

## John Franklin 'Jack' Wheeler, 73

John Franklin "Jack" Wheeler, 73, of Kalispell died at home on Saturday, July 5, 1997.



He was born Nov. 18, 1923, in Newport, Wash., to John F. and Maude Wheeler. He started school in Troy. At the age of 7, he went to live with Bill and Flora Wallace and spent most of the years with them on the Fisher River Ranch. He did various work before going into the Army in March, 1943, and served with the 798th Engineers For. Co. until January 1946. His overseas duty was spent as logging foreman on Guadalcanal.

After his discharge, he skidded cedar poles and worked in Libby for Bill Williams before coming to the Flathead where he worked for Flathead Timbers, Kinshella Bros, FK & L Lumber, Rex Brown, Zadra and Harper and Royal Logging at various times. He then went to Alberton for the Bondurant Brothers. He became a sought-after tong setter before an injury ended his logging career in 1960.

He was a partner with B. J. Vickhammer, then worked for Stockton Mobile Homes before becoming a bartender for Charlie's Beer Depot where he worked the last 23 years before retirement.

He married Lorraine Shuhart on Dec. 20, 1947, and they made their home at various places near his jobs

until settling in Kalispell in 1956.

He was a lifetime member of VFW Post No. 2252 and a longtime member of the Loyal Order of the Moose No. 1922.

He was preceded in death by his parents, four brothers, one half-brother, and two sisters.

He is survived by his wife, Lorraine; his son Jerry and wife, Sandy, of Kalispell; daughter Linda Barge and her companion, James Elgin, of Columbia Falls; foster daughter, Reta and Bob Lathrop of Lake Havasu City, Ariz.; grandchildren, Marty Wheeler, Sean Wheeler and wife, Jennifer, and Jason Loveless all of Kalispell, Wendy Barge and her children, Kyle James and Skyler John, and James and Becky Wheeler, all of Columbia Falls. Also surviving are his brother, Vernon, and wife, Margaret, of St. Maries, Idaho; sisters, Dorothy and husband, Don Irvin, of Lebanon, Ore., Violet and husband, Ole Nordstrom, and Florence and husband, Ray Daniel, of Portland and numerous nieces and nephews.

He will be missed by all of us who knew how hard he worked, how hard he played and how he could find a way to find some kind of humor in any situation.

Memorial services will be held at Easthaven Baptist Church in Kalispell on Thursday at 2 p.m.

The family suggests memorial contributions to the charity of your choice. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements and cremation.

## Mary Lucille 'Pinky' White, 72

Mary Lucille "Pinky" White, 72, passed away Saturday, March 15, 1997, at Brendan House.

She was born Oct. 6, 1924, in Garske, N.D., to Cyril and Alta Conner. She lived all her younger years in North Dakota, graduating from Devils Lake High School in 1942.

After graduation, she moved to Bremerton, Wash., where she worked as a timekeeper in the machine shop for the Pudget Sound Naval Yard. There, she met Arthur White. They were married on Thanksgiving Day 1944.

After the war, they moved to Coeur d'Alene, where they built and operat-

ed one of the finest motels in the city, the White Motel. In 1949, they sold the motel and moved to Kalispell, where they ranched for many years.

She loved arts and crafts including crocheting. She was a member of the Eagles Lodge in Kalispell.

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

She is survived by a sister, Pat Wesselius, of Kalispell, and a brother, Patrick Conner, of Longview, Wash.

Private urn burial will be held Thursday. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements and cremation.

## Gertrude E. Whittig, 79

Gertrude E. Whittig, 79, of Missoula, passed away on Saturday, June 21, 1997 at the Mountain Valley Hospice House after an extended illness.

She was born Jan. 31, 1918, in East Glacier, to Frank and Mabel Busch. She was raised and educated in Kalispell and graduated from Flathead County High School in 1936.

While living in Kalispell, she worked for Sears and Gambles. During World War II, she moved to Seattle and worked for Boeing Aircraft and moved to Missoula in 1948.

She married Keith Whittig in 1964; he preceded her in death in 1972. She worked for the old Memorial Hospital for several years and was a secretary and dispatcher for Montana Concrete and Pipe Co. for many years. She worked for the Missoula County auditor's office before her retirement.

She loved the outdoors, especially camping, fishing, flower gardening and yard work. She was a special, loving aunt to all of her nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her

parents; a sister, Dorothy Casteel; a niece, Danelle Rapp; and a nephew, Michael Evans.

She is survived by her loving companion since 1977, Glen Manning; one brother, Charles Busch, of Missoula; three sisters, Frances Evans and Barbara Busch, both of Kalispell, and Eleanor Reetz of Missoula; nieces, Dolores Rapp of Missoula and Beverly Gordon of Kalispell; nephews, Rick Evans of Missoula, Leonard Kent of Victor, Willard Casteel of Great Falls and Roger Casteel of Lincoln, Neb.; several great-nieces and great-nephews.

Visitation will be Tuesday from noon to 8 p.m. at Garden City Funeral Home. Funeral services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at the funeral home with the Rev. Tom King and the Rev. Henry Littlehales officiating. Burial will follow at Missoula Cemetery. A reception at Garden City Funeral Home's community room will follow interment.

Memorials have been suggested to Mountain Valley Hospice House, 10450 Mullan Road, Missoula, MT 59802.

## Patrick Gregory Whitright, 41

Patrick Gregory Whitright, 41, of Denton, Texas, died Saturday, Nov. 29, 1997, at Denton Community Hospital.

He was born June 18, 1956, in Kalispell, to Robert D. and Donna M. Smith Whitright. He graduated from Montana State University in 1978, with a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering.

He married Audrey Marie Miller on Aug. 28, 1976, in Bozeman. He served as a captain and a Naval flight officer in the United States Marine Corps for 10 years. He was an electronics warfare officer on the EA-6B Prowler.

He was a member of the Sigma Nu Fraternity; the Association of Old Crows; and the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers, Inc. He worked in the defense division of Texas Instruments as an electrical

design engineer and software design engineer.

A memorial service will be held at 6 p.m. Friday at University Baptist Church in Denton with the Rev. Richard New officiating. Memorials may be made to Hospitality Apartments, 7219 Cecil St., Houston, TX 77730.

Survivors include his wife Audrey Marie Whitright of Denton; son Benjamin Daniel Whitright of Denton; daughter KayLynn Marie Whitright of Denton; parents Robert D. and Donna Whitright of Kalispell; sister Debra Whitright of New London, N.C.; brothers, Bob Whitright, and his wife Linda, and Michael Whitright, both of Kalispell.

Mulkey-Mason/Jack Schmitz and Sons Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

## Frances Wilhelm, 80

Frances Louise Wilhelm, 80, died Sept. 30, 1997, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home.

She was born Oct. 15, 1916, to Bill and Blanche Cooper in Columbus, N.C. She lived in the South until her marriage in 1934 to Etcel B. "Bill" Wilhelm of Texas.

He was in the Navy and they were stationed in California until he became employed by the Civil Aeronautics Administration (now FFA). The family lived in several different towns in Washington and Montana, finally making their hometown in Whitefish.

She started a private kindergarten in Whitefish, and hundreds of children knew and loved her during her teaching years.

She was an Eastern Star, PEO Chapter D in Whitefish, and a charter member of the Christian Church in Whitefish.

She enjoyed bridge, fishing, sewing, family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her

husband, Bill, in 1984.

She is survived by her three children and spouses, Iris Ostrom and husband, George, of Kalispell, Bud Wilhelm and wife, Marilyn, of Whitefish, Carolyn Owens and husband, Dan, of Anchorage, Alaska; grandchildren, Shannon Ostrom, Heidi Ostrom Duncan, Wendy Ostrom Price, Kelley Wilhelm Hill and Tracie Wilhelm, all living in the Flathead, Clark Ostrom of Seattle, Wash., Vicki Wilhelm Tennyson of Denver, Colo., Kim Wilhelm Welsh of Missoula, Katie and Kelsey Owens of Anchorage, Alaska; and nine great-grandchildren.

After a private interment on Saturday, a memorial service will be held at the Whitefish Christian Church, 914 2nd St., Whitefish, at noon.

She was a much beloved wife, mother, grandmother, teacher, and friend, and will be remembered for her generosity, sense of fun and sweet spirit. We celebrate the life of a truly wonderful person.

## 1378 1999 Helma Wilkins, 81

Helma Wilkins, 81, of Coram, died Thursday at the North Valley Extended Care in Whitefish.

She was born Aug. 27, 1915, near Hamilton, to John and Emily Maki. She graduated from Corvallis High School and then attended nursing school at St. Patrick's Hospital in Missoula for two years.

On Oct. 2, 1937, she married Clifford Wilkins in Missoula. They made their home in Hamilton for many years, finally coming to Coram in 1958. She had been a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles for nearly

60 years.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband and a brother, Earl Maki. She is survived by a son, Clifford Wilkins and his wife, Carol; a daughter, Marlene Potter and her husband, Allen, all of Coram; seven grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren.

Visitation is 1-8 p.m., Monday, at Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. A funeral will be 2 p.m., Tuesday, at the funeral home chapel, with Rev. Tod Fox officiating. Burial will follow at Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

## Frances 'Patty' Willey, 75

Frances "Patty" Willey, 75, a former Kalispell resident, died in Polson on Monday, Aug. 4, 1997.

She was born Sept. 16, 1921, in Kalispell to Finley and Ella McDonald Null. She attended school in Kalispell, graduating from Flathead High School in 1939.

She married Earl "Duke" Willey on Aug. 23, 1941, in Yuma, Ariz. They had four children.

The resided in western Montana until their retirement in 1981. They summered in Montana and wintered in Arizona.

She worked in banking and retired as a supervisor in the trust department. She was active in Girl Scouts, Lady Elks, Red Cross and the Republican Women's Club.

She is survived by her husband,

Earl C. "Duke" Willey, of Polson; a son, Lloyd W. Willey, of Berkeley, Calif.; three daughters, Laurie Anne Pahl of St. Paul, Minn., Nancy Ellen Mori of Missoula, and Marilee Willey of Colorado Springs, Colo.; two sisters, Phyllis "Peggy" Blass (her twin) of Big Arm and Dorothy Fraker of Bozeman; and four granddaughters and three grandsons.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

The family suggests memorials be made to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 1002, Kalispell, 59902-1002, or to Home Health Options, Hospice, 1280 Burns Way, Kalispell.

Arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

## 1997 F.C. Charlie Williams IV, 58

F.C. Charlie Williams IV, 58, retired businessman, beloved husband, father and grandfather, passed away at home Friday, Nov. 7, after a courageous battle with emphysema.



Born Aug. 28, 1939, in Sheridan, Wyo., to F.C. Williams III and Catherine Williams, he grew up in Sheridan and graduated from Sheridan High School in 1957. He was active in baseball, basketball, football and track. He held numerous track records, one of which still stands after 40 years. After graduation, he joined the National Guard and was honorably discharged.

He came to the Flathead Valley in 1959 to visit a brother, fell in love with the area and moved here. In 1961, he opened Charlie's Beer Depot and operated it through 1991. His other business interests included Jet Oil and Evergreen Scorpion Snowmobiles.

He married Maureen Engel on Oct. 12, 1961, in Kalispell. Together, they raised their three children. He was always very active in their lives, assisting and coaching in their many sports and activities.

He passed on his love of the outdoors and passion for hunting to his children, especially his son and youngest daughter. He enjoyed boating, snowmobiling, water skiing, fishing and camping at their different cabins.

The most important thing to Char-

lie was time with his family. He will be missed by all that had the opportunity to know him. He touched many young lives through his love for sports and coaching baseball.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, his mother, brother, aunt, a nephew and a niece.

He is survived by his wife, Maureen, at the family home; daughter Kim Reed and her husband Ron; son Chuck and his wife, Tamara; daughter Kathy Williams; and grandchildren Kalen Reed and Michael, Jacob and Allison Williams, all of Kalispell; sister Sue Laya and her husband, Jerry, of Ranchester, Wyo.; sister-in-law Ms. Bud Williams of Kalispell; cousin Henry Stevens of Billings and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. at the Johnson Funeral Home. Visitation will be Monday afternoon until 6 p.m. and Tuesday before the service. Burial will follow immediately at Conrad Cemetery. Suggested memorials would be the Evergreen Peewee Baseball program or the American Lung Association.

## 1997 Jeanne Williams, 72

Jeanne Williams, 72, a Kalispell native, died at her home in Alliance, Ohio, on Thursday, April 3.

She was born in Kalispell on April 28, 1924, to Herbert Austin Kendall and Rose Mary Beckers.

She was a 1942 graduate of Flathead High School and a 1943 graduate of the Alliance Business College.

On Nov. 30, 1946, she married Robert W. Williams. He died on March 22, 1990.

She was a member and lector of the St. Joseph Catholic Church. She was also a member of the church's Women's Guild, the Funtastiks, and the Rosary Prayer Group. She was also a member of the Catholic Women's Club, and a member of the "Sisters," a club of widows which meets at the First Presbyterian Church.

She served as president of the

AARP #3392 and American Legion Auxiliary chapters in Alliance, the Buckeye Trailer Club and a Pink Lady at the Alliance Community Hospital.

Survivors include a daughter, Kathleen Burnell, of Alliance; sons John R. Williams, of Solon, Ohio, and Michael Kendall Williams, of San Carlos, Calif., and G. Thomas Williams, of Lexington, Ohio; five grandchildren and six nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by two sisters, Kathleen Forhan and Margaret Hobe.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 10 a.m., Monday, at the St. Joseph Catholic Church in Alliance, Rev. Donald L. Feicht officiating. Burial will take place at the St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery. Arrangements are by Sharer-Stirling-Skivolocke Funeral Home in Alliance.

## Madeline Mary 'Madge' Williams, 80

Madeline Mary "Madge" Williams, 80, of Libby died peacefully from natural causes Wednesday, Jan. 8, 1997, at St. Johns Lutheran Hospital.

She was born May 12, 1916, in Cashmere, Wash., to Harry and Martha Cross. She attended school in Thompson Falls until her senior year. She transferred to Kennewick, Wash., where she was named salutatorian of her class. She studied medical technology for two years at the University of Montana.

She married Shelton Williams on April 15, 1938, in Challis, Idaho. They lived in Missoula and Philipsburg until he enlisted in the Navy in 1941. She lived in San Diego, Calif., and in Plains, until after World War II. After the war, they moved to Deer Lodge and then to Kalispell in 1949. In 1953, they moved to Libby.

She was very active in the community and church and belonged to many organizations, including the VFW Auxiliary, St. Theresa Council, St. Joseph's Altar Society, Libby Women's Club, The Birthday Club,

and the Libby Sewing Club.

Her hobbies included skiing, swimming, ceramics, working with stained glass, sewing, crocheting, knitting and writing letters to the kids.

She is survived by a loving family, including three sons, Shelton "Mike" Williams and his wife, Lois, of Missoula, Lorris Williams and his wife, Kathy, of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, and Brad Williams and wife, Carol, of Sand Point, Idaho; sister Charlotte Benson; 11 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Visitation will be today until 7 p.m. at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home chapel. Parish vigil and rosary will follow from 7-8 p.m. Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated Saturday at 11 a.m. at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Libby. Entombment will follow on Monday at 2 p.m. at Hillcrest Mausoleum in Great Falls.

The family requests that memorial gifts may be given to the Lincoln County Combined Campaign in lieu of flowers.

## Wilda May O'Neil Wilson, 89

Wilda May O'Neil Wilson was born in Kalispell on May 11, 1907, the third daughter of Emma Amelia and Clinton D. O'Neil. She died peacefully of natural causes amidst the kindness of a caring staff at Immanuel Lutheran Home on April 12, 1997.

She received her early education in Kalispell schools and the Presbyterian church, later graduating from Whitman College and the University of Chicago.

She and Harold G. "Curley" Wilson were married in the Presbyterian Church in Kalispell on June 29, 1934. Their children are Willa Marie Johns of Spokane, and Barbara Louise Truckner and Douglas Channel, both of Kalispell.

Following World War II, she, her husband and their three children lived for several years in Olney where they owned and operated the Olney Mercantile.

Following Mr. Wilson's death on Feb. 7, 1952, she moved to Kalispell where she owned and operated Wilda May's Hat and Handcraft Shop for many years.

Thoughtful service to others was ever her watchword and many recount the extra mile she went for them. In 1973, she was honored as Beta Sigma Phi "Woman of The Year," for outstanding community service and honorable business ethics.



Her principal interests were her family, the Presbyterian church, and the sisterhood, P.E.O., along with her many warm friendships. In her church, she carried the responsibility of various functions, from teaching Sunday school to serving as deacon and elder, being a perennial member of the session. For years she was a faithful member of the choir, one of her greatest personal joys.

In addition to her husband and her parents, she was preceded in death by two sisters, Vera Ann and Floy O'Neil, and her brother, De Witt.

A brother, Carle F. O'Neil, survives her in addition to her children. Her nine grandchildren who recount many happy, devoted hours spent with their grandmother at her home in Kalispell and her summer home on Ashley Lake are David Truckner, of Denver, Jeannette Pisk of Kalispell, Karen Marshall of Houston, Texas, Barbara Carter of Kalispell and Walter Wilson of Seattle, Mark Johns and Alison Johns Clark, both of Spokane, Amy Johns of Richmond, Va., and Kyle Johns of Sydney, Australia. There are 16 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted at the First Presbyterian Church in Kalispell at 11 a.m. on Thursday. Internment will follow at Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Visitation will be 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Wednesday.

It is suggested that memorial donations be made to the First Presbyterian Church, Immanuel Lutheran Home, or a charity of your choice. Arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

27 April Thomas A. Wilson, 38 1997

Thomas Arthur Wilson, 38, of Eureka, died Sunday from a sailing mishap near Rexford.

Survivors include his twin children, daughter Jessica Breanne and son Alan Daniel, and stepdaughter, Kristan Curtis, all of Eureka; parents Tom and Betty Wilson of Eureka; grandmothers Lucille Biegler and Alice Wilson, both of Eureka; brother, John, and his wife, Jan, of Eureka;

two sisters; five nephews and five nieces and many cousins.

He worked, played and died with two of his family and best friends, Jim Letcher and Bobby Blonshine. We love and miss them all.

Services will be Monday at Pinkham Creek School at 2 p.m. Memorials may be given to the Can-Am Search and Rescue.

### Roger L. Willcut, 54

Roger L. Willcut, 54, passed away Monday morning, March 10, 1997, at his family home in Columbia Falls.

He was born Aug. 16, 1942, in Moorhead, Minn., to John and Barb Willcut.

He spent 31 years working in the woods, most of them as a self-employed logger. He loved his job in the woods, for he was able to work with many different family members which made going to work much more enjoyable for him.

He was the kind of person you couldn't help but like. He always had a quick wit plus a ready smile. Even during his courageous battle with lung cancer, he never complained and was always trying to cheer those around him with his humor. He so loved his family that he tried to spare them pain with laughter instead of tears. Now he may finally find the peace he solely deserves in God's Kingdom.

He has been married 32 years to his wife, Sandra. They have two loving sons, Roger "Craig" of Columbia Falls and Derek of Rathdrum, Idaho. Poppa has five grandsons he is leaving behind but his memory will last

forever.

His loving memory will always be in the hearts and minds of his surviving family members.

He is survived by his wife, Sandra, at the family home in Columbia Falls; two sons and their spouses and children, Derek and Cindy Willcut and D.J. and Bubba of Rathdrum, and Craig and Liz Willcut and Colby, Caleb and Mike of Columbia Falls; his father and stepmother, John and Dottie Willcut, in Missouri; his mother and stepfather, Barb and Jim Cornelius, of Kalispell; his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Bud and Jane Fishel, of Lakeside; his brothers, Dennis and John in the Flathead Valley, Jim of Hayden Lake, Idaho, and Tim of Thompson Falls; his sisters, Mary Jensen, Barbara Crowell and Karen Willcut, all of the Flathead Valley and Sharon Burns of Washington; a close family friend, Dean Thompson, of Columbia Falls; and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. at Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. The Rev. Joe Pat Sullivan will officiate.

## Robert Wilz, 81

Robert Wilz, 81, went to be with his beloved wife and the Lord on Thursday, July 24, 1997, at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls, in the presence of his loving family. He had suffered for many years with several health problems. He died of heart failure.

He was born April 22, 1916, in Minneapolis, his birth last name being Lord. After being placed in an orphanage, he was adopted by the Wilz family of Minneapolis.

As a young man, he worked for Northwest Airlines in St. Paul, Minn.

On Aug. 23, 1941, he married Ethel Snider, the love of his life, in Minneapolis.

He served with the Navy during World War II from December 1942, until his honorable discharge in October 1945. He served with the 82nd Naval Construction Battalion as a motor machinist mate in the South Pacific, Asian Islands, and Guam.

After his discharge, he lived in Malta, where he worked for the Ford Garage until moving to Columbia Falls in 1947. He worked on Hungry Horse Dam, Libby Dam, construction of the Anaconda Aluminum Plant in Columbia Falls, and many road jobs throughout the state, including Going To The Sun Highway.



He belonged to the Operating Engineers Union - Local #400. He retired in 1982 after 38 years but belonged to the union until his death.

He was very lonesome after losing his precious wife.

Ethel, on January 21, 1996.

He is survived by his daughter, Susan Powell, and her husband, Wayne, of Kalispell; a son, David Wilz, and his wife, Janell, of Kennewick, Wash.; six grandchildren, Ron Gardner of Kalispell, Steve Gardner of Maine, Tina Morken of Kalispell, Desiree Brewer of San Diego, Calif., and David Wilz Jr. and Eric Wilz, both of Kennewick, Wash.; and five great-grandchildren.

There will be a private graveside urn burial service with military honors on Thursday at Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls with the Rev. Terry Harper of Northridge Heights Church of God officiating.

Memorials may be made to the Montana Veterans Home, Box 250, Columbia Falls, Montana 59912.

## Alice L. Winchester, 66

*26 Aug 1997*  
Alice L. Winchester, 66, of Pablo, died Tuesday at Evergreen Health and Rehab in Polson.

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

She is survived by her husband; her children, including Steve Singleton, Sherry Singleton, and Shirley Hughes, all of Kalispell; five brothers, including Dwight Shaw of Kalispell and Richard Shaw, George Shaw, and Bob Shaw, all of Libby; 14 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

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

Cremation has taken place and no services are planned. Arrangements and cremation are by Grogan Funeral Home in Polson.

## Stella J. Winegar, 80

Stella J. Winegar, 80, went home to be with Jesus Wednesday morning, Feb. 5, 1997, at her home near Columbia Falls.

She was born Jan. 22, 1917, in Turtle River Township, Minn., to Leon A. and Alice E. Gould. She was raised and educated near Bemidji, Minn.

She married Fred A. Winegar on Oct. 26, 1939, in Bemidji. They lived there until moving to Columbia Falls in 1948. They lived in Columbia Falls until 1971, when they moved to the Deer Park area near Columbia Falls.

She was active in church work and loved gardening and her grandchildren. She liked to play music and write songs. She loved children and was loved by all who knew her.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Fred, three sisters, and a brother.

She is survived by her children and their spouses, Evelyn York, Darleen and Bill Frishkorn, and Dan and Sarah Winegar, all of Columbia Falls, and Margaret Smith of Dillon; six

brothers and sisters, Arlo Gould and Don Gould of Bemidji, Eugene Gould, Darlene Smith, and Amy Schrader, all of Missouri, and Helen Taubert of Wisconsin; 12 grandchildren, Marshall York of Plentywood, David York, Brett Winegar, Beau Winegar, Brandon Winegar, Brittainy Winegar, Amy Westberg, and Aaron Frishkorn, all of Columbia Falls, Don Smith of Kirkland, Wash., Ian Smith of Dillon, Rebecca Murphy of Vista, Calif., and Rachael Frishkorn of Kalispell; five great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be today until 8 p.m. at Columbia Mortuary. A funeral service will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. at the mortuary. The Rev. Marvin Ely of the Church of Christ - Temple Lot will officiate. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

The family has suggested that memorials be made to Samaritan's Purse, P.O. Box 3000, Boone, N.C. 28607 or to Children's Mission Fund, 8323 Sand Lake Road, Orlando, FL 32819-5099.

### Shirley B. Wiseman, 72

Shirley B. Wiseman, a longtime Bitterroot Valley resident, died of a heart attack at her home in Sunrise Beach Village, Texas, on April 8, 1997.

She was born on Jan. 26, 1925, and was raised in Holyoke, Mass., by her parents, Lea and Walter Ruckdeschel.

After graduating from business college, she married the love of her life and the father of her children, Kenneth Baker Taylor, on August 31, 1947. They lived in Germany, Georgia, Massachusetts and Alaska, where she was widowed when her husband died in a plane crash.

She later married Lee Wiseman, who preceded her in death. Together they owned the Hamilton Dairy Queen for a number of years. They then retired to live in Texas.

She was known for her spirit of volunteerism and her love of animals.

She is survived by her daughter, Donna Taylor, son-in-law Randy Schwickert, and grandchildren, Taylor, Lindsey and Carly of Whitefish; her son, Ken Taylor, granddaughter, Kasey, and Kasey's mother, Stephanie Jennings, of Houston, Texas; nephews, nieces and numerous friends all over the country.

Cremation has taken place. A celebration of life was held at Sunrise Beach Federated Church on April 11.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Hill County Humane Society, Box 1041, Marble Falls, Texas, 78654, the Animal Relief Center, Box 4717, Whitefish, MT., 59937, or the humane society of the donor's choice.

### Basil J. Winterhalt, 82

Basil J. Winterhalt, 82, of Eureka, died Tuesday, Aug. 12, 1997, at Mountain View Manor.

Survivors include his wife Beatrice of Eureka; one son; two daughters including Mary Lou Stamper of Eureka; eight grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Private family services are being held. Local arrangements are by the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Libby.

### Richard G. Wolcott, 89

Richard G. Wolcott, 89, passed away Sunday, Feb. 9, 1997, at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

He was born Oct. 8, 1907, in Rockford, Ill., to Raymond and Julia Wolcott. He moved to Los Angeles when he was in his teens. There he met Carol Hewitt, and they were married March 6, 1929, in Glendale, Calif.

He worked as an electrician until he retired. He was a very kind person who loved to spend time with his wife and family.

He was a member of First Baptist Church of Whitefish.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his wife, Carol, of Whitefish; son, Leonard, of Whitefish; a daughter, Ilene Redding, of British Columbia, Canada; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Friday at First Baptist Church with the Rev. Kent Morrison officiating. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens in Kalispell. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

### Olga K. Wold, 83

Funeral services will be held Wednesday for Olga K. "Mickey" Wold, 83, of Columbia Falls, who died Wednesday, June 11, 1997, at Whitefish.

She was born in rural Aneta, N. D. and owned a beauty salon in Vancouver, Wash. She moved to Montana in 1995.

Local survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Julie and Mike

Somers, of Columbia Falls and granddaughter Lindsay Somers of Columbia Falls.

The funeral will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at the Vancouver Funeral Chapel in Vancouver, Wash. Burial will follow at Evergreen Memorial Gardens Cemetery there. Columbia Mortuary of Columbia Falls is in charge of local arrangements.



## Dorothy Mae Wolf, 89

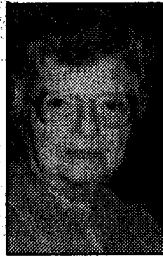
Dorothy Mae Wolf, 89, passed away Wednesday, June 4, 1997, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

She was born May 19, 1908, in Columbus, Ohio, to Isaac and Rachel Trout. In 1925, she was in the first class to graduate from the new South High School in Columbus, Ohio.

After graduation she worked for Longs Bookstore, then at Morehouse-Martin department store. She traveled by train to Denver, Colo., in 1926, where she went to work at May Company.

She moved back to Columbus in 1927. She met and married Robert S. Wolf on Dec. 3, 1931. The ceremony was performed by Robert's father. They moved to Jackson, Mich., in 1935, living there until they moved to Kalispell in 1970.

She was active in the Kalispell Regional Hospital Volunteers Program for over 20 years, a member of the Century Club, a member of the



Order of Eastern Star, and was a past Worthy Matron.

She enjoyed oil painting, jewelry painting, and china painting and she enjoyed the mountains.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and one sister, Mable Ruble.

She is survived by four sons, Robert D. Wolf and wife, Eleanor, of Missoula, James E. Wolf and wife, Sally, of Oxnard, Calif., Douglas G. Wolf and wife, Irene, of Kalispell, and Jeffrey J. Wolf and wife, Julie, of Kalispell; sister, Grace Radebaugh, of Columbus, Ohio; eight grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Marvin Northcutt officiating. Visitation will be Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. The family suggests memorials to Alert Foundation, 310 Sunnyview Lane, Kalispell, or the Hospital Volunteers Program c/o Kalispell Regional Hospital, 310 Sunnyview Lane, Kalispell. Burial will follow at Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

## 1997 Fern Ilene (LaValley) Wood, 71

Fern Ilene (LaValley) Wood, 71, died at Liberty County Nursing Home in Chester on Friday, July 4, after a five-year battle with cancer.

She was born on Feb. 23, 1926, in Havre. She was one of seven children of Bernadean Hyle and Arthur LaValley. She grew up in Joplin, graduating from high school there in 1944. She continued her education at Northern Montana College in Havre.

On Nov. 20, 1944, she married Thomas A. Wood in Missoula. They made their home in Joplin, where she worked as a farm wife, homemaker and mother of six children.

She was diagnosed with cancer five years ago. She moved to the Liberty County Nursing Home in 1994.

She was a lifelong member of Bethel Church in Joplin. She was an active member of W.E.L.C.A., served on the church council, sang in the church choir and served as church treasurer. She also served as Worthy Matron of the Joplin Eastern Star and was a longtime member of the Chester Garden Club.

After most of her children were grown, she became active in Friendship Force, a traveling group that promoted goodwill with foreign countries. During those years, she traveled to many locations, including Egypt, Japan, India, Russia, Aus-

tralia, Holland, Monte Carlo and Canada. Plus, she visited all 50 states.

Her other hobbies included flower gardening, sewing and photography. She enjoyed cooking and baking and her family will always remember her delicious buns and pies. She also collected antiques such as vases and dishes. She was an active community lady who loved her family and friends.

She is survived by her husband in Joplin; daughters Karen and her husband, Rudy Skonord, of Kalispell, Nancy and husband, Duane Alley, of Joplin, and Faye and husband Dave Dewing, of Justin, Texas; sons Tom Jr. and wife, Sherry, Larry and wife, Joey, and Marty and wife, Tina, all of Joplin; mother Bernadean LaValley, of Chester; three sisters, Betty Wolery, of Joplin, Elaine Lukes, of Spokane, and LaVon Clemens, of Hermiston, Ore.; brothers Arthur LaValley Jr., of Spokane, and Terry LaValley, of Joplin; and 10 grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Earl Gray LaValley.

A funeral will be 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Bethel Lutheran Church in Joplin. Burial will follow at Joplin Cemetery. Arrangements are by Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester. Memorials may be given to Bethel Lutheran Church.

## Florence G. Wood, 89

Florence G. Wood, 89, died at North Valley Extended Care in Whitefish, on Sunday, April 20, 1997.

She was born March 28, 1908 in Casselton, N.D., to Axel and Tillie Peterson. She moved at a very young age to Canada, where she lived until the family moved to Montana in 1922, following the oil activity to Gallup City near Conrad. During this period she was a fountain girl at Strickland Drug in Conrad. Later they moved to Sunburst where she worked at Cristy's Drug.

On July 22, 1932, she married Ralph W. Wood in Shelby. In 1982, they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in Billings, where he was employed in oil refinery management with Exxon.

They were active in the Coast Guard Auxiliary, the Al Bedoo



Shrine, and the Billings Boat Club.

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

She is survived by three children, Douglas Wood and his wife, Marilee, of Kalispell, Robert Wood of Whitefish, and a daughter, Andrea Roberts, of Newport Beach, Calif.; three brothers, Milton and his wife, Dorothy Peterson, of Cut Bank, Norman and his wife, Emma Peterson, of Shelby, and Clayton and his wife, Mary Peterson, of Laguna Beach, Calif.; grandchildren, Eric and his wife, Coby Wood, Jim and his wife, Gina Wood, Natasha Wood, David Roberts, Michele Roberts, and Cathy Roberts, Jeff Server and Kristina Server; and two great-grandchildren, Charden and Jaben Wood.

Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home with the Rev. Larry Gaylord of First Presbyterian Church of Kalispell officiating.

The family requests memorials to the Shriner Children's Hospital in her name.

## Hildred Hallows Woods, 85

Hildred Hallows Woods, 85, of Newark, Calif., died May 22, 1997.

She was born March 2, 1912, in Rocky Ford, Colo., to Lester and Lida Hallows. She graduated from Rocky Ford High School. She attended a business college for two years in Pueblo, Colo.

She married Marion E. Woods in January, 1938, in Reno, Nev. They resided in Rocky Ford until 1953, when they were transferred by American Crystal Sugar Company to Crookston, Minn.

In 1954, they moved to Whitefish. In 1958, they purchased a ranch near Junction City, Ore., where they resided until after he died in August, 1985. The ranch in Oregon was sold and recently opened as the Diamond Woods Golf Course. She moved to Newark to reside with her daughter in 1993.

She was a homemaker, mother and activist for community betterment.

She was a gourmet cook and avid reader. She enjoyed flower gardening, sewing and hand work.

She held numerous offices, including president of United Church Women and United Methodist Women, and was active in book clubs and Bible study groups.

She was preceded in death by sisters, Mabel Hallows Adams and Maude Hallows and brother Myron Hallows.

She is survived by son Jim Wood and his wife, Joan, of Kalispell; daughter Stephanie Dye of Newark, Calif.; brother Ralph Hallows of Cathedral City, Calif.; six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at United Methodist Church of Junction City, Ore., with inurnment at Rocky Ford.

Memorials may be made to United Methodist Church of Junction City, Ore., 97448.

## Harold Frederick Wood, 82

Funeral services will be Thursday for longtime Whitefish resident Harold Frederick Wood, 82, who died Jan. 6, 1997, following heart surgery.

The oldest of eight children, he was born Oct. 1, 1914, in Medicine Lake. His family moved to a large farm in the Trumble Creek area between Whitefish and Columbia Falls when he was a small child. To support the family, his father, Fred Wood, strung telegraph line along Flathead Lake and his section, Wood's Bay, was named for him. Later his father worked as a pilot on the Paul Bunyan paddle wheeler and Harold remembered frequently riding at his side as a youngster. On several trips, he recalled, drunken passengers would shoot randomly at Indians camped along the lakeshore until stopped by boat officers.

His early education was in the one-room Half Moon school, and he attended Flathead County High School for two years. When St. Matthews expanded to include secondary education he transferred there and graduated in 1933.

During favorable weather, Harold and his brothers and sisters traveled to school in Kalispell via sleigh, or "The Goose," a shuttle train from the Columbia Falls area to Kalispell. When hard winter settled in, the three older children, supervised by Harold, lived on their own in the Kalispell Hotel or at a rental house while the rest of the family remained on the farm.

A full scholarship in journalism at the University of Minnesota was awarded him upon graduation. He attended one day. He quit the next when he was offered a job hauling logs back home. He never again left the Flathead Valley and the lure and excitement of the lumber industry intrigued him the rest of his life.

In the late 1930s he met Lucille Smith, who was with her date at a local dance. He promptly informed the young man he was going to steal her away. The couple married on June 15, 1940, and devoted their lives to their three daughters and their lumber-related businesses.

From his early years hauling lum-



ber over the Going-to-the-Sun Highway to the east side and logging off sections of stumpage, he expanded until he was ready to establish his own lumber business. Taking on Tom Dempsey as a partner, Wood and Dempsey was established on Stillwater Lake. For many years it was one of the main sources of employment in the north end of the valley.

Later, Wood and Dempsey expanded to include an operation in Alberta, Canada. When the partnership dissolved, Wood Fence Company was established and, in conjunction, "Frame-Up" greenhouse kits, a business built with Burl and Arlys Hatfield.

Throughout their years in Whitefish, he and his wife were active in the community and were frequent contributors to charitable causes. Two favorites of the many organizations he belonged to were the International Hoo Hoo Club and the Montana Pilot's Association. An avid pilot, he owned several airplanes and had a true love of flying.

Following the death of Lucille in 1985, he fell in love for a second time and in 1986 married a longtime family friend, Florence Sproul. Their 10 years together have been happy, peaceful and contented.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Lucille; daughter, Diane; sister, Wini; and brothers Walter and Jacque.

He is survived by his devoted wife, Florence; three loving daughters, Jan and her husband, Troy Thacker, of Coldfoot, Alaska, Judy and her husband, Jon Harmon, of Boise, Idaho, and Becky and her husband, Bill O'Donnell, of Missoula; stepchildren Ruthie and her husband, Ray Barnes, Rich Sproul and his friend, Julie, Jenny and her husband, Ron Koski, and Jolene and her husband, Dave Woldstad; 10 grandchildren; six stepgrandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; sister June Munski-Feenan; and brothers Howard and Wayne Wood, all of Whitefish; and Elaine Westman of Winthrop, Wash.; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be at 1:30 p.m. Thursday at Austin Funeral Home. Visitation will be open. Christian wake services will be at St. Charles Catholic Church at 7 p.m. tonight.

Memorials can be made to Whitefish Historical Society Museum or the charity of choice.

## Robert William Woods, 38

Memorial services for Robert William Woods, 38, who died Oct. 26, 1997, will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Conrad Memorial Cemetery. He died in Saudi Arabia.

## Zona Bell Woods, 83

Zona Bell Woods, 83, passed away Sunday, June 29, 1997, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

She was born on April 13, 1914, in Blysville, Ark., to William and Elizabeth Francis Bishop. Her father was a farmer. She was raised with five brothers and one sister. She grew up in Oklahoma and attended school there.

She married farmer and rancher Jess Odell Woods on Sept. 14, 1931. Her husband also worked in the oil fields and local sawmills. They raised two sons; two children died in early infancy. They traveled throughout the southern states, Arkansas, Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Colorado, and California. At times her husband would take work in an area, in the oil fields or on a large ranch, and they stayed for a while. Zona has also taken trips into Canada.

In 1968, she moved to Great Falls, living there until she moved to the Flathead area. She liked to can and

put up many varieties of fruits and vegetables. She also did exquisite handwork, crocheting in particular.

She was affiliated with the Baptist Church. She moved to Immanuel Lutheran Home on January 7, 1991, where she lived until her passing.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and an infant daughter and infant son.

She is survived by her two sons, Ira Woods of Lubbock, Texas, and Jessie O. Woods of Kalispell; two brothers, one in Duncan, Okla. and one in Hobbs, N.M.; a sister in Duncan, OK; six grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were held Wednesday, at Immanuel Lutheran Home with the Rev Peter Ramseth, Chaplin, officiating. A private family burial has been made in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Arrangements are by the Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

## Austin G. Worcester, 79

Austin Guy Worcester, 79, of Kalispell, died in Brendan House on Thursday, March 20, 1997.

He was a retired gardener and nursery man. He has no immediate survivors.

Cremation has taken place. Burial of urn will be later in Cali-

for arrangements call  
Johnson Mortuary

## 1997 Wanda Fae Wray, 46

Wanda Fae Wray, 46, passed away Thursday, Sept. 11, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

She was born Oct. 23, 1950, in Kremmling, Colo., to Ernest and Katherine Seipp. She was raised in Granby, Colo., where she attended schools, graduating from high school there in 1968.

She married Robert L. Wray in Grand Lake, Colo., on June 28, 1970. She was a devoted wife and mother who would do anything for her family.

She was the bookkeeper for the family trucking business. She moved to Marion in 1977, where she truly loved to live. She had given 2,569

hours of volunteer service to the Red Cross as a first aid instructor and teaching CPR. She was a devoted Christian.

She is survived by her husband, Bob Wray, of Marion; daughter April Wray, of Kalispell; son Doug Wray, of Kalispell; parents Ernest and Katherine Seipp, of Granby, Colo.; sisters Rebecca Seipp, Patty Stottord and Deborah Thompson, all of Granby.

A memorial service will be 11 a.m., Monday, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home, Lynn Cunningham officiating. Cremation has taken place. The family suggests memorials be made to Home Options Hospice, 1280 Burns Way, Kalispell.

## Stan Young, 85

Stan Young, 85, a Flathead Lake boatmaker, passed away Oct. 10, 1997.

He was born to Mae and William Young, on April 24, 1912.

He was born and raised on Flathead Lake, where his parents homesteaded in the early 1900s. He and his brothers started life south of Elmo at the homestead ranch on Flathead Lake. They then moved to Lakeside, where his father built and ran the Elks Resort on Caroline Point in Lakeside. He attended high school in Kalispell, then the University of Montana in Missoula in the 1930s. He took road trips to Mexico, before there were many roads.

The building of Stancraft boats began in 1933 and continues today under the same name. He married Dode Isgrig in 1941. He built boats for the Army, Navy, the Park Service, state Fish and Game department, and many private boaters. His boats were known throughout the West for their design and quality. He advised and tested the original Berkly jet drives for boats. He was an avid boat racer in his earlier days, and an avid sportsman who enjoyed hunting, fishing, photography, flying and sailing.

He was a longtime member of Elks Lodge 725 in Kalispell. He once served as scout master and as civil air patrol volunteer. He operated Stancraft boats until 1970. He built an ocean-going sailboat, which he kept and used between San Diego and Baja, Mexico, for 15 years. He loved to build things, including a kit car he put together after retiring. He had a unique talent for engineering and design. Many of his boats are still being used today.

He will be remembered most for the beautiful boats he designed and manufactured and the marinas he owned and operated for so many years on Flathead Lake.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Delores; a sister, June; brothers Merlin and Don.

Survivors include a daughter, Joyce Demers, of Polson and Puerto Vallarta, Mexico; sons Syd Young and wife, Julie, of Post Falls, Idaho, Bruce and wife, Sheri, of Lakeside; grandson Chris McGuiness and granddaughters Sydney and Amy.

A memorial service will be 2 p.m., Tuesday, at the Lakeside Chapel. Arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary.

## Alvin Harvey York, 78

<sup>5 Aug 1997</sup>  
Alvin Harvey York, 78, of Watertown, S.D., died on Tuesday.

He was born in Nymore Minn. As a boy, he moved with his parents to South Dakota.

He enlisted in the U.S. Army and served as a corporal during World War II. He was then a building-construction foreman in the Watertown area.

He is survived by his wife; four sons, five daughters, a sister, Lillian Probert, of Kalispell; 30 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren.

Services will be Friday at the First Baptist Church in Watertown. Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery there.