

June 1998 Elbert Carl 'Bud' Skillings, 78

Elbert Carl "Bud" Skillings, 78, of Libby, died at his home in Libby, of natural causes.

Survivors include a son, Jerry Skillings and his wife, Melody, of Libby; four daughters, Lori Deshazer and her husband, Michael, of Kalispell, Cory Snyder and her husband, Ron, of Libby, June Backen and her husband, Joel, of Billings, Nita McLaury and her husband, Dale, of Seeley Lake; five stepchildren, Pat Sorum and her husband, Eddy, of Auburn, Wash., Doris Cook and her husband, Bill, of Troy; Charlie Laasch and his wife, Gerda,

of Bonners Ferry, Idaho, Virgel Laasch and his wife, Elaine, of Cut Bank, Beauty Davis and her husband, Phil, of Bonners Ferry; four brothers, Bob Skillings, Wesley Skillings, Dewayne Skillings, Al Skillings, all of Minnesota; two sisters, Ester Johnson of Windmere, N.D., Rose Mercer of Page, Neb.; 12 grandchildren, Shane, Sophie, Jared, David, Deanna, Joey, Denita, Buddy, Sarah, Kayla, Jesse, Chandra; and three great-grandchildren, Lane, Brandon, Kerry.

Services were today at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Libby.

1998 Palmer Skonord, 88

Palmer Skonord, 88, a retired Joplin-area farmer, died March 26, at a Chester Nursing Home.

Survivors include son Rudy Skonord and wife, Karen, of Kalispell.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Bethel Lutheran Church in Joplin with burial in the Joplin Cemetery. Arrangements are by Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester.

M. May Slack, 90

M. May Slack, 90, of Columbia Falls, died Tuesday, June 23, 1998, at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

She was born Nov. 30, 1907, in Newton, Kansas, to Harry A. and A. Gertrude Prichard. The family moved to the Belt Mountains near Utica when she was 3. They later moved to Grangeville, Idaho, where she graduated from high school.

When she was 24, she moved to Highwood, Mont. She met Steven Slack Jr., and they married on May 2, 1932, in Great Falls. They farmed in the Fort Benton area for two years. In 1934, they moved to the Snowy Mountains near Lewistown, where they ranched near Beaver Creek.

In 1961, they moved to Columbia Falls.

She loved to play pinochle and to read.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 51 years and two brothers.

She is survived by her four children, Ila Barta and her husband, Bob, of Columbia Falls, Bonnie Craft of Columbia Falls, Jack Slack of Friday Harbor, Wash., and Roy Slack of Gresham, Ore.; 11 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

A graveside memorial service and inurnment will be held Tuesday at 2 p.m. at Fairview Cemetery near Columbia Falls.

The family has suggested that memorials be made to the Columbia Falls Volunter Ambulance Association; the North Valley Search and Rescue, or Badrock Volunteer Fire Department.

Columbia Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

Clarence Eugene Slama, 86

Clarence Eugene Slama, 86, died Saturday, Feb. 14, 1998, at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.

He was born Jan. 31, 1912, in Osnabrock, N.D., to Victor and Anna Bell Poyer Slama.

He received his education in Osford Township in North Dakota. He farmed with his dad until age 23 in Milton, N.D.

He joined the military and served in World War II. He came to the Flathead Valley about 1940. He married Maxine Aug. 13, 1954, at Spokane.

He worked for O'Neil Lumber Company in the Sawmill in Kalispell for five years. He also helped build Hungry Horse Dam and then went to work for Equity Supply, where he worked until retiring.

He was a member of the VFW in

Kalispell and St. Matthew's Catholic Church.

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

He is survived by one son, Daniel Slama of Butte; one brother, Orland Slama of Tucson, Ariz.; one sister, Eleanor Booth of Kelso, Wash.; two grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A rosary will be today at 7 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel with mass of Christian Burial Wednesday at 10 a.m. at St. Matthew's Catholic Church. The Rev. Kevin O'Neil will serve as celebrant. A committal service will follow at Conrad Memorial Cemetery with military honors by the United Veterans of the Flathead. Arrangements are by the Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

1998 Robert J. Slocum, 68

Robert J. Slocum, 68, died on May 5 in Winter Park, Fla., following a long illness.

He was born in Havre on April 21, 1930, to Art and Frances Slocum. He graduated from high school in Whitefish, and from Carroll College in Helena in 1952. He served in the U.S. Army, then returned with his wife, Frances "Frankie," to Whitefish, where they raised six children. He was employed by the Great Northern Railroad, later the Burlington Northern Railroad, retiring in 1992.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Bruce; and two sisters, Mary and Rosalie.

He is survived by his wife Frankie of Whitefish; four sons, Richard J. and his wife, Tara, and Rodney J. of Windermere, Fla., Randall J. and

Eugene A. of Winter Park, Fla.; two daughters, Teresa L. Cassidy and her husband, David, of Whitefish, and Cheryl L. Brosz and her husband, Gary, of Broomfield, Colo.; 10 grandchildren; one grandchild; two brothers and their families, William A. and his wife, Lynda, of Garfield, Wash., and Bernard L. and his wife, Marty, of Spokane; several nieces and nephews; aunt Dell Rostad of Minot, N.D.; uncle Chester Severance and his wife, Bessie, of Rockford, Ill.; as well as many cousins.

A rosary will be said at St. Charles Catholic Church in Whitefish, at 7 p.m. on Thursday. The funeral mass will be Friday at 10 a.m. at the church.

In lieu of flowers donations to your favorite charity would be appreciated.

Joan D. Slyter, 66

Joan D. Slyter, 66, died at her home on April 6, 1998, from a massive heart attack.

She was born July 19, 1931, in Flaxville, to Leon and Anita Duval. She was one of 10 children. She married Leslie "Bud" Slyter on Feb. 2, 1959, and they made their home in Kalispell with their son, Mike Slyter.

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

She is survived by her husband Bud at the family home in Kalispell;



son Mike and his wife, Marnie, of Tacoma, Wash.; four grandchildren; four sisters, Beatrice Jensen of Sandy, Utah, Celine "Sally" Hall of Kalispell, Rose Marie Gordon of Big Piney, Wyo., Mary Ann Mos of Redding, Calif.; four brothers, Lionel Duval of Hermiston Ore., Clarence Duval of Chino Valley, Ariz., David Duval of Kalispell, James Duval of Somers; and many nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be held at 1 p.m. Friday at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home with the Rev. Paul Taylor officiating. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory in charge of arrangements.

Dolpha 'D.W.' Smiley Jr., 77

Dolpha "D.W." Smiley Jr., 77, died Friday, Sept. 25, 1998, at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls, of natural causes.

He was born Nov. 2, 1920, in Mineola, Kan., and attended schools there. In February 1942, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served until the war ended.

He spent most of his life in the food business as a salesman and later in restaurant work. In March 1953, he married Ruth Young Jonach and they were married for 45 years.

He was involved in the V.F.W. Post in Loveland, Colo. He was also active in the Methodist Church until ill health restricted his involvement. He has always been a devoted husband and father and will be missed dearly by his family.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Elvin.

He is survived by his wife Ruthie

at the family home; four daughters, Sherry Patterson of Billings, Joanie Caudill and husband, Howard, of Lathrop, Calif., Gayle Brown and husband, Dan, of Whitefish, and Nancy Michels of Columbia Falls; eight grandchildren, two great-grandchildren; sisters, Elaine Anderson of Castle Rock, Colo., Phyllis Smith of Limon, Colo.; brother Richard Smiley of Ogden, Utah.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at the United Methodist Church in Whitefish. Inurnment with military honors will follow at the Montana Veterans Home Cemetery.

The family invites friends to gather after the burial for a lunch at the United Methodist Church.

Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish is in charge of arrangements.

The family suggests that memorials be made to the Methodist Church new building fund.

Alice E.J. Smith, 92

Alice E.J. Smith, 92, died Saturday, Sept. 19, 1998, at Mt. St. Josephs Care Center in Portland.

She was born May 8, 1906, in Park River, N.D., and moved to Kalispell, in 1935, later moving to Portland, in 1942. She worked in the shipyards during the war from 1942 to 1945, as a burner.

While working in the shipyards she also was attending barber college. After completion of barber college in 1947, she moved to Pendleton, Ore., where she bought a barber shop and worked as a professional barber until 1959. She sold the shop and moved to Portland, where she owned Alice's Barber Shop until retiring in

1984, at the age of 78.

She was a long-time member of Grace Presbyterian Church and also the VFW Ladies Auxiliary.

Survivors include two daughters, Gladys Hall of Portland, and Mable Woods of Newport, Ore.; son Earl Sorensen of St. George, Utah; nine grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; and 15 great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral will be at Ross Hollywood Chapel in Portland, on Friday at 11 a.m. Burial will follow at Forest Lawn Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Oregon Rehabilitation Association or Grace Presbyterian Church.

Amber C. Smith, 46

Amber C. Smith, 46, of Atascadero, Calif., died Tuesday, Sept. 29, 1998, in a Templeton, Calif., hospital.

Graveside memorial services were held Oct. 2, 1998, at the Atascadero Cemetery. Cremation was by the Chapel of Roses in Atascadero.

She was born Aug. 21, 1952, in Kalispell. She was raised in Lompoc, Calif., later moving to Atascadero where she lived and worked as a psych tech at the Atascadero State Hospital.

She is survived by her daughter Shawna and son-in-law Eric Taylor, and grandson Brett, all of Atas-

cadero; brothers, Terry and wife, Carol, of Pryor, Okla. John of Lompoc, and Robert and his wife, Ronda, of Sweet Home, Ore.; aunts, Shirley Watters of Kalispell, Ann Mateka of Columbia Falls, Peggy Martin of Ripon, Calif., Phyllis Frank of Santa Rosa, Calif.; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Amber and Charles Smith; paternal grandparents Rose and Ralph Smith; and maternal grandparents Dot and Louis Henkel.

Beryl C. Smith, 74, died Thursday, Oct. 29, at St. John Lutheran Hospital in Libby. 1998

She was born Sept. 12, 1924, at River Sioux, Iowa, to Paul and Ada Weston. She was raised and educated in Iowa.

She married Rex Smith Feb. 28, 1948. Following their marriage they came to Montana. They first resided in the Flathead Valley until coming to Libby in 1958.

She worked as an operator for GTE in Libby for several years, making her home in Libby until the time of her death.

Her husband Rex preceded her in death in 1996.

Survivors include two daughters, Diane Troyer and her husband, Ivan, of Libby, Sue Halter and her husband, Bud, of Kalispell; her mother Ada Weston of Kalispell; brother Blake Weston of Carlsberg, Wash.; three sisters, Iris Carroll of Dalton, Ga., Jean Rudio of Havre, and Marge Gierman of Kalispell; four grandchildren, John, Darrin, Robert and Tammy; and two great-grandchildren, Kvie and Tony.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home Chapel.

Memorials may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

1998 Eric C. Smith, 44

Eric C. Smith, 44, died Sunday, Aug. 9, as the result of an accidental drowning in the south fork of the Flathead River.

He was born June 12, 1954, at San Antonio, Texas, to Bill and Mildred Smith. He was raised and educated at Oklahoma City and Mustang, Okla. He resided at Oklahoma City, where he had been a professional carpet installer working most recently for Allen Flooring Company.

He came to northwest Montana in May of this year, where he enjoyed hunting, fishing, golfing and the great outdoors of Montana. At the

time of his death he worked as a carpet installer for Bitney's Furniture in Kalispell.

Survivors include his daughter, Christi Smith of Mustang; his parents, Bill and Millie Smith of Mustang; his fiancée, Debbie Claunch of Oklahoma City; two brothers, Bruce Smith of Fortine, and Joe Smith of Mustang; as well as nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. Friday at the Nelson & Vial Chapel in Eureka. Graveside services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. at Fortine Cemetery in Fortine.

Harry Logan Smith Sr., 79

Harry Logan Smith Sr., 79, died Sunday, Aug. 30, 1998, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

He was born April 7, 1919, in Newark, N.J., to John and Elizabeth Smith. His childhood and early school years were spent in Newark, and he completed machinist technical school there.

He joined the CCCs in 1938, working in Ketchum, Idaho. He entered the Army Air Force in 1939, and was stationed at Hickam Field in Honolulu, Hawaii. He was a flight sergeant for the Fourth Reconnaissance Squadron attached to the Fifth Bombardment Group, B17s Flying Fortress as a gunner and aerial photographer. After surviving a plane crash on April 22, 1941, he was honorably discharged from the service in October 1941, two months prior to the bombing of Pearl Harbor.

After his discharge from the service he returned to Newark, working as a carpenter. He then worked for Anheuser-Busch until his retirement in 1975.

On May 12, 1945, he married Evelyn Lillian Moore in Newark. They had one daughter and one son, and



had been married 39 years at the time of her passing in 1984.

In 1976, they moved from New Jersey to the Flathead Valley to be closer to their two children, who had both moved to this area previously.

In retirement, he enjoyed cooking, reading, furniture making, and traveling. He traveled to Scotland with his sister, Betty, retracing their family history as both parents were born there. With grandchildren as traveling companions he visited Seattle, Hawaii and Nova Scotia. He had more adventures planned but due to ill health was not able to continue traveling.

He was a member of the Disabled American Veterans and the Confederate Air Force.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife Evelyn on July 21, 1984; three brothers, George, William and James; and two sisters, Barbara and Elizabeth.

Survivors include a daughter Evelyn and her husband, Dan Gillespie, of Kalispell; a son, Harry L. Smith Jr. and his wife, Diane, of Kalispell; five grandchildren including Heather Bilodeau and Patrick Brodeur of Woonsocket, R.I., Brandon, Bonnie and Benjamin of Kalispell; one great-grandchild, Nathan Brodeur of Woonsocket.

Per his request no services will be held. He will be deeply missed and forever loved by all who knew him well.

Howard Russell Smith, 80

Howard Russell Smith, 80, died Thursday Aug. 27, 1998, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

He was born Jan. 21, 1918, in Miles City, to Earl and Evelyn Brackett Smith. He attended elementary through high school in Ismay. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1937 to 1945.

After his discharge he attended mortuary college in Chicago, Ill., graduating in 1947. He entered into civilian service at the Naval Weapons Center Security Division,

Code 843, China Lake, Calif. He retired in 1976.

He married Zola F. Tracy in 1973, and is now survived by her at the family home in Kalispell. He is also survived by a sister

Evelyn Noble in California, a niece and two nephews in California.

A memorial service will be held on Monday at 1 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Virgil Ray officiating. Cremation and arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Norma Jo Smith, 70

Norma Jo Smith, 70, died Wednesday, Sept. 23, 1998, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

She was born Oct. 26, 1927, in Brownfield, Texas, to Jo and Ethel Eubank. She moved to Carlsbad, N.M., at a very young age where she was raised. She graduated from Carlsbad High School in 1945.

She was married to Cecil Smith on Nov. 22, 1948. She moved to Havre, in 1973, where her husband worked on the gas rigs. He died in January of 1983.

She worked as an accountant for John Bryant for 20 years. She loved flowers. Petunias, geraniums, and pansies were some of her favorites.

She was preceded in death by her

parents, her husband and her daughter, Jamie Sue.

She is survived by three daughters, Elaine and her husband Tom Hanson of Billings, Trish Smith of Kalispell, and Celia Smith of Houston, Texas; four grandchildren, Lacey, Tyrell and Chad Hanson, all of Billings, and Nick Smith of Kalispell; brother Ron Eubank of Artesia, N.M.; and sister Nonie White of Hobbs, N.M.

Urn burial will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, at Highland Park Cemetery in Havre, with the Rev. Ken Green officiating.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory in charge of arrangements.

Theodore Robert Dean Smith, 31

¹⁹⁹⁸ Theodore "Ted" Robert Dean Smith, 31, of Kalispell, died Sunday, March 1.

He was born on April 13, 1966, in Newport Beach, Calif., to Barbara Mosteller of Anaheim, Calif., and Pat Smith of Columbia Falls. He attended schools in Orange County, Calif., and spent summers with his paternal grandparents in the Flathead Valley. He returned to Kalispell in 1992, after living in the Seattle area for a time.

He was employed as a carpenter with several local construction companies and most recently was employed by the Timberlake Company.

Along with making his living doing carpentry, he enjoyed wood-working projects as a hobby.

He was a lover of nature and

enjoyed hiking, long bike rides and photographing nature, such as thunderstorms and lightning, sunsets and rainbows.

He loved bonfires and loud rock music, and he was very much loved by small children and animals.

He is survived by his parents and siblings, his father, Pat Smith Jr., and Audrey and Angla Smith of Columbia Falls; his grandfather, William Smith; his wife, Roberta Reese and stepson, Jeremy Reese. He will be missed by many good friends.

Memorial services will be held at Johnson Mortuary at 10:30 a.m., Thursday. The family suggests memorials to Flathead County Search and Rescue or to the choice of the donor.

1998 Thomas L. Smith, 58

Thomas L. Smith, 58, died Monday afternoon, June 7, at North Valley Hospital following a year-long battle with cancer.

He was born on Jan. 11, 1940, in Sidney, to Roscoe and Marjorie Smith. He started his schooling in and around the Sidney area, then moved with his family to Columbia Falls in 1947 where he attended school for four years. The family moved to Whitefish in 1951, and he graduated from Whitefish High School in 1957.

He attended Eastern Washington College in Cheney, Wash., for a brief time, then enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1958, where he served on the West Coast aboard a minesweeper for three years.

Following his discharge from the Navy, he worked in Denver, where he married Donna Grimes in 1961. They moved to Whitefish in 1963. He was employed at Columbia Falls Aluminum Company until his retirement in 1995.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Richard D. Smith.

He is survived by two sons, Kevin

and his wife, Lynne, and their daughter, Shannon, of Douglas, Alaska, and Craig and Diane of Belgrade; and two daughters, Dina and her husband, Louis Marion, of Valdez, Alaska, and Kristen and husband, James Brown, and their children, Drew and Lyndsay of Anchorage, Alaska. Other survivors include his sister Joan and husband, Lee Smith, of Columbia Falls; two brothers, Larry and wife, Lois, of Columbia Falls, and Edwin of Bakersfield, Calif.; sister-in-law Lavena Smith of Salt Lake City, Utah; numerous nieces and nephews; and his special friend, Claudia Larson of Whitefish.

Rosary will be recited Thursday, at 7 p.m. in the Austin Chapel in Whitefish. Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated Friday, at 11 a.m. in St. Charles Catholic Church in Whitefish. Burial will follow in the Glacier Memorial Gardens.

The family has suggested memorials in lieu of flowers to the Flathead's hospice association at 1280 Burns Way, Kalispell, MT 59901 or the American Cancer Society at Two Medicine Building, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Jered Hyatt Snook, 3 days

Jered Hyatt Snook, 3 day old infant son of Craig and Nancy Snook of Coram, died May 30, 1998, at the Children's Primary Hospital in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Survivors include his parents, Craig and Nancy Snook of Coram; grandparents, Chuck and Robyn Snook of Coram, Lyndon and Deanna Butchard of Russell, Minn., and Lois

Burrell of Kalispell; and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Services will be held at Johnson Mortuary in the chapel at 11 a.m. Saturday.

The Rev. Tom Perry of the Church of the Nazarene of Columbia Falls, will be officiating.

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

Donald H. Snyder, 83

Donald H. Snyder, 83, died on June 22, 1998.

Born in Merrillan, Wis., on Feb. 21, 1915, he attended school there and college in White-water, Wis.

He taught business education in Wisconsin and was school principal at Gilford and Ruyard. He farmed for a short while south of Shelby. He was one of the first mobile home dealers in Montana and became one of the best at moving mobile homes. He owned Martha's Mobiles & Motors.

On Nov. 1, 1971, he married Martha J. Eckerson. They traveled extensively in the U.S. and spent four months each winter in Mazatlan, Mexico. He



loved his family and friends and was always willing to help with anything. He was a "young-hearted" man who loved to dance and sing.

He leaves to mourn his death his wife Martha; sons, James and wife Jane, Larry and wife Ruth, John and wife Shirley, Donald and wife Kathy; daughters, Valerie and husband Joe, Mary Ann and family; stepson Robert Dobrovolny; stepdaughter Roberta Demarest; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Ann Kahle of Belle Plaine, Minn., and Edith Moore of Seattle.

It was an honor and joy to know him. Funeral services will be today at 2 p.m. at Calvary Lutheran Church with the Rev. Bob Nielson officiating. Internment will be at Palermo, N.D., on Saturday at 2 p.m. Arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

Irene Matilda Grumann Snyder, 80

Irene Matilda Grumann Snyder, 80, died Dec. 22, 1998, at Valley Hospital in Las Vegas, Nev.

She was born March 20, 1918, in Laona, Wis., to William and Mabel Broussa Grumann. She was raised and educated in Laona.

She married Richard Russell Snyder on April 14, 1936, in Crandon, Wis. Her husband played Santa Claus in the Flathead Valley for many years. He died in 1984.

She was a cook in numerous restaurants for many years and played Mrs. Santa Claus. She was a member of St. Matthews Catholic Church in Kalispell.

She was also preceded in death by

a sister, Marie Seigworth; and brothers, Felix Grumann, Kenny Grumann, and Dick Grumann.

She is survived by children Bernadine Pyles and husband of Martin City, Arvid Snyder and wife, and Richard Snyder Jr., of Kalispell, Betty Frodsham and husband of Wenatchee, Wash., Sally McIlhargey and husband of Bullhead City, Ariz.; sisters Wilhelmina Hoeffs of Wisconsin Rapids, Wis., and Louise Gotz of Jackson, Wis.; 18 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Memorial services will be held at St. Matthew's Catholic Church in Kalispell on Monday at 10 a.m.

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Paul F. Snyder, 85

Paul F. Snyder, 85, passed away Thursday, Feb. 5, at Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.

He was born July 1, 1912, in Big Timber to Harry and Mildred Snyder. He graduated from Big Timber High School in 1930.

He served in the Navy during World War II as an air radar technician. He was a member of the Lions Club, serving as pianist for their meetings. He was also very active with the American Legion since 1946.

In 1948, he and his family moved to Missoula, where he worked for the Western Montana National Bank. He remained with the bank until retiring in 1974.

He was an active member of the Musicians Union Local No. 498, serving one term as president. He enjoyed playing the piano for dances and parties throughout his life. He played the drums in the city band.

He was a member of the First Con-

gregational Church in Big Timber and the University Congregational Church in Missoula.

After retiring, Paul and his wife, Alice, moved to Milwaukee, Wisc., to be near their youngest son and his family. After 10 years, they returned to the Flathead Valley, where they remained.

He was preceded in death by a grandson, Stuart.

He is survived by his wife, Alice, of Bigfork; daughter Judy and husband, Fred Johnson, of Eureka and sons James and wife, Ida, of Kansas City, Mo., Fred and wife, Laura, of Elm Grove, Wisc.; nine grandchildren, Jeri Kisala, Jeanine Hathaway, Randel Snyder, Deanna Poudel, Jennifer Snyder, Jonathan Snyder, Jared Snyder, Gwendolyn Carparelli and Kristen Johnson and eight great grandchildren.

Private family service will be later this summer. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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Mildred M. Solak, 76

Mildred M. Solak, 76, died Friday at Brendan House.

She was born Oct. 3, 1921, in Czechoslovakia.

She is survived by a son, Walter C. Solak, his wife, Marsha,

and their two children, Ashleigh and Meghan, all of Kalispell.

No services are planned.

Johnson Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

Ronald Eugene Solemsaas, 56

Ronald Eugene Solemsaas, 56, died March 17, 1998, from complications of lung cancer.

He was born Dec. 12, 1941, in Mohall, N.D., to Lars and Cynthia Solemsaas. He graduated from Mohall High School in 1960. He later moved to Seattle and married Kay Copenhaver on Oct. 14, 1961, in Seattle.

He worked for the Auburn, Wash., police department and Wadena, Minn., police department. In 1978, he returned to Mohall where he owned and managed Solemsaas Construction and Mohall Lumber. In 1995, he and his wife moved to Kalispell. He was diagnosed with cancer in July 1995.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Lars and Cynthia.

He is survived by his wife, Kay of Kalispell; one son, Ron Solemsaas and wife, Rachel, of Everett; two



daughters, Susan Solemsaas and Jeff Koch of Marysville, Wash., and Erin Steinberger and husband, Dan, of Fargo, N.D.; brother Len Solemsaas of Seattle; two sisters, Karen Inches of Glasgow, and Charlene McIntosh of Mohall; five grandchildren, Chelsey and Carah Solemsaas and Jared and Andrea Steinberger and Alexander Koch.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday at Johnson Mortuary Chapel in Kalispell with the Rev. Darold Riener of Trinity Lutheran Church officiating.

Funeral services will also be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Zion Lutheran Church in Mohall, with the Rev. Jeffery Giles officiating. Burial will be in the spring at Mohall Community Cemetery in Mohall. Services in Mohall are being handled by Anderson-Nelson Funeral Home.

The family suggests memorials be sent to Wings, KRMC, 310 Sunnyview Lane, Kalispell, MT 59901. Arrangements are by the Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

1998 Arthur O. Sorley, 85

Arthur O. Sorley, 85, of Hungry Horse died Aug. 20 of natural causes at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls. He had been a long-time resident of Hungry Horse before a short stay at the veterans home.

He was born Aug. 29, 1912, on a homestead north of Circle, to Pauline and Ludvig Sorley. He spent his younger years working on his parents' farm and other ranches in the area.

He was a World War II veteran, serving with the U.S. Army in the South Pacific. He was honorably discharged with the rank of Staff Sergeant at the end of the war.

On April 6, 1946, he married Verla Green and they lived in the Seattle area where he attended a trade school and became an aircraft mechanic.

They later moved back to Eastern Montana where he took over his parents' farm. In 1966 he sold the farm

and moved his family to Hungry Horse. He then pursued a lifelong hobby and became a locally recognized western artist. He produced many paintings depicting Native American life of the late 1800's, cowboy life as he knew it during his younger life and also Montana wildlife.

He was preceded in death by his parents and wife, Verla, in 1981. He is survived by a brother, Elmer in Santa Ana, Calif.; a daughter, Judy Bicknell in Casper, Wyo.; a son, Ken in Hungry Horse; and four grandchildren and one great grandson.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Columbia Mortuary with the Rev. Tim Bartholomew of the Stillwater Free Lutheran Church officiating. Burial with military honors will follow at the Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

Memorials can be made to the Canyon Quick Response Unit.

Donna Pearl Matthews Brown Souther, 73

Donna Pearl Mathews Brown Souther died in Yuma, Ariz., Jan. 28, 1998, from natural causes.

Cremation and services took place in Yuma. Her ashes were shipped and were buried in Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery with her first husband, Delbert Brown.

She was born April 1, 1924, in Gravelburg, Saskatoon. She graduated from high school in Cut Bank.

She married Delbert Brown and they lived in Eureka for many years where they were partners in

Kennedy Lumber Mill. For the past 12 years she has lived in Yuma.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Donald and Pearl Mathews; brother Robert Mathews; two husbands, Delbert E. Brown and Gordon Souther; and close friend Carlo Bryce.

Survivors are daughter Delores Kroph; two sons, Darrel Brown of Germantown, Wis., and David Brown of Livingston, Texas; nine grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

Claudia Lavera Perry Sparks, 92

Claudia Lavera Perry Sparks, 92, of Columbia Falls, died in Great Falls on Dec. 20, 1998.

She was born on May 5, 1906, in Sheridan, Wyo. The family later moved to the Bozeman area. She graduated and married Eugene R. Plumb in Three Forks on Oct. 15, 1922.

Following a divorce, she married George E. Perry in Billings, in 1930. Following his death in 1962, she married Jesse Sparks in 1972.

She was a nurses aid at the Columbus Hospital and later moved to Martin City and received her licensed practical nurse degree.

After her retirement, she enjoyed crocheting and won numerous ribbons for her accomplishments. Gardening was another favorite pastime. She raised the best raspberries in the Valley. She also enjoyed her grandchildren and loved to surprise them

with visits.

She was a member of the Women of the Moose and the V.F.W. Auxiliary.

Survivors include son Martin of Bozeman; daughter Mabel of Great Falls; sister Muriel of Missoula; six grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. at Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell.

Local arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Charles R. Speed, 68

Charles R. Speed, 68, died Wednesday, May 6, 1998, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

He was born Dec. 17, 1929, in Borger, Texas, to Charles and

Susie Speed.

Graveside services are being planned for Boyd Hill Cemetery in Yaak.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Fred Spencer, 92

Fred Spencer, 92, Lakeside resident since 1929, died Saturday, July 11, 1998, at the Heritage Place in Kalispell.

He is now with his beloved wife, Minnie.

He was born on Dec. 11, 1905, the son of William and Frances Milligan Spencer in Hennessey, Okla.

In his younger years he worked as a tie-bucker in Somers and for Firestone in Kalispell, and then until retiring was in partnership with Long & Spencer Alignment Center.

After retiring, he and his wife enjoyed traveling with various

senior bus tours. Both loved fishing, locally and in Canada.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Minnie; two sisters; one brother; and two children, Doug Harmon and Dode Waggener.

Survivors include one son, Pat Spencer of Lakeside; grandchildren, Charlene Howe, Fred and Dale Spencer, and Ted, Jim, and Carol Waggener; 12 great-grandchildren; and 14 great-great-grandchildren.

Cremation has taken place with no services at his request. Cremation and arrangements are by the Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

John Edward Sudan, 78

John Edward Sudan, 78, died of natural causes Nov. 21, 1998, at Kalispell Regional Hospital.

He was born Jan. 13, 1920, at Buffalo, Minn., to Edward and Frances (Dixon) Sudan.

Shortly after his birth, the family returned to their homestead near Delphia, in Musselshell County.

In 1935, the family moved to a farm in the Swan River community near Bigfork. After graduating from high school in 1938, he worked for two years in the Flathead Mines. In 1941 he went to Alaska and worked on the construction at Dutch Harbor, building defense barracks for the Navy. He started as a laborer, became a carpenter's apprentice, and then received his carpenter's card at Unalaska.

In 1934 he enlisted in the U.S. Merchant Marines, and served as a cook on board the USS Bingham and then the USS Cape Race for tours of duty in the Pacific. After the war, he signed on for another tour of duty in the Atlantic, which took him from New York to Argentina.

On Aug. 1, 1946, he married Mae Croskrey in Columbia Falls. They resided in Kalispell, and to this union five children were born.

He continued his career as a carpenter, which included among other projects the construction of the powerhouse at Hungry Horse Dam, the remodeling of Kalispell businesses on Main Street, the construction of the Essex bridge after the 1964 flood, and the reconstruction of the Kalispell and Bigfork sewage treatment plants. He was the superintendent of construction for the Kalispell Junior High School.

In 1961 he and his wife bought the farm in the Swan River community from his father. They lived there for 37 years, until recently moving back to Kalispell.

He was a 50-year member of Car-

penters Local 911. He was the business agent for the union during the construction of Libby Dam. He also served on the Bigfork High School board, and was chairman during his term on the Swan River school board.

He liked to fish and hunt, throw horseshoes, and play cribbage. He loved being on his farm and raising his Herefords. He was also a great storyteller.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother Leo, his sister Margaret, and his grandson, Timothy Jamieson.

He is survived by his wife, Mae, of Kalispell; stepmother Annie Sudan of Bigfork; sister Jean Parker MacDonald of Spokane, Wash.; five children and their spouses, Joseph and Wanda Smith of Broadus, Patrick and Wilma Siemens of Bigfork, Marvin and Kathleen Sudan of Kila, Stanley and Cindy Sudan of Lafayette, Colo., and Norman Sudan of Moscow, Idaho; 15 grandchildren, Jody Michael Jamieson of Lebanon, Mo., Todd Jamieson of Broadus, Misha Siemens of Bozeman, Mikel, Marcel and Marissa Siemens of Bigfork, Kimberly and her husband Bill Morrison of Kila, Tracy and Travis Sudan of Kila, Abram and Tara Sudan of Lafayette, and Merinda, Robin, Ashley and Breann Sudan of Whitefish.

Memorials may be sent to Bigfork Quick Response Unit, attention Vern Childers, 810 Grand Ave., Bigfork, MT 59911.

Visitation will be today from noon to 6 p.m. and Tuesday from 9 a.m. to noon.

The funeral service will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary in the chapel. The Rev. Ron Pierce will officiate. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Greg Stenger Sr., 52

Greg Stenger Sr., 52, of Whitefish, died Saturday, Dec. 26, 1998, on The Big Mountain Ski Resort.

He was born Nov. 5, 1946, in Cuyahoga, Ohio.

Survivors include his wife, Diane Stenger, of Whitefish; son and daughter-in-law, Greg and Margaret Stenger of Columbia Falls; two grandchildren; his mother; one brother; and three sisters.

A memorial mass of the Christian burial will be 11 a.m. Monday at St. Charles Catholic Church in Whitefish, with the Rev. Charles Roman, celebrant. Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish is in charge of arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the American Heart Association in his memory.

1994 Jean Marie Smith Steckler

Jean Marie Smith Steckler, daughter of Margaret Smith of Kalispell, died in Port Angeles, Wash., on April 30.

She was born in 1946 in Kalispell, the fourth of six daughters of Arthur and Margaret Smith. She earned a bachelor's degree from Carroll College in Helena, and a bachelor of fine arts from the University of Washington Drama Department.

She enjoyed a long and successful career as a stage actress in Seattle, acting in dozens of productions of the Seattle Repertory Theater, the Empty



Space, and other theater companies. She was highly regarded in the Seattle theater community, and is remembered for leading roles in such productions as Agnes of God, Talking With ... The Importance of Being Earnest, and Jesse and the Bandit Queen, as well as supporting roles in multiple productions.

In 1990, she was married to Daniel Steckler, an artist and chef, who also died on April 30.

She is survived by her mother, Margaret Smith of Kalispell, and five sisters, Colleen McCabe of Helena, Kathleen McLaen and Sarah Smith, both of Rochester, N.Y., Judy McKenzie of Olympia, Wash., and Jen Moore of Kalispell.

Samuel Lorne Stephens, 70

Samuel Lorne Stephens, 70, a long time Bigfork business man, passed away Jan. 10, 1998, in Yuma, Ariz. He and his wife, Lelia, have wintered in Yuma for 17 years.

He was born in Fargo, N.D., on Nov. 4, 1927.

He was the youngest of three children of Claude L. and Grace Stephens. With his family, he moved to Williston, N.D. when he was three years of age. There, he attended grade and high school.

He was active in high school sports. He graduated in 1945.

Out of high school, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy. When his enlistment was up, he went on to watchmakers school on Kansas City, Mo.

Upon graduation, he moved to Bigfork in 1949. In Bigfork, he opened a jewelry and watch repair shop which he later combined with a state liquor franchise.

He operated the combined businesses until the early '70s. At that time, he turned his full attention to operating the liquor store. At the time of his death, he was the oldest franchise dealer in the state in years of service.

On Jan. 1, 1954, he was united in marriage to Lelia Baker in Bigfork. They had one daughter, Donna Stephens Lawson.

He was a retired member of the Bigfork Fire Department. He also



served as a member of the Bigfork School Board.

He was a past member of the Bigfork Lions Club and currently the American Legion; Yuma Elks Lodge; and was lifetime member of the Veteran's of Foreign Wars.

He was an avid supporter of Bigfork school sports and of Bigfork itself, having been in business on Electric Avenue for almost 50 years. In his semi-retirement, he enjoyed golfing, fishing and hunting.

He will long be remembered for his friendly smile and laugh. He was one of those people who never met a stranger.

He is survived by his wife Lelia, and daughter, Donna Lawson and her husband, Paul, all of Bigfork, and Yuma, Ariz.; two sisters, Mrs. Jim (Bobbie) Thomas of Bigfork, and Mrs. Rod (Lois) Mortenson of Oxnard, Calif. Other survivors include several nieces and nephews, including Dave Thomas of Kalispell.

Funeral services will be held on Friday at 11 a.m. at The Little Brown Church in Bigfork, with the Rev. Ron Pierce officiating.

Burial will follow at Lonepine Cemetery in Bigfork. Visitation will be at Johnson Mortuary Chapel in Kalispell Thursday, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The family suggests memorials be given to the Bigfork Q.R.U. Bigfork, MT 59911.

Arrangements are by the Johnson Mortuary Crematory.

John E. Stevens, 63

John E. Stevens, 63, died Wednesday, April 29, 1998, at Sacred Heart Hospital in Spokane, from complications from a kidney transplant.

Survivors include his wife, Rita Stevens of Eureka; three sons, Ray, Larry, and Glenn, all of Eureka; two daughters including Valida Stevens of Eureka; mother Ruby Hruby of Eureka; two brothers, William

Stevens of Polson and LeRoy Stevens of Eureka; two sisters, Anita Rossing of Libby, and Iva Lee Dieziger of Eureka; and numerous grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. at the Church of God in Eureka.

Local arrangements are by the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Eureka.

Robert J. Stillman, 44

Robert J. Stillman, 44, of Las Vegas, Nev., died Dec. 24, 1998 from complications of diabetes.

He was born Feb. 4, 1954 to Theron and Maybelle Stillman in Kalispell.

He attended grade-school at Demersville School and graduated from Flathead High School in 1973.

He worked as an airport shuttle driver for various hotels in Utah and Nevada.

His love for World War II airplanes and ships inspired him to write a B-17 novel entitled "Big Sky." His hobby of photography will continually bless the lives of his family.

He was preceded in death by his father; a sister, Vickie; a brother, Danny; and a niece, Jennifer.

He is survived by his mother, Maybelle Stillman, of Sugar City, Idaho; brothers Ted Stillman and his wife Claudia of Highland, Utah, Gary Stillman and his wife Jeanine of Salt Lake City, Larry Stillman and his wife Loydene of Ogden, Utah, Ron Stillman and his wife Kathy of Sugar City, and Tim and his wife Shannon of Idaho Falls, Idaho; sisters Joanne Hender and her husband John, and Melanie Morrison, both of Salt Lake City; and 24 nieces and nephews.

Services and burial will be conducted at 2 p.m. on Thursday at the Wasatch Lawns Mortuary in Salt Lake City. Friends may call one hour prior to the service.

Sadie Elizabeth Dawson Harte Stillwell, 83

Sadie Elizabeth Dawson Harte Stillwell, 83, died Thursday, Feb. 19, 1998, in Kalispell. 1998

She was born Dec. 10, 1914, in Sterling, N. D., to Edward T. and Marie Harding. Her family moved to the Flathead Valley in 1928.

She married James T. Dawson, May 31, 1931, who died in 1973. She married Steve P. Harte, who later died. Later, she married Roland Stillwell, who has since died.

She worked at Milan Nursery and also as a cook at the Lautherback home for the mentally handicapped. She was a member of St. Matthew's Church. She loved dancing, gardening, reading and spending time with her family.

She was also preceded in death by



sisters Mertie Caudill, Stella Reed Joyce Cochran and Delores Poor.

She is survived by sons Ronald Dawson, of Maple Valley, Wash., and William Dawson and wife, Virgie, of Columbia Falls; daughter Louise Ness and husband, Steve, of Kalispell; sister Clara Cork, of Kalispell and brother, Thomas Harding, also of Kalispell; and grandchildren, Valerie Pecinovsky and her husband, Kevin, Jean Rose, Tony Dawson and his wife, Lisa, all of Kalispell, Michael Dawson and his wife, Ellen, of Auburn, Wash., Monica Craven and her husband, Larry, of Selah, Wash., Vicki Ness of Norman, Okla., Dirk Ness and his wife, Tammi, of Norman; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Mass of Christian burial was held today. Committal followed at Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Arrangements were by the Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Thomas W. Stokes, 73

Thomas W. Stokes, 73, died Sunday, March 8, 1998, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

He was born Feb. 7, 1925, in Valier, to Thomas Parley and Edna Mina Armstrong Stokes. He grew up on the farm, attending rural elementary school and boarded during the week to attend high school in nearby Conrad.

He married soon after and had five children over the next 10 years.

In 1959, he met and married Shirley Perry. Together they raised three children, Todd, Donalta, Danis. Music was a special part of the family and all the children are accomplished musicians.

He worked construction throughout his life specializing in diesel mechanics and welding. He was well-liked as a supervisor and went out of his way to help those of his men and their families who were having financial difficulties.

In 1988, he retired from L. Peter Larson Company as a master mechanic. He soon accepted an offer to work on a gold mining project at Beal Mountain. He never missed a day of work in his life because of illness.

He enjoyed camping, boating, snowcats, and horses. He was an excellent calf roper and active member of the Western Montana Horsemen. He taught Sunday school and was a long time member of the Christian Center.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, Linda Stokes and is survived by his wife Shirley Stokes of Kalispell; and three sons, Todd Stokes and grandson, Branden Stokes, both of Nevada, Tom Stokes Jr. and Dennis Stokes, both of Conrad; four daughters, Danis Stokes of Nashville, Tenn., Dona Stokes Vargas of Columbia Falls, Toni Quitmeyer of Great Falls, and Bonnie Van Den Bos of Conrad; two sisters, Fay Kester of Wasco, Calif., and Fern Pemberton of San Antonio, Texas; one brother, Gerald Stokes of Choteau; numerous grandchildren and other relatives.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. on Thursday at the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. John Weaver, pastor of the Christian

Center, officiating. Burial will follow at 3 p.m. at the Valier Cemetery at Valier.

Friends may call from 9 to 6 p.m. on Wednesday for visitation. Arrangements are by the Johnson Mortuary Crematory.

6 April 1998 Carl John Storkson, 18

Carl John "C.J." Storkson, 18, died April 6, 1998, of a gunshot wound, the day before his 18th birthday.

He was born April 7, 1980, the son of Carl and Joan Storkson of Olney. He lived his entire life in Olney and attended schools in Whitefish.

He is survived by his parents at the family home in Olney; a daughter, Leya Anderson Storkson; brothers, Chuck Storkson in Kalispell, Scott Storkson in Olney; sisters, Trish Trump in Cornelius, Ore., and Angela Storkson in Olney; several aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Funeral services are planned for 11 a.m. Thursday at the St. Richards Catholic Church in Columbia Falls with the Rev. Charles Strom and Rev. David V. Kauffman officiating. Inurnment will be at the Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Kalispell. Arrangements are under the direction of the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to The Carl John Storkson memorial account for his daughter, Leya, c/o First Interstate Bank, Whitefish. *Funeral 23 April 1998*

Mary Louise Stout, 76

Mary Louise Stout, 76, died Monday evening Sept. 14, 1998, at Libby Care Center.

She was born to Carl and Magdalene Grosen Eliasson on July 24, 1922, in Somers. Mary, the third of five girls was born while her two older sisters were yet in diapers. When her mother, soon to have her fourth daughter was overwhelmed with babies her aunt and uncle, Margaret and Albert Clark, raised her for the first four years of her life. She returned to live with them during her high school years and accredited them in helping her earn her diploma from Flathead High School in 1941.

She met Herbert "Red" M. Stout while he was with the CCCs in Libby. They celebrated their 55th year of marriage on April 23, 1994. Red died shortly after their celebration on

May 14, 1994.

She worked for Champion International Corporation in the plywood department for 19 years. After their retirement, they traveled to Arizona and New Mexico for several winters.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Alyce Nelson of Vancouver, Wash., and Lillian Hager, of Gowanda, N.Y.

She is survived by sisters, June Keller of Libby, and Inga Holmquist of Somers; her children, Herb E. Stout and daughter-in-law, Jan Stout, of Kalispell, Paulette Stout Campbell and son-in-law, Roger L. Campbell, of Libby; granddaughters, Abby Campbell of Libby, and Emily Stout of Portland, Ore.; and grandson Ryan Campbell of Havre.

A memorial service was held Saturday. Arrangements by the Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

Benjamin F. Stranahan, 99

Benjamin F. Stranahan, 99, died Wednesday, Dec. 23, 1998, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

He was born Aug. 14, 1899 in Helena, to Farrand E. and Sally Ellen Ewing Stranahan. The family moved to Fort Benton in 1903, and he was educated in the Fort Benton schools and also attended the University of Wisconsin.

He was married to Genevieve Gill on Sept. 16, 1922.

He was in the banking business in Butte, and later in the oil business. The couple moved to the east shore of Flathead Lake in 1961, and operated a small cherry orchard until moving to

Polson in 1978. They moved to Kalispell in 1988.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Genevieve, in October of 1994.

He is survived by his daughter Laila S. Pearson and husband, Dr. K.C. Pearson, of Somers; a sister, Alice Klatt of Fort Benton; grandchildren, R.C. Pearson of South Dakota, Dariel Wyatt of Virginia, David Pearson of Alaska, Tim and Ben Pearson of Kalispell, and Jennifer Fisher of Whitefish.

There are no services planned at this time.

Arrangements and cremation were by the Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

Emma Strasdin, 81

Emma Strasdin, 81, died Monday, March 2, 1998, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

She was born Jan. 3, 1917, in Calgary, Alberta, to Jacob and Pauline Schneider-Schmick. She received her early education in Thera, Wash., and graduated from high school in Endicott, Wash. She then went to business school in Washington State.

She met Art C. Strasdin in Fallon, Nev., when she was visiting his sister there. They were married Oct., 17, 1970, at Lake Tahoe, Calif.

She worked for the defense department in different areas, first working at the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard at the Naval Supply Depot in Bremerton, Wash., then at Treasure Island in Oakland, Calif., in Naval Supplies, and at the Fallon Naval Station in Nevada. She retired after 30 years.

She was a member of the Assembly of God Church. She enjoyed gardening both flowers and vegetables; she



also loved traveling.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Matilda Schmick and Jean Jenkins; one brother, Elmer Schmick.

She is survived by her husband, Art, in Somers; two sons, Paul Strasdin and David Strasdin, both of Fallon, Nev.; one daughter, Roberta Morken of Somers; two brothers, Herbert Schmick of Colfax, Wash., and Richard Schmick of Foster City, Calif.; three sisters, Louise Palmer of Cory, Colo., Mary Schmick and Betty Tregoning, both of Seattle; five grandchildren; two great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. at the Bigfork Chapel, Assembly of God, 290 Swan Highway in Bigfork, with the Rev. Robert Ross of the Christian Center in Kalispell officiating. Burial will follow at the C. E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell.

The family suggests memorials be sent to the Gideons International at P.O. Box 1305, Kalispell, MT 59903.

Arrangements are by the Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

1998 Jessica Stratton, 69

Jessica Stratton, 69, of Missoula, died Friday, May 8.

She was born in Appleton, Wis., on May 30, 1928, to Constance and Frank Schneider. She lived with her husband, Skip, in Missoula. She loved the University of Montana, where she worked for 32 years at the UC Bookstore and was involved in many university activities.

She spent a great deal of time enjoying the outdoors and enriching every life she touched.

She is survived by her husband, Skip, of Missoula; two sons, Doug of Seattle, and Dave and his wife, Ruth, of Anchorage, Alaska; two daughters, Jan and her husband, Guy, of Kalispell and Julie and her husband,

Buck, of Missoula; four grandchildren, Bob and Tony of Anchorage, Mandy and Jamie of Missoula; two great-grandchildren, Katrina and Sabrina of Anchorage.

A celebration of her life will take place at the Prescott Pavilion on Campus Drive at the University of Montana on Sunday at 2 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to the YWCA Domestic Violence Shelter, 1130 W. Broadway, Missoula, MT 59802; or to Hospice, 500 N. Higgins Ave., Missoula, MT 59802.

Arrangements are under the direction of The Malletta Family of Funeral Homes, Squire Chapel, 3035 S. Russell.

Delores 'Dode' B. Stremcha, 67

Delores "Dode" B. Stremcha, 67, died Sat. Oct. 3, 1998, in Missoula.

She was born Sept. 9, 1932 in Bigfork, to Thomas A. and Fern Barta. She was raised in Bigfork and on May 16, 1949, she married Roy E. Bruch of Bigfork. Together they raised their two sons in Kila, and later in Glasgow, until his death in 1963.

She married Lawrence J. Stremcha on July 7, 1965, in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Shortly thereafter they moved to Missoula, then to Kalispell, where she retired from Norwest Bank.

Survivors include her husband Lawrence Stremcha of Kalispell; brother Thomas A. Barta of Kalispell;

sister Shirley Burns of East Wenatchee, Wash.; stepdaughter Cheryl Nolf of Montgomery, Ala.; granddaughter Brandy Ziesemer of Missoula; and numerous nephews and nieces.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Thomas and Fern Barta; brothers Wesley Barta and Harry Barta; a sister Betty Maiden and her son Ronald R. Bruch.

Cremation has taken place in Missoula and no services are planned.

There will be a reception for family and friends at the Elk's Club on Hwy. 93 South, in Kalispell on Thursday starting at 4 p.m.

1998 Anna Marie Strellnauer, 75

Anne Marie Strellnauer died Saturday morning, May 2, at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

She had lived a long and loving life. She was reported as 75 but always told her family and friends that it was nobody's business. She had spunk and an instant charm that long-time friends and others that she had recently encountered were drawn to. She made friends everywhere that she went, from the pharmacy counter to the rehabilitation unit at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

She enjoyed many things in life: playing pinochle, reading, following the Sonics and Seahawks (occasionally placing small bets on the games) and especially being with her family.

She was adored and will be missed by her family that included Penny and Joe Vodnick of Sultan, Wash.;

grandson Justin Davis of Monroe, Wash.; Scott and Patty Strellnauer of Whitefish; and her granddaughters, Calli, Becca, and Abby Strellnauer.

In honoring her wishes there will be no service. Friends are instructed to take the time to love God and their families.

Melvin Eugene 'Gene' Stringham Sr., 87

Melvin Eugene "Gene" Stringham Sr., 87-year-old Kamiah resident, died Sunday, Aug. 16, 1998, in Kamiah, Idaho.

He was born Jan. 22, 1911, at Union, Ore., the son of James Bryant and Eliza Ellen Peterson.

He married Sylvia Vera Stoddard Feb. 15, 1935, in Pocatello, Idaho. They had three sons, Alonzo Edwin "Lonnie," Melvin Eugene Jr. "Bud," and James Bryant.

He was a rancher at Dubois and Mackay, Idaho, and then at Sheridan. In 1956, he, his wife and son moved to Kalispell. He worked at the Anaconda Aluminum plant in Columbia Falls.

After his retirement they moved to Kamiah, where they enjoyed the mild climate and raised a large garden.

He was a member of the Church of

Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and actively filled many different assignments. He loved to sing and was a member of the ward choir.

He was preceded in death by his wife Sylvia; his parents; one brother; two sisters; and one grandson.

He is survived by his three sons, Alonzo "Lonnie" of Oakley, Idaho, M.E. Jr. "Bud" of Cottonwood, Idaho, James Bryant of Kalispell; 15 grandchildren; and 34 great-grandchildren.

Friends may call at the Trenary Funeral Home in Kooskia, Idaho, from 6 to 8 p.m. today and one hour prior to the funeral service at the Kamiah LDS chapel (located three miles east of Kamiah on Hwy. 12) on Friday at 10 a.m., with Bishop Benedict conducting. Interment will be in the Restlawn Cemetery in Pocatello, Idaho, at 11 a.m. on Saturday.

1998 William Ralph Study, 51

William Ralph Study, 51, died Wednesday, June 17, at his home in Kalispell.

He was born Jan. 30, 1947, in Sacramento, Calif. He worked for many years as a silversmith.

He enjoyed travel, camping, the ocean, music and photography.

He is survived by his wife, LuAnn Landwehr, of Kalispell; son Matthew

Study, of Kalispell; daughter Shannon Muirhead, of Sumner, Wash., and three grandchildren.

Visitation is 2-5 p.m., Tuesday, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. A graveside service will be 2 p.m., Wednesday, at Conrad Memorial Cemetery with Mary Leach of Christ Church Episcopal officiating. The Flathead Valley Veterans will do military honors.

Esther M. Stufft, 83, died Jan. 25, 1998, of multiple strokes at Brendan House in Kalispell, where she had been a patient since July.

Memorial services will be held later in Cut Bank.

She was born in Kalispell on May 29, 1914. Cut Bank was her residence for most of her life. She attended schools there and graduated from Cut Bank High School.

She earned her bachelor of science degree in home economics and science at the University of Puget Sound in Tacoma, Wash. Her graduate courses were taken at the University of Wyoming, University of Montana and Eastern Washington College in Cheney, Wash.

She was an educator and counselor at Cut Bank High School during her long professional career. During those years she was a mentor to many young people.

She was an active volunteer and participant in community and professional organizations. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church; P.E.O.; Delta Kappa Gamma; Order of Eastern Star; Soroptimists; Glacier Historical Society; University of Puget Sound Alumni Association; University of Montana Alumni Association;

and Cut Bank Education Foundation and Alumni Association.

She was a visionary in her approaches to teaching and life. Her interests including reading and she traveled extensively in the United States and to many countries of the world. She was devoted to her family and to her nieces and nephews.

Her presence, characterized by her many interests and zest for life with her sense of humor and laughter, will be missed greatly by her family and friends.

Survivors include sister-in-law Carmen Stufft of Cut Bank; niece Carol S. Larson and husband, Kurt, and family, Tosten and Derek, all of Kalispell; niece Dorene S. Badgett and husband, Stan, and their family, Aimee Morrill, Andrew Badgett, Alpen Badgett, and Bethany Sewell of Carbondale, Colo.; nephew David Stufft and his wife, Toni, of Cut Bank, and family, Stacey, Willie and Kensey; and Mayla Stufft of Fresno, Calif.

She was preceded in death by her parents, D. Frank Stufft and Agnes R. Stufft and her brother, William F. Stufft and long-time friend, Verna Rasmussen.

Rick 'Ricki' Sullivan, 39

Rick "Ricki" Sullivan, beloved son, brother, father, and uncle, died by drowning in Puget Sound on Dec. 10, 1998.

He was born in Milwaukee on July 11, 1959. He attended schools in Great Falls and Billings, and graduated from Bigfork High School, lettering in track and football.

After school he met and married Dawn Noble of Bigfork. Together they had one son, Jeremy Thomas Sullivan. The couple divorced a few years later.

He loved playing soccer and helped his team win several championships. He enjoyed coaching youth soccer as well.

He split his home between Bigfork and his job in Alaska, where he worked as an engineer on the M/V Stellar Sea. He loved both places.

He is survived by his son, Jeremy

Thomas Sullivan, of Missoula; parents Lois and Jerry Sullivan of Bigfork; sisters Debbie Ingram and her husband Les and children Bailee and Taylor of Bigfork, and Cristi Hand and her husband Bob and daughter Kylee of Bozeman; and brother Jeff Sullivan and his daughter, Lori, of Great Falls, and sons, Brian and Craig of Bigfork.

Services will be held at United Methodist Church of Bigfork at 4 p.m. Wednesday. A potluck reception will follow at the Garden Bar in Bigfork.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to be made to the Flathead Spay and Neuter Task Force, P.O. Box 2095, Whitefish, MT 59937 or the Animal Relief Center, P.O. Box 4717, Whitefish, MT 59937.

Bigfork Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Joseph Boyd Sumpter, 54

Joseph Boyd Sumpter, 54, died of natural causes at his residence in Kalispell, Aug. 16, 1998.

He was born in Dearborn, Mich., on July 24, 1944, to Boyd and Geraldine Sumpter. He grew up in Letcher County, Ky.

He married his high school sweetheart, Brenda Arthur. They had a beloved son, Joseph Boyd II.

He worked many years for General Motors. He then moved to Phoenix, Ariz., where he worked at various jobs. He recently relocated to Montana to be near his sister.

He had a love for fishing and wood carving, his family and so many friends.



He was preceded in death by both his parents, Geraldine and Boyd Sumpter.

He is survived by his son, Joseph Boyd Sumpter, and his wife, Billie, and two grandchildren, Joey and Jake Sumpter, all of Taylor, Mich.; brother Richard Sumpter and his wife, Kathy, of Whitesburg, Ky.; two sisters, Patricia Trent of Premium, Ky., and Lynne Jungers and her husband, John, of Seeley Lake; three nephews, Stephen and Jackie Trent of Whitesburg, and Rob DeGolier of Butte; and Cynthia Hightower of Chesapeake, Va.

He was a strong believer and supporter of A.A.

Although he will be greatly missed, we have the comfort knowing he is resting in the arms of our savior.

Arrangements and cremation are by Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

1998 W.R. 'Rusty' Sund, 76

W. R. "Rusty" Sund was born April 6, 1921, in Belle Fourche, S. D., and died Wednesday, March 11, at his home in Redmond, Wash.

He moved to the Flathead Valley as a teenager and served in the Air Corps during World

War II. He married Ruth Vincent in 1942. He had a 30-year career in the National Park Service.

A graveside service will be 11 a.m. Monday, at Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Local arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary.