

John L. Radish, 71

John L. Radish, 71, of Eureka, died Monday at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

Survivors include his wife, Dalrus, of Eureka; two sons, Dennis and Danny, both of Eureka; two daughters, including Bernadine Radish of Kalispell; five brothers; two sisters; five grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Services will be Thursday at First Baptist Church in Eureka at 10 a.m.

Memorials may be given to the Eureka Ambulance.

Local arrangements are by Nelson & Vial Funeral Home of Eureka.

Zella M. Ramlo, 84

Zella M. Ramlo, 84, formerly of Libby, died Saturday, Oct. 17, at her home in Kalispell. 1998

She was born in Indiana on July 30, 1914, to August and Dora Breitenbaugh. She was a long-time employee of the U.S. Postal Service until her retirement in 1978. She married Chris Ramlo July 6, 1941, at Haynes, N.D.

Survivors include her nieces; a nephew; and several great-nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. today at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home. Services will be Wednesday at 1 p.m. at Christ Lutheran Church with the Rev. Les Nelson and Beverly Larson officiating. Interment services will follow at the City of Libby Cemetery.

Charles Max Ramsey, 83

Charles Max Ramsey, 83, died on March 14, 1998, at his home in Kalispell.

He was born in New Castle, Ind., on July 29, 1914, the son of William and Jessie Ramsey. He grew up on the road with his family from Florida to Canada, following the oil drilling business. They settled in Shelby, where he graduated from high school and played on the football team.

He wore many "hats" during his life, which include oil driller, nitro-dynamite hauler, auto mechanic, truck driver for the old Kalispell Mercantile, rancher and Kalispell policeman. He also worked on the dam and most recently as a steam boiler engineer for ARCO, the aluminum plant in Columbia Falls. He retired from in 1980.

He married Virginia M. Felix on August 27, 1938, in Kalispell. The couple raised six children; one died in infancy just after birth.

He enjoyed fishing, camping and boating. He was a good mechanic, loved gardening and rototilling, gathering winter fire wood, cutting and splitting it. His real love was a Honda



motorcycle. He and Virginia enjoyed traveling with "Good Sams" with their fifth wheeler. They were unable to drive the past year and stayed close to home.

He was a member of the Kalispell Masonic Lodge #42 A.F. & A.M. and just received his 50-year pin. They were also members of the Lakeside Chapel.

He was preceded in death by his parents, seven brothers, and one son, and is now survived by his wife Virginia of Kalispell; two sons, Ken Ramsey of Columbia Falls, Doug Ramsey of Olympia, Wash.; three daughters, Charlene McDonald of Edmonds, Wash., Kathleen Killorn of Ames, Iowa, and Colleen Zuber of Liberty Lake, Wash.; brother Jim Ramsey of Bozeman; sister Ruth Roy of Kalispell; nine grandchildren; one great-grand daughter; two daughter-in-laws; and three son-in-laws.

Funeral services will be 1 p.m. on Saturday at the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. J. Torrance Harvey officiating. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens with ritualistic Masonic rites by Kalispell Lodge #42 A.F. & A.M. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Thursday and Friday.

Arrangements are by the Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

William James Raney, 66

William James Raney, 66, beloved husband and father, died in his sleep Sunday morning, Sept. 6, at his home.

He was born March 17, 1932, in Big Sandy, to Francis and Mary Raney. He grew up on Dog Creek near Big Sandy. In 1948, at the age of 16, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served in the Korean Conflict.

In January of 1955, he met his wife-to-be, Louise Anna Daniel and they were married on May 21, 1955.

After his discharge in 1957, from the Navy, he and his wife lived in Havre, Chinook, and then moved to Columbia Falls in 1965. He worked at the aluminum plant for 23 years. After his retirement, he spent many happy hours golfing, gardening and walking his dog.

He was preceded in death by his parents; four brothers, Thomas, Joe, John and Perry; and a sister, Marie Sherbo.

He is survived by his wife Louise of Kalispell; his daughters, Debra Louise Scoones and her husband,

Mark, of Aberdeen, Wash., Susan Marie Raney Camerer and her husband, Bill, of Lacey, Wash., Karen Lynne Raney of Oakland, Calif., and Christine Ann Raney of Federal Way, Wash.; his grandchildren, Christopher Michael Raney Scoones of Longview, Wash., Tara Marvelle Louise Scoones of Aberdeen, Wash., twins Joshua McCabe Raney and William James Raney II of Lacey; two brothers, Melvin of Fort Benton, and Donald of Casper, Wyo.; four sisters, Maggie Hayes of Kalispell, Alberta Johnson of Spokane, Judy Gathwright of Bullhead City, Ariz., and Barbara Ludwig of Las Vegas; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A rosary will be recited today at 7 p.m. at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. A memorial mass will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. at the St. Richard's Catholic Church in Columbia Falls. The Rev. Joe Pat Sullivan will officiate. Inurnment will follow at St. Richard's Catholic Cemetery in Columbia Falls, with military graveside honors.

Sally H. Rankin, 67

Sally H. Rankin, 67, died at her home March 2, 1998, following a courageous, two-year battle with Lou Gehrig's disease.

She was born in West Palm Beach, Fla., on July 31, 1930, to Anna and Homer Hill. She lived in Oglethorpe, Ga. until age 17.

She married her beloved husband, Everett, in 1958 in Miami. They lived in Perrine, Fla. until they retired in 1987 to live on Florida Bay in Tavernier, Fla.

After surviving the wrath of hurricane Andrew in 1992, they decided to spend their summers in a lovely home in Ferndale. She loved the mountains and the deer that visited their yard daily.

She had a long and distinguished career with the FBI that spanned 38 years. She enjoyed traveling and reading, and she spent many wonderful days fishing in Florida. She loved animals and was very proud of her daughter Kelly, who is a veterinarian. She loved her family and had a heart of gold. Her smile was beautiful, as was her soul.

She is survived by her husband,



Everett, of Tavernier, Fla. and Ferndale; daughter Kelly Rankin of Whitefish; stepdaughter Dianne Braun and husband, Bill, of Brewer, Maine; stepson Donald E. Rankin of Corinna, Maine; stepdaughter Paula Bishop and husband Steve, of Orono, Maine; brother Homer H. Hill and sister-in-law Graciela Hill of Margate, Fla.; nieces Rosemary Erdman of Boca Raton, Fla. and New York City, Nancy Hill and Nanette Dederling of Margate; grandsons Craig Dyer, Corey Ferguson, Kyle Bishop, Kurt Bishop, Joshua Rankin, and Jeremy Rankin; cousins Edward Swan and wife, Jeanne, of Miami, Fla.; second cousins, Pat, Michael Timothy, Maureen, Sharon, and Cathy Swan.

Our heartfelt thanks go to the compassionate nurses who cared for her at home and at Kalispell Regional Medical Center. Thank you, Dr. Nelson and Dr. Sorini, and the wonderful folks at Hospice.

A memorial service will be held later in Miami.

The family suggests that in lieu of flower, donations be sent to ALS National Foundation, 21021 Ventura Blvd., Ste. 321, Woodland Hills, CA 91364. Their telephone is (800) 782-4747.

1995 Vernon W. Rauk, 79

Vernon W. Rauk, 79, passed away Wednesday, Feb. 4, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

He was born April 25, 1918, in Taylor, Wisc., to Carl and Anna Rauk. He attended schools in Taylor, graduating from high school there in 1936. He enlisted in the Army and was a member of Airborne Special Forces. After returning from the Army he attended college at the University of Wisconsin at Madison, receiving a bachelor's degree. He moved to Montana in 1946, where he went to school at the University of Montana and received his master's degree. He later attended the University of Arizona where he earned his doctorate.

He taught school at Whitefish High School, then served as a professor at the University of Arizona in Tucson for many years.

In 1943, he married Marian Green. They had two sons and a daughter.

He was an avid horseman. He also

loved to hunt and fish and especially enjoyed reading. He enjoyed traveling, seeing much of the United States. When he was younger, he took a bicycle tour across Europe. He was very religious and was involved with the Billy Graham Crusades.

He was preceded in death by a sister, "Sis."

He is survived by his three children, John and wife, Debbie, of Kalispell; Jim, of San Rafael, Calif.; and daughter Kristi and husband, John Sandhal, of Tucson, Ariz.; grandchildren Jessica Sandhal, of Tucson, Erika and Tanner Rauk, of Kalispell; brother Karl "Bud" and his wife, Floss Rauk, of Minnesota; sister Tots and her husband Buss Aldrich, of Wisconsin, and a brother-in-law John Figi, of Wisconsin.

A private family service is planned for this summer. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

25 Feb. 1998 Patricia E. Ray, 86

Patricia E. Ray, 86, of Whitefish, died Wednesday at the Big Sky Care Center in Helena.

She was born Aug. 12, 1911, in Salmon, Idaho, to John and Sylvia Morrison. She married Charles W. Ray on Dec. 15, 1931, in Missoula. The couple lived in Whitefish for many years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles, in 1977, as well as a daughter Anita Bakeberg and infant son, Donald.

She is survived by a son, Jack Ray, in St. Mary; daughters Patricia

Brown and Dixie Lee Ray, both of Helena; sister Viola Oquist, in Spokane; brother Bill Morrison, of California; nine grandchildren; 16 great grandchildren and many nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Visitation will be 5-8 p.m., Tuesday, at Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish. A funeral will be 1 p.m., Wednesday, at the funeral home. Rev. David V. Kauffman, of Whitefish Christian Church, will officiate. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens in Kalispell.

1998 Dorothy Ruth Read, 77

Dorothy Ruth Read, 77, died Feb. 10, at the Brendan House in Kalispell.

She was born Oct. 23, 1920, to Berg and Alta May Varang at Demming, Wash. She was a longtime business woman in Spokane. She was a licensed cosmetologist and instructor, from 1941-93.

She married Warren Mickey Read on Sept. 12, 1940, in Coeur d' Alene, Idaho. Early in her career she managed the Davenport Hotel Salon and had a longtime affiliation with the Abbott Sisters in Bellingham, Rosalia and Fonasket, Wash. She was co-owner in the Wave Shoppe, with her daughter Patricia Jones Guckenber, in Spokane.

She took great pride in her family, children, and grandchildren. She was truly the most wonderful mother, grandmother and sister, friend, confi-

dant and teacher to all who she came in contact with. Mama, you're our hero and we love and miss you. God Bless Mama.

She enjoyed sewing, crafts, fishing, outdoor activities, gardening, and her grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Warren, on April 7, 1997.

She is survived by sons Andrew Read of Chandler, Ariz., and Jim Read, of Whitefish; daughters Pat Guckenber, of Fortine, Kelly Yamane, of Toppenish, Wash., and Shirley Mullen of Midwest City, Okla.; sister Betty Horton of Wenatchee, Wash.; 14 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren and many other relatives.

A private service has been held. Arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary.

Lawrence 'Larry' Reed, 71

Lawrence "Larry" Reed, 71, died Friday, Nov. 6, 1998, at his home in Sonora, Calif.

He was born Sept. 8, 1927, in Spokane. He was raised in Spokane and Clarksfork, Idaho. There he worked in the mines with his father for several years. He worked for United Airlines for 10 years, then worked as a subcontractor for over 26 years at Hewlett-Packard before retiring in 1985.

He served in the Navy during World War II on the U.S.S. Saratoga. He lived in Mt. View for 32 years, then moved to Sonora in 1988. They lived for two months a year at their condo in Bigfork.

He was very community minded. He belonged to the Twain Harte Rotary Club where he was president-elect at the time of his illness. He belonged to the Community Service Unit of the Tuolumne County Sheriff's office; member of the Sonora

Radio Control Club; and in 1972, he organized and formed the Crystal Falls-Sonora Volunteer Fire Department.

He is survived by his wife, Virginia Reed, of Sonora; a daughter, Carole Grant of Scotts Valley; son Michael and wife, Sharlene Reed of Sonora; six grandchildren, Steffanie, William and Jacob Reed, all of Sonora, Chris and Sarah Campbell, both of Scotts Valley, and Brittany Brard of Simi Valley, Calif; brother-in-law Don and his wife, Mary Bartell, of Polson; two sisters-in-law, Carole Bolmē of Kalispell, and Polly Bartell of Polson; five cousins.

Viewing will be Saturday from 9 to 10 a.m. at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Graveside services will follow at 11 a.m. at Glacier Memorial Gardens with the Rev. Herb Knutsen officiating. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory in charge of local arrangements.

Angeline M. 'Angie' Reedy, 80

Angeline M. "Angie" Reedy, 80, of Libby, died Thursday, Nov. 26, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

She was born at Comertown, on May 9, 1918, to George and Ella Johnson. She worked in the housekeeping department of St. John Lutheran Hospital in Libby for over 30 years.

She was preceded in death by her husband Stanley Reedy in 1990; her first husband, John Herbst, in 1937; three brothers, and a sister.

She is survived locally by daughter Myrna Pilny and her husband, Charles of Libby; son James Reedy and his wife, Laurie, of Kalispell; mother Ella Johnson Ayotte; sister Evelyn Poling; brother Robert Johnson, and sister-in-law, Madeline Johnson, all of Libby; 12 grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and three stepgreat-grandchildren.

Visitation will be Monday from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home followed by a parish vigil service and rosary at 7 p.m. Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated Tuesday 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.

Ruth C. Reed, 86

Ruth C. Reed, 86, died Nov. 6, 1998, in the Heritage Place Nursing Home in Kalispell.

She was born April 2, 1912, in Bowden, N.D. to Homer Eugene and Gertrude Stafford Mathis.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Oren V. Reed, her parents, two sons, and a sister.

She is survived by her daughters, Helen LaBar of Happy Valley, Mary Ferron of Columbia Heights, Georgia R. Riehl of Yakima, Wash., Tracy Hafner of Arizona and Shannon;

her son David Reed of Columbia Falls; her brother-in-law Albert Reed and wife of Kalispell; 15 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday, Nov. 10, 1998, at Johnson Mortuary Chapel at 1 p.m., with the Rev. Robert Reasner officiating. Burial will follow at the Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

1998 Mary Luella Hovey Redfield, 92

Mary Luella "Lu" Hovey Redfield, 92, of Great Falls, a former Culbertson and Hot Springs resident, died of natural causes Sunday, Jan. 8, at a local nursing home.

Services will take place in Hot Springs at a later date. Croxford & Sons Funeral Home is handling cremation and arrangements.

She was born Feb. 27, 1905, in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. Her family moved to Glasgow by covered wagon in 1915, and she attended schools in Avondale and Golden Valley.

In 1922, she married Wert C. Redfield in Glasgow. They moved to Great Falls in 1924, and then to Culbertson in 1950.

They operated Grogan-Robinson Lumber in Culbertson and she was social editor of the Culbertson Searchlight for 12 years and editor for two years.

She was a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs; American Legion Auxiliary; and the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of

Latter Day Saints.

In 1969, she and her husband moved to Hot Springs, where she worked as afternoon hostess for the Senior Citizens Center for 16 years. She was president of the Women's Club for eight years and in 1990 was named Senior of the Year, receiving her award from then-Gov. Stan Stephens at the Governor's Conference at Butte.

After her husband's death in 1971, she continued to live in Hot Springs. In 1994, she moved to Great Falls to be closer to her family.

She was a life member of the Hot Springs Senior Citizens Center and a member of the World War I Auxiliary. She enjoyed gardening, crocheting, knitting, painting, reading and cooking.

Survivors include two daughters, Esther Petersen of Great Falls, and Donna Mitchell of Pensacola, Fla.; seven grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and nine great-great-grandchildren.

Hallah Ernest Renfro Jr., 86

Hallah Ernest "Hal" Renfro Jr., 86, died Tuesday, April 14, 1998, at the Heritage Place Rehabilitation Center in Kalispell from a cardiovascular illness.

He was born in Bethlehem, Mo., on Aug. 28, 1911. He attended school in Clinton, Mo., where he continued to live for most of his life.

After graduation, he worked for the John Deere Co.

At the beginning of World War II, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and was stationed on the battleship Maryland. He was one of the survivors of the Japanese attack at Pearl Harbor.

After the war, he returned to Clinton and worked for many years at Clearfield Cheese Co.

He was a member of Clinton Bap-

tist Church.

After several years of retirement in Clinton, he relocated to live with his brother, Frank Renfro, in Kalispell.

After moving to Kalispell, he attended the Kalispell Christian Church.

He leaves his brother, Frank, and his sister, Beth Renfro Ingram of Kansas City, Mo., and many nephews, nieces and cousins.

In lieu of flowers the family requests memorials to the church.

There will be a memorial service at Kalispell Christian Church at 2 p.m. today.

Burial will be in Clinton, at 11 a.m. Monday, at Englewood Cemetery with a short graveside service.

JayDee L. Ren, 21

JayDee L. Ren, 21, of Columbia Falls, passed away on Saturday, Jan. 24, 1998, the result of an avalanche at Soup Creek, Swan River State Forest, while he was snowmobiling.



He was born March 7, 1976, in Casper, Wyo., to Terrence and Renae Ren.

He was dearly loved and has touched everyone's life he came in contact with. He will be remembered most for his generous smile, kind heart, outgoing personality, and his love for life.

He graduated from Columbia Falls High School in 1995. He attended Flathead Valley Community College with plans to enroll in Emery Aviation Aeronautic School in Colorado Springs this fall.

He joined the Army Reserves as a Petroleum Supply Specialist in January 1996 and was currently an E4 with the Kalispell Army Reserve Unit. He was employed with Total Lawn Care.

He was an all around athlete and an avid outdoorsman. He played football and basketball in high school. He was active in motocross competition and was a three time state champion.

He is survived by his mother, Renae Ren, and his sister, Justina Ren at the family home in Columbia Falls; his father, Terrence Ren of Helena; his grandparents, Forrest and Marvel Lucas of Columbia Falls; and numerous friends and extended family.

Visitation will be at the Columbia Mortuary Friday, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday morning, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. A funeral service will be held Saturday, at 1 p.m. at St. Richard's Catholic Church in Columbia Falls. The Rev. Ray Davis will officiate. Time during the service will be provided for those attending to share their personal moments of JayDee with friends and loved ones.

Burial will follow in Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

The JayDee Ren Memorial Fund has been established at First Citizens Bank in Columbia Falls in his memory.

Dorothy Rude Reynolds, 79

Dorothy Rude Reynolds, 79, died April 1, 1998, at Desert Hospital in Palm Springs, Calif.

She was born Feb. 18, 1919, in Bemidji, Minn., to Harry and Anna Knapton. She married Lawrence Rude on July 3, 1941. They moved to Columbia Falls in 1946.

On Dec. 13, 1976, she married Carl Reynolds and moved to 29 Palms, Calif., where she had resided since.

She is survived by her brother, Winton Knapton of Minnesota; her children, Patrick Lawrence Rude and Carol Ann Fleharty of Missoula; grandchildren, Kristin Savidge, Kara, Korbin, and Kallie Fleharty,

Britney Cranston and Linsey Pfaff, Taylor Pfaff, Rylee and Peyton Cranston.

She was preceded in death by an infant son, Larry; her parents; her husband; and by her sister and brothers including Bill and Ken Knapton of Columbia Falls.

Memorial services will be held on Friday at 1 p.m. at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Columbia Falls with the Rev. Tom Gopp officiating.

Memorials may be made to Flathead Lutheran Camp, 603 Main Street, Kalispell; or to Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Columbia Falls.

Linda Louise Reynolds, 50

On Thursday, Feb. 12, 1998, Linda Louise Reynolds, 50, died after a courageous six-year battle with cancer.

She was born in Whitefish on Nov. 16, 1947, to Floyd and Cecelia Barnhart. She was raised and educated in Columbia Falls.

After graduating from high school, she was married to Omar Bruce Reynolds on Feb. 2, 1966.

After raising a family of two sons, she worked for Jack's Pharmacy and later for School District 6 as a bus driver.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Cecelia Barnhart, and her sister, Diane Barnhart.

She is survived by her husband, Omar B. Reynolds of Columbia Falls;

her two sons, Shawn Reynolds and Scott and Tracey Reynolds of Columbia Falls; her father, Floyd Barnhart of Columbia Falls; seven sisters, Mary Reynolds, Cherie Darsow, Frances Thomas, and Janice Prier of Columbia Falls, Sandy Erickson of Kalispell, Patty Arlt of Portland, Ore., Kathy Yang of Tacoma, Wash; one brother, John Barnhart of Bozeman; three grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

In respect to her wishes, there will be no memorial service.

There will be a church service dedicated in her honor at the Whitefish Assembly of God Church on Sunday, at 10:45 a.m.

Ethel T. Richards, 77

Ethel T. Richards, 77, died Oct. 19, 1998, in Sun Lakes, Ariz.

She is survived by her husband, William C. Richards; her son, Thane M. Richards; her

sisters, Evelyn Brittain and Ruth Buck; and two grandchildren.

Arrangements were by Mesa Funeral Care in Mesa, Ariz.

Meghan Olivia Rickenbacker

Meghan Olivia Rickenbacker was stillborn on June 3, 1998, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

She is the daughter of Ruth Jean Doxteter and John Rickenbacker.

She is survived by her parents and her brother Alex of Bigfork;

her grandparents, Glenn and Alene Rickenbacker of Bigfork; also numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Graveside services will be held at Conrad Cemetery today at 3 p.m.

May her spirit soar with the eagles.

1998 Richard W. 'Dick' Roane, 62

Richard W. "Dick" Roane, 62, of Jefferson City, died Dec. 1, at the Montana Veterans Hospital in Helena.

He was born on July 31, 1936, in Kalispell, to Julia E. Staab and Archy C. Roane. When he was three years old, his mother, Julia, married Delbert Lang who became his stepfather.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Jerry L. Roane and Alvin C. Roane.

Surviving are his wife, Hazel Roane, of Jefferson City; five sons, Ed Roane of Toluca Lake, Calif., Ric

Roane of Grand Rapids, Mich., Jef Roane of Beaver Island, Mich., Paul Roane of Seattle, and Doug Roane of Sacramento, Calif.; three daughters, Debi Steiner of Kalispell, Camile (Elaine) Shewalter of Kent, Wash., and Sandi Carsen of Helena; three sisters, Dorothy McDaniel of Seattle, Maggie Martin of Ferndale, and Billy Potts of Seattle; and numerous grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be held at the veterans hospital at Fort Harrison in Helena, at 1 p.m. on Monday.

1998 James W. Roberts, 70

James W. "Jim" Roberts, 70, a retired Libby businessman, died Wednesday, May 13, at St. John Lutheran Hospital in Libby.

He was born in Missoula on Jan. 23, 1928, to Ralph and Lillian Roberts.

He assisted in the operation of the family business, The Play Lanes, which he continued for many years. He worked at the Venture Inn and later was a night manager of the Libby Super-8 Motel until his retirement.

He married Rose Marie Bock on Aug. 16, 1952.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother Bob.

He is survived by his wife, Rosie, at the family home in Libby; two sons including Jim Roberts and his wife, Linda, of Eureka; daughter Kathy Bauska

and her husband, Greg, of Kalispell; a brother; sisters-in-law; grandchildren including Jay and Amy of Eureka; and numerous cousins and special nieces and nephews.

Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated Saturday at 1 p.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church with the Rev. Ray Hannigan as celebrant.

Interment with military honors will follow in the City of Libby Cemetery. Parish vigil and rosary will be Friday evening at 7 p.m. at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home Chapel with visitation Friday from 2 to 6:30 p.m..

The family suggests memorials to Libby Little League, P.O. Box 1015, Libby, MT 59923 or to The Knights of Columbus Scholarship Fund, c/o St. Joseph Parish, Libby, MT 59923.

1997 Clarence H. Robinson, 84

Clarence H. Robinson, 84, died Feb. 26.

He was born Dec. 19, 1913, in Granum, Alberta. He was raised on a ranch in northeastern Montana. At age 12, he owned his own team of horses and worked building roads with his father. Then he owned a farm. Later, worked in a saw and planer mill in Kalispell, until he retired.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Violet, and sons Gary, Lee, and Errol.

He married Marianne Wilson on Feb. 28, 1977, in Kalispell. He is survived by her.

He is also survived by children Doug, Patrick, Melvina Wagner and husband, Glen, Dennise Gullickson and husband, Dave, Duane Eatinger and wife, Judy, William Wilson and wife, Linda, Kathie Smith and husband, Burly, Canice Daffern; 21 grandchildren; 12 great grandchildren; brothers Glen, of Tacoma, Wash., Carl and wife, Norma, of Denver, Colo., Marvin and wife, Pat, of Wibaux; sis-



ters Ethel Bair and husband, Bob, of Centralia, Wash., Delia Grundhauser and husband Frank, of Spokane, Ruth Robinson and husband, Delbert, of Glendive; Virginia Serwold, of Renton, Wash., and many cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

He loved nature, and hunting and fishing were among his favorite pastimes. He was also known for his "graceful" dancing and he enjoyed a good game of cards.

There will be an empty spot in our hearts. He has been a supportive friend and companion to many, with his love, kindness and gentleness. We thank God for the good memories he has given us.

Visitation will be 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday, at Johnson Mortuary. A funeral will be 10 a.m., Tuesday, at Calvary Lutheran Church, with Pastor Bob Nelson.

Florence M. Robinson, 75

Florence M. Robinson, 75, died Saturday, Dec. 19, 1998, at her daughter's home in Kalispell.

She was born April 22, 1923, in Kalispell, to Emil and Ellen Lanegan Mellem. She grew up in the Flathead Valley, attending schools here, and graduated from Flathead High School.

She married Clifford W. Robinson, the love of her life on Sept. 24, 1943, in Kalispell. She worked for several years at Hooper's Nursery in Kalispell. Cliff died on Feb. 26, 1985.

She married Clayton Lampman in January of 1990. He died in July of 1990.

She loved flowers, whether it was raising them or drying them, and making special bouquets for her family and friends. She will always be remembered as a very loving mother, grandmother, sister and special friend to many people. She was a very lovable person who would do anything for you.

During her two-year battle with cancer, she will be most remembered not for her pain and suffering, but for



the tremendous courage and strength she showed during her final months. She will be greatly missed by her family and all her friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two husbands, an infant daughter, four brothers, two sisters and one grandson.

She is survived by two daughters, Linda Lanegan and her husband, Mike, of Glennallen, Alaska, Connie Nelson and her partner, Vickie Gray, of Kalispell; two sons, Cliff L. "Kip" Robinson and his wife, Kelly, of Seattle, Kevin Robinson and his wife, Rhonda, of Spokane; eight grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren; two sisters, Eleanor Naumann and Shirley Parker both of Bigfork; one brother, Emil Mellem of Kalispell.

Viewing will be from 12 to 6 p.m. today at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at East Haven Baptist Church, with the Rev. Ron Pierce officiating. Burial will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

The family requests donations be sent to Home Options Hospice, Kalispell, MT.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Marguerite H. Roche, 84

Marguerite H. "Hershey" Roche, 84, died Tuesday, March 10, 1998, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

She was born Nov. 16, 1913, in Wolsey, S.D., to Edward and Effie Hershman. She attended schools in South Dakota, graduating from Mitchell High School in Mitchell, S.D., in 1931.

She then moved to Minneapolis, Minn., where she attended the Asbury School of Nursing, graduating in 1937. She moved to Montana in 1937 after graduation and went to work for Glacier National Park as the park nurse. She then went to work for Dr. Keller before retiring to become a full-time housewife and mother.

She married Dr. John D. Roche on Feb. 3, 1940, in Kalispell. He died in 1995.



She loved her family dearly and they were the center of her life. One of her favorite things was golfing. She loved to go and very seldom ever missed ladies' night at the golf course. She also spent hundreds of hours as a hospital volunteer.

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

She is survived by a son, John Michael and his wife, Karen Roche, of Kalispell; daughter Lynne and her husband, Bob Mack, of Columbia Falls; sister Dorothy Carlson of Mitchell, S.D.; three grandchildren, Brian Roche of Whitefish, Diana Harrison of Kalispell, and Eric Durkee of Glendale, Ariz.

Memorial services will be held at 1 p.m. Monday at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home with the Rev. Bruce Cameron of the First Presbyterian Church officiating. Urn burial will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home in charge of arrangements and cremation.

Frances Iona Rock, 66, died at the North Valley Hospital on Saturday, Aug. 8, 1998.

She was born in Vintondale, Pa., on Feb. 27, 1931, to Olin Alfred and Susie Rose Hagens. She married Russell Rock in 1960, at Youngstown, Ohio. She worked in the glass factory in Bridgeton, N.J., prior to her meeting Russell. She was a homemaker in Montana for the last 35 years.

She was preceded in death by her

parents; her husband, Russell; three brothers, David and Edward and Olin "Bud" Jr.; and one sister Dorothy.

Her only survivor is one brother, Merritt Hagens of New Bedford, Pa.

Graveside service will be on Wednesday at 3 p.m. at Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

Cremation and arrangements are by the Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

1998 Hillia Rod, 92

Hillia Rod, 92, a resident of Heritage Place, died May 20.

Born to John and Lena Blixt on July 24, 1905, she was raised in Corbin, near Helena. As a young lady, she was adventurous and with friends traveled the Northwest, working as a cook in logging and mining camps.

Being a frugal lady, she eventually settled in Butte and purchased a hotel which was a permanent home to many miners living in Butte at the time. One of those miners, Ole Rod, she married and together they continued in the hotel business and also purchased a bar.

Because they loved to travel, they sold their businesses in the late '50s, bought a home in the Butte valley, and made several trips to Europe and Norway.

Dora Mae Roedel, a longtime Kalispell resident, died on Jan. 2, 1998, at the blessed age of 94.

She was born on April 19, 1903, in Bloomfield, Neb., to Frank and Marie Johnson, the middle of nine children. In 1924, she married Milton J. Mitchell and settled in South Dakota. He preceded her in death in 1937.

In 1941, she and her children moved to Fortine, and finally settled in Kalispell in 1942.

She worked for many years at the Silver Grill and later the Palm Restaurant.

In 1946, she married Willard Lykins. He preceded her in death in 1959.

In 1966, she married Harry Roedel. They made their home in the Marian and Kila area. He preceded her in death in 1977.

At this time she decided to live out her days on her own as the strong independent lady she always was. She continued to live in Kalispell, most recently at the Elm's Apartments.

She was a longtime member of the Eagles Lodge and Trinity Lutheran Church. She enjoyed singing with the Sunshine Chorus. She also enjoyed her daily walk to the Senior Citizens Center for lunch and frequent visits

An auto accident in Norway in 1965 took the life of Ole.

In 1968, she and her companion, Herman Spani, moved to Evergreen and spent their retiring years traveling to favorite fishing holes in their camper.

In addition to Ole, preceding her in death were Herman and brothers, John and Bill.

Survivors are her sister and niece of Sweet, Idaho, Sylvia Jarvi and Bonnie Dietzman; nieces, Joanne Kassa and Anita Bogart of Spokane, Arlene Tenneson of East Helena; nephews, Charles Blixt of Helena, and Myron Blixt of Spokane.

Cremation, provided by Buffalo Hill Mortuary, has taken place. No services are planned.

Those wishing may make donations to a charity of their choice.

to Sykes.

She is survived by their three children, Gladys Toy of Las Vegas, Nev., Donald "Red" Mitchell and wife, Adell, of Salt Lake City, Utah, and Daniel Mitchell and wife, Marian, of Kalispell.

She is also survived by 12 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren and numerous other relatives.

She was preceded in death by her eight brothers and sisters; one son-in-law; one great-grandchild; and her daughter-in-law, Gail Mitchell.

She was a beloved mother and grandmother and will be missed dearly by all of her family and friends.

Friends may call at the Johnson Mortuary for visitation from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Tuesday. Funeral services will be at Johnson Mortuary Chapel at 2 p.m. on Wednesday with the Rev. Darold Reiner, pastor of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, officiating.

Burial will follow at the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

A luncheon will be at the Eagles Lodge for all who would like to attend following the graveside services.

Arrangements are by the Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

G. Lawrence Rohrman, 88

G. Lawrence Rohrman, 88, died June 8, 1998, in Spokane.

He is survived by his brother-in-law, Floyd McDowell, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Marie, in 1985. They were married in Missoula in 1937.

He was born in Broadview, and worked for Montgomery Ward's in Kalispell. He then moved to Spokane, where he worked for Jensen Byrd Co. as a buyer. He later owned his own wholesale sporting goods store, retiring 20 years ago.

He served in the U.S. Air Force during World War II and was stationed at McCord and Fairchild Air Force Base.

He was a member of St. Charles Parish; the Trap Club; and the Spokane Rifle Club.

Funeral services were held today at St. Charles Catholic Church in Spokane, with private burial at Holy Cross Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Charles Catholic Church, 4515 N. Alberta, Spokane, WA 99205.

Hennessey-Smith Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Marie Mackay Romsa, 100

Marie Mackay Romsa, 100, of Bigfork, died May 6, 1998, at Lake View Care Center in Bigfork.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph Romsa; oldest daughter Agnes; three sisters; and five brothers.

Survivors include a son; a daughter, Patricia Morris Jr. of Bigfork; six grandchildren; and

16 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Memorial mass will be held at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Polson Monday at 2 p.m.

Interment will be at Lakeview Cemetery in Polson.

Arrangements by Grogan Funeral Home of Polson.

Gerald 'Jerry' Rose, 66

Gerald "Jerry" Rose, 66, beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend, died Tuesday, Oct. 27, 1998, near Marion.

He was born on March 1, 1932, in South Dakota to John Henry and Clarice Lucille Morgan Rose. His family moved to Montana while he was still young and he received his early education from Swan River schools, graduating valedictorian of his class. He moved to Eureka and attended school there also. He married Ruth Fern Franklin July 2, 1955, in Kalispell.

He worked for years with the Forest Service throughout many districts including as a ranger at Schaffer Meadows. He also outfitted in the Bob Marshall and Great Bear Wilderness. Later he worked for Roy Fosbery's 66 stations and Firestone.

Upon retiring, he spent most of his time at McGregor Lake fishing and hunting. He was known as the "Mayor of McGregor Lake" by his friends. His love of the outdoors was his passion throughout his life. He was always there with a helping hand for friends and neighbors. His smile, stories, laughter and whistle will remain treasured memories by everyone that was touched by his life.

He was preceded in death by his

parents, one brother, daughter, and one grandson.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth at their home in Marion; four daughters, Sherry Lee and husband Bill, Josephine Dopp and husband Richard, Gerri Willey, Carla Bateman, all of Kalispell; two sons, Robin Rose and wife, Shirley, and Patrick Rose and wife, Terri, of Kalispell; six brothers, his twin brother Harold Rose of Port Orchard, Wash., Richard Rose of Columbia Falls, Donald Rose of Seeley Lake, Franklin Rose of Aumsville, Ore., Merlyn Rose of Kalispell, Bud Rose of Oklahoma City, Okla.; two sisters, Julia Ann Mee of Trego, and Mitzi Parkinson of Libby; also 13 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services will be held Friday, at 11 a.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel with burial to follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be at Johnson Mortuary Chapel today until 6 p.m. Following the service there will be a luncheon at the Eagle's Hall.

The family suggests memorials be made in Jerry's name to Marion EMS at P O. Box 933, Marion MT 59925 or the ALERT Foundation at 310 Sunnyside Lane, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Arrangements are by the Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

Russell Robert Rosevear, 87

Russell Robert Rosevear, 87, died Sunday, Dec. 13, 1998, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

He was born March 5, 1911, in Butte, to Ira Eva and May E. Green Rosevear. He attended elementary school in Butte, and graduated from Butte High School.

He worked as a mechanic for Murphy Garage; the Butte City Lines; the Original Garage; and the Berkley Pit Garage.

He married Sadie Florence Hanretty Sept. 16, 1939, in Butte.

After retirement from the Anaconda Company in 1971, he and his wife moved to Woods Bay on Flathead Lake where they lived until her death in 1987.

He suffered an aneurysm which resulted in a leg amputation. He moved to Bigfork in 1988, and lived there until his sudden and peaceful death due to circulation problems.



He was a member of St. John Evangelist Parish in Butte; St. Catherine's Parish in Bigfork; the Eagles; and the International Association of Machinists.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his wife and is now survived by his two children, Sharon Rosevear of Denver, and Father Anthony "Bob" Rosevear O.P., at Our Lady of the Mountain Parish in Ashland, Ore.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial mass will be held Monday at 7 p.m. at St. Catherine's Church in Bigfork. A committal service will be held at the Dominican Cemetery at a later date in Benicia, Calif.

The family suggests memorials be sent to Dominican Education Fund, 5877 Birch Ct., Oakland, CA 94618-1626; St. Benedict Retreat Center, 56630 North Bank Road, McKenzie Bridge, OR 97413-9614 or the Catholic Relief Services, P.O. Box 17090, Baltimore, MD 21203-7090.

Cremation and arrangements were by the Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

Donald Bruce Ross, 45

Family and friends will miss the laughter of Don Ross, philosopher, salesman and whole-hearted skibum who died Dec. 30, 1998.

The son of Donald and Shirley Ross, he was born on June 15, 1953, in Redwood City, Calif. As a young adult he earned two bachelor degrees in Washington; a bachelor of arts in philosophy from Washington State University and a bachelor of science in electrical engineering from the University of Washington.

While working for various electrical engineering firms, he took up his hobby of ski instructing. His professional development began a Snoqualmie, Wash., where he served as the technical director during his last four years at Ski Masters Ski School. During his time at Ski Masters he became a certified instructor in the Professional Ski Instructors of America, developed and implemented seminars, training manuals, training clinics, snowboard and racing programs. His success as an instructor gave him opportunity to move up within PSIA, serving as a

clinician for 15 years and national examiner for six years.

He ultimately made his hobby his vocation by moving to Whitefish, to pursue full time ski instruction with The Big Mountain Ski and Snowboard School. He brought to The Big Mountain over 20 years of teaching augmented by five years of race instruction. Comfortable with adults and children alike, he imparted his enthusiasm and love for the sport whenever he had a chance to work with people. Always ready with a joke, few escaped his quick smile and genuine laugh as he shared his knowledge of skiing.

Besides skiing, he enjoyed hiking, camping, and sailing. His summers were spent working at Gardner's Auction House.

Don is survived by his wife, Mary Fishpaw; mother, Shirley Ross; sister, Carol Ross and her husband, Rod Hollowell; and niece, Cara. A memorial service was held at the Summit House on The Big Mountain on Jan. 3. His family and friends will miss him and want to carry on his enthusiasm for life.

Raymond R. Ross, 78

Raymond R. Ross, 78, died Tuesday, July 14, 1998, at Brendan House of a long-term illness.

He was born Jan. 1, 1920, in Lakewood, N.M., to Samuel and Annie Irene Babb Ross. He was raised in Lakewood and Denair, Calif.

On Aug. 3, 1940, he married Ruth Eleanor Frost in Carson City, Nev.

He was a logger for many years. He loved fishing and hunting, family gatherings and friends. He will be missed by all. He belonged to the Apostolic Way Church in Evergreen.

He was preceded in death by an

infant daughter, parents, and three brothers.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth, at the family home; daughter, Wanda Lemonds, of Marion; son, Ralph Ross, of Kalispell; brothers, Paul Ross of Yoachots, Ore., and Sam Ross of Orland, Calif.; sisters, Rachel Courtright and Mary Clark, both of Redding, Calif.; six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be held at Glacier Memorial Gardens today at 2 p.m. with the Rev. David "Joe" Pinnell officiating.

Virginia C. Rousselle, 80

Virginia C. Rousselle, 80, died Saturday, May 16, 1998, at the Brendan House in Kalispell.

She was born Jan. 10, 1918, in Kalispell, to William and Katherine Powers Curran. She spent her early years on the family farm in the lower valley.

She married Norman W. Rousselle on June 26, 1937. He died Dec. 16, 1980.

She worked for Dr. Sundelius for a year beginning in 1944. She went to work for the Bureau of Reclamation at the Kalispell planning office for Hungry Horse Dam in May 1945.

She traveled extensively for the bureau as a personnel specialist, later becoming an administrative officer and retiring in May of 1972.

After her retirement, she traveled to Prince Edward's Island and Ireland to research her Irish ancestry. She enjoyed spending time with her beloved dogs. She was also an avid reader. She was loved and will be missed.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Norman; a brother, Harold;

and a sister, Maxine.

She is survived by a daughter, Norma Jean Hawbaker and husband, James, of Kalispell; a son, Richard Rousselle and wife Maryalice of Ronan; five grandchildren, James Rousselle of Sheridan, Ore., Jerry Rousselle of Tualatin, Ore., John Rousselle of New York City, N.Y., Barry Hawbaker of Kalispell, and Natalie Felker of Spokane; a special niece, Marie Thornton of Spokane; five great-grandchildren, and several other relatives.

The family suggests memorials be given to Hospice and the Humane Society.

Vigil services will be held today at 7:30 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Mass of Christian burial will be Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at St. Matthews Catholic Church with the Rev. Charles W. Strom officiating. Burial will follow at Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Elizabeth Antoinette Rovig, 85

Elizabeth Antoinette Rovig, of Kalispell, died May 9, 1998, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home.

She was born Sept. 14, 1912, to A.L. and Eva H. Jordan of Columbia Falls, who came to the Flathead Valley in 1899 from Iowa to teach at Bad Rock School. She graduated from Columbia Falls High School in 1930.

In 1933, she received her diploma as a registered nurse from the Columbus Hospital School of Nursing in Great Falls.

While working as a nurse in Missoula, she married Cliff Rovig on Jan. 5, 1938. Following his service in the U.S. Navy during World War II, the family moved to Kalispell, where they operated a number of businesses.

She was preceded in death by her



husband; her parents; her sisters, Rachel Brading and Margaret (Suse) Walker; her brothers, Donald (Tom), Bob and John Jordan; and her granddaughter, Jenny Rovig.

Surviving are three sons, Dan of Reno, Nev., David of Billings and Steve of Seattle, Wash.; one daughter, Loma Fett of Cascade; one granddaughter, Trina Heinz; four grandsons, Tysen and Kylan Rovig and B.J. and Birch Fett; her sisters, Dorothy Brading of Columbia Falls and Mary Gorton of Boise, Idaho; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and good friends.

A service will be held at the Fairview Cemetery Chapel at 11 a.m. on Wednesday.

The family suggest memorials be made to the Wildcat Athletic Endowment, P.O. Box 2732, Columbia Falls, MT 59912 (to support Columbia Falls High School programs), or any charity of choice.

13 Mar 1998 Kathy Parker Rowland, 49

Kathy Parker Rowland, 49, formerly of Kalispell, died of cancer Friday at her home in Libby.

She had worked as a respiratory therapist at Kalispell Regional Hospital for several years.

Local survivors include her husband, Dennis, of Libby; son Derek Rowland, of Libby; mother Hope Parker, of Libby; her mother- and father-in-law Dorothy and

Gene Rowland, of Libby; brothers Ronald and Jerry Parker, of Libby; sisters Beverly Orvik, of Libby, and Katherine Walker, of Kalispell.

Visitation will be 1-8 p.m., today, and until noon, Monday, at Nelson and Vial Funeral Home. A service will be 2 p.m., Monday, at Libby Christian Church. Pastor Charles Couch officiating. Burial will follow at Libby City Cemetery.

Douglas H. Rudio, 70

Douglas H. Rudio, 70, of Havre, died Dec. 28, 1998, at his residence of complications from diabetes.

He was born Aug. 25, 1928, in Eureka, the son of Douglas H. and Melba Battershell Rudio Sr. His family moved to Helena, and later to Columbia Falls where he was raised.

In 1943, he went to work for the Great Northern Railroad at the roundhouse in Whitefish. Later he worked as a brakeman on the road in the high-line area.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean Conflict. After his discharge he returned to work for the Great Northern Railroad and later the Burlington Northern Railroad. He retired in 1987, due to a disability after 45 total years of service with the railroad on Aug. 18, 1957.

He married Vergene Weston in Kalispell. The couple moved to Chinook in the fall of 1992, and in the spring of 1995, moved to Havre.

His hobbies included fishing, hunting, playing cards, watching baseball and football games on TV, and cross-

word puzzles. He was a umpire for the Babe Ruth and Little League baseball games.

He also played the piano and was a lifetime member of the V.F.W. club of Kalispell.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother; and four sisters.

He is survived by his wife, Vergene Rudio of Havre; daughters Kathy Nicholson and Donna Rudio of Chinook, Robin Rudio and Shelia Block, both of Kodiak, Alaska, Dena Rudio and Laurie Cook, both of Havre; one sister, Leila Klindt of Seattle; seven grandchildren; three stepgreat-grandchildren, and one great-grandchild; numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial services were held today. Cremation has taken place. A graveside service will be held at a later date at Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Kalispell. Holland & Bonine Funeral Home is in charge of cremation and arrangements.

Memorials may be made in his honor to the American Diabetes Association.

Walter Albert Ruff, 97

Walter Albert Ruff, 97, died Sunday, Sept. 6, 1998, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

He was born June 5, 1901, in Fessenden, N.D., to Jacob and Loise Banick Ruff.

He married Elsie Senner Nov. 5, 1923, in Seattle, and they had two sons. She preceded him in death in January 1972.

He then married Florence Forester June 14, 1972, in Kalispell. He was a lifetime farmer and farmed in the Somers area since 1923.

He was a 4-H leader and worked with youth groups. He was proud of his membership in the Eagles and was a member for 50 years. He also enjoyed his many friends.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Elsie; two sons, Paul and Homer Ruff; also four sisters, two



brothers, and his parents.

He is now survived by his loving wife, Florence Ruff, at the family home in Somers; sister Edna Larsen of Spokane; two grandchildren, Alan Ruff and wife, Lori, of Austin, Texas, and Connie Beckler and husband, Scott, of Tulsa, Okla.; his three great-grandchildren, Kristina Ruff, Tyler and Shelby Beckler; daughter-in-law Velma Ruff Lauman and husband, Clay, of Somers; his five stepchildren and families and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held Friday, at 2 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. John Olson of Eidsvold Lutheran Church officiating. Burial will follow at Conrad Memorial Cemetery. A reception will follow the services at the Eagles. Visitation will be today at Johnson Mortuary Chapel until 6 p.m.

The family suggests memorials be sent to the charity of your choice. Arrangements are by the Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

1998 Donald John Ruona, 60

Donald John Ruona, 60, died Friday morning, March 20, at his home near Columbia Falls.

He was born March 31, 1937, in Minneapolis, Minn., to John and Doris Peterson Ruona.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps. He was an endowment member of the National Rifle Association; a member of the Whitefish Rifle and Pistol Club; a lifetime member of the National Trappers Association; a honorary member of the Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association; and a teamster member who was appointed as a shop steward on the North Slope.

He was a skilled driver who drove throughout Montana and Alaska including the Alaskan Pipeline haul road.

He was an exceptionally talented gunsmith and avid shooter and hunter, outfitter and camp cook who greatly loved the outdoors. He was a stubborn, tough as nails guy who loved good cigars and good scotch.

He is survived by his mother Doris; brothers, Jim and Larry; sisters, Linda and Sharon; former wives, Janet and Beverly; children, Steven, Alesia, Jeffrey, and Susan; grandchildren, Jalynn and Joshua; great-granddaughter Kadence; and many special friends.

He was a great man, a beloved son, father and friend. We will miss him dearly.

Cremation has taken place. Interment will take place at a later date. Arrangements are by Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

Robert W. Ruonavaara, 44

Robert W. Ruonavaara, 44, died of natural causes Nov. 20, 1998, while on a hunting trip near Dillon.

He was born March 28, 1954, in Hancock, Mich., to Robert W. and Anna Irene Ruonavaara.

He attended school in Hancock, graduating from Hancock Central High School in 1972. He moved to Montana in the summer of 1973.

He married Ingrid Ek on June 1, 1979, in Brush Prairie, Wash. They made their home in Kalispell.

He enjoyed the outdoors, hunting, fishing, and camping with the family. He liked restoring old cars.

The fellowship of companions and friends was a great source of joy to him. He was a member and helper of the Old Apostolic Lutheran Church in Lakeside.

He will be truly missed by all his family and many, many friends.

He was preceded in death by his mother.

He is survived by his wife, Ingrid,

of Kalispell; five daughters and five sons, Melanie, Richard, Holly, Tyler, Jonathan, Stefan, Robert, Danielle, Lana, and Marcie, all at the family home in Kalispell; his father, Robert W. Ruonavaara Sr. of Kalispell; two brothers, Nils of Houghton, Mich., and David of Hancock; eight sisters, Elaine Ek of Battle Ground, Wash., Ethel Ritola of Yacolt, Wash., Annette Levanen of Hancock, Anita Jouppe of Hancock, Linda Wisti of Lakeside, Lillian Macfarlane of Kalispell, and Juanita and Marie Ruonavaara of Hancock.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Old Apostolic Lutheran Church in Lakeside. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens in Kalispell.

Buffalo Funeral Home and Crematory is in charge of the arrangements.

John Charles Rygiel, 73

John Charles Rygiel, 73, died on March 17, 1998, at his residence in Kalispell.

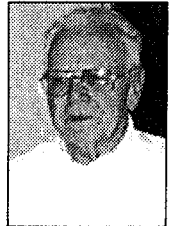
He was born on March 20, 1924, in Crabtree, Pa., to George and Magdalena Rygiel. During World War II he served in the 1st Marine Division in Peleliu and Okinawa; after the war he served in China.

On Jan. 18, 1947, he married Mary Louise Shaffer in Derry, Pa. They lived there until moving to St. Petersburg, Fla. He worked for E Systems, a subsidiary of Raytheon for 29 years. He retired in 1981, and the couple moved to Montana. They lived in the North Fork for 14 years. Due to ill health they moved to Kalispell.

He is survived by his wife Mary Louise Rygiel of Kalispell; one son, John Rygiel and one daughter, Robin Rygiel, both of St. Petersburg, Fla.; one sister, Ann Marcelli of Beaver Falls, Pa.; nephews Charles Rygiel of Durango, Colo., and David Marcelli of Charlotte, N.C.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, his birthday, at the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Bob Reasner officiating.

Memorials are suggested to Home Options Hospice, 120 Burns Way, Kalispell, MT 59901. Arrangements and cremation are by the Johnson Mortuary Crematory.



George Alexander Russell, 74

George Alexander Russell, 74, died June 22, 1998, at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Denver, Colo.

He was born July 24, 1923, in Elk County, Kansas, to Oscar J.A. and Byrdie Beaufort Prince Russell.

He was raised in Elk County until he joined the Navy during World War II, where he was a machinist's mate second class working on propellers. He and Virginia Lee Dickerson were married on March 14, 1945, at Traverse City, Mich.

He received an honorable discharge from the Navy and returned to Oklahoma where he worked as a painter for Mobile Oil. About 1963 he moved to the Creston area where he farmed for many years. He also owned and operated Bitney's Hatchery.

He lived in the Flathead Valley area until his retirement. After retiring, he returned to Oklahoma for a few years and then moved to Helena, where he lived until his passing.

He was a member of the Bigfork Masonic Lodge No. 150 A.F. & A.M. and was a lifelong member of the Disabled American Veterans.

He enjoyed fixing things. He was an all-around handyman. He enjoyed



flowers, plants, making videos, fly fishing and especially his family.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Oscar and Byrdie Russell and is now survived by his wife, Virginia, of Helena; children and spouses; John and Betty Brewer and Shane and Sarah Wright, all of Helena; Joe and Merry Russell of Edmond, Okla.; John Russell and Darlene Henry of Linden, Virg.; Nola Russell of Springfield, Virg. and T.K. and Jenny Miller of Ada, Okla.; granddaughters; Carissa Spurzem and husband Tim of Helena; and Alisha Creighton and husband Paul of Thornton, Colo., and other grandchildren, Jacob, Jason, Amanda, Brian, Dawn, Leslie and Terri; great grandchildren include Cheyenne, Danielle, Morgan and Genesis.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, June 30, at the Johnson Mortuary Chapel in Kalispell, with the Rev. Ray Davis of the Columbia Falls United Methodist Church officiating. Masonic ritualistic rites will be conducted by the Bigfork Masonic Lodge No. 150 A.F. & A.M.

Burial will follow at Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell, with military honors by the United Veterans of the Flathead Valley. Visitation will be Monday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel. There will be no public viewing on Tuesday.

Arrangements are by the Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

A. Marie Rutherford, 75

A. Marie Rutherford, 75, died Tuesday, Dec. 29, 1998, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

She was born Oct. 9, 1923, in Chester, to Ole and Velma Christopherson. She graduated from Great Falls High School in 1940. She married Douglas G. Rutherford on June 18, 1941, in Great Falls.

She will always be known for her cooking. She was a great cook who truly enjoyed doing it. She enjoyed knitting, quilting, crocheting and sewing, but her shining star was bowling. She loved to bowl, and became a very accomplished bowler.

She was a member of the Eastern Star and Calvary Lutheran Church in Evergreen.

She was a very caring person who will be missed by all her family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Dale and Tom; and a grandson, Benjamin.

She is survived by her husband Doug of Kalispell; two sons, Donald George Rutherford of Longmont, Colo., and Brad Rutherford of Cut Bank; one daughter, Kay Carbon of Post Falls, Idaho; a brother Elmer "Bud" Christopherson of Great Falls; two sisters, Lila Martin of Tulsa, Okla., and Doris Banks of Colorado Springs, Colo.; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were Saturday. Urn burial followed at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

The family request memorials be made to the American Cancer Association in her name.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory in charge of arrangements.

1998 Lyle John Rutherford, 82

Montana ski pioneer, veteran rail-roader and consummate spinner of yarns, Lyle John Rutherford, 82, of Whitefish died Nov. 10 at St. Patrick's Hospital in Missoula.

He was born on April 23, 1916, in Braham, Minn., to Glen O. and Charlotte Rutherford. The family moved to Bowdoin, near Malta, in 1917, and his father and grandfather worked building railroad grades with horse drawn equipment. The family homesteaded near Content, and he spent his early years in a sod house.

The family moved to Whitefish in 1926, and cleared stump land on Karrow Ave. where they lived until the late 1950s. He went through school in Whitefish. He acquired a love for the outdoors and hunting while logging with his father during the Depression.

He was active in the Lutheran church and was the oldest charter member of the Christ Lutheran Church at the time of his death.

He was one of the last surviving Big Mountain ski pioneers, and helped build the first ski cabin. Along with Chuck Creon and Jim Rolette, he was instrumental in installing the first rope-tow on the hill.

In 1937, he and Ole Dalen moved onto the ski hill and were the caretakers of the cabins. He was also active in the first ski patrol and was president of the Whitefish Lake Ski Club in 1949, when the national races were held on Big Mountain. He was honored as the oldest surviving ski pioneer at Big Mountain's 50th Anniversary last winter.

He signed on with the Great Northern Railroad in 1940, but his career was interrupted by World War II. He served in the Army Engineer Corps until the end of the war and was on Omaha Beach on D-Day.

He returned to the railroad after the war and worked until his retirement in 1978. When he retired he was

number one conductor on the Kalispell Division. He loved working with people on the passenger trains, and his old conductor's uniform hangs in the museum at the Stumptown Historical Society.

"It was a Great Ride," he often said of his railroad career.

He was a charter member of the Whitefish Rifle and Pistol Club. He belonged to the Moose Lodge, VFW Post 276, and supported the Stumptown Historical Society.

He was an active life member of the Flathead County Sheriff Posse. In 1989 he joined the Flathead Buffalo Runners and enjoyed shooting black powder competition dressed in traditional mountain man garb.

He loved to palaver with his pals in the local coffee shops and his special brand of folksy repartee will be remembered by his friends.

He was married in 1946, to Verona Rendler who preceded him in death in 1971. In 1972 he married Laura Hinck, a Havre native who survives in the family home. He is also survived by sisters Katherine Schwenke of Edmonds, Wash., Helen and husband, Craig Milton, of El Cajon, Calif., and Charlotte and husband, Tom Sloan, of Marysville, Wash.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was honored to be an "extra grandfather" to Joshua and Jesse King of Whitefish who brought much joy to his life.

He was preceded in death by his mother and father; his twin brother Lee; and sister Dixie.

Viewing will be at the Austin Funeral Home today until 6 p.m. Services will be at Christ Lutheran Church at 11 a.m. Monday, interment will be at the Whitefish Cemetery following the services. A fellowship will be held at the church after the burial.

Memorials may be given at the donor's choice. Condolences may be sent to P.O. Box 483, Whitefish, MT 59937.

Philip John Rygg, 50

Philip John Rygg was born Sept. 27, 1947, to M. Sterling and Inga Rygg in Whitefish. He grew up in Whitefish and graduated from Whitefish High School in 1965. He received a bachelor of arts degree in economics and political science from Concordia College in Moorhead, Minn., in 1969. The U. S. Army trained him to be a medic and he served six years in the Montana National Guard.



He began his real estate career in 1971, becoming a broker and owner of Whitefish Lake Realty/Rygg & Associates Realtors in 1973. His self motivation, interest in learning and high standards of ethics led him to achieve the professional designations C.C.I.M. (Certified Commercial Investment Member of the National Association of Realtors) and M.A.I. (Member of the American Institute of Real Estate Appraisers). He served as a national demonstration report grader and on the admissions committee for the Montana Chapter of A.I.R.E.A. He also served on the board of directors and the professional standards and ethics committee for the Montana Association of Realtors as well as being a C.C.I.M. Demonstration Report Grader for the National Association of Realtors. He was president of the Flathead Board of Realtors in 1976 and was selected Realtor of the Year in 1978. He taught classes on appraisal and commercial investment analysis throughout the Northwest during the early 1980s.

He owned and operated Appraisal Research Group and Sterling Title Services in Kalispell. With his friend Griff Paulson, he recently built a team roping arena, "The Lazy Rig Arena," where he held team roping events, enjoyed his horses and the friendship of other "cow-people."

On October 12, 1973, He married Charlene Lytle, who survives him at the family home in Whitefish. He is also survived by his four children Becky Rygg and John Rygg of Whitefish, Adam Noble of Bozeman, and Jeff

Weyh, currently residing in Springfield, Mo. Also surviving are his parents; his brother and sister-in-law Tom and Cheryl Rygg and nieces Briana and Kristin Rygg, his sister and brother-in-law, Mary and Jeff Roper and nephews Jess and Reid Roper, all of Kalispell; many cousins, an uncle, three aunts, his family of Sterling Title Services, as well as many wonderful friends and in-laws, Ken and Laura Lytle, Judy and Kevin Duff, and Amanda (Duff) and Mike Caldwell.

His love for life was evident in his passion for bicycle riding, horseback riding and team-roping, skiing, camping, reading, swimming and jogging. He was also an amateur photographer and freelance writer. He loved Glacier Park, Flathead Lake and traditional family celebrations, but his greatest source of pride was watching his children grow to be happy, productive and loving human beings.

His interest in politics brought him to many boards and committees — usually convinced that "his way" was the most honest, ethical and logical. He served his community through Jaycees, Rotary, Volunteer Fire Department, church leader, Kalispell Development Corporation and many many more.

He died May 28, 1998, in Englewood, Colo., at the Swedish Medical Center following complications from a freak swimming accident in Maui, Hawaii, on March 13, 1998. He was grateful to be alive and had started rehabilitation at Craig Hospital to learn to use a wheel chair and again become self sufficient.

A memorial service will be held on June 3 at 11 a.m. at Christ Lutheran Church in Whitefish.

The family has established the Phil Rygg Spinal Cord Injury Scholarship fund in his honor. The proceeds will benefit Flathead Valley residents who have sustained spinal cord injury and wish to continue their college education. Donations may be sent to the Phil Rygg SCI Scholarship Fund at First Interstate Bank of Whitefish, P.O. Box 100, Whitefish, MT 59937 or Valley Bank of Kalispell, P.O. Box 48, Kalispell, MT 59903.