

1970-1998 Tony George Vakoff, 71

Tony George Vakoff, 71, of Kalispell, a retired trucker, died Tuesday at Montana State Veteran's Home in Columbia Falls due to heart failure.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the Whitted Funeral Chapel in Shelby. Burial with military honors will follow at the Mountain View Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to either the Teton County Educa-

tional Foundation or the Marias Museum in Shelby.

He was born on the family homestead at Dunkirk to Bill and Stanka Georgoff Vakoff.

He worked many years as a trucker before a heart condition forced him to retire. He is survived by a daughter, a niece and a sister-in-law. He was preceded in death by his parents, his infant son, and a brother.

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Leon I. Van Alstine, 92

Leon I. "Lee" Van Alstine, 92, died Tuesday, May 26, 1998, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

He was born July 27, 1905, in Rockford, Ill., to William H. and Hannah J. Van Alstine. He moved with his family to Montana in 1910.

He moved to Kalispell, where he married Edith O. Fredenberg on Oct. 27, 1925.

He went to work for Robinson's Radiator Repair in 1930. He worked for them for 30 years, then bought the business and ran it himself for another eight years before retiring in 1968.

He was the type of person that could do just about anything when it came to building, repairing or just plain fixing it up. He was very versatile.

He was an avid outdoorsman. He liked to hunt, fish, and especially loved camping and traveling. He loved to explore the wilds of western Montana that included finding a mountain road he had never been on and trying to find where it ended. He was well-versed as anyone on the

back roads of western Montana.

After retirement he took up clock repair as a hobby and became very good at fixing mantle-type chime clocks. He also enjoyed cutting blocks for quilts all over the world.

He was a very loving and caring person who will be missed by his family and all his friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife Edith; a son, Richard; a daughter, Laura Patterson; and a son-in-law, Earl Patterson.

He is survived by two sons, Robert L. and his wife, Maralyn, and Walter G. and his wife, Betty; daughter Barbara and her husband, Walter Patterson; daughter-in-law Marge Van Alstine; 17 grandchildren; 38 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday at the Buffalo Hill Funeral Home with the Rev. Robert L. Van Alstine officiating.

Burial will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Lois Marie Van Aken, 79

Lois Marie Van Aken, 79, a longtime Whitefish resident, died at the Brendan House in Kalispell, on Wednesday, Aug. 26, 1998, of natural causes.

She was born July 30, 1919, in Detroit Lakes, Minn., the daughter of Leon and Maryada Reed. She was raised in Malta.

She married Pete Van Aken on April 20, 1942, in Kalispell. He preceded her in death in 1980. They ran the

Van Aken Gardens.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Leone Martinson.

She is survived by two sons, Tom Van Aken of Bend, Ore., and by Gary Van Aken and wife Della of Whitefish; grandchildren, Michelle, Pete, Tom, Heath Van Aken and Kristine Ramos.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Friday at the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish. Burial will take place later at the Whitefish Cemetery.

1999 Meda Ann Vandall, 91

Meda Ann (Barr) Vandall, 91, died Nov. 5 of natural causes at the Carriage House in Prineville, Ore.

She was born February 9, 1907 in Belvidere, S.D. to Edward and Lydia (Baughman) Barr. She had six sisters and two brothers.

She taught in public schools and continued her education by obtaining a degree in teaching from Mount Angel. She spent much of her teaching career in Silverton, Ore., where she was known as a master teacher in the elementary schools, especially in the area of reading. She was very much loved by her students and their parents.

In 1994 she moved to Prineville to be near her daughter Sandra.

She enjoyed nature, gardening, travel and reading. She was very devoted in her religious beliefs and was very active in church work in Silverton. Her greatest love was teaching and her greatest reward was watching the students she helped educate do well in their chosen fields

in society.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers, and four sisters.

She is survived by her husband, Cecil Vandall of Prineville; daughters Sandra and her husband Jim Carpenter of Prineville, and Diane Maxwell of Seattle; sisters Harriet Marsh of Sun City, Calif. and Mildred Sanders of Kalispell; and five grandchildren.

Visitation will be held Monday, Nov. 9, at the Prineville Funeral Home from 4 to 7 p.m. The funeral will be held Tuesday, Nov. 10, at 10 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church. The Rev. Robert Simard will officiate. Vault interment will be held at Juniper Haven Cemetery in Prineville.

Those wishing to make memorial gifts in her memory may direct them to the Pioneer Memorial Home and Hospice, 1201 North Elm Street, Prineville, OR 97754.

Prineville Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

1998 Eleanor Stevenson VanKrevelen, 89

Eleanor Stevenson VanKrevelen, 89, died Friday, Jan. 30, at Immanuel Lutheran Home.

She was born Oct. 31, 1908, in Wilbur, Wash., to Raymond and Martha Rawson Stevenson. She was eldest of three children. Her father farmed in Washington. The family moved to Minneapolis, where her father was a policeman. She graduated from high school there.

In 1931, she married William VanKrevelen, a bookkeeper for Mobil Oil Co. They lived in Minneapolis and Kansas City, Mo. She worked as a home maker and was a clerk at Windgates and Dayton's department stores. They raised one son, Richard VanKrevelen, who became a chiropractor.

She like to sew and was an excel-

lent seamstress. She enjoyed entertaining people at her home and was a very good cook. She was a member of the Lutheran Church for more than 50 years. She moved to Lake View Care Center in 1992 and to Immanuel Lutheran Home in 1995.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bill, in 1969. She is survived by her son, Richard, and his wife, Shirley, in Kalispell; grandson Stephen VanKrevelen, in Minneapolis and a sister, Marion Knox, of Golden Valley, Minn., and several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held later. Urn burial will be at Crystal Lake Cemetery in Minneapolis. Cremation has taken place. Arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary.

Joseph E. Vernon, 89

Joseph E. Vernon, 89, died Friday, May 29, 1998, at Brendan House Nursing Home.

He was born July 24, 1908, in Fort William, Ontario, to Joseph and Mary Fletcher Vernon. He came to the United States on horseback and worked in the Sweetgrass Hills of eastern Montana. There he joined the Army and served in the 7th Cavalry. Upon leaving the Army he worked on the railroad in Great Falls, until the start of World War II. When Japan bombed Pearl Harbor he joined the Navy and served till the end of the war. In the Navy he learned his life trade, carpentry.

After leaving the service he continued his chosen profession in and around Great Falls. In 1952, he chose to relocate to the Flathead Valley. From Kalispell, he worked throughout the Pacific Northwest building bridges and dams. He ended his professional career working on the Libby Dam and

building sets for the movie "Heaven's Gate."

He was a longtime member of the American Legion, the BPOE, the National Rifle Association, and the Carpenters local 911.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Ethel Anne Vernon, and a sister, Alice Hainsworth.

He is survived by his wife Julia of the family home; two sons, Dale E. Vernon and wife, Becky, of Billings, and Gary G. Vernon and wife, Katie, of Boone, Colo.; a granddaughter, Cary A. Vernon of Denver; and two nephews, Arthur Hainsworth and George Hainsworth.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday, at 2:30 p.m. at the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Robert Ross of the Christian Center officiating. Burial and military rites by V.F.W. Post 2252 will follow at Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

Clifford Milo Vinje, 83

Clifford Milo Vinje, 83, died April 6, 1998, at his home in Evergreen.

He was born Aug. 19, 1914, in Marshall County, Minn., to Alfred and Mandy Lena Haugen Vinje. He received his early education in Evergreen and graduated from Flathead High School.

Shortly after high school he worked for the forest service as a smoke chaser up the North Fork. In the late 1940s he started with the county road department, retiring in January 1981 as road superintendent. He married Arlene Kelly.

He is survived by his wife, Arlene and his stepson Brian D. Jones at the family home; sister Lorraine Campbell and husband, Keith, of Gretna,

Va.; three brothers, Alton Vinje and wife, Vera, of Kalispell, Gordon Vinje and wife, Marilyn, of Great Falls, Ralph Vinje and wife, Joan, of Escondido, Calif.; brothers and sisters-in-law, Charles and Marian Kelly and Patsy Kelly of Kalispell, Merle and Bernice Cook of Portland, Ore., Fern Lee of Hamilton, and many other relatives and friends.

At his request cremation has taken place and there will be no services.

Memorials may be sent to the Flathead Search and Rescue, c/o Shane Corpron, 89 Park Street, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Cremation and arrangements are by the Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

Lavera Vinje, 71

Lavera Vinje, 71, died Wednesday, May 6, 1998, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

She was born Nov. 12, 1926, in Thomas, Idaho, to Raymond and Durcella Williams Harman. She was raised in Blackfoot, Idaho, and received her early education there. She married Alton Vinje Jan. 19, 1972, in Las Vegas, Nev.

She was a homemaker, a loving wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother and a dear friend to all.

She is survived by her loving husband, Alton, at the family home in Kalispell; one daughter, Trish Walsh and husband, Pat, of Kalispell; four sons, Ray Coverdall

and wife, Vicki, of Kentucky, Doug Coverdall of Libby, Kevin Coverdall and wife, Beth, of Kalispell, Stan Coverdall and wife, Fran, of New Mexico; five sisters, Clara Scott, Donna Wilkins, Mary Alice Steer, Rayla Fredericks, and Gayla Wood; two brothers, Jack and Bob Harman; also 22 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be at the Conrad Memorial Cemetery on Saturday at 5 p.m. with Bishop Scott Windling of the Whitefish Ward and Bishop Turner of the Third Ward of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints officiating.

Arrangements are by the Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

1999 Helen Bertha Vining, 95

Long-time Whitefish resident and community personality, Helen Bertha Vining, died in her sleep, April 15, at Colonial Manor Nursing home.

In two weeks, she would have celebrated her 96th birthday.

She was born April 30, 1902, in Orient, S. D., to Herman John Gross and Carrie Edna David, both immigrants from German Prussia. She came to Whitefish in her late teens to live with her aunt, Rose Smith. She initially worked as a clerk at the C. C. Cook Grocery Store. Later, she worked for, and eventually retired from, the Great Northern Railroad, where she worked as a personnel records clerk.

In 1925, she married Robert "Bob" Bruce Vining, in Kalispell. He also retired from Great Northern, as a locomotive engineer.

On Dec. 19, 1940, their daughter Jeanne Irene was born.

Helen was never shy about expressing her opinion. Her many friends recall she was active in her church, contributed to many charities and donated countless hours to local needs. For many years, visiting with and reading to the residents at the nursing home were among her favorite activities.

Music played a great role in her life. She played the piano and nearly always had a harmonica within arm's reach. Even during the final months of her life, she would enter-

tain her fellow nursing home residents with a lively tune on her mouth harp. She was also fascinated with writing music and was proud of her published composition, "Flathead, The Valley That I Love."

She enjoyed the Order of Eastern Star, going up through the chairs and serving as worthy matron of the Vista Chapter of Whitefish.

She was an enthusiastic fan of all things pertaining to Whitefish, from The Big Mountain to the City Beach. While she could, she was an ardent spectator of the annual Whitefish Winter Carnival.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bob, shortly after their 50th wedding anniversary in 1975. She was also preceded in death by 11 brothers and sisters.

She is survived by a sister, Irene Nelson, of St. Paul, Minn.; daughter Jeanne, of Whitefish, various nephews, grand nephews, and nieces, and in-laws around the West.

A funeral is planned 2 p.m., Tuesday, at Whitefish First Presbyterian Church, with longtime friend, Rev. Charles Strom, officiating. Interment will be at Whitefish City Cemetery. A luncheon and fellowship will follow at the church.

The family suggests that friends consider simply a kind thought about Helen and making a donation in her name to the donor's favorite charity.

Sheila Marie Volkman, 61

Sheila Marie Volkman, 61, died May 6, 1998, at the Kalispell Regional Medical Center of cancer.

She was born Nov. 30, 1936, in Kalispell, to Adolph and Nellie Leighty Mitsch. She grew up in the Deer Park area and graduated from the Flathead High School in 1956. She worked for a short time at Kalispell Laundry.

On Feb. 20, 1959, she married Lenord Leroy Volkman in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. She spent the rest of her life being a devoted wife and mother. She gave of herself and asked nothing in return. She spent many hours at the sewing machine, sewing for friends and family. She also helped make many quilts for world relief.

She was a member of "Good Sam's Club," and enjoyed traveling and camping. She was also an active member of Trinity Lutheran Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Adolph and Nellie.



She is survived by her husband Lenord of the family home; two daughters, Susan Miller and husband, Don, of Kalispell, and Linda Hawley and husband, Robert, of Riverdale, Ga.; two stepsons, Dwan Hall and wife, Cathy, and Keith Volkman, all of Juneau, Alaska; two brothers, Dick Mitsch and wife, Marla, of Columbia Falls, and Fred Mitsch and wife, Frances, of Pisgah, Iowa; five grandchildren, Kyle, Miller, Joshua and Stacy Hawley, Travis Hall and Lynette Ovineck.

She will be missed by many, as she was a very loving and giving wife, mother, auntie, grandmother, sister and friend to many people.

Funeral Services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. at the Trinity Lutheran Church with the Rev. Darold Reiner officiating. Visitation will be at the Johnson Mortuary Chapel on Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Burial will be in the Fairview Cemetery following the services.

Memorials can be sent to Camp Make A Dream, P.O. Box 1450, Missoula, MT 59806

Sylvia 'Silver' Inez Linstead Vollin, 36

Sylvia "Silver" Inez Linstead Vollin, 36, died Thursday, June 11, at Brendan House.

She was born Jan. 24, 1962, in Ponce, Puerto Rico, to Neil and Loyda Linstead. She moved with her family to Kalispell in 1966.

She graduated from Flathead High School in 1980.

She married Don Vollin on Nov. 22, 1989, in Bonners Ferry, Idaho. She had worked as banquet manager, waitress and had been a bartender at the Eagles Lodge in Kalispell and co-owner of Lil' Rascals Day Care Center.

She was a devoted mother, who loved being with her son, Talon. She enjoyed camping, fishing and going to get an ice cream cone. She was especially fond of going on long drives. She loved horses and pigs.

She was a very kind person who is going to be missed by all her family



and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

She is survived by her son, Talon Vollin, of Kalispell; sister Sunde Loeben, of Bigfork; grandmother Sylvia

Linstead Moran, of Kalispell; stepmother Jessie Craft, of Bigfork; Dan Vollin, of Kalispell, uncles and aunts, Mike and Dee Linstead, of Marion, and Rex and Marlene Linstead, of Marion; nieces Sky and Aly, both of Bigfork, and many aunts and uncles in Puerto Rico.

A memorial service will be 2 p.m., Wednesday, at Calvary Lutheran Church, Rev. Bob Nilsen officiating. Arrangements are by Buffalo M Hill Funeral Home.

Donald George VonderHeide, 68

Donald George VonderHeide, 68, died of cancer Dec. 18, 1998 at his home in Kalispell.

He was born Dec. 24, 1929, in Grand Rapids, Minn., to Ferdinand G. and Zella M. Whiteside VonderHeide.

After receiving his education, he joined the Navy from 1950 to 1954. Then he moved to Kalispell, where he met and married Ida Bucher on June 23, 1957.

He owned and operated Russ and Don's Conoco for 17 years, he was the service manager at Wild West Toyota, and he worked at Meadow Gold Dairy for 20 years before retiring in 1995.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Henry.

He is survived by his wife, Ida Bucher VonderHeide; four sons, Allen, Roger and Wayne, all of Kalispell, and Ronald of Yoder, Colo.; his brother Fred of Kalispell; his sister Margaret of Butte; eight grandchildren, one great-grandchild, and numerous other relatives.

A funeral service was held today at 10:30 a.m. in the chapel of Johnson Mortuary. The Rev. Marvin Northcutt officiated. Burial followed at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Military honors were provided by the United Veterans of the Flathead.

Marvin D. 'Barney' Voorhies, 75

Marvin D. "Barney" Voorhies, 75, died Friday, July 17, 1998, in Spokane.

He is survived by his daughter, Pamela Chapel, and three granddaughters of Mesa, Ariz.; brothers and sister-in-law, Wilber R. of Chewelah, Wash., Alvin J. and Marge of Cherokee, Ariz.; sisters and brothers-in-law, Evelyn and Joe Longpre, Jennie N. Rauthe, Nelda Anu and Tom Morgan, all of Kalispell; his longtime companion, Mildred Crawford, and

her children, Jim and Gloria Crawford of Moses Lake, Wash., Myrna and Paul Kershaw and son, Kelly, all of Kent, Wash.; numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Everett; and a sister, Jessie, at infancy.

A memorial service was held Monday at Rose Chapel in Spokane.

Inurnment will be at Conrad Cemetery in Kalispell Saturday at 2 p.m.