Thursday, July 3, 1997, at a private home in Mountain Home, Idaho.

She was born Oct. 16, 1908, in Coldwater, Kan., to Morton and Bertha Hadley.

She was raised and educated in Coldwater until she was 14, when she moved with her family to Halsey, Ore. She graduated from high school in Halsey. She graduated from Western Oregon Teachers College in Monmouth, Ore., and taught school until her marriage.

She married Lester Albert Sutherland on Sept. 4, 1932, in Coldwater, where they made their home for a few years before moving to Soda Springs, Idaho. In 1937 they moved back to Bigfork to help his parents with their farm. They later started Rocky Range Kennels and Stables. They were instrumental in organizing the Grange in Montana and helped organize the Eastside Grange #109 in Kalispell, serving as the first officers. In 1957, they moved to Nampa, Idaho.

She was a member of the Nampa First United Methodist Church.

Her husband preceded her in death on July 31, 1995.

She is survived by her son, Mel L. Sutherland of Bigfork; sister Bessie Hill of Talent, Ore.; three grandsons, Ron, Mike and Kevin; and two great-

grandsons, Gavin and Jensen.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Conrad Memorial Cemetery with the Rev. Marvin Northeart of Epworth Methodist Church officiating. Family and friends will meet at the cemetery. Arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

## 1997 Jacob Clay Sutton, 16

Jacob Clay Sutton, 16, of Bessemer, Mich., died Wednesday, Sept. 17, at St. Mary's Medical Center in Duluth, Minn. He died of injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

He is a former Kalispell resident.

He was born Sept. 1, 1981, in Kalispell. The family moved to Michigan in 1986. He attended schools in Bessemer. He was a member of the sophomore class at the A. D. Johnson High School.

He was also a member of the Ice Crystals Figure Skating Club from 1986-94. He played basketball on the junior high and freshman teams and played the tenor saxophone in the Bessemer High School band. He was an active member of the Sharon Lutheran Church in Bessemer.

His greatest love was traveling. He traveled extensively throughout the world and loved spending his summers at Ashley Lake.

Survivors include his parents, Connie and Allan Wroblewski, of Bessemer, Mich., and James and Gayle Sutton, of Madison, Wisc.; sister Marjorie Sutton, of St. Petersburg, Fla.; brother Captain Jason Sutton and wife, Christy, of London, England; half-sister Brittany Sutton,

of Madison; step-brothers Christopher Wroblewski, and wife, Tammy, of Savage, Minn., and Colby Hall, of Palmer, Alaska; stepsisters Jill Wroblewski, of Minneapolis, Kristen Karjainen, and husband, Charles, of Dollar Bay, Mich., and Kristin Hall of Palmer, Alaska; grandparents Clay and Gail Thomason, of Kalispell and Robert and Evelyn Sutton, of Kalispell, along with many aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

A funeral was held Saturday at St. Sebastian Church in Bessemer, Mich., Rev. Sharon Firlie of the Sharon Lutheran Church and Rev. Joseph Carne, of St. Sebastian, officiating.

Burial will be 1 p.m., Wednesday, at Glacier Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell. Graveside services will be held, with Mike Barragan officiating. After the service, lunch will be served for family and friends at Bob and Roni Anderson's, 715 Birch Grove Road. Friends will meet at the cemetery for services. Local arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary.

Memorials may be made to the Jacob Sutton Memorial Fund, c/o Associated Bank, 310 Silver Street, PO Box 7, Hurley, WI, 54534.

## William Sutherland, 80

William Sutherland, 80, died at his home in Kalispell on Thursday, May 1, 1997.

He was born Aug. 11, 1916, in Garden City, Utah, to John and Bessie Adams Sutherland.

He married Florence Fowler on April 28, 1942, in Conrad. He joined the U.S. Armed Services in 1942 and was a flight engineer in World War II. He flew C-47s out of India into China, transporting troops and supplies. He flew the Burma Hump many times and also flew in the P-51s and B-17s as flight engineer. He received the Victory Medal, the Good Conduct Medal, the American Theater service medal and the Asiatic Pacific Service medal. He came home April 29, 1946.

He was a member of St. Matthew's Church. He was a member of the Elks for 50 years and gave more than 40 years of service to the Rotary. He was one of the driving forces in the Rotary when Friendship House was funded. It exists today, through the efforts of Rotary.

In 1987, under the direction of then-president Jerry Stoick, the club committed itself to raising \$25,000 to provide a down payment for the Friendship House mortgage. It was an awesome commitment, driven by determined and effective Rotarians like Bill Sutherland, Jerry Wildgen, Kirk Nelson, Bob Erickson, Bob Orser and Chuck White, with the help of dozens of other members and their wives.



He enjoyed golf, hunting, fishing, football, baseball and skiing.

He is survived by his wife, Florence, of the family home; three daughters, Sister Sharon "Shari" Sutherland, of Cedar

Rapids, Iowa, Vicky Tronstad and husband, Mike, and Judi LaCroix and husband, Doug, all of Kalispell; sons Dr. Greg Sutherland and wife, Raclene, of Puyallup, Wash., Steve Sutherland and wife, Brith, of Kalispell; 12 grandchildren, Tara, Amy, Nathan, Nicole and Kelsey, of Puyallup, Bryan and Michelle Tronstad, Justin, Jennifer and Jacob LaCroix, Kory and Bret Sutherland, all of Kalispell.

Visitation will be 1-4 p.m. today at Johnson Mortuary. Vigil services will be 7 p.m., today, at Johnson Mortuary. Funeral mass will be noon, Monday, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church in Kalispell, Father Carl Deitchman officiating. A reception meal will follow at St. Matthew's Catholic School. Private family burial will be at Conrad Cemetery.

The family suggests memorials be made to St. Matthew's Catholic School, 602 S. Main St., Kalispell or to Home Options Hospice, 1280 Burns Way, Kalispell.

## Keith Loren Svee

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Keith Loren Svee, 67, died Jan. 3 at North Valley Hospital following a lengthy illness. He was born Jan. 26, 1929 in Superior, Wisc. the only child of Carmen and Julius Svee.

He graduated from Superior Central High School in 1947, then attended Superior State Teachers College for four years. He was an All Star guard and tackle in both high school and college football.

He was employed by the Great Northern Railroad in Superior at the age of 13 during World War II on the section gang. He continued to work as a round house hostler, locomotive fireman, brakeman and was a conductor when he took a disability retirement in 1985.

He was a charter member of the Whitefish Rifle & Pistol Club and



held all of the offices of the club and was an honorary life member. He was directly responsible for the concept and the building of the Whitefish Outdoor Range and the North Valley Shooting Foundation Indoor Range.

Survivors include his wife,

Marjorie, at the family home near Whitefish; three sons, Loren Scott and wife, Kathy of Whitefish; Duard and wife, Penny in Billings and Wayne in Butte; two daughters, Julie and husband, John Eder and Velma and husband, Bryan Luke all of Whitefish and nine grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

A private memorial and burial service are planned for a later date. Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish is in charge of arrangements. Cremation has taken place.

Memorials can be made to the Whitefish Junior Rifle Club or the North Valley Shooting Foundation, C/O 4575 Whitefish Stage Road, Whitefish 59937.

## Patrick Valentine Staunton, 45

Patrick Valentine Staunton, 45, passed away Wednesday, April 16, 1997, at his home in Essex.

He was born Aug. 11, 1951, in Coventry, England, to Patrick and Margaret Staunton. He moved to Chicago in 1957. He graduated from Argo High School in Summit, Ill., in 1969.

After high school he attended Morraine Valley Junior College, then Triton Junior College in River Grove, Ill. He served in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War.

He married Catherine Schembari on May 3, 1978, in Chicago. They made their home in Downers Grove, Ill., where he worked as a general contractor for several years. In June of 1995, he moved to Essex, where he and his wife were working on opening a resort.

He loved to hike, was just learning to hunt, and loved boating and water

skiing. He loved his family. He will be truly missed by everyone who knew him.

He was preceded in death by his father.

He is survived by his wife, Cathy, a son, Patrick, and two daughters, Tara and Theresa, all of Essex; his mother, Margaret Staunton of Plainfield, Ill.; three brothers, John, Bill and Peter, all of Illinois; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be today from 3-8 p.m. with a vigil service at 7 p.m. at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Mass of Christian burial will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Richards Catholic Church in Columbia Falls with the Rev. Joseph Sullivan officiating. Burial will follow at his home in Essex after the funeral. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

## Evelyn Sweetland, 92

Evelyn Sweetland, 92, died at her home Wednesday, April 16, 1997, in Kalispell.

She was born Oct. 31, 1904, in East Grand Forks, Minn., to Horace and Eleanor Paquette Lunsford.

She married Kenneth Sweetland. They lived most of their life in Bullhead City, Ariz., where she was the first chamber of commerce president of Bullhead City. She owned and ran Ripleys River Resort there.

She was a member of the Soroptimist Club, the Riviera Artist Guild, and the Republican Women's Club.

She loved gardening, painting, crocheting, reading, the outdoors and especially her family.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Kenneth Sweetland, and her two daughters, Caroline Reid and Roberta Ball.

She is survived by two granddaughters, Robyn Duffy and her husband, Patrick, of Kalispell, and Francine Reatherford of Bullhead City, Ariz.; two grandsons, Dave McMillan and wife, Polly, of Bullhead City, and Marty Patterson of Prescott, Ariz.; and nine great-grandchildren.

A vigil service for is planned for today at 7 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel with visitation today until 6 p.m. Interment will be Wednesday at Desert Lawns Memorial Cemetery in Bullhead City.

## Opal Ida Swallow, 82

Opal Ida Swallow, 82, passed away on Tuesday, March 18, 1997, at her home near Kalispell.

She was born in Opheim on Dec. 20, 1914, to Ernest and Betha Mildren. She moved with her family to the Flathead in 1931, and graduated from Bigfork High School in 1935.

She married John Swallow on June 22, 1935, and they resided in the Flathead Valley since then.

She served as clerk of the Helena Flats School for 20 years and wove rugs at home for people of the community for many years. She was an active longtime member of Central Bible Church in Kalispell where she was Sunday school secretary for many years and especially enjoyed the friendship and fellowship of the Circle II ladies group.

She loved being a homemaker and spent her life making her home a place where everyone was welcome and loved. There was always a big garden from which she canned many jars of fruit and produce and kept her larder shelves well stocked. Baking from scratch was her specialty, often with no written recipe which was something her granddaughters often marveled at. She was happiest when

her family members were gathered at her home. Large family holiday dinners were a priority. In later years, grandchildren were always greeted with an abundance of delicious freshly baked buns, cinnamon rolls and grandma's quiet gentle smile and a warm hug. She also enjoyed her flower gardens, especially her columbines.

She was preceded in death by her three brothers, Delmar, Ora, and Orville Mildren.

She is survived by John, her husband of over 61 years; three sons, a daughter and their spouses, Wesley and Phyllis Swallow, Clifford and Lois Swallow, Myron and Terri Swallow, all of Kalispell, and Lois and Harlan Coverdell of Helena; 11 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren, and many nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Funeral services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. at Central Bible Church in Kalispell followed by a burial service at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

The family suggests memorials be given to Gideons International, P.O. Box 1305, Kalispell, MT.

Visitation will be 9 am to 6 pm Friday at Johnson Mortuary.

## Lewis LeRoy Swartz, 49

Lewis LeRoy Swartz, 49, of Kalispell, died at Kalispell Regional Hospital on Friday Jan. 3, 1997, from injuries received in a home fire.

He was born May 6, 1947, in Missoula to Francis and Ruby Swartz. He attended Missoula schools and lived in Miles City, Virginia City, Spokane, and various other Montana towns before moving to Kalispell.

He was employed as a welder for Semitool, Inc.

He enjoyed working with wood, bowling, hunting, fishing and working with cars.

He was preceded in death by his parents, an aunt, Alice Bonn, and an

uncle, Russell Swartz.

He is survived by his wife, Julie, at home; son Lewis L. Swartz and his wife, Lisa, of Kalispell; two daughters, Mae Ann and Mary Jo Swartz, both of Kalispell; a brother, Francis Swartz, Jr. of Missoula; two sisters, Francille Susott of Polson and Mary L. Reavely of Missoula; his stepmother, Helen M. Mearsel of Missoula; grandchildren Drek Sean Swartz of Columbia Falls and Michael Lee Swartz of Kalispell.

Private family memorial services were held at Johnson Mortuary on Monday. Urn burial was in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery.