

Nora Mae Wallace, 72

Nora Mae Wallace, 72, died at her home in Kalispell on Saturday, Jan. 18, 1997.

She was born Nov. 24, 1924, in Madison, Wisc., to Albin and Clare Martinson.

On April 15, 1944, she married Harold Lee Wallace Jr. in Iron Mountain, Mich. The couple lived in Helena, Billings and Opheim where her husband worked as a carpenter. They lived in Whitefish for 23 years until the death of her husband on Nov. 2, 1996. She then moved to Kalispell.

She was a loving mother and grandmother.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two grandsons, Ronald



Memmel and Little Robert Blake, and a brother, Albin Martinson, Jr.

She is survived by six sons, Gary L. Wallace in Arizona, Harold R. Wallace in California, David A. Wallace in Washington, Michael S. Wallace of Kalispell, Jerry S. Wallace of Bigfork and Christopher P. Wallace of Kalispell; five daughters, Cherryl L. Memmel, Laurie A. Blacke, Kathleen M. Dalimata and Terry J. Athy, all of Kalispell and Debra L. Spiller of Columbia Heights; 45 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren and numerous other relatives.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday at Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Richard Nelson, pastor of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, officiating. Burial will be at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Friends may call at Johnson Mortuary from 1-6 p.m. today for visitation.

Violet Mae Walter, 94

Violet Mae Walter, 94, died at Lake View Care Center on Monday, Feb. 10, 1997.

She was born Oct. 17, 1902, in Kalispell, to Oliver and Millie Hathaway. She attended Kalispell schools and was a graduate of Flathead County High School.

On June 4, 1918, she married Claude C. Walter in Sandpoint, Idaho. They continued to live in Kalispell at 70 6th Avenue W.N. most of their entire lives. Her husband was a pioneer in trucking and worked in many logging camps.

They enjoyed traveling and traveled extensively together in the moving and storage business. Mr. Walter also served as a former mayor of Kalispell.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Claude, in 1968; a daughter, Ellen, in infancy; a daughter, Joyce, age 11, in 1934; and a son, Don Walter, in 1968.

She is survived by two sons, Ollie Walter and his wife, Shirley, of Bre-

merton, Wash., and R.G. "Dick" Walter and his wife, Irene, of Kalispell; a brother, William Hathaway, and his wife, Grace, of Kalispell; 10 grandchildren, Wilbur Walter and his wife, Diane, of Dallas, Texas, Dale Walter and his wife, Paula, and Claudette Walter, all of Kalispell, Jan Wagner and her husband, Terry, of Miles City, Rod Walter of Fruitland, Idaho and Connie Loucks and her husband, Bob, of Wolf Point; and a number of nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday at Conrad Memorial Cemetery with the Rev. Larry Gaylord, pastor of First Presbyterian Church officiating. Friends will meet at the cemetery for the services. Friends may call at Johnson Chapel until 6 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. until noon on Thursday for visitation. The family suggest memorials be made to the Alzheimer's Association, P.O. Box 721, Helena, MT 59624-0721.

Alvida E. Walters, 90

Alvida E. Walters, 90, died July 6, 1997, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

She was born in Preston, Wash., to Ernst and Elise Fosse on May 18, 1907, and lived in Washington until she lost most of her eyesight. She then moved to Kalispell to be with her beloved family.

She was a member of Eastern Star for 72 years and was president of the Lady Elks of Everett and the Ladies of the Everett Yacht Club. She was a Campfire Girl Leader for several years and an active volunteer for the March of Dimes, the Red Cross, and the cancer drive. Since moving to Kalispell, she was an active member of GFWC Century Club and served as chairwoman of the garden department. She loved her family and enjoyed all her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.



She is survived by her daughter, Mary Lou Borden, and husband, Robert, of Kalispell; her three grandsons and two granddaughters and eight great-grandchildren, Brad Borden and wife, Shelley, Jeff Borden and wife, Robin, and their children, Brooke Elise, and Brant, Stuart Borden and wife, Becky, and their children, Breanne Elise, and Chance, Angela Berry and husband, Jim, and their son, Jacob, all of Kalispell, and Mary Elise Thomas and husband, Todd, and their children, Zachary, Tyler, and Connor, of Casper, Wyo. She is also survived by two sisters, Beryl Kennard of San Mateo, Calif., and Vivian Drivstuen of Monroe, Wash.; and her former husband and father of her only child, Charles Paice.

A private family service is planned. The family suggests memorials should be sent to Montana Talking Book Library, 1515 East 6th Ave., Helena, MT, 59620. Arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

Delores Mae Elaine Walters

Delores Mae Elaine Walters, born June 24, 1933, in Belden, N. D., passed away on Wednesday, April 2, 1997.

She married Edward D. Walters in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. She had four children and seven grandchildren. She spent most of her life in Montana and Washington, having lived the last 13 years in Kalispell.

She was a loving and caring grandmother who will be dearly missed by her grandchildren, Angela, Joshua, James, Christopher, Brian, Edward and Jessica. She was a very strong-willed woman. For the last eight years of her life, she was partly paralyzed. She insisted on living by herself, so she could do everything for herself. She gave all her love to her family and was always there when you needed her.

She was preceded in death by her parents, James Corpron and Elma Johnson; her husband, Edward D. Walters; her son, Richard A. Walters; brothers, Lavern Corpron, Virgil Corpron, and Darwin Corpron; and a sister, Madaline Smith.

She is survived by sisters, Beverly Farrington and Carol Beasley; sister-in-law, Louise Corpron; and children, Lyle J. Walters and family, and Edward G. Walters and family, Candace Smith and family; and numerous nieces and nephews she cared for dearly.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Friday at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home with the Rev. Kenneth Mottram officiating. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

1997 Robert Ward, 91

Robert "Bob" Ward, 91, of Columbia Falls, died Wednesday, Dec. 10, at the North Valley Extended Care in Whitefish.

He was born March 19, 1906, in Solway, Minn., to James and Grace Ward. He attended school in Solway. He married Viola W. Stage on Aug. 19, 1933, in Bemidji, Minn.

He worked for Plum Creek Lumber Company as a saw filer. He later was the groundskeeper

at Woodlawn Cemetery for several years.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, one sister, and a son.

He is survived by his wife Viola of Columbia Falls and numerous nieces and nephews.

A memorial service is tentatively planned for Monday afternoon at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. Inurnment will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.

5th April 1997 Bub Ward, 51

Bub Ward, 51, of Libby, died of pancreatitis Saturday at Kalispell Regional Hospital.

Survivors include his wife, Helen, of Libby; three sons, Randy Ward and his wife, Kimmy, Travis Ward and Ron Ward, all of Libby; two daughters, including Jeanne Ward of Fortine; his mother, Mary Lou Ward,

of Libby; two sisters, including Barbara Benefield of Libby; six grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be until 8 p.m. today and until noon Tuesday at Nelson & Vial Funeral Home. Services will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. at Nelson & Vial Funeral Home Chapel with interment following in the City of Libby Cemetery.

Thora C. Ward, 83

The private service for Thora C. Ward was held Friday in the Central Valley Chapel in Central Point, Ore. The Rev. Lyle McCaw officiated.

Thora C. Ward, 83, of Central Point, died Sunday, Dec. 28, 1997, at Providence Medford Medical Center.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 698, Medford, OR 97501 or a favorite charity.

She was born Thora Colley on April 24, 1914, in Ravalli.

The family moved to Oregon in 1932, and she to the Rogue Valley in 1935.

On Sept. 19, 1937, in Grants Pass, Ore., she married Elmer L. Ward, who survives her.

She was a 1961 graduate of South-

ern Oregon College. She taught first grade at Jacksonville Elementary School, retiring in 1974.

She enjoyed sewing, gardening, and the outdoors.

Survivors, in addition to her husband, include a daughter, Vada Henderson of Eagle Point, Ore.; son Keith of Medford; three sisters, Thona Pierson of Central Point, her twin, Freda Frost of Coats, N.C., and Erma Fourmet of Yucaipa, Calif.; three brothers, Robert Colley of Roseburg, Ore., Richard Colley of Springfield, Ore., and Kenneth Colley, Salem, Ore.; three grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

A sister, Elsie Killian; and two brothers, Clifford and Wallace Colley, preceded her in death.

Albert D. 'Pete' Warner, 69

Albert D. "Pete" Warner, 69, of Kalispell, is finally at peace as of Monday, September 29, 1997.

He was born March 6, 1928, to Albert J. and Edna Warner of Compton, Calif. In his early years he was raised and attended school in Valier.

In 1946 he joined the Navy and served aboard the U.S.S. Arkansas. In 1962, shortly after being discharged from the Navy, he began his career as a truck driver and settled in the Flathead Valley.

In 1964 he went into business for himself, as Al's Garbage & Trash. After selling his business he worked for some time at Allied Van Lines, Montgomery Wards, Roy Stanley, and, prior to his retirement, The Golden Nugget.

His favorite pastime was team roping, to which he devoted a lot of energy and time. This hobby led him to the Old Timers Association and to various rodeo events throughout the Northwest. He achieved many awards on the rodeo



circuit and developed a love for traveling, especially in the Black Hills. He lived life to the fullest extent and along the way, made many special friends.

On Sept. 9, 1991, he married Connie Stillman, in Las Vegas. He was preceded in death by his parents and his late wife, Rose Warner.

Survivors include his daughters, Alana "Skeeter" Jackson and husband Phil, of Kalispell, Gloria Cowee and Nancy Riggs of Billings, Donna Pedersen and husband Don of Glendive, and a son, Allen and wife Tona Warner of Valljo, Calif. His step-children are Linda Mains and husband Marc, Danny Robbennolt and wife Connie of Algona, Iowa, Ted and wife Faye Robbennolt, of Kalispell, David Robbennolt of Arizona, Tom Hogan and wife Annette and Chad Hogan of Kalispell. Al also leaves behind 17 grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Cremation has already taken place. The memorial service will be held at the Outlaw Inn on Monday at 2:30 p.m. in the Remington Room. Reception will follow.

Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of the Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Wayne A. Warner, 77

Wayne A. Warner, 77, passed away Tuesday, Jan. 21, 1997, at North Valley Extended care.

He was born June 1, 1919, in Hastings, Neb., to Harley and Olive Warner. He moved to Circle in 1927 where he lived until 1935, when he moved to Kalispell. He graduated from Flathead County High School in 1937.

He married Colome Logsdon on June 11, 1943. She preceded him in death in 1990.

He worked for Pacific Fruit and Produce as a salesman. He worked for them until his retirement in 1985, after 45-plus years of dedicated service.

His nickname was "Smiley." He always had a smile on his face. He

loved people, and never had anything bad to say about anyone. He was a very hard worker. One of his favorite things to do was working in the yard, or going to the cabin at Bitterroot Lake and work on fixing it up.

He loved his dog, cross-country skiing, square dancing when his wife was alive, and was a very good square-dance caller in his younger years. He loved to play cards, pinochle and cribbage were two of his favorite games to play. He loved to walk and was known to walk four or five miles a day. He will be missed by all who knew him.

He was a member of Masonic Lodge 42, where he had served as chaplain for many years. He was a

32nd degree Scottish Rite, a member of the local Elks Lodge, and a lifelong member of Epworth United Methodist Church.

He is survived by his son, Gary Warner, of Kalispell; daughter, Diana Warner, of Columbia Falls; brother, Clayton Warner, of Lewistown; three sisters, Mary Lou Warner of Lebanon, Ohio, Mavis Carriker of Hastings, Neb., and Bernice Welter of Brookings, Ore. He also had many, many nieces and nephews.

Memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home with the Rev. Marvin Northcutt officiating. His ashes were buried next to his wife at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Carolyn M. Johanson Watkins, 70

Carolyn M. Johanson Watkins, 70, of Whitefish and Shelby, passed away peacefully at her home in Whitefish on Sunday, Feb. 23, 1997, after a struggle with breast cancer.



She was born March 31, 1926, in Troy, Idaho, to Alex and Ida Johnson Johanson. The family moved to Lewiston, Idaho, where she graduated from Lewiston High School. After graduation, she attended Holy Names College and University of Idaho, majoring in business administration.

From 1951 until 1961, she owned and operated the Dresden Modeling Agency in Spokane.

In 1961, she married Stanley L. Watkins and was an active partner in the operation of their beer distributorship, Shelby Distributors. She also acquired and operated her own beer distributorship, Triple C Distributing, and was the first woman in the state of Montana elected as president of the Montana Beer

Wholesalers Association. Together with her husband, Stanley, and partner, Chuck Shepard, they started Watkins Shepard Trucking. After her husband's death in 1992, she became chairman of the board and today Watkins Shepard Trucking maintains 14 terminals throughout the United States.

She is survived by her three children, Mary Carol Marcus of Whitefish, Steven B. Williamson of Shelby, Bonny Sue Williamson of Willits, Calif.; four stepchildren, Marcie Gehlen, Marleen Smith, Stephen Watkins of Oregon and Stan Watkins of Kalispell; a sister, Marion Ailor, of Lakeside; and two brothers, Norman Johanson and Warren Johanson of Bellevue, Wash.

Viewing and funeral arrangements are by Austin Funeral Home.

Services are scheduled for Friday at 2 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Whitefish. A reception follows at Fenders on U.S. 93, south of Whitefish.

The family is establishing a fund at First Interstate Bank, Whitefish, MT for donation to breast cancer research.

Clifford Eugene Watts, James Arnold Watts

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Funeral services for brothers Clifford Eugene Watts and James Arnold Watts were held Saturday at Johnson Mortuary Chapel. *2 Feb 1997*
Burial was at Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Both Clifford and James were born in Minneapolis. Clifford was born Nov. 29, 1931. James was born Jan. 28, 1933.

They lived in Glasgow until 1941. They then moved to the Flathead Valley and grew up on the family farm, north of Lake Blaine. They attended Deer Park, Lake Blaine and Flathead schools.

They attended Montana State College. They both served in the U.S. Air Corps. In their early years, they worked in the woods. They worked in construction all over the United States, including Alaska.

They were members of the Iron Workers Union and VFW. James was also a member of the Moose Lodge.

Clifford married Beverly Jacobson in August, 1956.

James married Sharon Ringer in June, 1970.

They were both later divorced.

They both enjoyed hunting and fishing and spending time with their families and friends.

They are survived by their mother, Evelyn A. Watts, and brothers Clarence and Dick Watts, all of Kalispell; sisters Signa Howe, of Buffalo, Wyo., Verna Wilson, of Gig Harbor, Wash., and Georgia Doane, of Tacoma, Wash.

Clifford is survived by daughters Brenda Watts, of Eugene, Oreg.; and Bridget Watts, of Tucson, Ariz.

James is survived by a daughter, Traci Watts, of Tyler, Texas.

The family suggests memorials be sent to the Quick Response Units in your area.

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Clarence E. Watters, 81

Clarence E. Watters, 81, of Libby and formerly of Kalispell, died Tuesday, Feb. 11, 1997, at the Libby Care Center.

He was born at Devon on Feb. 23, 1915, to Malcom Louis Watters and Anna Hogan Watters. When he was 6, he moved to the Flathead Valley with his family. He attended school in Kalispell.

He later worked on ranches in the Thompson River area and in the late 1930s worked for the U.S. Forest Service at fire lookouts. He moved to the Libby area in April of 1941 and worked for the J. Neils Lumber Company.

In December of 1941, he enlisted in the Army Air Corps. He served during World War II with the 87th Fighter Squadron in Italy, Africa and France, and was honorably discharged in 1945. He was a Bronze Star recipient.

He married Aleene "Bunnie" Phillips March 30, 1946, in

Kalispell. They moved to Libby in 1946 and he resumed working for the J. Neils Lumber Company. He later worked at the St. Regis Paper Company and retired in January of 1980.

He was a member of the Sons of Norway and the Lumber & Sawmill Workers Local 2581.

He was preceded in death by three sisters and two brothers.

Survivors include his wife, Bunnie Watters, and a son, Dale Watters, both of Libby; a brother, Glenn and a sister, Florence, both of Missoula.

Visitation will be from 1-8 p.m. today at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home. Services will be Friday at 10 a.m. at Faith Bible Church with the Rev. Dale Pederson officiating. Interment will be at 3:30 p.m. at the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell with military honors by the United Veterans of the Flathead Valley.

Irene Wayman, 68

Irene Wayman, 68, a long-time resident of Whitefish, died Saturday, Jan. 11, 1997, at Kalispell Regional Hospital.

She was born in London, England, on April 15, 1928. Her family was associated with General Motors overseas. Her family moved to the United States in 1939.

In 1958, she married Sam Wayman and they lived in Southern California for a number of years. She owned and ran an antique shop. She had a very creative flair for interior decorating.

In 1969, she and her husband set sail on their 60-foot motor sailer "The Moby Dick" to see part of the world. What an adventure it was.

In early 1971, they moved to Whitefish where they loved the country life out of town. From Whitefish they also enjoyed many years of travel to

East Africa, India, Europe and many other parts of the world. She loved her family, the country and adventure.

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

She is survived by her husband, Sam Wayman, of Whitefish; her son, Bill Cramp, of California; daughters, Wendy Wayman of Kalispell and Debbie Sands and her husband, Gordon, of Whitefish; two stepdaughters, Patty and Carol, along with one stepson, Andrew, all of California; and sister, Rosemary Jones, of Florida.

Cremation has taken place and a private family service is planned for a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the food bank and/or hospice program.

Chris Weaver, 14

Chris Weaver died on Sunday afternoon, the 21st of December, 1997. His passing occurred suddenly but with very minimal pain and suffering.

At the time of his death, he was enjoying one of his favorite activities on familiar turf in the company of a very close friend. Even though he was only 14, he was an outdoorsman. His greatest loves were hunting and fishing. He was a student of nature and he was happiest when he was involved with nature.

He caught his first fish on Easter weekend in 1986; he was 2 1/2 years old. The three-pound rainbow nearly pulled him into the water. Although he hunted with his dad since he was old enough to keep up, this past fall was his first true hunting trip. Both he and his best friend got their antelope during this three-day hunt in the eastern part of the state. He got his within three hours of arriving at the Block Management Area.

He and his dad spent the next two days chasing sharptails and rabbits. The two boys were as happy as kids can be and they couldn't wait for next season.

He often assisted his dad with his job as a biologist working for Fish, Wildlife & Parks. In his 14 years, he had acquired as much field experience as a graduate student. During the past several years he had spent portions of his summer vacation time visiting family on the East Coast. He

fished local farm ponds for bass and spent time at the seashore, beach combing and boogie boarding. He loved fresh seafood, especially crab and shrimp.

He was preceded in death by his grandmother, Mildred Weaver, who passed away in May, 1997.

He is survived by his grandfather, Buck Weaver, of Upperco, Md.; both maternal grandparents, Richard and Martha King of Columbia Falls; his father and mother, Tom and Gee of Kalispell; half sister Teri; half brother Alan Nutzmen of Nevada; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

In lieu of flowers, his family has set up a memorial fund which will assist local hunter safety efforts. Contributions can be sent to Chris Weaver Hunter Education Memorial Fund, c/o First Security Bank, P.O. Box 2750, Kalispell, MT 59904-0250.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday at Johnson Mortuary, 525 Main Street, Kalispell. Anyone wishing to share thoughts and memories may do so at that time.

He died happy, he suffered little. He was doing exactly what he wanted to do with his best friend. We shall miss him greatly. Although we are saddened by his untimely passing, we should take comfort in his memory and the fact that he died enjoying life to the fullest.

Arrangements by Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

Francis C. Weber, 80

Francis C. Weber, 80, a longtime Montana visionary, died unexpectedly from heart failure, following a long struggle with cancer.

He was born in Superior, Wisc., on Sept. 8, 1916, to Anne C. and Frank C. Weber. The family moved to Grand Rapids, Minn., in 1921, and then on to Hibbing, Minn., before finally settling in Chisholm, Minn. He completed his education in Chisholm. He was a hockey enthusiast, and captain of the Chisholm High hockey team. He graduated in 1934, attending St. John's University. He played on the St. John's college championship hockey team, serving as co-captain with future presidential candidate Eugene McCarthy.

After two years, he transferred to the University of Minnesota. There, he met and married his lifelong devoted wife, Margaret J. Perra, of Great Falls, in 1938. After he graduated from the Minnesota School of Business in 1940, they moved to Butte, where he worked for Consolidated Freightways. He was promoted to various positions in Livingston, Billings, Denver and Portland. In 1945, he resigned to work for Great Falls Transfer and Storage, later known as Suhr Transport. He retired in 1987 as president and major stockholder of the Suhr Company, and moved to Kalispell to be near his family.

Notable achievements were his expertise in the erection of Havre High School, the Conrad Bank in Kalispell, the Strategic Air Command Sage building in Great Falls and most of the Interstate highway bridges, as well as bridge replacement after the 1964 flood.

He was a Kiwanian, past president of the Montana Motor Carriers Association, the Montana Warehouseman's Association, and was trustee



in the Teamster Health and Welfare Pension plan. His investing know-how paid off in making the fund one of the most profitable to benefit the pensions of Teamsters, nationwide.

He was a pilot, loved fishing and hunting as well as the challenge of mastering computers. He was a strong political voice for moral government and fair taxation. He always criticized government waste, unneeded spending and enjoyed sharing his views with others.

He was devoted to his family, church, and close friends.

He was preceded in death by a brother, John Weber; sister in law, Sue MacPherson and special nephew, Frank Weber.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret, of Kalispell; son Dr. John F. and wife, Fay, of La Habra Heights, Calif.; daughter Shirley R. Knowlton and husband, Don, of Spokane; son Frederick Weber of Rexford; daughter Jan Hammett and her husband, Mike, of Kalispell; grandchildren John K. Rice, Dr. Christopher J. Weber, Jennifer A. Rice, Michael J. Weber, Jonathan M. F. Hammett and Hailey M. Hammett; and great grandson Donovan Bradley Rice.

Visitation will be 3-8 p.m., Wednesday, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Mass of Christian Burial will be noon Thursday, at Risen Christ Catholic Church in Evergreen. Burial will be at Hill Crest Mausoleum in Great Falls, 11 a.m., Saturday.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Risen Christ Parish or American Cancer Society.

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Lucile Webber, 90

Lucile Webber, 90, a former Great Falls and Polson resident, died Aug. 12, 1997, at the Evergreen/St. Joseph's Convalescent Center in Polson.

She was born in Sheridan on Aug. 9, 1907, the youngest daughter of Frank and Teckla Nelson. Her family later moved to Meaderville, a former suburb of Butte, where she attended grade school and high school.

She married Gar Webber in Butte in 1925, as he was beginning a 25-year association with Safeway grocery store. That career led the young couple to Missoula, Fresno, Calif., Salt Lake City, Billings, and finally to Great Falls where he became Safeway district manager. He resigned in 1954 to become sales manager for the Great Falls brewery, and retired from there in 1965.

In 1969, the couple moved from Great Falls to their Flathead Lake cherry orchard on the east shore. They moved to Polson in 1985, at which time they had been married 60

years. Gar died in 1989.

She was an active member of Eastern Star and Daughters of the Nile in Billings and Great Falls. During World War II she was a volunteer Red Cross nurse's aide.

She is survived by a daughter, Garene Cochran and husband, Al, of Bigfork, and a 95-year-old sister, Greata, who is a resident of Evergreen/St. Joseph's Convalescent Home. She is also survived by the four Cochran grandsons, and five great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be at 3 p.m. Thursday at the family plot at Lone Pine Cemetery in Bigfork with the Rev. Edwina Aker of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Polson officiating.

Memorials are suggested to Bigfork QRU, Camp Make-A Dream, Box 7456, Missoula, MT 59807, St. Andrews Episcopal Church in Polson or the charity of the donor's choice.

Bigfork Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Marvin Weisman, 68

Marvin Weisman, 68, of Kalispell, died June 16, 1997, at his home in Kalispell.

He was a resident of Kalispell for 40 years and was the co-owner of Vinny's Restaurant along with his son, Vinny.

He is survived by his wife, Lenore Weisman, of Kalispell and his son, Vinny Weisman, also of Kalispell.

Services were held in Palm Springs, Calif.

1997 Kenneth H. Wells, 102

Kenneth H. Wells, 102, a Whitefish resident since 1955, passed away Friday, Aug. 22, at North Valley Hospital Extended Care.

He was born May 21, 1895, at his family's homestead in Oklahoma Territory, to John and Mary Wells. He was youngest of 10 children and spent his childhood with his five brothers, Leonard, Lloyd, Lester, Lewis, Claud and a sister, Gertie.

When he was 13, the family moved to Shenandoah, Iowa, where he graduated from the local high school in 1914. He then attended Central Holiness University (now Vennard College) near Oskaloosa, Iowa. He graduated with two degrees in 1919.

In 1918, he married classmate Eunice Oakes. After graduation they spent several years in musical ministry, traveling, singing and playing instruments in churches, camp meetings and Big Brown Tent campaigns. During that time, two children were born, Jean in 1924 and Gerrie in 1928. Then followed years of teaching in Christian colleges: Taylor University in Upland, Ind., the Bible Institute of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia, and the Chicago Evangelistic Institute. Dur-

ing these years, his daughters married. His wife, Eunice, died of cancer in 1945. In 1947, he married Lily Hedman, also a teacher at Chicago Evangelistic Institute. In 1951, they went into full-time evangelism, for 22 years preaching and singing the Gospel of Lord Jesus. They retired in 1973.

He is survived by his wife, Lily, in Whitefish; daughter Gerrie, of Phoenix, Ariz.; Gerrie's sons Doug Knighton, in Naperville, Ill., and John D. Knighton, of Tulsa, Okla.; his daughter Jean's children, Kathy Coughenour, in Daytona Beach, Fla., Martha Friedrich, of Titusville, Fla., and Mark Friedrich, in Daytona Beach, Fla.; five great-grandchildren, Erica, Jeffrey, Karyn, Morgan, Charissa and Charlynn.

Viewing will be noon to 7 p.m. Monday at Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish. A funeral service will be 3 p.m. Tuesday at Whitefish Church of the Nazarene. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Cemetery in Whitefish.

The family suggests in lieu of flowers that memorials be made to Compassionate Ministries of the Nazarene Church.

Virginia Lee Wells, 81

Virginia Lee Wells died Saturday, April 19, 1997, at her home in Kalispell.

She was born May 20, 1915, to Charles and Pauline Cook Heading in Portsmouth, Ohio.

She married Roy Wells in January 1935 in Portstead and they had two daughters.

She loved to read and was a great fan of football, especially of Joe Montana, and the baseball teams, Cincinnati Reds and the Los Angeles Dodgers.

She worked as secretary to dean of graduate students of the University of California in Long Beach, Calif. She came to Kalispell in 1989 to

reside with her daughter, Leah, and remained here until her death.

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

She is survived by her two daughters, Leah Wells Fry and husband, Robert, of Kalispell and Judy Ledbetter and husband, Jim, of Seattle; eight grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren with one soon to be great-great-grandchild.

Funeral services will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Kenneth Mottram, chaplain at Kalispell Regional Hospital, officiating. Burial will be at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Cypress, Calif.

Walter John Wells, 96

Walter John Wells, 96, a longtime resident of Kalispell, died in Redding, Calif., on Saturday, March 29, 1997.

He was born June 13, 1900, on the family homestead outside Kalispell, to John William Wells and Ada Mae Liscomb Wells, one of nine children, all of which are deceased.

They were a pioneer family and his grandfather, Ellsworth Richardson, was the man who gave Kalispell its name. He built a log cabin and dock on McGregor Lake out of skinned pine trees and later sold it to the mayor of Kalispell.

He married Patricia Lucille, also known as Alvina Louise King on April 28, 1928, in Spokane. She taught school in Kalispell for many years

and died April 16, 1988.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, and all of his brothers and sisters.

He is survived by two daughters, Virginia Jean Williams and husband, Paul Allen Williams, and their three children, Richard Brian, Cathy Ann, and Linda Williams, all of Fresno, Calif, and Ada Marie Wells of Los Angeles; his ex-wife, Rae Hawkin, of Redding; and seven great-grandchildren.

No services are planned. Burial will be next to his mother, Ada Mae Wells, and grandmother, Elizabeth Lloyd Richardson, at the Spring Creek cemetery outside of Kalispell on Friday. Arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Charles Henry Welsh, 81

Charles Henry Welsh, 81, passed away at his home in Kalispell on Monday, Jan. 27, 1997.

He was born Dec. 12, 1915, in Friedens, Pa., to Nellie and Ralph Welsh.

He was an avid baseball and "Jeopardy!" fan and loved to read. He enjoyed traveling and visiting his grandchildren.

He married Florence Derencin on Dec. 19, 1941, in Somerset, Pa. They had three daughters and two sons.

He made the Army his career. He was a Veteran of World War II, and received the Silver Star for heroics in the Pacific. He was given an honorable discharge in 1961 after 44 years of service. He retired as a major.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Ralph and Stephen.

He is survived by his wife, Florence, of Kalispell; three daughters, Susan Welsh of California, Nancy Connors and husband, Douglas, of Kalispell, and Cynthia Mash and husband, Eugene, of Arizona; two sons, Robert Welsh of Utah and Mark Welsh and wife, Lucinda, of Virginia. He had nine loving grandchildren.

A private family service is planned. The family suggests donations be made to Lutheran Social Services, 17-2nd St. E., Room 207, Kalispell, MT. 59901. Arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

Kathleen Wendland, 48

Kathleen Anne "Kathy" Wendland, 48, of Rudyard, died at home Nov. 27, 1997.

She was born in Baltimore, Md., on Oct. 19, 1949. She was one of four children born to Lois Fern Gleason and Gerald F. Burrell. The Burrells came to Montana when she was an infant. She grew up and received her education at Kalispell, graduating from Flathead High School in 1968.

She continued her schooling at Flathead Community College and Northern Montana College in Havre, where she earned her licensed practical nursing degree. While living in Havre, she met her husband-to-be, C. Dale Wendland. They were married in Cut Bank on March 18, 1972.

In 1992, she was diagnosed with cancer and she began receiving treatments. She continued working as an L.P.N. until 1994, when her strength began to deteriorate.

She was a member of the Rudyard

Altar Society; served as a 4-H and Brownie leader and served on the Rudyard volunteer ambulance crew.

She enjoyed wood crafts, sewing, cross-stitch, reading and traveling. She loved the outdoors, so swimming, horseback riding and gardening were some of her favorite pastimes.

She is survived by her husband, Dale of Rudyard; daughter Jennifer Andrews and husband, Ron, of Rudyard; two sons, Chris Wendland of Havre, and Jeff Wendland of Rudyard; two grandchildren, Nicholas and Matthew Andrews; her parents, Jerry and Lois Burrell of Kalispell; two sisters, Sharen Weaver of Columbia Falls, and Nancy Snooks of Coram; brother Dan Burrell of Billings; and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins.

Funeral services were held in Hingham with burial at the Rudyard Cemetery.

Ethel Emily Werner, 77

Ethel Emily Werner, 77, of Columbia Falls, died of a brain tumor early Tuesday, Feb. 25, 1997, at Brendan House.

She was born Feb. 9, 1920, in Amherst, Ohio, to George John and Verna Blanche Rogers Frederick. She was one of 10 children.

She married Ralph M. Werner on Sept. 7, 1940, in Lorraine, Ohio. They had five children. They moved to the Flathead Valley in 1943 to start a Bible Believing Church.

She was a charter member and longtime Sunday school teacher of the First Baptist Church of Columbia Falls.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two sisters and one brother.

She is survived by her husband, Ralph, of Columbia Falls; two daughters; Barb Dodge and husband, Don, of Dupuyer; Marlene Nichols and husband, Ken, of El Cajon, Calif.; three sons, Ralph Werner and wife, Sandy, David Werner and wife,

JoAnne, all of Hermiston, Ore., and Tim Werner and wife, Diane, of Kalispell; three sisters and three brothers; 12 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Columbia Falls with the Rev. Jerry Buchanan and the Rev. Gordon Dexter officiating. Visitation will be Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary. Burial will be at Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls following the service.

The family suggests memorials be sent to the First Baptist Church, 819 9th Street West, Columbia Falls, MT, 59912, or the Gospel Literature Service through the First Baptist Church at the same address.

Myrtle Westby, 88

Myrtle Westby, 88, passed away Jan. 8, 1997, at Kalispell Regional Hospital.

She was born March 9, 1908, in Stanley N.D., to Andrew and Margaret Anderson. She lived on a farm where she grew up helping her parents farm. She attended schools in Stanley, graduating from Stanley High School in 1926.

She married Rueben Westby on Nov. 7, 1932. They just recently celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary. They farmed north of Stanley until 1962 when they moved to Kalispell. They farmed in the Creston area for several years.

She was very active in her church



work and was very dedicated to her Lord and Savior.

She and her husband spent 14 winters in Yuma, Ariz., but always looked forward to coming back home to the valley in the spring.

She was preceded in death by her son, Lawrence Westby.

She is survived by her husband, Rueben, of Kalispell; son, Harley Westby, of Kalispell; three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 5-7:30 p.m. today at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and from 9 until 2 p.m. Friday. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home with the Rev. Ron Rash officiating. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements and services.

Leslie J. Westerlund, 65

Leslie J. Westerlund, 65, of Whitefish, died from complications due to diabetes on Wednesday, Feb. 12, 1997, surrounded by his family at North Valley Hospital.

He was born June 6, 1931, in Whitefish to George and Blanche Krona Westerlund. When he was 3, the family moved to Coram. They later moved to Columbia Falls, where he completed his education.

He started working for the Great Northern Railway when he was 16. In 1963, he went to work in the woods with his brother, Don. He retired from Stoltze Lumber in June of 1993 due to ill health.

He was an avid sportsman who spent lots of time hunting and fishing. He was a devoted family man and his mechanical abilities will be greatly missed. His quiet, gentle nature will be missed most of all.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Susan, who died when she was 7; his beloved grandparents,

Fred and Nora Krona; his mother, Blanche Krona McDougall; a sister, Mary Rabidue Malcolm; two grandchildren; and several aunts and uncles.

He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Lilly, at their home in Whitefish; three daughters and their families, Gail and Rocky Hinrichs and their girls, Leslee and Brooke, Patty and Ron Mack and their girls, Jennifer and Jamie, and Kathy and Keith Tellegen and their son, Zack; a brother, George Westerlund, of Duvall, Wash.; and several nieces, nephews and cousins. He is also survived by the Neville Darling family of Rexford.

There will be family visitation at the Austin Funeral Home today from 6 to 8 p.m. Cremation will follow the visitation. Funeral Mass will be Saturday at 10 a.m. at St. Charles Catholic Church in Whitefish with burial of the cremains to follow in the Whitefish Cemetery.

Shirley Westphal, 72

Shirley Jean Westphal, 72, went home to be with her Lord and Savior on Nov. 10, 1997.

She was born in Richland County, Wisc., on July 1, 1925. She lived there until she met and married Walt Westphal, from Chicago, Ill., on Sept. 23, 1942.

They then moved to Marion, where they raised their six children. On Sept. 23, 1997, they celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary.

She is survived by her loving husband, Wally; their five sons, Steve and Arlene Westphal of Kila and sons, Jesse and Travis and his wife, Kristen; Doug Westphal of Seeley Lake, his son Chad and daughters Tabitha and Hanna, Creed and Sheri Westphal of Kila and sons Cody and Bret, Greg and Julie Westphal of Kalispell, son Cory and daughters, Shanna and Kendra, Ben and Carlene Westphal of Marion and daughters, Mackenzie and Jessica and her husband, Chad; sister Thelma Rudolph of South Beloit, Ill.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Jessica Jean Westphal; parents Oscar and Vera Fry; broth-

er Theodore Fry and his wife, Mary; brother-in-law Walt Rudolph.

Her greatest joy in life was her family.

She loved to fish, camp out, and was a great cook. She had a very strong faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, which sustained her through many trials in her life.

A private burial will be at the family home at 1 p.m. today, followed by a memorial service at the First Baptist Church of Marion at 3 p.m.

Services will be officiated by the Rev. Myron Wilson of Marion and the Rev. Mark Watkins of Gospel Light Baptist Church of Kalispell.

Jack L. Wetzel, 70

Jack L. Wetzel, 70, died Saturday at his home in Eureka after a long battle with cancer and emphysema.

Survivors include his three daughters; three sisters, including Eloise Berg of Kalispell, and Lela Holder of Eureka; seven grandchildren; two great-grandsons.

Visitation will be today 1-8 p.m. at Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Eureka. Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Dave Hopper officiating.

Memorials may be made to Eureka Animal Shelter.

Winston Warren Wetzel, 84, of Bigfork, died Sunday night in Kalispell Regional hospital after a week's illness.

He was born Aug. 17, 1913, in a sod house in Perkins County, S.D., to the Rev. Anton Albert Wetzel, a United Evangelical minister, and Ella Kalas Wetzel. Later the family lived in a number of Iowa and Minnesota towns.

He graduated from Rochester, Minn., high school in 1930, at the age of 16. In 1934, he received his bachelor of art degree from Westar College in LeMars, Iowa.

His master of science degree was from the University of Iowa in Iowa City, in 1940. His 1964 doctorate in education was the first granted by the University of Montana upon completion of his dissertation, "A Study of School District Organization in Montana, 1889-1962." The dissertation has been widely used by students of Montana school district organization and those advocating school reform. Further graduate study was at the Universities of Minnesota and Chicago, as well as Harvard.

He came to Montana in 1937 to teach in Roundup, where he later became principal and superintendent and married Betty Eiselein. He was also superintendent of schools in Glendive, Whitefish and of Missoula County High School. During his five-year superintendency the high school divided into Sentinel and Hellgate and Seeley Lake High School was built.

Leaving Missoula, he served for two years as advisor in secondary education for a University of Chica-

go/Ford Foundation project in Dacca, East Pakistan (now Bangladesh). He returned to the U.S. to become superintendent of North Rockland County Consolidated School District in Stony Point and Haverstraw, N.Y., and later superintendent in Natick, Mass., where he served until retiring on Flathead Lake in 1978.

During his retirement the Wetzels traveled widely and retraced Mark Twain's lecture tour to the British colonies described in his book, "Following the Equator," which resulted in Betty Wetzel's book, "After You, Mark Twain — a modern journey around the equator," which was published the year they celebrated their golden wedding anniversary.

He liked to hunt, fish and hike the wilderness trails of western Montana and was an ardent gardener, golfer and tennis player.

Survivors include his widow, Betty, of Bigfork; a daughter, Susan Hinman of Dana Point, Calif.; a son, Dr. Kurt W. Wetzel of Saskatoon, Sask., a daughter, Gretchen Grafin von Ritberg of Wuppertal, Germany, a daughter, Rebecca, Upton, Mass.; a sister, Lenore Ness, Hinkley, Minn.; and six grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to the Wetzel Memorial Fund, c/o Bigfork Public Library, Electric Avenue, Bigfork.

A memorial service is scheduled for Thursday at 2:30 p.m. at the Bigfork Community Methodist Church with the Rev. Jan Whitman officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

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