

Lois I. Putney-Bloor Tallada, 70

Lois I. Putney-Bloor Tallada died on Friday, Aug. 1, 1997, at St. Patrick Hospital in Missoula.

She was born to Ben Putney and Laura Poindexter Putney on April 4, 1927, in Victor. At an early age, she moved with her family to Oregon where she completed school and married. She was later divorced.

In 1970, she married Reimon Tallada in Coeur d'Alene.

She was a professional cook and worked in Washington, Oregon and Montana. She loved life and people, especially her family, and will be very much missed by both family and friends.

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

She is survived by her husband, Rei "Slim," at home; nine children, Danny and Linda Bloor of Everton, Mo., Elaine Bloor of Willard, Mo.,

Donny and Shirleann Bloor of Fordhand, Mo., Laurie and Tom Frakes of Willard, Eddie and Eva Bloor of Springfield, Mo., Terrie McCann of Troy, Mary and Dennis Nichols of Santa Barbara, Calif., Sherri and Dave Belding of Silver Lake, Wash., and Bruce and Karen Tallada in Louisiana; her brother, Bill Putney, of Spokane; 23 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and numerous adopted grandchildren.

Cremation has taken place and burial will be at Bel Fountain, Ore., later.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the volunteers at St. Patrick Hospital, 500 Broadway, Missoula, 59806, the Troy volunteer ambulance, or Creston Volunteer Fire Department medical unit, 51 Riverside Road, Kalispell.

She sends her love to everyone.

Adeline Tamboer, 90

Adeline Elizabeth Tamboer, 90, of Olney, passed on to be with our Lord on Oct. 16, 1997.

She was born in New York City, N.Y., in 1907, to Herman and Elizabeth Stoll, German immigrants. She finished 14 years of school and became an elementary school teacher. She taught for 30 years in Woodbridge, N.J.

In 1928, she married Lincoln B. Tamboer and had one son, John. After retiring and relocating to Olney, she became an avid golfer and member of the Whitefish Golf Club

along with her husband. She was also a member of the Olney Sewing Club.

She was preceded in death by her older sister, Elsie Hanson and her husband.

She is survived by her son John "Jack" L. Tamboer of Olney and a grandson, Michael J. Tamboer of Seattle, Wash.

A memorial service will be held at the First Presbyterian Church, 301 Central Ave., Whitefish, Wednesday at 4 p.m. The Rev. Jim Patton will officiate. A gathering is being organized by Flossie Fletcher following the services.

1997 Eugene Taylor, 47

Eugene "Pa" Curtis Taylor, died suddenly Monday, Sept. 22, from complications from a bee sting.

He was born with a twin sister, Eunice, in Valley City, N.D., on Nov. 11, 1949, to Howard Curtis Taylor and Bernice Johnson Taylor, joining an older sister, Barbara. In 1960, the Taylor family moved to Shelby. They moved again in 1961, to Havre. He grew up in Havre, and graduated from Havre High School in 1968. While in high school he lettered in football, basketball and wrestling.

He joined the U.S. Navy in 1968 on the buddy plan and went right from graduation to boot camp.

While in the Navy, he served as a radio operator in Guam and in Vietnam. He transferred to San Diego, Calif., and finished his term in 1972.

Using the G.I. Bill, he attended Western Wyoming College in Rock Springs, Wyo., where his sister, Barbara, taught. He earned a diploma in computer programming, graduating in 1974.

After graduating from W.W.C., he worked for Amoco Oil based out of Casper, Wyo.

In 1974, he married Ruth Case. They had three children, son Micheal Curtis, who died shortly after birth in 1974; daughter Mary Jo Taylor Twitchell, born in 1975; and a son, Jeffrey Curtis born in 1977. The y divorced in 1977.

After the divorce, he lived and worked in Thermopolis, Casper, and Rock Springs, Wyo., during which time he played guitar in a country band and attended various motorcycle rallies and runs.

He moved from Rock Springs to Havre in 1982 and worked at the Montana Bar. After the bar burned down in 1983, he moved to Chinook and worked as a deputy sheriff for Blaine County until 1984.

He then moved to Whitewater to

work on the Simonson ranch for his sister, Eunice, and her husband, Lynn. He left the ranch in 1986. He then met Toni "TK" Gibson. It was then that they became "Ma" and "Pa". They married in 1988, and lived in Havre, where he managed Hi Line Glass. In 1990, they moved to Polson. He bartended for a short time, then worked for Castlio Drilling. At the time of his death, he worked at Quonset Quick Lube in Polson.

He loved his "Ma," motorcycling, being with his family and friends, music and cooking. He was a unique individual who touched many lives and had a special way of stealing people's hearts.

His friends ranged from the very young to the very old of all races. As was said many times, "His heart is as big as he is."

He was involved in the Vietnam Veteran's Motorcycle Club and ABATE of Montana. He continued to be an excellent athlete throughout his life, participating in bowling, darts, pool and golfing.

He is survived by his wife, Toni Gibson of Polson; parents Howard and Bernice Taylor of Lakeside; daughter Mary Twitchell of Havre; son Jeff of Missoula; sisters, Barbara Smith of Rock Springs, Eunice Simonson of Whitewater; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Memorial services will be held Friday, 3 p.m., in Polson, at the Polson Elks Lodge, 512 Main St. Officiating will be the Rev. Bill Putnam. Military honors will follow the services. A reception will be held at the Polson V.F.W. Hall. Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Dowling Funeral Home in Hamilton.

In lieu of flowers, the family request that memorials be sent to the Veterans Homes of Montana.

1997 Constance J. Terning, 53

Constance J. Terning, 53, died July 10, at her home in Whitefish.



She was born Sept. 14, 1943, in Oak Harbor, Wash., to Omer and Tena (Roodsant) Porter and shared her childhood with 14 older brothers and sisters. She graduated from Langley High School in 1971.

She married Richard Terning in Hutchinson, Minn. She was blessed with a daughter, Sharron, of Anchorage, and sons Brett and Nate, of Whitefish.

After five years in Luverne, Minn., she and her family began their 10 years of service with the Mission Aviation Fellowship, serving in Zaire, Africa. There, she supported her husband's flying ministry through flight following and hospitality.

She enjoyed spending time in her flower garden, quilting, sewing and

her church Bible study. She was an active member at Christ Lutheran Church, where she enjoyed the fellowship of the church family.

She was preceded in death by brothers Omer and Ronald.

She is survived by her husband, Dick; her daughter, Shannon Green and her husband, Jim, and daughter Rebekah; sons Brett and Nate; and siblings Robert O. Porter, of Langley, Wash., Raymond Porter, of Raymond, Wash., Judith B. Campbell, of Novato, Calif., Gloria J. Campbell, of Langley, Wash., Sylvia R. Porter, of Redmond, Wash., Catherine G. Whittington, of Neosho, Mo., Marjorie F. Steele, of Bellingham, Wash., Gaylord P. Porter, of Langley, Wash., Patricia L. Simmons, of Moses Lake, Wash., Howard R. Porter, of Duval, Wash., Jennifer L. Porter, of Palmer, Alaska, and Jeffery L. Porter, of Bellingham, Wash.

A memorial service will be 11 a.m., Monday, at Christ Lutheran Church in Whitefish. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to Special K Ranch and Shepherd's Hand Clinic.

Howard L. Thomas, 62

Howard L. Thomas, 62, of Polson, died of natural causes on Monday, Jan. 20, 1997, at St. Joseph Hospital in Polson.

He was born Aug. 14, 1934, in McCamey, Texas, to Matson and Lorraine Thomas. He grew up in Iraan and Sundown, Texas. He received a degree in petroleum engineering from Texas Tech in Lubbock, Texas, in 1957.

He married Betty Hulsey in Lamesa, Texas, on Jan. 25, 1959. They lived in numerous places including Wichita Falls, Texas; Chidler, Okla.; Cut Bank; Casper, Wyo.; and Williston, N.D.

He worked for Phillips Petroleum Company for 14 years and also for Amerada-Hess Corp. for 11 years as the technical-services manager.

He and his wife moved to Polson in August of 1982 and they eventually ran a cherry orchard.

He was the manager of Flathead Lake Cherry Growers Association and he retired from the position on Nov. 1, 1996. In July of 1996, he was elected to the board of directors of the Flathead Lake Cherry Growers Association. He was also in scouting for 32 years; he received the Silver Beaver award. He helped and encouraged all three of his sons to become Eagle Scouts. He was also active in the Polson United

Methodist Church as chairman of the building committee and most recently served as co-chairman of the building committee for finishing the building.

He loved to hunt, fish and snowmobile. He just had an enjoyable snowmobile trip with his son, Kyle, last Friday.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his stepmother, Sue.

He is survived by his wife, Betty Thomas, of Polson; three sons and their spouses, Mark and Janice Thomas of Midland, Texas, and their children, Matson and Grant, Kyle Thomas of Whitefish and Paul and Kristi Thomas of Columbia, S.C.; a brother and his wife, Kenneth and Kathleen Thomas, of Trinity, Ala.; a stepsister and her husband, Rachel and Howard Zills, of Trinity; his mother-in-law, Doda Rene Hulsey of Polson; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Visitation will be Thursday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Mosley-Shrider Funeral Home in Polson. Funeral services will be held on Friday at 2 p.m. at the Polson United Methodist Church. Burial will follow at Lake View Cemetery in Polson.

The family suggests memorials may be sent to the Building Fund of the United Methodist Church in Polson, MT 59860.

David D. Thompson, 78

David D. Thompson, 78, died Friday morning, June 13, 1997, at his home in Woods Bay.

He was born in 1919 to Glen and Reecie Thompson of Minnesota. They later moved to the Flathead Valley. He graduated from Flathead High School in 1937. He attended the School of Mines in Butte. He was a veteran of World War II.

He married Rosemary Lewis in 1946. They made their home in Kailua, Oahu.

He built and ran a construction business in Hawaii for many years. He semiretired to the Flathead Valley in 1992. He traveled back and forth with his business interest for several years.

Survivors include his wife, Rosemary, at the family home; his brother Bob and wife, Lucille Thompson, of Denver; his children, David Jr. and Gail, of Kaawa, Hawaii, Susan Thompson of Nevada, Calif., Debra Thompson, of San Francisco, Michael G. and wife Glenna Thompson, of Woods Bay, and 10 grandchildren.

He was a good man and a loving father. He will be missed by his many friends and family.

No service is planned. Cremation

has taken place. Arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary.

Vesta Noel Thompson, 85

Vesta Noel Thompson, 85, of Kalispell, died at her home on Feb. 10, 1997, after a lingering illness.

She was born to John C. Noel and Anna McAtee Noel on Aug. 17, 1911, in Bellevue, Idaho. She grew up in Hailey, Idaho. She married Howard Thompson Oct. 25, 1948, in Coeur D'Alene.

She loved the Lord, family, friends, and was always thoughtful of others. She and her twin sister, Velma Noel Ost, unselfishly sacrificed in giving financially to the purchase of the building and land for the Gospel Light Baptist Church so that souls might be saved for the Glory of God.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Howard Thompson, Jan. 19,

1987.

In addition to her twin sister, Velma, of Kalispell, she is survived by sister Ava Shepherd Siderius, also of Kalispell. She also left several nieces and nephews and a foster son.

Funeral services are planned for Saturday at 2 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary. Burial will follow at Lone Pine Cemetery near Bigfork, formerly the Little Brown Church. Friends may call at the mortuary for visitation today and Friday from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m.

Memorials may be made to the Disabled Veterans, #4, P.O. Box 2314, Kalispell, or to the Flathead County Animal Shelter, 4096 Hwy. 93 North, Kalispell.

Arthur Thoms, 70

Arthur Thoms, 70, of Kalispell, died at St. Patrick Hospital in Missoula on Friday, June 27, 1997.

He was born Feb. 5, 1927, in Crabert, Saskatchewan, Canada to Willim and Otilia Tomm.

He completed the eighth grade in school. At the age of 14, he quit school to help run the family farm when his dad was killed in a farming accident.

He married Irna Miller on Dec. 23, 1949, in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. They moved to the United States in 1956. He traveled and worked construction in all the western United States, settling in Montana in 1966.

He worked as a heavy equipment operator, mechanic and welder for the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 302, for 45 years. From 1971-72, he worked on a water tunnel in Alaska. He spent 10 years working on the Alaskan Pipeline.

In 1977, he built his home in Kalispell.

He retired in 1980 with a disability. Throughout his retirement he enjoyed traveling in Alaska, Montana, Arizona, other parts of the United States and Canada.

He loved to fish at his cabin in Glennallen, Alaska with his fish wheel.

He was a member of the Interna-



tional Union of Operating Engineers, Local 302, Family Motor Coach and Foretravel.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Victor, Fred and Leo Tomm; two half-brothers, Ed Toms and Edmund Tomm; and a half-sister, Otilia Tampky.

He is survived by his wife, Irna Thoms, at home in Kalispell; a daughter, Bonnie A. Thoms, of Wamsutter, Wyo.; two sons, Paul E. "Ed" Thoms and Garry A. Thoms, both of Fairbanks; a brother, Sigmond Thoms, and his wife, Kay, of Kelona, British Columbia; three sisters, Ella Radke and her husband, Leo, of Barrhead, Alberta, and Annie Clayton and Gertrude Brown, both of Fairbanks; a granddaughter, Kylie Thoms, of Fairbanks; and many nieces, nephews and dear friends.

Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. on Tuesday at Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Paul Taylor officiating. Burial will be at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Thoms Family Memorial Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 1077, Kalispell, MT 59903. A scholarship will be given on a yearly basis to a graduating senior going into higher education or vocational training from Lincoln County High School in Eureka.

Friends may call at Johnson Mortuary for visitation until 6 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. until noon on Tuesday.

Doris Pearl Thornberry, 87

Doris Pearl Thornberry, 87, a former resident of Kila, died Friday, April 4, 1997, in Ashland, Ore.

She was born June 15, 1909, in Osborne, Kan., to Frederick and Emma Hall. She was raised in Osborne. On Aug. 4, 1928, she married Claude H. Thornberry there. They moved to Kila in 1973 when her husband retired. He passed away Aug. 11, 1978. Later, she moved to San Jose, Calif., and then to Ashland, in 1996.

She was a member of the Methodist Church in San Jose and in

Whitefish. She loved her family and enjoyed people.

She is survived by her son, Ronald C. Thornberry, of Whitefish; two daughters, Winifred C. Masterson of Ashland and Barbara F. Faraone of San Jose; 16 grandchildren; 33 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. at Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery with the Rev. John Weaver of the Whitefish Assembly of God Church officiating.

Ruth Thurnau, 87

16 March 1997
Ruth Thurnau, 87, of Owatonna, Minn., died Sunday at Owatonna Hospital.

She was born to Frank and Gertrude Granger Stancl, in Owatonna where she attended school. She married Benjamin A.E. Thurnau on Sept. 14, 1931 in Owatonna.

She worked for Josten's, First National Bank, and at the Steele County auditor's office prior to working for Owatonna Savings and Loan where she retired as vice president after 26 years of service in 1976.

She was a longtime member of the United Methodist Church and a lifetime member of the Owatonna Hospital Auxiliary. She also

belonged to the Annotawo Club and Rebekah Lodge.

She is survived by three sons including Norman and Ann of Kalispell, eight grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, and one niece.

She was preceded in death by her husband, a sister, and two brothers.

Visitation will be Wednesday at Michaelson Funeral Home in Owatonna. Funeral services will be held Thursday at 2 p.m. at the United Methodist Church of Owatonna. Burial will be in Owatonna Memorial Gardens.

Memorials can be made to United Methodist Church, Parkinson's Disease Assoc., or Steel Co. Food Shelf.

1997 Grace Louise Tiffany, 78

Grace Louise Tiffany, 78, was called home to be with the Lord, March 15.

She was set free of pancreatic cancer while living at home in the care of her husband, children and Lake County Hospice.

She was born in Havre on May 7, 1918 to Claude and LaVerne Beller. Her parents homesteaded; her father delivered mail and her mother worked in the first Buttrey store.

When she was 8, her family moved to Victor, where she graduated from high school. From there, she moved to Kalispell to live with family and attend Beaman's Business College in 1937.

She worked for Dr. Harris, whose office was above the old Conrad Bank, at the location of the present Glacier Bank. This is where she met and married her husband, Gene Tiffany, on June 7, 1939. They would have celebrated their 57th anniversary this year.

They had a daughter, Bonnie, in 1941, followed by sons Dennis, in 1944, Curt, in 1950, Doug, in 1952 and Dan in 1959. Dennis preceded her in death in 1949. They lived in Kalispell until 1976, when they moved to Helena. In 1993, they moved to Polson.

Besides being a loving wife, homemaker and mother, she was also known as an outstanding cook who made leftovers seem like a gourmet meal and for having a cookie jar full of snacks for her family and friends.

She was a beautiful seamstress was awarded first place for designing and making a complete outfit for a doll, given away for Christmas by the Salvation Army in Helena. She also knitted afghans for all her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren in recent years. She liked to swim, camp, play pinochle, do crossword puzzles and bowl.

She was a member of the Pioneer Club and Senior Citizens in Helena. In Polson, she liked to walk to the Indian Senior Center to eat, visit and get reacquainted with friends and



relatives.

She was a true Montanan. She loved Glacier National Park and Flathead Lake and spent many summers as cook at the family cabin on Echo Lake while the family frolicked in the water and water-

skied.

She loved the Lord and attended Epworth Methodist Church in Kalispell, Hannaford Street Baptist Church in Helena and First Baptist Church of Polson. She regularly attended Christian Women's Club and served as an officer in Kalispell and Helena, along with her Bible study groups, one of which she attended up until this month.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Orin Beller and daughter-in-law, Christina Tiffany.

She is survived by her husband; by daughter, Bonnie and husband, Wayne Haaglund, of Missoula; sons Curt Tiffany, of Huntington Beach, Calif., Doug Tiffany and Sue Pratt, of Kila, Dan Tiffany and fiancée Kathy Stevens, of Polson; sister Bernice and her husband, Roy Motichka, of Donnelly, Idaho; brother Florin Beller and wife, Mitzi, of Salmon, Idaho; uncle Dean Beller, long of Kalispell but now of Shoreline, Wash.; seven grandchildren; six great grandchildren and many nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Cremation has taken place. A celebration of her life will be at 1 p.m., Wednesday, at Johnson Mortuary, Pastor Rudy Ringhoff, of the First Baptist Church of Polson presiding. Urn burial will be at Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Lake County Hospice, PO Box 39, Polson, MT, 59860, the Stonecroft Ministries, Inc., PO Box 9609, Kansas City, MO, 64134-0609 or the charity of the donor's choice. Our wife, mother and grandmother will be missed but we welcome her into the Savior's Arms.

Lucy Bertha Tinney, 82

Lucy Bertha Tinney, 82, died at her home in Kalispell on Saturday evening, Aug. 9, 1997.

She was born Aug. 7, 1915, in Oswego to Quincy P. and Minnie McClammy. She was raised on a working-horse ranch and attended an Indian school in Oregon.

In 1935, she married Jesse William Tinney in Kalispell.

She enjoyed sewing, doing crossword puzzles and reading.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jesse, on Dec. 24, 1990, and by a brother and three sisters.

She is survived by six children, Donna Nelson and her husband, Roy-

al, of Sacramento, Calif., Betty Tinney of San Diego, Leah Rose Melser of Victoria, Texas, Rolland Tinney and his wife, Lois, of Great Falls, Joleen Cook and her husband, Greg, of Bakersfield, Calif., and Kent Tinney and his wife, Donna, of Sheridan, Wyo.; two sisters in California; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Private family burial will be at Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Samaritan House, P.O. Box 592, Kalispell, or to the Chemawa Indian School.

Arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

Clifford Tippetts, 89

Clifford Arthur Tippetts, 89, died Tuesday, Nov. 4, 1997, at his home in Washington, Utah.

He was born Nov. 27, 1907, in Lovell, Wyo., to William Arthur and Ariadne May Tippetts.

He married Duella Farmer on June 2, 1937, in the Cardston, Alberta LDS Temple. They had two daughters.

Throughout his life, he lived in various towns in Montana, including Great Falls, Vaughn, Glasgow, Fairfield and Kalispell.

He was a farmer and worked for the Kalispell City Water Department for 27 years. He planned and built the family's home in Kalispell.

He had many callings in the church and was able to serve three missions for the Latter-day Saints Church with his wife.

His love for nature was expressed through his many paintings. He loved to fish and was a topnotch fish-

erman.

They moved to Washington, Utah, in February of 1996. He retired in 1971.

He loved his family, brothers, sisters, many friends and his Heavenly Father.

He is survived by his companion of 60 years, Duella; daughter Connie Rae Sant and her husband, Richard, of Bloomington, Utah.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Darlena Mae Jorgensen.

Funeral services will be held Saturday at 1 p.m. at the Washington LDS 11th Ward Chapel.

Friends may call Friday evening from 7 to 8 p.m. at Metcalf Mortuary, 300 West St. George Blvd., St. George, Utah, and Saturday from 12 to 1 p.m. at the chapel prior to services.

Interment will be in the Washington City Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Metcalf Mortuary.

Katie Toavs, 97

Katie Toavs died Feb. 3, 1997, at the home of her daughter, Elizabeth Stevens, in Deer Park, Wash. She was 97 1/2 years old.

She was born to Martin and Margaret Neufeld Penner in Waterloo Township, near Langdon, N.D., on July 20, 1899. She attended Gersmen English School in Waterloo Township through the fifth grade.

While cooking for her father's threshing crew, she met her future husband, Nickolas F. Toavs. They were married Oct. 21, 1919, in Langdon and moved to Wolf Point. They lived on their farm near Wolf Point for 30 years.

She was a member of the Bethel Mennonite Church of Wolf Point.

She and her husband had 11 children, who joined the two small children her husband had with his first wife, who passed away.

In 1948 the family moved to Columbia Falls.

She enjoyed crocheting and lived in Columbia Falls in her own home until November, 1993, when she moved to her daughter's home near Deer Park.

She was preceded in death by her husband in February, 1957; a daughter, Susie Krahn; three sons, Nickolas, Reuben and Wilmer Toavs; two daughters-in-law, Clara and Magdalene Toavs; a grandchild; two great-grandchildren; four brothers, Jacob, John, Peter and Herman; four sisters, Mary Gosink, Annie Ettarman, Margaret Krohs, and Isabel Veer.

Surviving are her five sons, Ted and Martin Toavs of Wolf Point, Frank Toavs of Bigfork, and Arlie and James Toavs, both of Columbia Falls; four daughters, Margaret Heidner of Wolf Point, Ruth Spenat of Condon, Elizabeth Stevens of Deer Park, Wash., and Hannah Shuttlesworth of Kalispell. Also surviving are a brother, Henry Penner, of Fresno, Calif., and sister Helen Veer of Dwight, Ill.

A service was held in Laurer Funeral Home on Feb. 7, with the final service to be at Fellowship Alliance Church in Columbia Falls at 1 p.m. Saturday, with Harley Bennett officiating. Interment will follow at Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell.

Clifford L. 'Bud' Toftum, Jr., 54

Clifford L. "Bud" Toftum, Jr., 54, of Columbia Falls, passed away Sunday, Oct. 26, at his home in Columbia Falls of a heart attack.

He was born Dec. 3, 1942, in Bemidji, Minn., to Clifford and Dolores Toftum. In 1947, the family moved to Columbia Falls, where he attended schools.

In 1964, he married Patricia Wallsch in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. In 1965, they moved to Bemidji, Minn., where he began driving grain trucks for his uncle and cousin. In 1970, he and his father started their own trucking business. In 1984, the family moved back to Columbia Falls, where he lived ever since.

He loved the mountains, hunting and fishing and growing roses.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia, at the family home; daughters Merry Keye Brigham and her hus-

band, Richard, of Minneapolis, Minn., and Deborah Braman and her husband, Allen, of Bemidji, Minn.; son Michael Toftum and his wife, Barbara, of Columbia Falls; grandchildren Cory, Heather, Brittany and Ryan, of Bemidji, Minn.; his mother Dolores Toftum Cox, of Columbia Falls; brother Ole Toftum, of Columbia Falls; sisters Shirley Reynolds and Karen Scott, of Columbia Falls and many aunts, uncles and nephews.

Visitation continues until 8 p.m. today at Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. A funeral service will be 2 p.m., Saturday, at the Columbia Mortuary. Rev. Darrell Newby of the Assembly of God Church in Columbia Falls, will officiate. Burial will follow the service in Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

Lillian Raymond Toole, 93

Lillian Raymond Toole, 93, of Polson, passed away from natural causes on May 12, 1997, at Evergreen Health and Rehab in Polson.

She was born Feb. 24, 1904, in Wannaska, Minn., to Peter and Alma Larson. She grew up and attended schools in Minnesota and Nebraska.

She married Theodore J. Raymond on Feb. 14, 1927, in International Falls, Minn. They moved to Whitefish in 1950, and to Polson in 1961. He preceded her in death in March 1971.

She married Robert H. Toole in July 1974. He preceded her in death in 1985.

She was preceded in death by both husbands; two sons, Richard Ray-

mond and Wallace Raymond; two brothers; and two sisters.

Survivors include five daughters, Marielle Cooley of Gaithersburg, Md., Romelle Johnson of West Chester, Pa., Gail Johnsrud of Whitefish, Sharon Tu of Polson, and Candi DeVoe of Gaithersburg; 27 grandchildren; and numerous great- and great-great-grandchildren.

Rosary will be today at 7 p.m. at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Polson. Burial will follow at Lake View Cemetery in Polson.

The family suggests memorials be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

Arrangements are by Grogan Funeral Home in Polson.

Arlis Marie Torgerson, 73

Arlis Marie Torgerson, 73, died June 4, 1997, at Kalispell Regional Hospital.

She was born Nov. 21, 1923, in Dagmar, the first daughter of Henry and Eleanor Henke. She began her formal education in a small country school, Franklin School, and graduated from Medicine Lake High School in Dagmar.

She married LeRoy Torgerson on June 20, 1942, in Sidney.

She obtained her bachelor of science degree in elementary education and taught in Cut Bank and Ethridge. After she and her husband raised their family in Cut Bank they retired and moved to Lakeside.

Arlis strove daily to serve God first, and her testimony was an inspiration to family and friends. Although she enjoyed many activities such as fishing, boating, sewing and gardening, those pursuits became too difficult for her as her arthritis and later, lymphoma, progressed. She was still able to enjoy traveling, watching and feeding the birds — especially hummingbirds — working crossword puzzles and visiting with family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her

husband, LeRoy; a son, Melvin Lee Torgerson; a sister, Audrey Overby; two brothers, Don Henke and Eldon Henke; and an infant sister.

She is survived by three daughters, Diana Stark and husband Robert, Sheryl Njos and husband Duane, all of Twin Bridges, and LeArla Torgerson of Walnut Creek, Calif.; a sister, Beverly Heinsen and husband, Gayle, of North Dakota; one brother, Loren Henke and wife, Lillian, of Dagmar; 11 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were scheduled for 2 p.m. today in the Stage Coach Room of the Outlaw Inn in Kalispell; interment was to follow at Conrad Memorial Cemetery. A reception was to follow in the Winchester Room at the Outlaw Inn.

The family suggests memorials to American Cancer Society, Box 1002, Kalispell; the American Diabetes Association, Box 2411, Great Falls, MT 59403-2411; or the Lupus Foundation, City of Hope, 208 W. Eighth St., Los Angeles, Calif., 90014-3289.

Arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

1997 Sydney Torgerson, 54

Sydney Torgerson, 54, of Kalispell, passed away Jan. 8, at Fort Harrison Veterans Hospital in Helena, after a lengthy illness.

He was born in Kalispell on Feb. 24, 1942, and attended local schools. On June 12, 1962, he married Sharon Peebler and they returned to Bozeman to finish college.

He received his bachelors degree in mechanical engineering from Montana State University in 1965.

Afterward, he was commissioned a second lieutenant and was assigned to the Army's artillery branch in Ft. Bliss, Texas. After being discharged from the army, he returned to Kalispell and formed Torgerson Construction, Inc. Most of his earlier years were spent in the Forest Service building roads, and building roads for the Libby Dam project. Later, he was involved in rock and asphalt crushing.

He was an avid aviation enthusiasts who loved restoring airplanes and flying throughout western Montana. His favorite job site was near Spotted Bear. He donated time and equipment to expand the Kalispell city airport and



develop the airstrip at Lost Prairie.

He was a member of the Kalispell Hangar Association and the Calvary Lutheran Church in Evergreen.

He is survived by his wife, Sharon, at home; son Glenn Torgerson and his wife, Maryanne, and their daughter, Kristen, of Snohomish, Wash.; daughter Gail Jellema and her husband, Jonathan, of Charleston, S. C.; father Clarence Torgerson and brother, Thomas Torgerson and sister Carol Torgerson and nephews Rob and Tyan Torgerson, all of Kalispell.

He will be remembered for his generosity, his sense of humor and his love of children.

A funeral will be 1 p.m., Monday, at Northridge Lutheran Church, 323 Northridge Dr. Kalispell, with Pastor Dan Heskett officiating. Burial will be at Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Visitation will be 1-4 p.m., today, at Johnson Mortuary.

Beverly Torbergson, 74

Beverly Torbergson, 74, of Somers, died at Heritage Place in Kalispell, on Sunday morning, Nov. 2, 1997.

She was born Oct. 29, 1923, in Salt Lake City, Utah to Henry Wallace and Elouise Rose Hinman. She received her early education in Farmington, Utah, then moved to Somers, graduating from Flathead County High School. She married Alfred Peter "Pete" Torbergson Dec. 13, 1941, at Somers.

She worked in an ammunition factory in Salt Lake, Utah, while her husband was in the Army. When he returned, she went from there to teaching school in Coram, then to being a homemaker, raising her three children.

She was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Lakeside.

She loved her family and would visit people and help those that were in need. She was loved by all

that knew her. She had a wonderful life.

She was preceded in death by her father, Henry Hinman.

She is survived by her husband, Pete Torbergson, at their home in Somers; her mother, Elouise Hinman of Kalispell; a daughter, Priscilla Presnell and husband, Robert, of Havre; two sons, Peter Torbergson and wife, Heather, of Seattle, and Nicolus A. Torbergson and wife, Laurie, of Kalispell; also a sister, Kaye Adkins of Kalispell.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel, with President F. Cole Hilstead of the Lakeside Branch of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints officiating.

Burial will follow at the Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Arrangements are by the Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

Paul L. Totten, 87

Paul L. Totten, 87, of Eureka, died Tuesday, Jan. 14, 1997, at Mountain View Manor.

He is survived by his wife, Nancy Totten, of Eureka; six sons, including Jeff Totten and Dennis

Totten, both of Eureka, and Walter Totten of Ronan; 17 grandchildren; and 33 great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be Saturday morning from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. at the Tobacco Valley Cemetery.

1991 Burdette 'Bud' Hilton Tracy, 82

Burdette "Bud" Hilton Tracy, 82, of Big Arm, passed away Friday, Dec. 12, at the North Valley Extended Care Unit.

He was born May 29, 1915, in Ogden, Utah, to Thomas Alma and Ruth Hilton Tracy. He was raised and attended schools around Ogden. He married Donna Nell Hampton, of Harlem, on Aug. 24, 1938.

He attended Weber State College to become a journeyman machinist. He worked at Hill Field Air Force Base for 20 years. In 1960, he became co-owner of Haight Tool and Dye in Riverdale. He retired in 1980.

He played the bass fiddle with the Riders of the Rainbow Trail for 20

years. He was president of the Toastmasters Ogden Club No. 140. His interests were fishing, camping and his family.

He is survived by his wife, Donna, at Big Arm; his children, Ruth and her husband, Svend Larsen, of Big Arm; Gerry and husband, Jim Oborn, of Ogden; Dean Tracy and wife, Sheryl, of Roy, Utah; nine grandchildren and six great grandchildren; brother Eugene Tracy, in Ogden.

No services are planned. Arrangements are by Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish. The family suggests in lieu of flowers that memorial contributions be sent to St. Joseph's Hospital in Polson.

1991 Royce Delwin Trapier, 61

Royce Delwin Trapier, age 61, of Springdale, Utah, died there Wednesday, Nov. 12.

He was born May 12, 1936, in Milford Utah, to Paul E. and Pat Trapier.

In July, 1954, he married his high school sweetheart, Bobbie, his "wind beneath his wings." Subsequently, he was blessed with five beautiful, talented daughters who loved him immensely.

A cowboy at heart, he loved the out-of-doors and took pleasure in God's many creations. Among them, he called Montana home. Having spent 19 years in the Kalispell and Glacier National Park area, the memories, the people and the country became a very special part of his heart.

In pursuit of his love for the mountains and the freedom they provided, Royce made many mountaineering trips. He alone is the only person in our day to have traversed many of the mountains. In his quest for these outdoor adventures, he visited the mountains often, and volunteered to share them with his friends and family by patiently helping them overcome their fears.

He gave much of himself. Those who had the blessing of going with him will treasure those experiences forever. Often, he ascended canyons which were unknown and he commonly named them, sometimes for his loved ones. One such canyon, Tami's Canyon, was named after his daughter. He is on record at Zion National Park, a favorite of his, for helping establish official records for unknown areas such as Heaps Canyon.

He was blessed with uncommon talents. Among them, he was quickly

able to "read" a piece of wood and from it could produce a beautiful work of art. From his hands, rough, uncharacteristic wood would take shape and come alive. He had vision and rare ability. He was a true craftsman, as evidenced by his many creations, the homes he has built from Montana to the islands of Hawaii. The beauty of these masterpieces will last forever as evidenced by his acclaim in professional circles and magazine recognition.

A firm member of the LDS Church, he was a humble teacher. From his mouth sprang heartfelt and thought-provoking spiritual lessons. He was constantly a tool for good in the Lord's hands. He loved the church and the Lord and had no reservations sharing that testimony.

He is survived by his wife, Bobbie, of Springdale, Utah; daughters Debbie and her husband, Mike Wade, of Wisconsin. Valerie Trapier, of Murray, Utah, Jody and husband, Dave Shipp, of Washington, D. C., Jamie and husband, Larry Pond, of Murray, Utah, and Tami and husband, Brad Bentley, of Mt. Pleasant, Utah; 18 grandchildren and two great grandchildren. He is also survived by his mother, Pat Trapier, in Salt Lake City.

He was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Alexis Barbara Harding.

Royce Delwin Trapier left this life and was lovingly taken into the arms of his Heavenly Father. We love you, Royce!

Graveside service will be 2 p.m., Wednesday at Fairview Cemetery, east of Kalispell. Local arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary.

Linda C. Fledderman

Tremel, 45
5 April 1997
Linda C. Fledderman Tremel, 45, of Columbia Falls, died Saturday near Columbia Falls of injuries from a car accident.

She was born in Yreka, Calif. She moved to Columbia Falls in 1970.

She worked as a certified nurse aide in the hospital in Whitefish for several years. She was an emergency-medical technician with the Columbia Falls Volunteer Ambulance for four years.

She married Jim Tremel on Nov. 23, 1991, in Columbia Falls.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

She is survived by her husband, Jim, of Columbia Falls; three children, including Neil and Jessie Taylor of Columbia Falls; two brothers, including Karl Fledderman of Columbia Falls; and a cousin.

A memorial service time and date are pending and will be announced later.

Cremation and arrangements are by Columbia Mortuary.

Alf Tronstad, 84

Alf Tronstad, 84, of Polson, died on Dec. 4, 1997.

He was born near Christiansand, Norway, on April 15, 1913. His family immigrated to the United States in 1915 and settled in Havre.

He attended high school in Havre and worked as an equipment operator on the Ft. Peck Dam.

He joined the Army in 1942 and served in the North African Middle Eastern Theater. He was discharged as master sergeant in 1945.

He returned to Shelby and was involved in the sand, gravel and construction businesses. He made significant contributions to the post-war growth of Shelby.

He moved to Missoula in 1963,

where he owned and operated the South Avenue Laundry. In 1971, he moved to Polson and worked in the real estate business until his retirement.

He married Mary Sahlen in 1946 in Shelby.

He is survived by sons Alf Martin "Trig" Tronstad, of Westport, Ma., and Tim Tronstad, of Missoula; sisters Ann MacLean, of Deer Lodge, Margaret Decker, of Havre, and Signe McMaster, of Lynnwood, Wash. and two grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one infant daughter and longtime companion, Blanche "Cleo" Flynn.

Arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary.

Lula Mae Trospen, 90

Lula Mae Trospen, 90, of Kalispell, passed away Sunday, Sept. 14, 1997, at Heritage Place in Kalispell, where she had resided for the last several years.

She was born May 1, 1907, on a farm near Pomeroy, Wash., and spent her childhood years there.

As a young woman she married a widower, Ben C. Trospen, who had a small daughter. She raised this young girl, Julia, as her own daughter.

She and her family moved to Clarkston, Wash., where they lived for several years. From Clarkston, they moved to Kellogg, Idaho, and then to Kalispell, in 1936.

She enjoyed gardening and was renowned for her wonderful cooking and beautiful crochet work.

She was an active member of the Jehovah's Witnesses since the 1930s and had a deep love for Jehovah God.

She was preceded in death by her



husband Ben; her sisters, Hattie, Helen, Ruth and Addie; one brother, Harry Evans; great-grandson Bret Shanks; and a great-great-grandson.

She is survived by her step-daughter, Julia Evenson of Kalispell; two grandchildren, Jay and Carol Evenson of Anchorage, Alaska, and Pam and Bob Shanks of Columbia Falls; four great-grandchildren, Torea and David Estes of Olympia, Wash., Jim Shanks, of Florence, Ore., Randal and Joel Shanks of Columbia Falls; three great-great-grandsons, Alec and Sam Estes, and Chanse Shanks; brother William Lloyd and Marie Evans of Spokane; and several nieces and nephews.

Graveside services were held for the family today at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Craig Dahl of the Woodland Park Congregation of the Jehovah Witnesses officiated. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah Witnesses on Woodland Park with Craig Dahl officiating. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home in charge of arrangements and services.

Herbert Townsend, 91

Herbert Townsend, 91, died at the family home in Seeley Lake on Monday, April 14, 1997.

He was born Jan. 28, 1906, in Stevensville, to Arthur and Weltha Townsend, the oldest of the couple's four children. He attended Prescott School in Missoula and Missoula County High School.

As a young man, he joined the U.S. Army and served in the Hawaiian Islands. He returned to western Montana and was employed in the Missoula, Flathead and Bitterroot areas. In 1930, he moved to the Seeley Lake area and was employed on the Double Arrow Ranch.

He married Elta "Butch" Sperry in 1932. The couple moved to the Bitterroot Valley where they were employed until 1942, when he enlisted in the U.S. Navy. He served in the South Pacific as a Seabee until the end of the war.

He returned to Missoula and was employed by Hightower Lubrecht Construction Co. as a foreman. In 1951, he began his employment with Gray Lumber Co. in Seeley Lake as a foreman and remained there for 15 years. He then spent five years with

Pyramid Lumber before his retirement.

He enjoyed the outdoors, horses and pack trips in the wilderness. He was an expert horseman, an avid reader and a history buff. He received great pleasure from his children and grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife of 64 years Elta "Butch" at the family home in Seeley Lake; a brother, Roy, of Missoula; a sister, Annabelle Aycock, of Tacoma, Wash.; two sons, Edward and his wife, Jodi, of Bigfork and Jerry of Anchorage, Alaska; six grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday at Sunset Memorial Funeral Home. Private family graveside services will be Thursday at Sunset Memorial Cemetery with military honors provided by the Missoula veterans organizations.

Memorial services will be held at a later date in Seeley Lake and announced by Sunset Memorial Funeral Home. The family suggests in lieu of flowers that memorials may be made in his name to the Seeley Lake Community Hall, Seeley Lake, MT 59868.

Sharon M. Raymond Tu, 58

Sharon M. Raymond Tu, 58, of Polson, passed away at her home from cancer on July 29, 1997.

She was born May 13, 1939, in International Falls, Minn., to Theodore J. and Lillian H. Raymond. She attended schools in Pasco, Wash., and Whitefish. She graduated from high school in Whitefish.

She moved to Polson in 1961.

She married Obert Tu on March 22, 1969, in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

She loved arts and crafts.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Theodore Raymond and Lillian Raymond Toole; her stepfather, Robert H. Toole; and two brothers, Richard and Wallace Raymond.

She is survived by her husband, Obert Tu, of Polson; her children, Jon A. Sonju, and his wife, Ranae, of Houston, Texas, Rick R. Sonju of Houston, Douglas Lee Tu of Polson, and Teresa Davis and her husband, Ashley, of Bedford, Texas; three

grandsons, Jon, Erik and Gregory Sonju; four sisters, Marielle Cooley of Gaithersburg, Md., Romelle Johnson of West Chester, Pa., Gail Johnsrud of Whitefish, and Candi DeVoe of Gaithersburg; sister-in-law, Arlene Raymond, of Polson; many nieces and nephews; special cousins in Minnesota who were important to her; and special friends in Polson who meant the world to her.

The family suggests memorials be made to the American Cancer Society, Barbara A. Knutson, Chairperson, P.O. Box 1291, Polson, MT 59860.

Visitation will be held on Thursday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Grogan Funeral Home in Polson. Funeral services will be held on Friday at 11 a.m. at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Polson. Burial will follow at Lake View Cemetery in Polson.

Arrangements are by Grogan Funeral Home in Polson.

Lillian Theresa Turner, 69

On Tuesday, Feb. 4, 1997, with her three children, other family members, and the Rev. Conner at her bedside, the gates of Heaven opened to welcome Lillian Theresa Turner.

She was born Aug. 20, 1927, in Scobey, to Lucien and Flora Delagrave. She married William Russell Turner on Jan. 1, 1945.

She was a loving wife, mother and grandmother. Her greatest joy was doing for others. She made everything from diapers to school clothes, to wedding dresses, to maternity clothes, and back to diapers. She knitted and crocheted creations that adorned newborns on their way home from the hospital and wrapped them in loving warmth in their cribs. Her crocheted doilies, potholders and tablecloths are found in countless homes. Her embroidered dishtowels have dried the dishes in many kitchens — kitchens that were filled with her home-canned peaches, pears and strawberry jam. Her homemade quilts wrapped us in her love every day. They accompanied the sick to the hospital, went with us on trips out of town, and even off to college with her grandson.

She was a dog lover. As her children grew independent, she filled the emptiness with many four-legged

friends. Dogs never had better care than at her hand. It was truly a dog's life under her care.

She was preceded in death by Bill, her husband of 47 years, in 1992; both her parents, Lucien and Flora Delagrave; an infant brother, John; son-in-law, Dee Barnhart; and infant grandson Scott Barnhart.

Heaven is rejoicing, a great and loving lady has come to rock the babies.

She is survived by her daughter, Susan Murray, and her husband, Marshall, and their children, Ryan and Colin, all of Kalispell; her son, Donald "Rob" Turner, and his wife, Tami, and their children, Jeremy, Jennifer, BriAnna, Betsy and Jayme, all of Columbia Falls; daughter, Carol Ridenour, and her husband, Robin, and their children, Kerri and Terri; a grandson, Marc Barnhart, of Kalispell; many brothers and sisters, Clara Sherwood of Great Falls, Annette Pittenger of Scobey, Alyce Berstad of Peerless, Diane Caulkett of Washington, Shirley Bilbo of Texas, Jayne Bean of Florida, Agnes Nelson of Hamilton, Mary Lou Baugher of Bakersfield, Calif., Henry Delagrave of Scobey, Louis Delagrave of Scobey and Joe Delagrave of Washington.

1997 Michael H. Tuszynski, 46

Michael H. Tuszynski, 46, of Kalispell, died at Kalispell Regional Hospital on Friday, March 14, of a heart attack.

He was born Aug. 16, 1950, in New York City to Henry and Rita Tuszynski. He received his education in New York City, attending Queens College and City University of New York. He taught school in New York City for three years.

On Jan. 13, 1973, he married Susan Forrester in New York. In 1976, they moved to the Flathead Valley. He taught in the St. Matthew's School for one year. He taught at Kila School since then.

He was a member of St. Matthew's Parish and the Flathead County Search and Rescue. He was active in rural school computer groups. He was an avid sportsman and enjoyed

hunting and fishing. His children and his family were his life.

He is survived by his wife, Susan, son Michael Jr. and daughter Allison, all of the family home; his father and stepmother, Henry and Helen Tuszynski; sister Rita Karpoich; brother Paul Tuszynski and stepsister, Mary, all of New York City, and many nieces and nephews.

Vigil service will be 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, at Johnson Mortuary Chapel. A funeral mass will be 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church, Father Carl Deitchman as celebrant. Burial will be at Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Visitation is 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Tuesday, at Johnson Mortuary. The family suggests memorials to the American Diabetes Association, PO Box 2411, Great Falls, MT, 59403.

Donald David Tyler, 80

Donald David Tyler, 80, died on Friday, March 21, 1997, at his home in Kalispell.

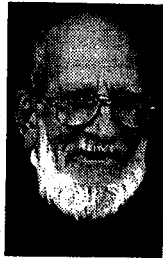
He was born on July 10, 1916, to Richard and Anna Tyler in Inga, Mont. He attended school in Fort Benton, graduating with an eighth-grade diploma on July 10, 1931. He later attended Coyne Electronics Institute.

He served in the U.S. Navy in the Pacific as a Sea Bee.

On June 29, 1941, he married Rose Luella Foss in Big Sandy. He owned and operated a diesel mechanics repair shop in Kalispell from 1946-1948. He retired from Birch Inc., after working for 22 years.

He was an active member of the Operating Engineers, Local 400, and Elks Lodge.

He enjoyed fishing and the outdoors, finish carpentry, working on



reproducing antique furniture, doll houses, and bird houses.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a sister, Marguerite, and three brothers Charles, Gordon and Ervin.

He is survived by his wife, Rose, of the family home in Kalispell; two sons, James Tyler of Spokane and Troy Tyler of Kalispell; a daughter, Jeannette McAneny, of Salem, Ore.; two brothers, Harold and Robert Tyler, both of Big Sandy; a sister, Dorothy Cook, of Big Sandy; four grandchildren; and two great-grandsons.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. on Tuesday at Johnson Mortuary Chapel, with the Rev. Lon Larson officiating. Burial will follow at Conrad Memorial Cemetery with military honors conducted by United Veterans. Visitation will be until 6 p.m. today and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesday. Those who wish may contribute memorials to the American Lung Association, P.O. Box 5537, Helena MT 59604-5537.