

Mae Kacirek, 80

Mae Kacirek, 80, died Sunday, Sept. 13, 1998, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

She was born March 20, 1918, in Anoka, Neb., to Gus and Hulda Victoria Johnson Gustafson. She moved with her family to South Dakota where she received her early education. She returned to Nebraska, this time to Omaha, where she attended and graduated from South High School.

She met John R. Kacirek and they were married on Aug. 12, 1940, in Papillion, Neb. After their son Kenneth entered school she began working outside the home. She enjoyed various jobs and ended up working for the City of Omaha in the Park and Recreation Department for 20 years. In 1979, John retired and they moved to the Flathead Valley where they have remained.

She was active in the Order of the Eastern Star and a member of the Lakeside Chapel. She loved to work

with her flowers and was very involved with her ceramics.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers and one sister.

She is survived by her husband John at the family home in Elmo; one son, Kenneth Kacirek and wife, Deborah, of Pittsburgh, Pa.; two brothers, Richard Gustafson and wife, Susie, of Lake Nacie Mento, Calif., and Donald Gustafson and wife, Iris, of Arkansas; two sisters, Mildred Hendersen of Las Vegas, and Esther Dirks of Concord, Calif.; and two grandchildren.

Memorial services will be Thursday, at 11 a.m. at Lakeside Chapel in Lakeside, with the Rev. Torrance Harvey and the Rev. Terry Dunn officiating.

The family suggests, in lieu of flowers, memorials be sent to the American Cancer Society P.O. Box 1002, Kalispell, MT 59903-1002.

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

Robert C. Kaiser, 74

Robert C. Kaiser, 74, of Kalispell, formerly of LaSalle, Colo., died Friday, Oct. 16, 1998, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

He was born March 13, 1924, in Encampment, Wyo., to Carl and Pauline Dupper Kaiser. He attended schools in the Big Bend and LaSalle, Colo. areas and in Greeley, Colo.

He worked for the Union Pacific Railroad from which he retired after 30 years of service. Over the years he lived in the LaSalle, Denver and Loveland and later moved to Kalispell in about 1979, where he lived until the time of his death.

He enjoyed boating and fishing.

He belonged to the Eagles in Kalispell and also the U. P. Railroad Retirement Association.

He had many close friends in the Kalispell area.

He is survived by two sisters, Virginia Scheere and husband, David, and Elnora Bliss and husband, Robert "Bud"; one brother, Alvin Kaiser and wife, Vivian, all of Greeley, Colo.; also several nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be through the Sunset Memorial Gardens in Greeley. Cremation and arrangements are by the Johnson Mortuary & Crematory in Kalispell.

Rudolph 'Rudy' Karlin, 82

Rudolph "Rudy" Karlin, 82, died at his home in Kalispell, Monday, Sept. 21, 1998.

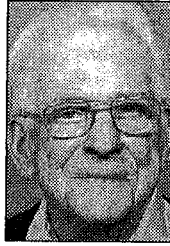
He was born Dec. 14, 1915, in Beulah, N.D., to Rudolph and Amelia Mindt Karlin. He was raised and received his early education in Beulah. He married Hedwig Morman Dec. 17, 1936, at Beulah.

He was a carpenter, bricklayer and stonemason by trade. He moved with his family to the Flathead Valley in 1956.

He enjoyed woodworking, fishing and card playing. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus Council #8329.

He was preceded in death by parents, three brothers and one sister, two granddaughters, one grandson and one great-granddaughter.

He is survived by his wife Hedwig Karlin at the family home in Kalispell; six daughters, Janette Nicklaus and husband, Raymond, of



Columbia Falls, Doreen Frankenhauser and husband, Robert, of Aubrundale, Fla., Carol Haag and husband, Ronald, of Columbia Falls, Gloria Clarke and husband, Albert, of Golden Valley, Ariz., Kathy Armstrong and husband, Tom, of Palmetto, Fla., Corliss Butzlaff and husband, Mike, of Kalispell; four sons, Darrell Karlin and wife, Nora, Duane Karlin and wife, JoAnn, and James Karlin and wife, Rita, all of Kalispell, George Karlin and wife, Dana, of Columbia Falls; one sister, Esther Fried; 27 grandchildren; 34 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren.

A rosary will be recited today at 7 p.m. at St. Richards Catholic Church in Columbia Falls, with the Rev. Nathaniel Ndiokwere as celebrant. Visitation will be from 6:30 p.m. until rosary and after rosary until 8:30 p.m. Mass of the Christian burial will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at St. Richards Catholic Church with a committal to follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens in Kalispell. Arrangements are by the Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

Philip Nathaniel Kasperson, 74

Our loving husband, father, and grandfather, Philip Nathaniel Kasperson, 74, peacefully passed away and returned to his Heavenly Father on Monday, Jan. 26, 1998.

He was born on Oct. 22, 1923, in Lake City, S.D., to Herman and Emiley Bergman Kasperson. Much of his younger life was spent living and working in California and South Dakota.

He was a World War II veteran serving honorably in the Pacific Theatre. He subsequently met his eternal sweetheart, Barbara Schneider, in 1948, and they were married in Los Angeles, Calif., on June 16, 1950. They lived in California for a short period of time.

In 1952 they moved to Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada, where they began their family and established Phil's Television Repair business. He joined the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in 1953, and Phil and Barbara were sealed for time and all eternity in 1954, in the Cardston, Alberta Temple.

They moved to Kalispell in 1977, where he again established his business and together they built their own home.

He enjoyed fishing, softball, singing, and serving the Lord. He served in various church organizations including Sunday School, Priesthood and the Missionary Program and was always a loving and dedicated home teacher. His strong



and enduring testimony of the gospel of Jesus Christ was manifest by the way he lived his life.

His wonderful sense of humor continued to the end. Despite his physical difficulties, he continued to smile often and enjoy the company of his family and friends. His perseverance and faith have been an example and strength to his family.

He was preceded in death by his parents and several brothers and sisters.

He now leaves to mourn his beloved wife, Barbara, of Kalispell; four children, Keith Kasperson and wife, LaVerne, of Orem, Utah. Kim Hubbard and husband, Auburn, of Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada. Phyllis Pockrus and husband, Carl, of American Fork, Utah, and Kevin Kasperson and wife, Jessica, of Kalispell; 15 grandchildren; one brother; one sister and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be Friday at 1 p.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on Whitefish Stage Road in Kalispell with Bishop Sydney Pendle of the Kalispell second ward officiating. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens with military honors by the United Veterans of the Flathead.

Visitation will be Thursday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. with the family receiving friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday evening at Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Visitation also will be at the church in the Relief Society Room from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. the day of the service.

Arrangements are by the Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

Mel Kastella, 70

Whitefish lost a native son Tuesday, July 21, 1998, when Mel Kastella suffered a fatal heart attack.

He was born and raised on Edgewood Avenue to Anton and Dagny Kastella Aug. 27, 1927. He attended Whitefish schools until he left for the United States Marine Corps in 1945. He served aboard the Admiral Koontz, the Wyoming, and the Mississippi, as well as at Camp Pendleton, being honorably discharged in 1949. As a reservist, he was called for duty during the Korean War and served a year in Bremerton, Wash., in the shipyards. He often spoke fondly of his time in the Marine Corps. He was very proud to serve his family and country.

He followed the carpentry trade for a time, working on Hungry Horse Dam, the construction of J. Neils Lumber Mills at Libby, and the Great Northern Railroad relocation tunnel project, but is best known as a national award-winning taxidermist. He served an apprenticeship under Sam and Cleve Karstetter before purchasing the business in 1960. The taxidermy business in Whitefish was active from 1910 until his retirement in 1990.

For generations, Kastella's Taxidermy Shop was a regular stop for school field trips, coffee clubs, sportsmen, and tourists from the railroad days to the ski days. The building at 25 Central Avenue still had stumps under it when he sold the property to the Great Northern Bar in 1992.

His creative talents spilled over into the Whitefish community having designed some of the original costumes for the Whitefish Winter Carnival, notably the Great Northern Goats.

He was active in the baseball community serving in the Whitefish Little League, Babe Ruth, and Glacier



Twins Legion Program from 1958 to 1971. He was very active in American Legion Post 108 serving in local, district, and state capacities during his 50 years of affiliation. He was very proud of his efforts to retain the Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.

Further community service included stints on the Whitefish City Planning Board in the early '60s and the District 44 school board that built Muldown School. He was an active member in the Montana Taxidermists Association and part of its founding group during his career. He was a member of the Stumptown Historical Society, participating in the Christmas Tree sales the past few years. He felt giving back to the community, from which he received so much, was an important responsibility.

He is survived by his caring and devoted wife, Helen Winchell Kastella, and their extended families. The Kastella family includes Tony and Chris Kastella, Steve and Stacey Kastella, Sue and Cliff Kawulok and their mother, Frances Karstetter Wilke. The Winchell family includes Dan and Tina Winchell, Dale and Helen Jr. Winchell, Davy Winchell and his friend, Janet Tikkanen, and Darren and Samantha Winchell. Grandchildren include Kobuk and Morgan Kastella, Kim and Davin Kastella and his wife, Kate, and Phoenix Kawulok, Don, Kendra, and Erika Winchell, Ian and Erin Winchell, Charlie and Sarah Winchell, Jamie, Shawn, and Robbie Winchell; and great-grand children Shey Winchell and Derek Kastella.

His family also includes brothers Norman and his wife, Ettie Kastelle, Orris and wife, Fern Kastella; and sisters Irma and her husband, Vernon Torgerson and Ruby Osmon.

A sister, Ester Van Dyck, preceded him in death.

In lieu of flowers, his wishes were to have memorials or donations sent to the American Diabetes Association, Montana Affiliate, Box 2411, Great Falls, MT, 59403

1998 Opal L. Kearney, 84

Opal L. Kearney, 84, a lifetime resident of Eureka, died Saturday, Sept. 5, at Mountain View Manor in Eureka.

She was born at Eureka, on May 8, 1914, to Jake and Annie Green and was raised and educated in Eureka.

She married Roscoe Kearney on April 29, 1933. They remained in Eureka, where they raised their family. She was an avid gardener and bird watcher and had particularly enjoyed her children and family.

She was preceded in death by her husband, daughter Luella, seven sis-

ters, and two brothers.

Survivors include three sons, Pat Kearney of Eureka, Mike Kearney of Bigfork, and Les Kearney of Seeley Lake; three daughters, Carol Broom of Eureka, Jeanne Jewell of Hillsboro, Ore., and Lee Keller of Kalispell; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Private arrangements are by Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Eureka.

Memorials may be made to Eureka Ambulance, Box 736, Eureka, MT 59917.

1994 Norris Lyle Keeler, 79

Norris Lyle Keeler, 79, died on May 7, at Valley View Care Center in Bigfork, where he had been a resident for several years.

He was born in Spokane, May 4, 1919, to Norris and Ethel Mae Haas Keeler, and was raised in Hilyard.

He is survived by his sister, Madelyn Keeler of Spokane.

About 20 years ago, he moved to Kalispell and was employed by C&C Auto Supply until retirement. He will be missed by family and friends.

No memorial services will be held.

Irma M. Keierleber, 87

Irma M. Keierleber, 87, died Sunday, July 26, 1998, at her home in Kalispell.

She was born March 15, 1911, in Rosalie, Wash., to Ernest and Iva Moreland Ratzburg. She received her early education in Conrad, graduating from high school there, then attended two years of college at Dillon. She taught at country schools in the Brady and Conrad areas until she married Walter Keierleber on July 23, 1935 at Conrad. They were later divorced in 1966.

She was a homemaker and seamstress the rest of her life. She moved to the Flathead in 1951. She enjoyed sewing, cooking, and working in her yard and with her flowers. She had a beautiful yard. She was a member of Central Bible Church in Kalispell.

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

She is now survived by one son, Gary Keierleber and wife, Beverly, of Bellevue, Wash.; one daughter, Joyce Street, and husband, Robin, of Kalispell; one brother, David Ratzburg, of Ledger, Mont.; and one sister, Dora Ratzburg, of Polson; and six grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be Friday at 1 p.m. at Glacier Memorial Gardens with the Rev. Clarence Boehm of Central Bible Church officiating.

The family suggests memorials be sent to Central Bible Church, 902 1st Ave. East, Kalispell, MT 59901 or Home Options hospice, 1280 Burns Way, Kalispell, MT 59901. Arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

1998 Virgil I. Keller, 80

Virgil I. Keller, 80, longtime resident of Columbia Falls, died Friday, Feb. 13, in Lodi, Calif., of injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

In 1954, he married Patricia L. Jones in Ft. Benton. They moved to Columbia Falls in 1960, where he worked for Plum Creek Lumber. She died in 1990.

Local survivors include his daughter, Jacqueline Nutzman, of Columbia Falls.

Visitation is 1-5 p.m. today, at Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. A graveside service will be 2 p.m. Monday, at Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls, with military honors by V.F.W.

William Lawrence 'Bill' Kelly, 90

William Lawrence "Bill" Kelly, 90, died Nov. 9, 1998, at Lethbridge Regional Hospital in Alberta, Canada with his beloved wife, Caroline, at his bedside.

He was born Sept. 1, 1908, in Jacksonville, Ark., son of Thomas A. and Frankie Wooldridge Kelley. His father died when he was four years old and his mother had to go to work and leave him and his little sister, Ollie May, in the care of relatives. Soon after he and his sister were kidnapped. After a struggle he was able to get away but couldn't rescue his sister. In September of this year, by the miracle of the Internet, the mystery and heartache of over 80 years was solved when Ollie May's family found him.

He grew up and was educated in Little Rock, Ark., and attended Little Rock's historic Central High School.

As a young man he was an avid horseman and trick rider and then had a fascination with Model T and Model A Fords — bragging of the time he drove his Model T up the steps of the state capitol.

At 17 he learned to fly and went on to become a staff sergeant in the National Guard where he was a flight instructor and in aircraft maintenance. This led to an over 50-year career with airplanes — from barnstorming in bi-planes to the development of the top secret, high altitude, supersonic SR-71 spy plane.

In 1936, he moved to California. He prided himself on always being employed during the Great Depression. He owned several businesses and then with his National Guard experience, Douglas Aviation wanted to send him to Africa, but he decided, instead, to go to England and Ireland for Lockheed. They sent him to the Pratt and Whitney engine school in Detroit and GE in New York, for certification in airframe and power plants.

He went to Ireland and England as a civilian officer, in a select group, for Allied Commander General Eisenhower.

He met Caroline Pringle, an actress from Dublin, while in Belfast, Northern Ireland. They were married in England in 1945.

After the war they went to Southern California where he continued his career in the aviation industry. He knew personally and worked with Chuck Yeager, Howard Hughes, Donald Douglas, John K. Northrop and the Lockheed brothers. He ended his career working with Kelly Johnson at the famous "Skunk Works," the origin of many of the world's advanced aircraft. There he worked on the development of the SR-71 Blackbird and went with the original deployment team to Okinawa in 1967.

In the mid 1970s, he and his wife moved to Toronto and in the early 1980s, they settled in Lethbridge.

He was preceded in death by his father Thomas in 1912; an infant daughter, Marie Gerarda, in 1950; his mother Frankie and a brother, Roy Roderick, both of Little Rock, in 1970; and his sister, Ollie May Kelly Daughtry Elzy of Sullivan, Ill., in 1995.

He is survived by his wife Caroline in Lethbridge, Alberta; son Coleman L. Kelly and his wife, Cindy, in Westchester, Calif.; daughter Beverly Kelly Rauthe and her husband, Doug, of Kalispell; grandchildren, Rebecca May Rauthe of Spokane, and Carson Rauthe and Erika Rauthe, both of Kalispell; and many nieces and nephews.

Memorial service and mass of the resurrection will be celebrated at St. Matthew's Church in Kalispell, on Saturday at 1 p.m. with the Rev. Kevin O'Neil officiating. Graveside services to follow at Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Megan Maureen Kelly, 23

Megan Maureen Kelly, 23, died Thursday, Oct. 22, 1998.

She was born June 5, 1975, in Dickinson, N.D., to Michael and Kaye Kelly. She was a full-time student who had been employed at Glacier Park.

She is survived locally by her sister Bridget Peck.

She has been returned to Dickinson, for burial. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is in charge of local arrangements.

Anna C. Kemp, 87

Anna C. Kemp, 87, died Sunday, Feb. 1, 1998, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

She was born Dec. 9, 1910, in Warrick County, Ind., to Elvis and Anna Shelton.

She is survived by a son, Larry Kemp of Kalispell.

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

John Henry Kenney Sr., 92

The Rev. John Henry Kenney Sr., 92, died Wednesday, Sept. 2, 1998, at Canyon Lakes Restorative and Rehabilitation Center in Kennewick, Wash.

He was born April 10, 1906, at Langdon, N.D., to Seth Henry and Charlotte Kenney. On Dec. 29, 1927, he married Winnifred Ivy Wootton at Vancouver, British Columbia.

He pastored the Assembly of

God Church in Columbia Falls from 1974 to 1977.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Winnifred Ivy Kenney, in June 21, 1997.

Survivors include two sons, daughter Mary Drewry of Kalispell, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were held in Oregon.

Glenn Byron Kerzman, 83,

Glenn Byron Kerzman, 83, died at his home Saturday, May 16, 1998.

He was born Aug. 11, 1914, in Roseglen, N.D., to John and Marie Hill Kerzman. On April 21, 1945, he married Lorraine Thompson at Underwood, N.D. He entered the Army during World War II and served in Europe.

After the war, he returned to farming in North Dakota. In 1961, he moved the family to Kalispell, where he was employed by Bell Manufacturing, and later by the Farmers Union. He retired in 1978. He was a member of Risen Christ Catholic Church.

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

Survivors include his wife, Lorraine, at the family home; three sons, Lynn and wife Cindy of Idaho Falls,

Neal and wife Ann of Libby, and Craig and friend Susan of Kalispell; three daughters, Cathy Staab and husband Steve of Orofino, Idaho, Rhonda Good and husband Jim of Pocatello, Idaho, and Amy Kelly and husband Jeff of Kalispell; 17 grandchildren and one great-grandchild; and five brothers and four sisters including Pearl Kolden of Kalispell.

Memorials may be made to Risen Christ Parish, 65 West Evergreen Drive, Kalispell.

A vigil service was held Sunday at Johnson Mortuary Chapel. A mass was held today at 11 a.m. at Risen Christ Catholic Church with the Rev. James Connor as celebrant. Burial followed at Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Shirley R. Kienas, 73

Shirley R. Kienas, 73, died Thursday, Feb. 19, 1998, at the Heritage Place in Kalispell.

She was born June 8, 1924, to Clyde and Ruby Ragan. She attended elementary and high school in Dallas, Texas.

During World War II, she worked at the North American Airplane Factory. It was at this time that she met Herman Alfred Kienas. They were married on January 20, 1946.

They then moved to Kalispell, where she was employed by the following area businesses: Flathead Electric Coop., Buttrey Department Store, Fred Meyer B&B and Conrad Bank.

She was a generous and loving woman who had a great sense of humor. She loved raising tropical



fish, gardening, and traveling. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her daughter, Karen Forsythe; and her grandchild, Scott Forsythe.

She is survived by her husband, Al Kienas; daughter Sharon Snell; sister Joyce Lacey; grandchildren, Jody Harp, Mike Snell, and Jay Forsythe; and numerous nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

Visitation will be from 9 to 5 p.m. Thursday at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Private family burial will be held Friday at 12:30 p.m. at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Memorial services will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church with the Rev. Darold Reiner officiating. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home in charge of all arrangements.

Memorials to Trinity Lutheran Church.

1998 Elmo V. Kinsey *Bigfork*

Elmo V. Kinsey, 83, passed away Tuesday, Dec. 23, at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.

He was born July 16, 1914, in Lampases, Texas, to V.T. and Florence Blackwell Kinsey. He spent several years in Texas before moving to New Mexico as a young man to work as a cowboy, a job that he enjoyed and was very good at doing.

When World War II came along, Elmo enlisted in the Army Air Corp, where he worked as a mechanic. He served in the North African Campaign as well as in Sicily and Italy. When the European war ended, he was sent to the Philippine Islands, where he served until the end of the Pacific War.

Elmo returned to New Mexico after the war where he married Mary Ann Johnson. They owned their own herd of

dairy cows, and he worked as a dairyman for many years. After giving up the dairy business, Elmo became a carpenter.

He was an avid hunter in the truest sense of the word. He only hunted for meat the family could eat and he loved and respected the outdoors.

Elmo and Ann moved to Montana in 1983. Ann passed away in 1989. Elmo was a very caring person who will be missed by his family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Ann and one grandson.

He is survived by his son, Larry Kinsey of Alvin, Texas; seven daughters, Peggy Kinsey of Denver, Colo., Cynthia Tillman of Frenchtown, Kathy Kinsey of Farmington, N.M., Candy Britt-Griffin of Bigfork, Betsy Kinsey of Morris Plains, N.J., Ginger Masoner of Buckhorn, N.M., and Bonnie Aguirre of San Diego, Cal.

Katherine J. Kipp, 89

Katherine J. Kipp, 89, died Saturday, June 27, 1998 at the North Valley Extended Care Center in Whitefish.

She was born Dec. 16, 1908, in Elliston, Mont., to Tom and Jean Myles.

She received her teaching certificate and taught in schools throughout Montana for 30 years. She loved her state of Montana.

She is survived by five grandchildren, a niece, and nephew Thomas Coglas of Seattle, Wash.

A funeral service will be held Wednesday, July 1 at 1 p.m. at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. The Rev. Ray Davis of the United Methodist Church will officiate. Burial will follow in Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

Viewing will be Tuesday from 1 to 6 p.m. at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

The family has suggested that memorials be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

Florine 'Flo' Fox Kisling, 75

Florine "Flo" Fox Kisling, 75, of Kalispell, died Nov. 24, 1998, at the Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

She was born Nov. 6, 1923, at Mount Vernon, Wash., the daughter of Clarence A. and Olga G. Fox. When she was four years old, she contracted poliomyelitis. Because of this disease she went to live at the Children's Orthopedic Hospital in Seattle, for the next 14 years.

She married Louis Kisling on Sept. 3, 1946. They had one daughter, Sharyn. Her husband was a teacher and guidance counselor in many towns including Glasgow, Opheim, and Dodson. He preceded her in death in December of 1985.

In 1987, she moved to Mountain View Apartments in Columbia Falls. She lived there until moving to the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell this past May.

In Columbia Falls, she was a member of St. Richard's Catholic community and she enjoyed fishing, crocheting, watching old John Wayne movies and visiting with family and

friends.

The coffee pot was always on at her house. She will be dearly missed by all those who knew her.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Louis S. Kisling; and her brother, Don Fox.

She is survived by her daughter, Sharyn M. Paulson and son-in-law, Garry Paulson, of West Glacier; her sister, Maxine Sawyer of Mount Vernon; her granddaughters, Michelle Paulson of Kalispell, Jennifer Paulson Hoerner and her husband, Ray Hoerner, along with their daughter, Kaitlyn, all of West Glacier; and several nieces and nephews.

Visitation will begin at 7 p.m. today at St. Richard's Catholic Church with the rosary services to begin at 8 p.m. Funeral mass will be Friday at 11:30 a.m. at the church. Burial will be Saturday at 1 p.m. at the Hillside Cemetery in Dodson.

Memorials may be given in her name to the Make-A-Wish Foundation of America, 100 Charendon Ave., Suite 2200, Phoenix, AZ 85013.

Ann-Marie Kjellgren, 5

Ann-Marie Kjellgren, 5, died Saturday, May 2, 1998, at her home in Kalispell.

This little angel was born on Sept 12, 1992, in Ft. Pierce, Fla., to Anders and Carol Kjellgren. Already awaiting her were her big sisters, Alicia and Andrea, her two brothers, Anthony and Jerry, her maternal grandparents, Dorothy and Richard Murphy, and paternal grandparents, Anders and Ann-Marie Kjellgren.

For three years she lived in Florida and then 2 1/2 years ago came with her family to Kalispell.

The mountains to ski on, her classmates at St Matthews, her beginning dance interests and her beautiful home and yard where she had a donkey, ducks, an orphaned lamb, a nanny goat, dogs, kitties and

bunnies, all made this valley a perfect home for her. With so much thankfulness and love her family and friends say their goodbyes. We love you, our precious Ann-Marie.

A gift was given ... and loved and adored ... and now that gift has gone back to its home and so has the life of little Ann-Marie. Beautiful, happy, loving, spunky, gently and vivacious ... very very precious and to be missed so very very much. We rejoice in the joy you are now experiencing and we look forward to that which will yet come out of our own lives, through the privilege of having had you in ours.

Memorial services were held at the family home on Thursday.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

Helen Saboe Klassen, 87

Helen Saboe Klassen, 87, of Whitefish, formerly of Dilworth, Minn., died March 7, 1998, at Colonial Manor Nursing Home in Whitefish.

She was born Dec. 17, 1910, to John and Martha Brastad Saboe in Madison, Minn. She grew up and attended schools in Madison, and St. Cloud Teachers College in St. Cloud, Minn.

She taught in small towns in Minnesota until her marriage to Abraham H. Klassen on June 16, 1940, in Madison. Her husband died in 1968.

She moved to Dilworth in 1948 and was a disability specialist teacher. She then taught at the Fargo, N.D., public schools for 25 years until retiring in 1975. Upon retirement she

divided her time between Dilworth and Cotton Lake, Minn., moving to Whitefish in 1993.

She is survived by her son, John and his wife, Susan, of Whitefish; daughter Jane and her husband, Jim Klassen, of Whidbey Island, Wash.; a sister, Pearl Reck of Moorhead, Minn.; and four stepgrandchildren.

Visitation will be one hour before services Wednesday at Wright Funeral Home Chapel in Moorhead. Funeral services will be held Wednesday, 3 p.m. at Wright Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery in Moorhead. Funeral arrangements are by Wright Funeral Home, 605 2nd Ave. South, Moorhead, MN 56560.

Lyle Allen Klein, 67

Lyle Allen Klein, 67, of Polson, formerly of Columbia Falls, died March 12, 1998, at St. Patrick Hospital in Missoula.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brothers.

He is survived by his wife, Jo Anne, of Polson; a daughter; two sons including Monte Klein of Polson; eight grandchildren; one great-grandchild; two sisters and four brothers.

Memorial services will be

held Monday at 3 p.m. at the New Life Christian Center in Polson.

Arrangements are by Grogan Funeral Home of Polson.

Shirley Kline, 64

Shirley Kline, 64, died peacefully in her sleep on Oct. 27, 1998, at her home in Grand Junction, Colo., after a courageous battle with cancer.

She leaves behind her husband, Bob, at the family home in Grand Junction.

She was born on Aug. 30, 1934 in Great Falls to Nathan and Gertrude McManus, and was the fifth of seven children. She attended grade school in Great Falls, and later at Rollins. She graduated from Polson High School in 1952.

She married Ben Gordon in September 1954. He was a Navy man, and she traveled with him to Guam, Taiwan, and later to Japan. They had two sons, Walter and Wayne.

When her husband retired they made their home in Pueblo, Colo., where she worked for State Farm for a few years and then went into business for herself.

Later in her life she divorced and moved to Grand Junction, where she

met and married Bob Kline. They owned and operated East Gate Vacuum Sales and VCR/Sewing Machine Repair.

She will be truly missed by her family, who took turns being there in her final days. She leaves behind her sons, Walter Gordon of London, England, and Wayne Gordon and his wife Kelly and their three children, Brianna, Macala, and Boe of Pueblo, Colo. She is also survived by her brothers, Harold McManus of Caballo, N.M., Dean McManus of Boulder; Hugh McManus, Glen McManus, and Dell McManus, all of Kalispell; and her sister, Carol Warnes of Kalispell.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, in Pueblo. Burial of the ashes will be at a later date in Kalispell.

Donations can be made to Hospice Grand Valley, 2754 Compass Drive, Grand Junction, CO 81506, or to the local hospice in Kalispell.

Ray Knapton, 80

Ray Knapton, 80, died June 12, 1998, at the North Valley Extended Care in Whitefish of natural causes.

He was born July 31, 1917, in Whitefish, the son of Ed and Tillie Knapton. He lived and worked in Whitefish all his life. He worked for J.C. Penney and later as an engineer for the railroad. He fired the engines for his father and numerous uncles before becoming an engineer for 30 years.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 53 years, Marion.

He is survived by a son, E.J. "Bo" Knapton of Spokane, daughter Kris Skyberg of Columbia Falls; stepdaughter Wynnie Rae, five grandchildren and one great-grandson.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday at the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish with the Rev. Thomas Gopp officiating. Burial will follow at the Whitefish Cemetery.

Dorothy Jean Bradley Kohut, 70

Dorothy Jean Bradley Kohut, 70, died Sunday, Oct. 18, 1998, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

She was born Nov. 25, 1927, in Donelson, Tenn., to Charles P. and Dorothy Willis Bradley. She graduated from Donelson High School, then attended Ward-Belmont College. She moved to Montana in September of 1996.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

She is survived by a daughter,

Patricia Kana and her husband, John P., of Kalispell; a son, Rev. W. David Erickson Jr. and his wife, Patricia, and their three children, all of Blackstone, Va.; two brothers, Charles P. Bradley of Lebanon, Tenn., and Richard C. Bradley of Donelson.

She has been cremated and her memorial services will be held in Nashville, Tenn. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory in charge of arrangements.

Dirk Korver, 57

Dirk Korver, 57, died Thursday, Sept. 3, 1998, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

He was born Jan. 19, 1941, in Mijdrecht, Netherlands, to Arie and Marie Korver. He moved to Kalispell, from Everett, Wash., in December of 1997.

He will always be remembered for his wonderful sense of humor.

He is survived by his daughters, Deborah Korver of Sacramento,

Cindy Satre of Fresno, Calif., Julie Hesse of Santa Cruz, Calif.; a son, Arie Korver of Denver; sisters, Ellen Armstrong of Medford, Ore., Tineke Martin of Kalispell; a brother, Leen Korver of Missoula.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

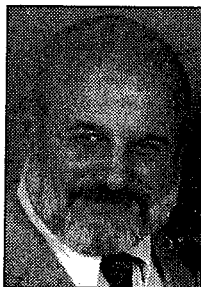
Private family services will be held. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory in charge of arrangements.

Bruce "Boots" Allen Kosena, 61

Bruce "Boots" Allen Kosena, 61, died Saturday, July 25, 1998, at his home in Kalispell.

He was born Dec. 14, 1936, in Huntington Park, Calif., to Homer C. and Ann Dolores Paskovich Clifford. His mother divorced and moved to Anaconda, where she met and married Michael Kosena who adopted him. He received his early education and graduated from high school in Anaconda. He was very competitive in sports in high school. He attended Carroll College in Helena. He served in the Navy for four years, returning home to Montana when he was discharged.

He bought into a ranch in Yreka, Calif., with some relatives and moved there with his wife, Jane, and four stepchildren. They later divorced and he moved to Helena, where he bought half interest in the Pub Bar. He married Carole with three stepchildren and they had one child, Becky, in 1971. The Pub burned in 1977 and he moved to Kalispell, and bought Stuckey's Lounge on July 1978. He divorced Carole.



In January 1980, he met Donna Marie Hess. They married Dec. 14, 1985, in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. In November 1990, they bought Parker Apartments in Kalispell and sold Stuckey's a few years later. On May 20, 1998, they sold the apartments and bought a home in Kalispell so he could retire and enjoy his remaining years in peaceful happy surroundings.

He was passionate about fishing and hunting, and loved to spend time with his family and friends. He also enjoyed antiques, rare Winchester shotguns, building things and cooking. He enjoyed sports, politics and learning the computer, and the Internet, and appreciated fine woodworking, carpentry, good wine and good food. He was a member of the Eagles and the NRA.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Michael and Ann Kosena.

He is survived by his wife, Donna, at the family home in Kalispell; daughter, Rebecca Ann, of Helena; brother, Don Kosena, of Helena; stepdaughter, Donna Sue Bergeron; half-sister, Carol Clifford; and nieces, nephews, other stepchildren and relatives.

Memorial services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel with Maggi Brown officiating. A reception will follow at the Eagles.

Lillian J. Kostka, 92

Lillian J. Kostka, 92, died Monday, May 4, 1998, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

She was born May 14, 1905, in Saco, to Robert and Emilie Abel. She attended schools in Saco, graduating from Saco High School in 1922. After high school, she attended Montana State University, where she graduated with a bachelor of science degree in home economics.

She taught home economics in Plentywood, Lewistown and Miles City. Later on she received her masters degree from Colorado State University.

She married William Kostka on June 9, 1936, in Bozeman. He died on Feb. 12, 1984.

She was a member of the Alpha Gamma Delta Social Sorority, and had been elected to the Pi Epsilon Omicron, an honorary home economics organization. She also was a member of the Montana H.E. Association, and a long time member of the Presbyterian Church where she served as a deacon, and a member of the United Presbyterian Women's Association. She was a 50 year plus member of the Adah Chapter of the



Eastern Star where she had served in several offices.

She was the co-owner of the Coast to Coast store in Kalispell for 17 years. She retired from the hardware business in 1968, when they sold the Coast to Coast store to the Zauers.

After she retired, she traveled extensively for 11 years seeing most of the world. She enjoyed growing flowers and sharing them with her friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband Bill; a brother Robert; and four sisters, Ollie, Elsie, Louella and Gertrude.

She is survived by two daughters, Deanna Lee Erickson and her husband, Ralph, of Vancouver, Wash., and Margo Rae Leavitt and her husband, Jon, of Kalispell; five grandchildren, Kelly Morrow and her husband, Robert, of Kalispell, Doug Erickson of Vancouver, Wash., Tracy Wilson and her husband, David, of Seattle, Wash., Kirk Erickson of Vancouver, Leah Erickson of Seattle, Wa.; five great-grandchildren; a sister, Edith Round of Chula Vista, Calif.; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be held at a later date. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home in charge of arrangements and cremation.

Leo Michael Kraft, 77

Leo Michael Kraft, 77, of Bigfork, formerly of Havre, died on March 14, 1998, at Evergreen Health & Rehab Center in Polson.

He was born on Aug. 24, 1920, in Hingham, Mont., to Frank and Elizabeth Kraft. He married Lois Sande in Hingham in 1940.

He owned at various times the Montana Bar; the Highland Supper Club; the Highline Lanes bowling alley; the Fair Hotel; and the Lelok Travel Service in Havre; and a deep sea fishing charter boat in Hawaii.

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

He is survived by his wife, Lois Kraft of Bigfork; two daughters and their husbands including Shirley and Wes Gorman of Bigfork; two brothers; four sisters; seven grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

A graveside memorial service will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. at Highline Cemetery in Havre.

Memorials to St. Judes Catholic Church in Havre and St. Catherines Catholic Church in Bigfork.

Cremation and arrangements are by Grogan Funeral Home in Polson.

1999 Larry Norman Kositzky, 53

Larry Norman Kositzky, 53, son of Lawrence and Irene Kositzky, died peacefully at his home in Whitefish, March 26, of complications from A.L.S./Lou Gehrig's Disease.

He was born May 31, 1944, in Laramie, Wyo. He moved to Whitefish with his family when he was an infant. He grew up in downtown Whitefish, living above the old Torberts Variety Store, which his family owned and operated.

He graduated from Whitefish High School in 1963 and attended Concordia College. His love of skiing on The Big Mountain, the beauty of Glacier National Park and the fishing holes of the Swan River pulled him home. For a while, he worked construction in Glacier Park.

While attending FVCC he met and married JoAnn "Joey" Lundgren in 1969. After graduating from FVCC, they moved to San Francisco, so he could get his degree in mortuary science. After graduation, he returned to Whitefish in January, 1972, never to leave again.

He started working for John Austin and in 1981 he purchased Austin Funeral Home.

He was a member of Whitefish Jaycees, Whitefish Rotary, the Loyal Order of the Moose, Northwest Montana Arms Collectors, National Funeral Directors Association, and served in the Army Reserves and Whitefish Chamber of Commerce.

He was blessed in many ways. Despite his illness, he was able to walk his daughter, Bree, down the aisle on the deck of the Summit House atop The Big Mountain in August, 1997; despite his illness he was an avid Whitefish Bulldog fan, embarrassing his family and friends from the bleachers, at home and on the road. He was a collector of railroad memorabilia, mostly unknown to his wife, but aided and abetted by his dearest co-conspirator, Joe Malingo.

He is survived by his wife, Joey, at the family home in Whitefish; daughter

Bree Martin and her husband, Robert, of Whitefish; sister Lorraine Bickerstaff, of Thousand Oaks, Calif.; dearest friends, Linda and Joe Malingo, Mike and JoAnne Evans, and David and Jennifer Sipe; nephew Anders Lundgren and a niece, Becky Berenger, and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents and an infant son, Darin Brock Kositzky.

Visitation will be 12-8 p.m., Monday, at Austin Funeral Home, and the casket will be closed after that. A funeral will be 2 p.m., Tuesday, at Austin Funeral Home, Rev. John Bent officiating. Burial will follow at Whitefish Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Whitefish Rotary or the Whitefish Public Library.

1999 Raymond J. Kramer, 74

Raymond J. Kramer, 74, died Thursday, Jan. 1, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

He was born Aug. 15, 1923, in Harvey, Ill., to Irving N. and Mildred L. Hardie Kramer. He was raised and educated in Illinois and owned Southside Communications at Evergreen Park, Ill.

On July 5, 1947, he married Jean A. Berg, at Oak Forest, Ill. He retired to Tucson, Ariz., in 1968 and moved to Kalispell in 1983. He was a World War II veteran. He enjoyed fishing and camping and was an amateur radio operator and enjoyed

flying. He was a member of the Elks and the Disabled American Veterans.

He is survived by his wife, Jean, at the family home near Lake Blaine; sons Terry R. Kramer, of Kalispell, and Keith K. Kramer, of Tucson, Ariz.; six grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Graveside service will be 2 p.m., Monday, at Conrad Memorial Cemetery. The Elders of the Bigfork Ward, Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints, officiating. Arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary.

Judy Ann Krause, 51

Judy Ann Krause, 51, died of a heart attack Wednesday, July 22, 1998, in Bloomington, Minn.

She was born June 5, 1947, in Kalispell, to Harry A. and Dorothy Ewart Krause. She received her early education in Kalispell, graduating from Flathead High School in 1965. She attended Northern Montana College in Havre.

She moved to Minnesota in the late 1960s when she worked as an accountant for the auto parts industry. She also worked at Ausberg Press as a receptionist. She displayed her many artistic abilities through the making of thousands of Christmas ornaments and fancy cakes for all occasions. She also made jewelry.

She was a member of Mount Olivett Lutheran Church and enjoyed singing in the choir. She was a member of the Sports Car Club of America, receiving numerous

awards. She also was a member of the Eastern Star and TOPS

She was preceded in death by her father, Harry Krause, and her grandparents.

She is survived by her mother Dorothy Krause; three brothers, Hal Krause and wife, Kimberly, and Jonathan Krause, all of Kalispell, and David Krause and wife, LaZetta, of The Dalles, Ore.; six nephews, Ryan, Brandon, and Warren Krause and Jason, Jarrod, and Jeremy Lamb; and two nieces; Stacia Krause and Jenna Lamb.

Memorial services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. at Epworth United Methodist Church with the Rev. Marvin Northcutt officiating.

The family suggests memorials to Epworth United Methodist Church or to the donor's choice. Arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

Laverne E. Krohmer, 63

Laverne E. Krohmer, 63, of Wolf Point, died unexpectedly on July 13, 1998, while on his tractor at his farm north of Brockton, of an apparent heart attack.

He was born July 24, 1934, in Plentywood, to Carroll and Carrie Hansen Krohmer. He grew up on the family farm near Homestead and graduated from Froid High School in 1952. He attended Hansen Trade School in Fargo, N.D., for mechanics and shortly after went to work for Hansen Implement in Froid.

On Nov. 6, 1955, he married Patsy Johnson in Brockton, and in the middle '50s, they moved to Wolf Point.

He worked for Camrud Motors for approximately 30 years, retiring in 1984. While working at Camrud Motors, he also farmed north of Brockton and continued to do so until his death.

He was owner-operator of K&K Menswear and Radio Shack along with his son, Wade, from 1978 to 1992. For nine years, he and his wife faithfully distributed the Great Falls Tribune in the Wolf Point area.

He was a member of First Lutheran Church in Wolf Point and served on the church council and was a member of the Wolf Point Elks Lodge for 25 years. He was past president and on the board of directors for the Faith Lutheran Home and also served on the Wolf Point Federal Credit Union's board of directors and the Wolf Point city

recreation board. He was also a volunteer for the Wolf Point Fire Department for 20 years.

He enjoyed hunting, camping, bowling and visiting with friends and relatives. He was always there for his family, helping when an outfit needed overhauling or repair. He especially enjoyed teaching his grandchildren to drive the trucks and equipment on the farm. He traveled many miles to spend time with his family and watch his grandchildren play in sports.

Survivors include his wife, Patsy, of Wolf Point; son Wade Krohmer and wife, Sue, of Wolf Point; daughter Natalie and husband, Andy Shanley, of Columbia Falls; two brothers, Jerry Krohmer and wife, Joyce, of Froid, and Dwight Krohmer of Great Falls; sister Cheryl and husband, Deal Walrod, of Hamilton; and four grandchildren, Corey, Jeff and Amanda Shanley and Justin Krohmer.

He was preceded in death by his parents and by his granddaughter, Crystal Krohmer, in 1993.

Visitation will be held on Friday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Clayton Memorial Chapel in Wolf Point with a prayer service that evening at 8. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. on Saturday at the First Lutheran Church in Wolf Point with the Rev. Timothy Whiteman officiating. Interment will be in Greenwood Cemetery. Clayton Memorial Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Edna Krona, 83

Edna Krona, 83, died Wednesday evening, Dec. 30, 1998, at North Valley Hospital from cancer.

Her husband, Ralph, preceded her in death in 1996.

She is survived by two daughters, Sylvia Bronson and husband, Lee, of Spokane, Debra Burke and husband, Dennis, of Mesa, Ariz.; son Ed Krona and wife, J.P., of Whitefish; sister Mae Cyr and husband, Floyd, of Kalispell; seven grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

She was born in Ridgeville, Ind., on July 26, 1915, one of seven children. The family came west to Galata in 1917, and in 1919, the family came

to Essex on an immigrant train. Her father worked for the Great Northern Railroad.

She attended school through the eighth grade in Essex, and high school in Whitefish. She married Ralph Krona in 1934, and they were together for 62 years.

During her life she was a member of Eastern Star; Daughter of the Nile; and a long-time member of the Presbyterian Church in Whitefish.

She will be missed by her family and friends.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday at the First Presbyterian Church in Whitefish.

Austin Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

1994 Mary Rose Kreck, 77

Mary Rose Kreck, 77, of Columbia Falls, died at Kalispell Regional Medical Center on June 19, following a long battle with Parkinson's disease.

She was born in Holtville, Calif., in 1921, to Rosa and Carlo Fea. The family moved to Glendale, Calif., where she graduated from Lincoln High School in 1939.

Following military duty in the U.S. Coast Guard during World War II, she graduated from Kinman Business College. She married Loren Kreck in 1950, and the following year they moved to Columbia Falls, where she assisted in his dental office for 32 years.

She served as secretary for several professional and conservation organizations. She was an active member of the Kalispell Duplicate Bridge Club for many years, a game in which she

excelled. She greatly enjoyed outdoor activities in all seasons, and she was an accomplished and graceful skier, even into her 70th year. She enjoyed hiking in Glacier National Park.

The Kreck family hosted four foreign exchange students during their years of attendance at Columbia Falls High School.

She is survived by her husband, Loren, and their two sons, David, of Iowa, and Michael, of Nevada; and her brother, Carlo Fea, of Glendale, Calif.

Cremation has taken place. There will be a memorial service to celebrate her life on July 11 at Grouse Mountain Lodge in Whitefish at 10 a.m.

Memorial donations may be made to the Montana Wilderness Association, P.O. Box 635, Helena, MT 59624