

Vincent H. Bacon, 82

Vincent H. Bacon, 82, died Sunday, June 21, 1998, in Kensington, Calif.

He was born on Feb. 10, 1916, in Pueblo, Colo. He attended the University of Colorado where he studied journalism. He then joined the Marine Corps during World War II and served in the South Pacific.

Following that, he ran farm cooperatives and a hardware and implement business in Idaho. Later he was a stockbroker in Florida where he wrote a weekly financial column for the St. Petersburg Times, and organized conservation efforts which preserved mullet spawning and mangrove habitat adjacent to the inter-coastal highway.

He moved to the San Francisco area in 1967, and became director of

the Ecology Center in San Francisco in the early 1970s. During the '80s, he led the Environmental Round Table, a group of Bay Area business leaders and environmentalists. He retired from the California Employment Development Department in the late '70s and moved to Kensington in 1984. He led Sierra Club hikes, Great Decisions groups and discussion groups at the World Affairs Council and the Unitarian Church.

He is survived by his wife, the former Marilyn Moore of Kalispell, now of Kensington, Calif.; two daughters, Joy Lynne Patterson of Melbourne, Fla., and Patricia Gay of Weaverville, Calif.; and grandson Ben Patterson of Melbourne.

Services have been held.

1998 Mary Kay Duff Baker, 51

Mary Kay Duff Baker, 51 of Cascade, died Sunday, Aug. 16, at a Great Falls Hospital of cancer.

She was born Feb. 4, 1947, in Whitehall, the daughter of Thomas and June McKeown Duff. She and her family lived in Butte until 1960, at which time they moved to Great Falls. She attended Central Catholic and Great Falls High School there.

In 1969, she married James P. Baker in Great Falls. They resided there until moving to Cascade in 1985. She was a homemaker and above all else loved being a mother and grandmother. She will be missed by a number of her close friends.

She was actively involved in community and volunteer services as well as pro-life projects. She was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Cascade.

She enjoyed cooking, baking and she cooked and cleaned for seniors in the community.

She is survived by her husband of Cascade; two daughters, Shannon and husband, Kerry Getty, of Minot, N.D., Teresa Baker of Cascade; four sons, Dan Baker and his wife, Shani, of Kalispell, Paul Baker of Bozeman, Kelly and James Baker, both of Cascade; three grandsons, Kyler Baker, Jordan and Aaron Getty; a brother, Thomas Dar. Duff and his wife, Vicki, of Great Falls; her mother-in-law, Madeline Baker of Great Falls; many relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Michael, in 1989.

Funeral mass will be Thursday, 11 a.m. at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Great Falls. A rosary service will be Wednesday, at 7:30 p.m. at O'Connor Memorial Chapel. Rite of Committal will be in Mount Olivet Cemetery in Great Falls. O'Connor Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Dorothy Bagstad

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Dorothy Evelyn Bagstad, 76, died after complications following by-pass heart surgery, May 8 in El Cajon, Calif. She was born Oct. 28, 1921 in Garrison, North Dakota.

She is survived by her husband, Ervin; two children, Lee Nelson and Dana Moore and several grandchildren; two sisters and one brother. She was a past employee

of Physicians Clinic.

Memorial services were held in El Cajon, Calif. with the Rev. Scott Rische officiating. Private interment followed. *W P*

Georgia Mae Baldasar, 62

Georgia Mae Baldasar, 62, died at the Brendan House in Kalispell, on Tuesday, Dec. 22, 1998.

She was born April 16, 1936, in Coulee City, Wash., to George D. and Necia Clarice Crasher Plews.

She is survived by Kenneth Baldasar of Bigfork.

Cremation will take place. A service is not planned at this time. Cremation and arrangements are by the Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

Robert Colby Ballenger, 24

Robert Colby Ballenger, 24, died on Jan. 27, 1998, at the Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

He was born on May 29, 1973, the son of Robert and Wanda Ballenger of Kalispell.

He attended school in Kalispell. He enjoyed the outdoors.

He also loved carving and drawing and wanted to go to college for the arts. He attended Central Bible Church.

He was preceded in death by his great grandparents, Art and Vera Ballenger, and is survived by his



daughter, Randi Lyn of Hungry Horse; his mother, Wanda J. Gilchrist, father Robert E. Ballenger, step-father Scott Gilchrist, grandmother Dorothy Gress, two sisters Jacey Gilchrist and Kayla Gilchrist and step brother Toby Gilchrist, all of Kalispell and numerous other relatives.

Memorials are suggested to be made to baby daughter Randi Lyn c/o Scott and Wanda Gilchrist, 1920 West Reserve Dr., Kalispell, MT 59901. A gathering of family and friends will be on Saturday at his mothers home in Kalispell.

Cremation and arrangements are by the Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

Larry G. Ballensky, 45

Larry G. Ballensky, 45, of Martin City, died Friday morning, Sept. 25, at his home.

He was born March 4, 1954, in Butte, to Ed and Freda Ballensky.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by three brothers and five sisters.

It was his wish that his body be donated to science. There are no services planned at this time.

Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is in charge of local arrangements.

1998 Myrna L. Banning, 75

Myrna L. Banning died in the arms of her daughters Monday, Nov. 9, at Mountain View Manor where she had resided for the last four years.

She was born in Bottineau, N.D., to Monte V. and Emma O. McIlhargey on July 30, 1923. She attended school in Conrad and Whitefish.

In 1942, she married Floyd M. Baldry of Scoby, at Olympia, Wash. They had a daughter, Geraldine, who married John Robinson and lives in Nyssa, Ore.

Her husband preceded her in death while serving his country during World War II. Like many women during the war she found herself helping out her country by working at various jobs, as a roundhouse attendant for Great Northern Railway Co., an oyster factory in Washington and at a girls' home in Helena.

In 1945, she married T. Hurley Banning in Whitefish. He was a veteran of World War II. They had five children together who survive her, Darlene LeDoux and her husband, Dennis, of Eureka; Charlene Carvey and her husband, Lorn, of Eureka; Christine Case and her husband, Gary, of Potomac; M. Thomas Banning of Whitefish, and Edwin W. Banning of Redding, Calif.

She lived in many different places while treasuring and sharing to the fullest many life experiences. She loved being around people and exchanging trinkets of conversation while making many friends. She

always had quick smile for customers at Montana Market in Eureka, First National Bank of Fairbanks in Alaska, Martin's IGA in Helena and Olney Mercantile.

She was a loving woman who shared huge amounts of energy with her family and friends. Among the legacy she left is a deep appreciation for music, many crocheted blankets and knitted slippers to keep us warm in her love. We will always remember her smile when we see an animal pancake with homemade syrup. She praised us, unselfishly gave of her time, tenderly caressed us and will always be the center of our circle of life.

She was preceded in death by her husband Hurley in July of 1976; her parents; a sister Jean Willis; three brothers, Jim, Monte Jr., Stan; one granddaughter, Carrie Robinson; two sons-in-law, R. Dale Gress and R. Butch Allen.

She is also survived by her sisters and a brother, Charlotte Habets and her husband, Emile; Joy Pourroy and her husband, Wayne; Wanda Flynn, Claude, Milo and Melroy. Along with her six children are 28 grandchildren, 43 great-grandchildren, three great-great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews

Services will be Saturday at 4 p.m. at the Fortine Community Church with the Rev. Paul McKibben officiating. Arrangements by Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Eureka

Warren Scott Barce, 45

Warren Scott Barce died at his home in Havre, on Friday, Aug. 7, 1998.

He was born in Kalispell, on Sept. 13, 1952, to Wallace and Edythe Barce. He attended Flathead High School and graduated with high honors in 1970.

He received his bachelor of science in social justice and his bachelor of science in psychology from Montana State University-Bozeman. He continued his education at the University of Arizona. He attended Flathead Valley Community College and graduated with an associate of arts and science in business management and an AAS in computer science. From the University of Montana he earned his master of business administration and graduated with honors.

For several seasons he was employed by the Forest Service. While attending FVCC he was the computer lab supervisor. The U.S. Postal Service employed him as a custom programmer.

At the University of Montana he instructed business courses for the School of Business Administration and served as the departmental computer coordinator. In 1992, he came to MSU-Northern and was an associate professor for the Department of Business at the time of his



death.

He was affiliated with numerous organizations including Phi Theta Kappa, Beta Gamma Sigma, and Delta Sigma Phi. He was recognized as an Outstanding American Student. He was an active member of the executive board for MSU-Northern Federation of Teachers and was closely involved in negotiations for the federation.

His father preceded him in death in 1993.

He is survived by his mother Edythe of Kalispell; brother George W. Barce of Ronan; and sister Judi Filler of Kalispell.

He was a favorite uncle to all his nephews and nieces.

He was an avid collector of stamps and coins prior to computers, but maintained those interests until his death. He enjoyed many aspects of life which he shared freely with those closest to him. Among his greatest joy was his family, his friends and his students for whom he always had time.

Cremation has taken place. A graveside memorial service will be held at Conrad Memorial Cemetery on Friday at 11 a.m. Central Christian Church, 2nd Ave. E. and 3rd St. in Kalispell will host a luncheon after services for those wishing to join his family.

He requested a scholarship fund be established in his name. The family suggest memorial donations be sent to the Whitefish Credit Union, 234 E. Montana, Kalispell, MT 59901, c/o Warren Barce Scholarship Fund.

Local arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary.

Lenora Ellen Borgen, 86

Lenora Ellen Borgen, 86, died Nov. 28, 1998, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

She was born May 15, 1912, in Goodland, Ind., to John and Deborah Davis England. She grew up in Scobey, on a farm with two sisters and one brother. She remembers traveling 10 miles each way to town by horse and wagon. She loved farm work and riding horses to bring in the cows.

On May 6, 1934, she married Ab Borgen. They lived in Glasgow, and had one child, Ray. Her husband worked for the Corp of Engineers until he retired due to ill health June of 1962. They lived in Fort Peck, Kansas, Washington, and at one time they all lived in Puerto Rico.

After her husband retired they moved to Arizona, and then to California where he died in 1964. She

moved back to Montana settling in Kalispell.

She enjoyed driving in the mountains. She was a member of the Bethel Baptist Church. Her church was important in her life and she was in charge of the Missionary cupboard and Captain of the Prayer Chain. She also enjoyed giving extra love and attention to the facility dog at Heritage Place.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband and is now survived by one son, Ray Kenneth Borgen of Roseville, Calif., one granddaughter, and other relatives and friends.

Funeral services will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. David Pestel officiating. Burial will be in Oak Hills Memorial Park in Escondido, Calif.

Arrangements are by the Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

Eunice May Klinger Barker, 74

Eunice May Klinger Barker, 74, died Monday, Aug. 24, 1998, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

Our loving mother, Eunice, was born on April 9, 1924, in Kalispell, to Frederick Godfrey and Grace Margaret Robinson Klinger. When she was 2 years old, they moved to Tacoma, Wash., where she graduated from high school.

She was a faithful member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and attended Brigham Young University for a short time. In 1947, her church called her to a Spanish-American Mission that lasted 27 months. After her missionary work, she came to Kalispell, to be with her parents. It was there she met and married Stanley Nathan Barker of Bigfork. They were married in the Cardston Temple on June 21, 1950.

Her husband attended the University of Washington in Seattle, for three years and after his graduation moved his wife and family to Milwaukee, Wis. His job led him to California, and eventually the family settled in Huntington Beach, Calif., where they raised five sons. After his death in 1968, she returned to Kalispell, where she remained until her passing.

She was a very active member of the LDS church where she held many positions including primary organist and chorister; relief society president; counselor; and teacher. She was also chorister for several choirs in different wards for many years and a participant in the extraction pro-

gram for the genealogy program of the church for eight years.

She will be remembered by all that knew her as a loving and caring person, always willing to forgive and to go the extra mile. She will be deeply missed by her family and friends. We know that she is now at peace with the Lord and is with her departed loved ones.

She is survived by five sons and their families, John Barker and wife, Louise, and daughters, Amanda and Tess of Kalispell, Brent Barker and sons Joel, Danny, and Jared, of Seattle, Daryl Barker and wife, Valerie, and son, Fred, of San Diego, Calif.; Lance Barker and wife, Lorie, and children, Lindsay and Alex of Whitefish, and Theron Barker of Kalispell. She is also survived by numerous relatives and loved ones.

Funeral services will be held Monday, 10 a.m., at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints stake center in Kalispell with Bishop LeRoy Turner of the Kalispell Third Ward officiating. Visitation will be held in the relief society room at the church Monday morning one hour prior to the service. Burial will be at Conrad Memorial Cemetery following the service. Arrangements are by the Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

1998 Berniece Bartlett, 93

Berniece Bartlett, 93, a long-time resident of Whitefish, passed away Friday, Feb. 6, at Heritage Place Nursing Home in Kalispell.

She is survived locally by Paul

Kent, of Kalispell.

No service is planned. Arrangements and cremation are by Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish.

James H. Barnes, 76

James H. Barnes, 76, died Tuesday, Oct. 13, 1998, at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.

He was born Jan. 1, 1922, in Richmond, Va., to Claude J. and Ellie M. Barnes. He was raised and educated in Richmond.

He attended college for three years before entering the U.S. Army in 1943. He was commissioned as a second lieutenant in 1944 and served as a bombardier and radar observer on a B-17 Flying Fortress in Europe with the 1st Air Division, 401st Bombardment Group. He received the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal, World War II Victory and European African Eastern Service Medal with oak leaf clusters.

After his discharge in 1945, he returned to the University of Richmond and earned a degree in teaching and law. He was employed during his schooling at the court house as a clerk. After his graduation from law school, he received a professorship at the University of Richmond teaching veterans law. He worked 10-15 years there and then as a clerk for the

court, working until approximately 1975. He then worked for the University of Chicago updating law books until 1980. While employed with the University of Chicago, he worked in the Richmond, Va., area.

During his time with us, he was a teacher, clerk of court, lawyer, writer, storyteller, comedian, 50-year member of the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity, and a member of the McNeil Law Society.

He is survived by his sister, Clarice Beck, and her husband, Kenneth, of Kalispell; his brother, Claude J. Barnes Jr. of Richmond, Va.; a niece and three nephews and their families.

A graveside service will be held Monday, Oct. 19, at 11 a.m. at the Montana Veterans Home Cemetery in Columbia Falls with military graveside honors by the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Rev. Jerry Buchanan of the First Baptist Church will officiate.

Arrangements are by the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

Vivian M. Barnes, 88

Vivian M. Barnes, 88, died Monday, April 6, 1998, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

She was born Sept. 17, 1909, in Kalispell, to Anson and Ruth Fredenberg. She was raised in Kalispell and attended school in Kalispell. She married Allen Barnes in 1935, in Kalispell. Her parents died when she was young, and she took over and raised her brothers and sisters, as well as her own children.

She was a very loving and caring person who would rather do for others than have them do for her. She will always be remembered for her wonderful attitude and her warm smile.

She was a very accomplished artist, who spent as much time as she could oil painting.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband Allen Barnes; four brothers; and two sisters.

She is survived by her three sons,

Anson E. Barnes of Columbia Falls, Bob Barnes of Libby, and Ronald Barnes of Los Angeles, Calif.; two grandsons, Wendell Barnes of Missoula, and Harley Barnes of Columbia Falls; brothers, Orville, Fredenberg of Kalispell, Wendell Fredenberg, of Kalispell, Duane Fredenberg of Whitefish, Dale Fredenberg of Kalispell, Leslie Fredenberg of Columbia Falls, Roger Fredenberg of Kalispell, and Orin Fredenberg of Kalispell; sisters, Evelyn Gregg of Kalispell, Doris Barkley of Columbia Falls, Miriam Mack of Kalispell, Carol Patterson of Whitefish; two great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home, with the Rev. Robert Van Alstine officiating.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory in charge of arrangements.

Elvira LaVonne Smith Barnett, 62

Elvira LaVonne Smith Barnett, 62, died Tuesday, May 26, 1998, at her home in Whitefish.

She was born Feb. 7, 1936, in Stanley, N.D., to Leo Linley and Anna Anderson Smith. She attended schools in Stanley, graduating from Stanley High School in 1953.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and two brothers, Lyle and Gary.

She is survived by her husband John of Whitefish; daughter Carla of Kansas City; sons Kevin of Las Vegas, Grady of Havre, and Nathan of Kalispell; brother Walt Smith of Denver, Colo.; sister-in-law Mrs.

Gary Smith, nieces Shannon, Shawn and Erin, all of Denver; a special aunt, Emma Brooks of St. Paul, Minn.; 15 grandchildren; and special "valentines," Jake Reid and Randy Lee; numerous other relatives.

Viewing will be held Sunday, from 2-5 p.m. at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Glacier Memorial Gardens in Kalispell, with the Rev. Judith Bither Clair of the United Methodist Church of Whitefish, officiating.

The family requests memorials to Home Options Hospice.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Harold R. Barrett, 75

Harold R. Barrett, 75, died Oct. 16, 1998, at Kalispell Regional Hospital.

He was born July 21, 1923, in Regina, Mont., to Almond M. and Hazel C. Barrett. He was raised and attended school in Malta, Mont.

His relatives live in Montana, but his "family" is in New Mexico, where he lived for more than 30 years. He spoke fondly of the good times he had with George, Stella, Charlie, John-Boy and the entire Tijeras and "Molly's" gang. He supplied half of Tijeras



with firewood and mowed grass for the other half. At the drop of a hat, he was ready for a game of cards and appreciated the great birthday parties the gang threw for him.

Survivors include his children, Roger Barrett, Rick Barrett and Roxanne Frank, all of Kalispell, Robin Horn of Fairbanks, Alaska, Rita Barrett of Seattle, and Rene Wright of Lakeside, Ariz.; a brother, Roy Barrett of Great Falls; and a sister, Evelyn Barrett of Vaughn, Mont. He was preceded in death by one daughter, Ruthie Osoimolo.

No service is planned at this time. Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

1998 Don Alan Barrier, 44

Don Alan "Bozo" Barrier, 44, of Cut Bank, died of complications from surgery Wednesday, May 13, at the Community Medical Center.

He was born Jan. 6, 1954, in Cut Bank to George and Gretchen Barrier. He graduated from Cut Bank High School and went on to college, staying there as long as he could. He earned degrees in political science and history from the University of Montana. He was a born teacher, with a thirst for knowledge. Most afternoons would find him on the couch, devouring history of the American West, the Second World War or Russia.

One of his greatest joys was his career as a garbage collector, or, as he preferred "custodial engineer." He thrilled in scoring bargains at rummage sales and retrieving valuable items (at least to him) out of dumpsters throughout Montana. Most peoples' trash was Don's treasure. His massive collection of fine pre-owned merchandise has left a legacy that his family marvels at today, and which will never allow us to forget him, lest it overcomes us.

He was unwavering in his love

for family and friends. He went to great lengths to ensure that his problems never bothered others. At the same time, he was always ready with his sharp sense of humor, picking up others when they were down. By meeting even the darkest times with a joke, he displayed the purest form of bravery and humanity.

He was preceded in death by his father. Survivors include his mother, Gretchen Barrier, of Cut Bank; daughters Chere' Anderson, of Missoula, and Melissa Pitt, of Cut Bank; sister Josephine Martin, of Havre; brother George Barrier, of La Grange, Texas; grandchildren Tyler and Taylor Anderson, and Alena Pitt; nephews Brad, Sonny and George Barrier, Todd and Corby Martin, and niece Deneen Barrier.

The family invites all to join them in a wake and to celebrate a life lived to the fullest. Please join us at the Moose Lodge, 9 West Main, Cut Bank, 5-8 p.m., on May 20. As he wished, dress is casual.

The family suggests memorials be sent to Shriner's Hospital, PO Box 2472, Spokane, Wash., 99210.

1998 Jean Baldwin Barry, 84

Jean Baldwin Barry, 84, of Great Falls, died of injuries from a fire at her home, on Tuesday, March 31.

She was born Sept. 9, 1913, in Boise, Idaho. She moved to Great Falls as a small child and received her early education there. She was a graduate of National Cathedral School in Washington D. C. and University of Washington in Seattle.

On June 11, 1938, she married Thomas Donald Barry in Great Falls.

After the marriage, they moved to Milwaukee, Wisc. There, she was the manager of the Women's Exchange. She and her husband returned to Montana in 1964. They moved to Lakeside, where they owned and operated the Schoolhouse Restaurant. She retired from that in 1992.

She was a member of Alpha Delta

Pi Sorority, the Junior League and Chapter I of P. O. E.

She was preceded in death by her husband on June 28, 1973.

She is survived by her three sons: Jonathan Baldwin Barry, of Mt. Horeb, Wisc.; Peter Thomas Barry, of Milwaukee and Don Michael Barry, of Vail, Colo. She is also survived by five grandchildren and one great grandchild.

A funeral will be held Monday at 11 a.m. at the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation in Great Falls. A second service will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Christ Episcopal Church in Kalispell, which will be followed by the burial.

O'Connor Funeral Home of Great Falls and Johnson Mortuary in Kalispell are in charge of arrangements.

13 Aug 1998 Christopher J. Barton, 38

Christopher J. Barton, 38, died Thursday from an industrial accident in Libby.

Survivors include his wife, Kayley, and their four children, Courtney, Shelby, Taylor Rose and Nicolas, all at the family home in Libby; his mother, Nancy Barton, of Lakeside; two brothers, including Tim Barton of Whitefish; and three sisters, including Angie McElmurry of

Lakeside.

Visitation will be from 1-6:30 p.m. today at Nelson & Vial Funeral Home Chapel in Libby, with rosary and parish vigil services beginning at 7 p.m. Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated Monday at 11 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church with the Rev. Ray Hannigan as celebrant. Interment services will follow at the City of Libby Cemetery.

Robert LaVaughn Beaman, 71

Robert LaVaughn Beaman, Kalispell native, died suddenly Sept. 4, at his home in St. Petersburg, Fla.



He was 71. Local involvement with television and cable TV led to his becoming vice president of engineering for H&B American in Beverly Hills, Calif., then the largest cable TV company in the world. During World War II he enlisted in the Navy at 16 with a deferment until he graduated. After the war he attended college

at Montana State College in Bozeman, and Utah State College. He was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity on both campuses. While at Utah State he developed an affordable way to bring cable TV to sparsely populated areas. He also patented and later sold a way to help TV sets in remote areas pick up signals.

He joined the Masonic Lodge and Rotary. He was a Presbyterian.

He is survived by his widow, the former Ann Thomson; three sons, Roderick of Salcha, Alaska, Alerick of Shrewsbury, Pa., and Jacksonville, Fla.; Scott of Melbourne, Fla.; and four grandchildren.

Carol Elizabeth Appleberry Beatty, 69

Carol Elizabeth Appleberry Beatty, 69, beloved mother and wife, died Aug. 23, 1998, after a long courageous battle with cancer.

She was born on Dec. 23, 1928, in Portland. On Sept. 21, 1948, she married Marshall Beatty. They lived at Nyack, for four years and then moved to the summit for the next 12 years of their marriage where he worked for the state highway. In 1963, they moved to the farm in the Somers area where they lived until moving to Florence, Ore., in 1991.

They had four children, Lee, Wayne, Ray and Lisa. She was the best mom and wife, always there for us. The family will miss her dearly, not only for her unconditional love but also as the best cook ever.

She had many enjoyments in life. The best one of them being spending time with her grandchildren. They were truly the apple of her eye. She enjoyed cooking, sewing, knitting, gardening, canning and always being

there to assist in the activity at hand. She loved walking on the beach and just enjoying the ocean. Her family was always number one and we never doubted it.

She is survived by her loving husband, Marshall, at their home in Florence; children, Lee and Elaine of Seeley Lake, Wayne and Teri of Kalispell, Lisa and Anwar Shamoon of Eugene; grandchildren, Jason and Trista Beatty of Kalispell, Joe Beatty and wife, Jen, of Missoula, Angela Galbravy and family of Missoula, Robert Beatty and family of Washington, and William Shamoon of Eugene.

She was preceded in death by her son Ray.

Burial has taken place with a family service. She has found her peaceful place in heaven.

We will all miss this beautiful lady. Thank you "pops" for taking such good care of our mama. She is watching over us all.

Margaret G. Beatty, 78

Margaret G. Beatty, 78, of Kalispell, died on Monday, Dec. 14, 1998, in Lincoln City, Ore., of natural causes.

She was born on Sept. 9, 1920, in Rogers, Minn., the daughter of Louie and Mable Hahn. She was raised and educated in Pablo.

She married Montana James Barnard Sr. in Polson in 1937. They were later divorced.

She then married Christ N. Sarroff and he preceded her in death.

In 1984, she married Jack H. Beatty and he died in 1997. She was also preceded in death by her father; her mother and stepfather, Fred C. Drebas; two sisters, Alice Drebas and Margery Hahn; brother Roy Hahn;

two grandchildren, Karen Lea Caverly and Timothy J. Barnard; and a stepsister, Margaret Addy.

She is survived by sons, Montana James Barnard Jr., of Deer Park, Wash., Robert Dean of Laurel, and Christ Sarroff of Lincoln City, Ore.; daughters, Floretta Caverly of Bigfork, Alice Clark of Apple, Idaho, and Christina Sarroff of Lincoln City; brother Fred P. Drebas of Bremerton, Wash.; sister Dorothy Pearson of Kalispell; 12 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be held at a later date. Arrangements are under the direction of Shrider's Mortuary in Ronan.

Delores Eileen 'De' Howard Beckstrom, 65

Delores Eileen "De" Howard Beckstrom, 65, died Sept. 25, 1998, at Brendan House, after losing her long battle with lymphoma cancer.

She was born May 6, 1933, at Minnewauken, N.D., the oldest daughter of Harold James "Stub" and Jennie Marie Knudson Howard. Her maternal grandmother, Elfrida Hanson Knudson, was a midwife. Her family left North Dakota for Colorado after losing the farm during the dust bowl. During World War II her parents worked in Seattle, her father in the shipyards and her mother on building B-17 bombers. The family later moved to Polson, then to a farm east of Ronan, where she graduated from high school in 1951.

She worked at Sears in Seattle, before spending a year at the University in Bozeman. She moved to Missoula in 1954, to help at home during her mother's final illness. She continued her studies there while also making a home for her orphaned younger siblings and working at Great Northern Hospital. She studied nursing in Spokane, for several months before marrying Paul C. Beckstrom on Sept. 19, 1959, in Missoula. They met while both were doing exhibition square dances with the University's Royaleers.

They lived in Yakima, and Wenatchee, Wash., Billings, and Kalispell, before moving to Columbia Falls, in 1965. During this time she worked in a hospital in Billings, at the Montana Veterans Home, and as a part-time reporter for the Hungry Horse News.

She was at various times active in the Jaycees, in the Columbia Falls Friends of the Library, and was a Lit-

eracy Volunteer instructor, in addition to raising two children and keeping her house and husband in order. For many years she was an avid exhibitor and participant at gun shows in Montana. She and her husband chaired the Kalispell gun shows for five years.

She was a lifetime member of the Royaleers; and a member of the National Rifle Association; Weapons Collectors Society of Montana; North Valley Sportsman Club; and a founding member of North West Montana Arms Collectors Association. She was a fine rifle and pistol shot who had won many medals target shooting with her muzzleloading target rifle and her revolver.

When her husband retired in 1995, she enjoyed the visits they made to see family in North Dakota, Washington and Arizona, where they spent their winters.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers, James and Wayne.

She is survived by her husband of 39 years, Paul, at the family home in Columbia Falls; two children James and Kathryn Beckstrom of Kalispell; a sister Arlene Marie Howard of Waupaca, Wis.; her brother Harold "Bud" Howard Jr. of Seattle; two nieces and two nephews, her mother-in-law and her brothers-in-law.

Cremation has taken place under the arrangements of Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory. A memorial service will be held in a few weeks.

Family request that in lieu of flowers, memorials be made in her name to either the NRA, Literacy Volunteer, or charity of donor's choice.

Grace M. Beckstrom, 89

Grace M. Beckstrom, 89, of Eureka, died Saturday, Oct. 10, 1998, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

She was born on April 3, 1909, in Alpine, Texas, to Charles and Cora McPeeters. She was raised on the family ranch in Willcox, Ariz.

She married Wilmer E. Beckstrom on Oct. 20, 1931, in Tucson, Ariz. They came to Montana in 1938, moving to Eureka in 1943, where she had made her home for the past 55 years. She served on the Eureka School Board and had been active in the Girl Scouts of America program. She also

had been active in the home demonstration club, sharing her skills as an excellent seamstress.

Her husband Wilmer preceded her in death in April 1970. She is survived by three sons, David Beckstrom of Eureka, Paul Beckstrom of Columbia Falls and John Beckstrom of Sequim, Wash.; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Private graveside services will be Monday, Oct. 12, 1998, at Tobacco Valley Cemetery under the direction of Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Eureka.

Beatrice LaVonna Beebe, 79

Beatrice LaVonna Beebe, 79, of Kalispell, died in the Heritage Place on Wednesday evening, Feb. 25, 1998.

She was born Oct. 6, 1918, in Winifred, to William and Maude Blades. At an early age she moved with her family to Columbia Falls where she received her education.

On June 6, 1936, she was married to Chauncey Dale Beebe in Kalispell. She had known him since attending first grade in school together. The couple lived in Columbia Falls, where she had worked at the Krueger Drug for a number of years.

She was a member of the V.F.W. Auxiliary and the North Valley Alliance Church. She had thoroughly enjoyed traveling all of Europe, Hawaii and Alaska.

She was preceded in death by her



parents; a daughter, Laura Owens; five brothers; and two sisters.

She is survived by her husband Chauncey at home; one son, Don Beebe and his wife, Claudia, of Phoenix, Ariz.; four daughters, Dixie Emerson and her husband, Jim, of Columbia Falls, Donna Larson and her husband Peter, and Nancy Clapper and her husband, Charles, all of Kalispell and Eva Markus and her husband, Bob, of Lake Havasu, Ariz.; three sisters, Jewel DeGolier of Kalispell, Celestine Grigg of Whitefish and Ruby Anderson and her husband, Vic, of Carpentersville, Ill.; one brother, Roger Blades and his wife, Jewel, of Twin Falls, Idaho; 23 grandchildren; 17 great grandchildren and a number of other relatives.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Glenn Roth officiating. Burial will follow at 2 p.m. at the Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Chauncey Dale Beebe, 81

Chauncey Dale Beebe, 81, of Kalispell, died Oct. 5, 1998, at Heritage Place.

He was born Aug. 16, 1917, in Kalispell, to Chauncey Edward and Eva Deford Beebe. Chauncey was a government trapper in his younger years and a log scaler for the U.S. Forest Service.

He was preceded in death by his wife Beatrice; daughter Laura Owens; brother Edward; and sister Vesta Collenborne.

He is survived by one son, Don Beebe and wife, Claudia, of

Columbia Falls; four daughters including Dixie Emerson of Columbia Falls, Donna Larson and husband, Peter, and Nancy Clapper and husband, Charles, all of Kalispell; sister Ebbe Allison and husband, William, of Kalispell; 23 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Glenn Roth officiating. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Aart Beekman, 94

Aart Beekman, longtime resident of Kalispell and Columbia Falls, died May 30, 1998, at the Brendan House.

He was born March 7, 1904 in the Netherlands at Apeldoorn. He spent his early childhood in South Africa. In 1912, his family returned to the Netherlands by way of London, where they saw the Titanic leaving port. The family came to the U.S. in 1915, living briefly in Utah before moving to Manhattan, near Bozeman — a center of Dutch immigration in the West.

During most of the decade and a half after his graduation from Manhattan High School in 1925, he was a missionary for his faith in communities throughout Montana.

In 1942, he married Nellie Westergreen of Winston. After farming near Moiese, the couple moved with their three young children to Kalispell. Here he worked as a laborer on the construction of Hungry Horse Dam from 1950 to project completion. He also worked on the construction of the aluminum plant at Columbia Falls. He was a janitor at the old Edgerton Elementary School in Kalispell from 1956 to 1969. He and his wife Nellie raised four children in

Kalispell: Roy Beekman of Kalispell, Artice Geiger of Yakima, Wash., Julie Ryan of Cashmere, Wash., and Robert Beekman of Seattle, Wash. His wife Nellie died in 1970.

In 1973, he married the former Anna Collins of Columbia Falls. At that point his family grew by six more children: Lowell Collins of Polson, Carol Walden of Columbia Falls, Lois Robinson of Bigfork, Alice Friesen of Salina, Kan., Margerey Sarabia of Las Vegas, Nev.; and Mary Lou Collins of Sterling, Va.

He and his wife enjoyed more than 17 years together until her death in 1991.

Throughout his life until prevented by the physical problems of the last few years, he loved the outdoors — hunting, fishing, huckleberry picking and gardening. He was affable, accommodating, undemanding and hard-working. He will be sorely missed by his four children and their spouses, ten grandchildren, his six stepchildren and their families, and numerous other relatives and friends.

Funeral services have been changed to the Remington Room at the Outlaw Inn at 2 p.m. on Wednesday.

Helen Elizabeth Behrens, 71

Helen Elizabeth Behrens, 71, died on Thursday, May 14, 1998, at the Life Care Center in Reno, Nev.

She was born on Jan. 11, 1927, the daughter of David and Eloise Wickham Sheppard in Whitefish. She lived in the Flathead area all her life and attended the local schools.

On April 26, 1946, she married Henry Behrens in Missoula, and was his wife until his death in 1978. They made their home in Kalispell, where she was a housewife and cosmetic sales representative and he worked for the Western Montana Distributing Co. She moved with her family to Southern California in June 1965, only to return to Kalispell in 1981, after the death of her husband.

While residing in Kalispell, she especially enjoyed going to Sykes and talking with long-time friends. She enjoyed making people laugh, though, at times, she found it hard to laugh herself. She also enjoyed being with her children, speaking with her family and friends on the telephone, watching television and doing innumerable word puzzles. She had a special relationship with her uncle,

Alfred Williams, whom she was very close to and loved very much.

She remained in Kalispell until early 1996, when she moved to Carson City, Nev., to be near her daughter, Betty.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Henry; her parents and one brother, Edward.

She is survived by her son, David Behrens of Lake Elsinore, Calif.; two daughters, Linda Sutherland of Fountain Valley, Calif., and Betty Hunnewell of Carson City; a brother, David Sheppard of Walla Walla, Wash.; two sisters, Donna Gori of Reno, Nev., and Marilyn Bertino of Colorado Springs, Colo.; her uncle Alfred Williams of Kalispell; six grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, at Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Ron Pierce officiating. At her request her ashes have been placed next to her husband in Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Local arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

1998 Vione Bollum Bell, 85

Vione Bollum Bell, 85, died of natural causes Aug. 14 at Brendon House in Kalispell.

She was born July 19, 1913 in Kimball, Minn. to Harold and Lela Bollum and moved to Montana shortly thereafter. She graduated from high school in Havre and attended Western Montana College in Dillon and taught school in Kevin and Oilmont, Mont.

She married Hubert J. Bell and moved to Kalispell in 1938. After his retirement, they moved to Sun City, Ariz. in 1970.

She was very active in numerous organizations including Girl Scouts, Sun City Silver Shop and Library Board, President of the Montana Federation of Woman's Club, National Treasurer of the General Federation of Woman's Club, Order of Eastern Star, Questers of Ariz. and the Epis-

copal Churches of Kalispell and Sun City, Ariz.

She was preceded in death by her husband Hubert and daughter Norma Ostrom.

She is survived by her daughter Marian Emerson and eight grandchildren: Cory Ostrom, Lori Judge and Logan Ostrom of Kalispell; Jamie Grant, Hamilton; Nancy Emerson, Mill Valley, Calif.; Judy Emerson, Rochester, N.Y.; John Emerson, Plant City, Fla.; and Lisa McElrath, Los Angeles, Calif. She is also survived by 16 great grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

Cremation has already taken place and Memorial Services will be held in Ariz. at a later date. Memorials may be made to the Shriner Hospital, 911 W. 5th Ave., Spokane or a charity of donor's choice.

Dean Elijah Beller, 92

Dean Elijah Beller, 92, formerly of Kalispell died Friday, Oct. 23, 1998, at Crista Nursing Center in Shoreline, Wash.

He was born March 24, 1906, in Ponca, Neb., to William Swan and Nellie Grace Vanderbilt Beller. His family moved to the Flathead Valley in 1909, and he received his early education here. As he was the youngest of nine children he helped his family on the farm and also helped rear two nephews and one niece who lived with them. He graduated from Flathead County High School in 1924. He married Edna Amanda Hoylman Oct. 7, 1939, and they had three children.

He worked periodically for the highway department in his early years, then entered into the real estate business in 1946. He continued in real estate until he was in his 70s. He lived in Kalispell until Dec. 24, 1996, when he moved to Crista Nursing Center in Shoreline, to be near his daughter and son and grandchildren.

His great interests were vocational agriculture and journalism. He was a member of the Christian Center Assembly of God Church and was a board member emeritus. He enjoyed gardening, fixing cars, reading, and crossword puzzles.

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

He is now survived by two daughters, JoAnna Nichols Schoenknecht of Quilcene, Wash., and Clara Jane Seaman Foster and husband, Benjamin, of Scotts Valley, Calif.; son Robert W. Beller and wife, Faye, of Renton, Wash.; eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren; one niece, Eunice McKinley of Kalispell, and three nephews.

Funeral services will be Thursday, at 1 p.m. at the Christian Center with the Rev. Ross officiating and the Rev. Weaver assisting. Burial will follow at Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Arrangements are by the Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

1998 Mary Louise Benkelman, 72

Mary Lewis Benkelman, 72, of Polson, died Wednesday, April 29, at her home on Baypoint Lane.

She was born July 6, 1925, in New Haven, Conn., to Lela Lucille Hoyt and Robert Richards Lewis. She attended school in Baldwin, N. Y. She received her college degree in Spanish from Vassar and a masters degree at Kansas University. She later taught Spanish at Kansas University. There, she met Ward E. Benkelman. They were married in Baldwin in 1949.

They moved to Polson in 1954. She was an elder in the Polson Presbyterian Church and served on the school board. She belonged to the International Chapter of P.E.O. Sisterhood and was a member of the Montana Watercolor Society, Midwest Watercolor Society, American Watercolor Society and National Watercolor Society. She was also a member of the Sandpiper Gallery at Polson.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ward, in January, 1998.

She is survived by four sons, Clay, with children Merisa, Brandon and Brent, of Bigfork; Guy, of Polson; Barney and Peggy with children Neil, Grant and Louise, of Helena, and Cody and Cynthia, with son, Sam, of Whitefish. She requested her ashes be scattered over Flathead Lake. Memorial services will be 2 p.m. Saturday, May 9, at the Presbyterian Church in Polson. A reception will follow.

Memorial contributions are being accepted at the Sandpiper Gallery and the Polson City Library, 2 First Ave. E., Polson, 59860. Cremation and arrangements are by Grogan Funeral Home in

Darrell Ralph Benjamin, 58

Darrell Ralph Benjamin, 58, formerly of Bigfork, died Monday evening, May 25, 1998.

He was born Jan. 12, 1940, in Minneapolis, Minn., to Dr. Leonard and Antonie Streetinger Benjamin.

He was an independent contractor, and welding was his specialty. He also worked as a miner, automotive mechanic, truck driver and handyman.

Survivors include three sons; 10 grandchildren; father and step-mother, Dr. Leonard and Norma

Benjamin of Bigfork; two brothers; a sister; several nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives.

Funeral services will be conducted at the Anaconda Chapel of KT Riddle Funeral Homes today at 4 p.m. with the Rev. Hal Woomeer of the United Methodist Church officiating. Cremation will follow services.

Inurnment will be held at a later date. Visitation will be at the funeral home today until service time.

1999 Ward E. Benkelman, 77

Ward E. Benkelman, M. D., died Jan. 27, of natural causes after fishing with family and friends at Lake Mary Ronan. He was 77.

He was born July 27, 1920, in Bird City, Kansas, to Charles Adam and Hertha Kerndt Benkelman. He attended schools at McDonald, Kansas, and Kemper Military Academy, Mo., and the University of Kansas. He graduated from the KU Medical School in 1950.

He served in the Army Air Corps during World War II, piloting a B-24 bomber for the 15th AF from Cerignola, Italy and flew the lead aircraft in the invasion of southern France. He attained the rank of major and received the Distinguished Flying Cross with one cluster and the Air Medal, with seven clusters.

He married Mary Helen Lewis at Baldwin, N. Y., in 1949. He had a family medical practice in St. Francis, Kansas, from 1951-53. He moved to Polson in 1954, where he continued his family practice until present.

He served on the Polson City Council from 1956-60. He was the chief of staff at St. Joseph Hospital in 1967. He was a member of the American Academy of Family Physicians, the Montana Academy of Family Physicians, the Rotary Club, the Masonic Lodge, and BPOE No. 1695.

He served as an elder of the Presbyterian Church and was made an honorary member of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes. He studied and taught Tae Kwon Do in



Polson, receiving his black belt at age 65. He enjoyed fishing, hunting and golfing with his sons, grandchildren, and many friends. He loved life and opened his doors to everyone he met.

sharing his wisdom and unique humor. He will be missed by a great many people.

He is survived by his wife, Mary, at the family home in Polson; sons Clay and Debra, with children Merisa, Brandon, and Brent in Bigfork; Guy, in Polson; Barney and Peggy with children Neil, Grant and Louise in Helena; and Cody and Cynthia and son, Sam, in Whitefish.

He requested that his ashes be scattered at sites he loved, including the hillside where he got his trophy bull elk. A memorial service will be 11 a.m., Saturday, at the Presbyterian Church in Polson, with a celebration of his life to follow at a site to be announced. All who knew him are encouraged to attend.

Memorial contributions are being accepted by Darryl Dupuis, Salish Kootenai College, Box 117, Pablo, 59855, where a college scholarship fund is being established, or by Paul Briney, Polson High School, 111 Fourth Avenue East, Polson, where a fund for the high school golf program is being created.

Ruth Elizabeth Bennett, 77

Ruth Elizabeth Bennett, 77, of Missoula, passed away at home on Sunday, Jan. 11, 1998.

She was born on her mother's homestead in Dutton, on May 18, 1920. In 1924, the family moved to Clinton where she received her education.

In 1937, she married Thomas A. Bennett, and he survives her along with two sons and daughters-in-law, Paul and Marlene of Spokane, and Bruce and June of Whitefish; grandchildren Debra Ann McConnell of Virginia, John Bennett of Colorado, Matthew and Olivia Bennett of Whitefish; great-grandchildren Patrick and Sean McConnell of Virginia; sisters Margaret Edington of Seattle, Grace Tyson of Coeur d'Alene, Virginia Hackman of Nine Mile, and Lou Shanafelt of Dale, Ore.; brother Don Hesselgesser of Coeur d'Alene; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a son, John; parents Thomas and Lydia Hesselgesser; and two brothers, Roy and Robert.

She was a longtime member of the Holy Spirit Parish Episcopal Church and Alter Guild.

She loved her nursing career and worked at Community Hospital for

many years. Previous to that, she worked for the Singer Company as a sewing instructor.

After retiring she volunteered in the health department. She and her husband were also longtime volunteers for Meals on Wheels. Her favorite hobby was sewing, and she was a very talented seamstress. She and her husband had many happy years enjoying the mountains, fishing and hiking often with family.

She will be missed by her loving family, as well as numerous relatives and friends.

Viewing will be held from 12-8 p.m. on Wednesday at Garden City Funeral Home in Missoula. There will be private family services at 10 a.m. on Thursday with interment to follow at Missoula City Cemetery. A public memorial service will be held on Thursday at 2 p.m. at the Holy Spirit Parish Episcopal Church in Missoula, with a reception following at the church.

The family suggests memorials in her name to the Alter Guild at Holy Spirit Parish Episcopal Church, 130 South Sixth East, Missoula, MT 59801, or to Hospice of Missoula.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Garden City Funeral Home and Crematory.

Jane Benson, 84

Jane Benson, 84, died June 3, 1998.

Survivors include her daughter, Barbara Alsbury, grandsons, and four great-grandchildren, all of Kalispell; two sisters; and a brother.

She was preceded in death by

her husband and a son.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests donations be made to your favorite children's charity.

Memorial services will be held Wednesday, 1 p.m., at All Saint's Episcopal Church, 346 Termino, Long Beach, Calif.

1998 Mary Ann Benson, 80

Mary Ann Benson, 80, of Kalispell, passed away Jan. 9, at Heritage Place.

She was born July 18, 1917, in White Sulfur Springs, to Joe and Amanda (Roth) Birky. She came to the Flathead with her parents in 1927.

On June 5, 1938, she married Walter Mathwig. He preceded her in death in 1951. To this marriage, two sons were born: Lloyd and Richard Mathwig.

On Nov. 20, 1957, she married John Benson, in Kalispell. He preceded her in death in 1979. She was also preceded in death by six brothers and one sister.

She enjoyed quilting and cooking at Lake Blaine Bible Camp. She worked 22 years as a housekeeper at Kalispell Regional Hospital. She also enjoyed helping and serving at First

Baptist Church in Bigfork.

She is survived by her sons, Lloyd Mathwig and his wife, Shirley, of Kalispell, and Richard Mathwig and his wife, Pam, of Prescott, Ariz.; brothers Jake Birky, of McBride, British Columbia, and Ezra Birky, of Kalispell; sisters Eva Gregg, of Kalispell, and Emma Engold, of Longmont, Colo.; seven grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

Visitation will be 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday, at Johnson Mortuary. Services will be 11 a.m., Tuesday, at Johnson Mortuary Chapel, Pastor Rodney Myrum of First Baptist Church in Bigfork officiating. Burial will follow at Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Lake Blaine Bible Camp, through First Baptist Church of Bigfork, PO Box 1778, Bigfork, 59911.

1998 William F. Berg, 76

William F. Berg, 76, died Thursday, June 18, at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.

He was born Feb. 28, 1922, to Sam and Louisa Hoffman Berg at Wilton, N. D.

He received his education and was raised at the family farm in Wilton. He served in the Army during World War II.

On May 13, 1946, he married Ella Laib at Bismark, N. D. The couple continued farming near Sterling, N. D. until 1958, when they moved to Billings. He worked construction in Billings until moving to Kalispell in 1965. He worked construction and at Glacier National Park until 1966. He worked for Plum Creek Timber for many years, until he became disabled.

He enjoyed travel, fishing, hunting and most of all tinkering on projects. He was a member of the Stillwater

Lutheran Church and a life member of V. F. W.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Ella, on Nov. 18, 1996; two brothers and two sisters.

He is survived by a daughter, Cynthia Kingsolver, of Kalispell; son Gary Berg, of Miles City; sister Herda Schmidt, of Bismark, N. D.; granddaughters Christine Kingsolver, of Kalispell and Kari Kingsolver, of Boulder; grandsons Keith Kingsolver, of Havre and Dan and Darren Berg of Sierra Vista, Ariz.

A funeral will be 2 p.m., Monday, at Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Pastor Tim Bartholomew of Stillwater Lutheran Church officiating. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens, with military honors by the local United Veterans. Visitation is 1-4 p.m. today and Monday, and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Tuesday, at Johnson Mortuary.

Geraldene Delores Osberg Bergerson, 73

Geraldene Delores Osberg Bergerson, known and loved by many as "Gerry" Bergerson, died on Sept. 22, 1998.

She was born on Nov. 15, 1924, in Seattle, to Arthur Leo and Ora S. Osberg, now both deceased. They divorced later and she moved with her father and stepmother Mildred to Tacoma, Wash. She attended Tacoma schools, graduating from Stadium High School. She attended Washington State University in Pullman for one year.

As World War II was calling for volunteers and she had been impressed with the Navy Waves, she joined them on June 6, 1944, working at the Navy Department at Todd Shipyards in Tacoma. There she met and married Yeoman Bruce Kenneth Bergerson, Sr.

On March 31, 1946, they moved to Miles City. To this union six children were born, Carol Anne Mabson of San Antonio, Texas, Bruce Kenneth Bergerson, Jr. of Billings, Judith Leigh Malone of Columbia Falls, Ronald Arthur Bergerson of Old Town, Idaho, with two children predeceasing her in death, Linda Susan McNurlin in 1989, and Diane Marilyn in 1955. She is also survived by a brother Gordon Osberg of Tacoma, Wash.

Believing in raising her own children, she didn't start working until Ron, the youngest, was in school. She became the deputy city treasurer for Miles City for six years. Then, entered civil service working with USDA Soil Conservation Service for 10 years in Miles City, and following a divorce, transferred to Bozeman for two years. An opportunity arose to transfer to the Forest Service and Spotted Bear Ranger District, Flathead National Forest. She dearly loved every minute of this part of her career, retiring after 12 1/2 years in December 1988. While ending a 25-year career service with the Federal Service, she continued to volunteer



with the Forest Service.

She was given the high honor of being the very first woman to be inducted in the Spotted Bear Back Country Hall of Fame. The award is dedicated to the hardworking individuals of the Flathead National Forest who gave back country more that they received. She was affectionately known as "Gramma Spotted Bear" by all who worked with her. Within this realm, she also worked as a volunteer from 1989, to present with Hungry Horse Archaeological Project Investigation, with renown archaeologists and Native Americans to include a project on determining what effects the building of Hungry Horse Dam has had on Native American artifacts, campgrounds, and habitat.

Additionally, she was a member of the United Methodist Church of Columbia Falls, and president of the Flathead Agency on Aging which included the home repair board. She helped to obtain and award financing for many senior citizen support programs. She held many offices within the National Association of Retired Federal Employees to include past chapter president; a charter member of the Women In Military Service for America Memorial Foundation, Inc.; and she was an active board member of the Columbia Falls Community Kitchen.

She leaves a huge void, not only with her family, but with all her extended families within all of her organizations. She was well loved by all, and will be missed.

She requested to be cremated and her remains distributed over the Bob Marshall Wilderness Area.

Visitation will be Friday, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

A funeral service will be held Saturday, at 1 p.m. at the United Methodist Church in Columbia Falls. The Rev. Ray Davis will officiate. Cremation will follow the service.

The family has suggested that memorials be made to the United Methodist Church, the Columbia Falls Community Kitchen, or to the PBS - KSPS in Spokane, Wash.

Keith K. Bergstresser, 47

Keith K. Bergstresser, 47, of Kalispell, died May 4, 1998, at the Veterans Hospital in Salt Lake City, Utah, of leukemia.

He was born Feb. 4, 1951, in West Reading, Pa., to Wilson and Margaret Bergstresser.

He was a member of the Kalispell Lions Club.

Survivors include a son, Keith

Bergstresser Jr., of N.C., David Bergstresser of Oregon City, Ore., Erich Bergstresser of Everett, Wash.; daughter Faith Brown of Milwaukie, Ore.; brothers Charles of Pennsylvania, Leon, and Bruce of North Carolina; sister Sandra of Audrey, Pa.

Services will be Saturday at 10 a.m., at the Walter Knicht Funeral Home, 3300 Kutztown Rd., Laureldale, Pa.

Charles 'Charlie' Berlinger, 66

Charles "Charlie" Berlinger, 66, died as a result of a car accident on Sept. 20, 1998, at Clearwater Junction on Montana 200.

He was born Jan. 13, 1932, at the home place in Big Sandy, Mont., to John Peter and Katherin Anna Joa Berlinger.

He was raised and received his early education in Big Sandy and graduated from high school there. He was an altarboy for the Catholic Church in his youth. He joined the Navy in 1951 and served in the Korean War. He helped with the construction of the naval base in the Philippine Islands as a member of the "C-Bees" construction battalion. He received his honorable discharge in 1959.

He returned to Big Sandy, where he met and married Marlis Dorothy Neisinger on Sept. 6, 1962. Together, they had four children: Bonnie, Colleen, Marleen and John. They were later divorced. Charlie moved to the Flathead Valley in 1963, where he married Ellen Josephine Ferguson on Feb. 19, 1983, the mother of Rick, Roy and Shane. Charles chose to adopt Shane in March 1984.

Charlie was a millwright and worked for American Timber in Kalispell until his retirement in April 1997. During his lifetime, he helped with the construction of the Libby



Dam. He was a member of the Moose Lodge of Kalispell and the National Rifle Association.

He enjoyed farming, ranching, hunting, fishing and horses. He was a compassionate man and had the gift of gab. He would have given the shirt off his back to anyone who needed it. Charlie had a passion for the outdoors in Montana and he was always willing to share what he loved and knew with anyone who wanted to go along. He shared his devotion to "the cowboy way" with all he knew. There was always love in Daddy's hands.

Charles was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Leopold and Gerald; and a sister, Ilene. He is now survived by his three daughters, Bonnie Jean Cornett of Polson, Colleen Susan Berlinger of Great Falls and Marleen Jo Probert of Kalispell; two sons, John Glenn Berlinger of Great Falls and Shane James Berlinger of Kalispell; two sisters, Mildred Davis of Kalispell and Arabella Kennedy of Travelers Rest, S.C.; two brothers, Raymond Berlinger and his wife Teri of Billings and Wilfred Berlinger and his wife Ilene of Big Sandy; and 11 grandchildren.

Memorial services for Charles "Charlie" Berlinger were held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 26, 1998, at the Little Brown Church in Bigfork. Burial was at Glacier Memorial Gardens in Kalispell. Arrangements are by the Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.