

## Erling Arnolf Wade, 86

Erling Arnolf Wade, 86, died Tuesday, Aug. 4, 1998, at Lake View Care Center in Bigfork.

He was born Nov. 18, 1911, in Minneapolis, to Emma Charlotta Jensen and Ole Chris Waade.

He married Carrie Ellen Weed on Jan. 10, 1942, in Minneapolis.

He loved working in his wood shop and being with his family.

He was a 50-year member of the Operating Engineers Local 400. He served in World War II in the Pacific with the United States Navy Seabees.

He was a devoted father and husband, whose family was always the most important part of his life. His generosity and caring attitude will be missed by his family and all who knew him.

He was preceded in death by his

mother and father; a sister, Hannah; and a brother, Adolf.

He is now survived by his loving wife, Carrie, of Bigfork; two sons, Jeff Wade and wife, Jessie, of Bigfork, and Kris Wade of Missoula; two grandchildren, Christy Clare and husband, Leo, of Bigfork, and Curt Wade of Bozeman; two great-grandchildren, Ashley and Jordyn Clare; and several nieces and nephews.

Graveside services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in the Lone Pine Cemetery next to the Little Brown Church in Bigfork. The Rev. Ron Pierce of Bigfork will be officiating.

The family suggests donations or memorials can be sent to the Bigfork Q.R.U, Bigfork, MT 59911.

Cremation and arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

## Edna Susan Wagner, 85

Edna Susan Wagner was born June 18, 1912, in Markdale, Ontario. She died Feb. 26, 1998, at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

She grew up in rural Ontario, and as a young woman moved west to High River, Alberta, and later to Bonners Ferry, Idaho, where she married Ed Welch. In 1937, they moved to Whitefish.

In 1948, she married Fred Wagner, who preceded her in death in 1970.

She managed the clubhouse at the Whitefish Lake Golf Course from 1942 to 1953. She and her husband managed the Elks Country Club in Havre from 1953 to 1960, at which time they purchased the B&B Tavern in Gildford. In 1968, they moved back to Whitefish, where she worked at the Hanging Tree until she retired in the early '80s.

Because of her work at the golf courses, she had friends all over the state and had a wonderful gift of remembering people and making them feel loved and welcome.

She was a very active member of St. Charles Catholic Church in Whitefish. She belonged to the Women of the Moose and was a treasurer of the Whitefish Historical Society. After her retirement, she volunteered at the Whitefish Food Bank.

In 1979, she was elected to the

Whitefish Lake Golf Course Hall of Fame. One of her favorite pastimes was following the Whitefish High School athletic programs, particularly the basketball team. She was honored for her loyalty with recognition at a home game.

She is survived by her three children and their spouses, Don Welch and Peggy of Las Vegas, Nev., Janice Gerzema and Larry of Valparaiso, Ind., and Jim Welch and Anita of Whitefish; nine grandchildren and their spouses, Dan Welch, Jamie Welch, Miki Armijo and Zack, John Gerzema and Mary, Margy Gerzema, Joe Gerzema, Mike Welch and Vicky, Marcia Welch and Shawnee Welch.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by one granddaughter, Mary Susan Gerzema in 1977, and her sister, Lois Vaughn.

At the time of her death she resided at the North Valley Hospital Extended Care.

Visitation will be Wednesday at 4-7 p.m. at the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish. A Christian wake service will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. A mass of the Christian burial will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at St. Charles Catholic Church in Whitefish, with the Rev. Charles Roman as celebrant. Burial will follow at the Whitefish Cemetery.

## Frank Thurman Wahler, 90

Frank Thurman Wahler, 90, died at Heritage Place on Sunday, Aug. 16, 1998.

He was born in Oklahoma on Dec. 6, 1907, to David and Reva Wahler. He entered the Merchant Marines at an early age and retired in 1973 in Seattle.

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

He is survived by his wife, Louella Wahler, at the family home, daughter Denise Armstrong and granddaughter Chrystelle Armstrong, all of Kalispell.

Scattering of the cremains will be done by the Merchant Marines with military honors. Arrangements and cremation are by Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

## Raymonde B. Walek, 90

Raymonde B. Walek, 90, died April 7, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

She was born May 11, 1907, in San Jose, Calif., to Felix and Josephine Bonnet.

She worked many years as an instrument flight mechanic at Alameda Naval Air Station.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Steve.

She is survived by a niece, Fran McGregor, of Kalispell, grand niece Sharon Shockley, of Kalispell and grand nephew Michael McGregor, of Kalispell.

At her request, she has been cremated. A private family service will be held. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

## Elinor 'Clara' Griffin Walker, 81

Elinor "Clara" Griffin Walker, 81, of Kalispell, died in the Heritage Place on Monday, Feb. 23, 1998.

She was born Jan. 30, 1917, in Rudyard, to Arthur Henry Griffin and Olga Lydia Spannuth Griffin, both deceased.

She graduated from Flathead County High School in 1935, and Kinman Business College in Spokane.

She married Frederick Henry Walker on June 30, 1937, in Kalispell.

She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and Job's Daugh-

ters and was retired from Montgomery Wards.

She is survived by her husband Frederick; two daughters, Carla Eaton and Robin Walker; a special friend, Denise Ryan; three grandchildren, Nathaniel, Kimberly and Janna; four great-grandchildren; and other special friends.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Burial will be in the Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

## Gordon Richard Walters, 78

Gordon Richard Walters, 78, a Whitefish resident, died Saturday, Jan. 24, 1998, at the North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

He was born May 7, 1919, in Boise, Idaho, the son of Louis and Esther Walters.

He spent his childhood in Wisconsin, served in the CC Corps, and proudly served his country in World War II with the U.S. Army Air Corps with the 7th Army under General Patton in the European Theater.

He married Arlene Enger on Feb. 10, 1945, prior to transferring overseas. Their first child, Darleen, was born while he was overseas.

Upon his return he bought a dairy farm outside of Holcombe while two more daughters, Beverly and Carolyn, were born.

In 1951, he moved to Montana and worked construction on the Hungry Horse Dam; the aluminum plant; and realignment of the railroad tunnel near Libby. Two sons, Wayne and Mark, were born in Montana. He lat-

er became a lumber grader in local lumber mill. He retired from American Timber Company in 1975.

He was very active in the Little League, Babe Ruth, and American Legion Baseball and was given an award for service in 1996.

He was a member of the American Legion for over 50 years and received a certificate of continuous membership in 1996.

Survivors include his wife Arlene at the family home; three daughters, Darleen, Beverly, and Carolyn; two sons, Wayne and Mark and daughter-in-law Shirley Johnson; a sister, Arloa Kaiser in Chicago; 15 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be at 1 p.m. today at the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home chapel, with the Rev. Judith Claire officiating. Burial will follow services.

## 1994 Bradley Scott Walton, 29

Bradley Scott Walton, 29, died May 20 in Lynwood, Wash., of an apparent drug overdose.

He was born Sept. 4, 1968, in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

He attended elementary school in Great Falls, junior high in Spokane and graduated from Flathead High School in 1986.

He was baptized in Kalispell at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Darla Hall and Dick Hanson were his godparents.

He was married to Dawn Maddox. They had a son, Zaakary Scott, 8.

Survivors include his father and step-mother, Dennis and Debbie Walton; mother and step-father Candy and Ed Anderson, of Spokane; sister Tana Morales, of Spokane; step-



brother Dustin Bowers, of Kalispell; grandparents Norma and Benny Walton, of Kalispell and Bud and Dorothy Davis, of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; aunt and uncle Darla and Gerry Hall and

uncle Jeff Walton, all of Kalispell, and many nephews, nieces and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his step-sister, Dena Bowers, who died on his birthday in 1987.

A funeral service will be 11 a.m., Wednesday, at Hennesey's Funeral Home in Spokane, with cremation to follow.

## Mona Kay Ward, 55

Mona Kay Ward, 55, of Roseburg, Ore., died Sunday, April 12, 1998, at her home.

She was born March 5, 1943, in Great Falls, to Ellnore (Johnson) and Kaare P. Larsen.

She grew up in Choteau, where she attended school, graduating in 1961. She attended The University of Montana-Missoula, graduating in 1965 with a bachelor of arts degree in business administration/education.

She was united in marriage to Doyle V. Ward on Aug. 1, 1965, in Choteau. She lived in Ft. Belvoir, Va., for two years and later lived in Idaho, Utah and Washington. She moved to Roseburg in 1988.

Throughout her life she loved to read and had a keen interest in the world and people around her. She loved music and the arts, participating in choral singing, theater groups, orchestras and chamber groups. Most recently and local activities included Vintage Singers; Presbyterian Bell and Church choir; and theatrical productions at Umpqua Community College.

She worked recently for the Umpqua National Forest in Roseburg.

She was a member of the Faith Lutheran Church of Roseburg.

She loved her family and home dearly, was confident in and comfort-

ed by God's love, and admired peace and harmony.

Survivors include her husband of 32 years, Doyle Ward of Roseburg; two sons, Doyle V. Ward Jr. and his wife, Kirsten, of Princeton, N.J., and Lars P. Ward and his wife, Tracey, of McMinnville, Ore.; mother Ellnore Larsen of Choteau; sister Laura Anderson of Norman, Okla.; brother Leif Larsen of Whitefish; aunts, Ramona Plummer of Choteau, and Hazel Larsen of Calgary, Alberta; nieces and nephews, Kari, Evan and Jon, Becky and Andy; two grandchildren, Alexander and Victoria; as well as a host of loving relatives.

She was preceded in death by her father, Kaare P. Larsen.

Memorial services will be held Friday at 11:30 a.m. at the Faith Lutheran Church in Roseburg. The Rev. Wally Gustav will officiate. A subsequent memorial service will be held in her home town of Choteau, at a later date. Final resting place will be in Choteau.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be made to Mercy Hospital, 2700 Stewart Parkway, Roseburg, OR 97470, or to Memorial Fund, c/o Faith Lutheran Church, 820 W. Kenwood, Roseburg, OR 97470. Wilson's Chapel of the Roses, 965 W. Harvard Ave., Roseburg, OR 97470 is in charge of arrangements.

## 1998 Velma Glazier Warner, 76

Velma Glazier Warner, 76, died Monday, Sept. 7, at Immanuel Lutheran Home with her family at her side.

She was born on a homestead in Opheim. She attended school in Opheim, graduating as valedictorian of her class. She received her teaching credentials from Northern Montana College in Havre.

In 1941, she moved with her family to her beloved Flathead Valley. She taught in one-room rural schools during the 1940s. While teaching at the Half Moon School, she met and married Evert Warner in 1943. He served a tour of duty in the military during World War II, after which he followed his father's career and became a logger.

Her greatest joy was raising her two daughters. Their college education was of primary importance to her, so she returned to the classroom in 1957. She taught school at Deer Park, Cayuse Prairie and then spent 17 years teaching at Evergreen School. During this period of time, she earned her bachelor's degree and her fifth year from the University of Montana.

She realized early in her teaching career that her real love was teaching first graders how to read. She developed a phonics program that gave many children a good start on their education. Her two grandchildren, Suzanne and Roger Flynn, were very dear to her. She passed her talent and enthusiasm for teaching on to Suzanne who is just starting her



teaching career this year in Seattle.

She was an avid pinochle and Scrabble player who was always at her best teaching a new game to friends and family. Central Bible was her church home for many years. She sang in the choir and taught Sunday school, she enjoyed the fellowship of her many good friends in Christ who have been very comforting to her in these last few months.

She was preceded in death by her husband Evert in 1991; two sisters, Thelma Mellick, and Leota Lunstad; two brothers, Claude and Chester Glazier.

She is survived by her two daughters and their husbands, Carolyn and David Flynn of Boise, Idaho., and Jeannine and Jim O'Connor of Missoula.; sister Viola Hurlbutt, of Seattle; sister-in-law Betty Glazier of Kalispell; and her two grandchildren.

She was very close to her extended family and was especially happy when she could enjoy holidays with them or a Sunday afternoon at the lake.

Her nieces and nephews include Marge Treweek, Marilyn Ethington, Barb Willis, Terri Street, Robbin Glazier and Richard Hurlbutt, all of Kalispell and Nadine Moore of Seattle.

Her life will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Saturday at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home with the Rev. Ron Youde of Central Bible Church officiating. Private urn burial will follow at C.E. Conrad Cemetery in Kalispell. A reception will follow at Central Bible Church.

The family request memorials be sent to the Central Bible Church, or Immanuel Lutheran Home.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory in charge of arrangements.

May 98 Wavelene Warren, 77

Wavelene Warren, 77, of Kalispell, died at Kalispell Regional Medical Center of a heart attack and multiple myeloma.

She was born Feb. 4, 1921, in Wilmington, Ohio. She graduated from Wilmington High School in 1938, and completed nurse's training in 1941 at Miami Valley Hospital in Dayton, Ohio.

Following graduation as a registered nurse, she worked for six years at Miami Valley Hospital as a diabetic supervisor and instructor, head nurse and clinical instructor.

On Oct. 4, 1943, she married Denver L. Warren. In 1949, she moved with her husband to Lancaster, Calif., where she became director of nursing at Lancaster Community Hospital and later worked as a charge nurse at Edwards Air Force Base. In January 1957, she and her husband adopted a son, Terrill.

In 1962, her husband became part of the Minuteman Missile program and the family moved to Lewistown.



In 1967, after short residences in Missouri and North Dakota, the family moved to Great Falls, where she began work in the intensive care unit of Deaconess Hospital from 1967-1970, and in 1970, became director of nursing at the Cascade County Convalescent Home in Great Falls. She retired from nursing in 1972.

She then moved with her family to Kalispell in 1972. Since living in Kalispell she was active in community home health care support (board of directors), bridge club, Bible study and various community groups.

Her husband preceded her in death in July of 1984, and she is survived by her son who resides in the San Francisco Bay area.

Visitation will be Thursday afternoon from 1 to 6 p.m. and Friday from 9 a.m. until service time. Funeral services will be Friday at 2 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Terry Harper of Northridge Church of God officiating. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary & Crematory 329-98

Florence P. Waring, 92

Florence Patterson Waring, 92, died Tuesday. She was a long-time resident of Four Freedoms Retirement Residence in Seattle.

She was born in Kalispell. She was the widow of Dale Waring. She retired from the trust department of Rainier Bank.

She is survived by a niece, Elaine Patterson Peterson, and her husband, John, of Kalispell, their children, Chad, Chelsey and Kelly; and a host of other nieces, nephews, friends and family members.

Services will be Sunday at 1 p.m. in the Four Freedom Chapel, 747 N. 137th Street, Seattle, Wash.

Contributions may be made to a fund for a garden bench which will be placed on the grounds of Four Freedoms in her memory. Mail remembrances to Mrs. Elaine Peterson, 234 White Pine Rd., Kalispell, MT 59901.

1998 Maxine Lella Waters, 71

Maxine Lella Waters, 71, died Thursday, June 11, at her home in Kalispell.

She was born Oct. 16, 1926, in Jackson, Mich., to William and

Nellie Castle.

She will be buried in Woodlawn Cemetery in Leslie, Mich. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is in charge of local arrangements.

Calvin Charles Watkins Sr., 64

Calvin Charles Watkins Sr., died June 17, 1998, at St. Patricks Hospital in Missoula.

He was born on July 25, 1933, in Hawthorne, Calif., to Bessie and Harry Watkins. He lived most of his life in southern California, where he had a paving business and was later employed as a Ford mechanic; he also resided in Annapolis, Calif., for a period of time. He retired to Eureka, where he was a resident since 1993.

He is survived by the following family members: his mother, Bessie Thompson, and sister, Joyce Pierce, both of Hesperia, Calif.; his wife, Shirley, and her three children, Robert, Colleen, and Karen; his daughters, Cynthia Raysser of Coos Bay, Ore., Tammera Robar of Cathedral City, Calif., Melinda Bourassa of Eureka, and Lisa Shorter of Vancou-

ver, Wash.; his son, Calvin Charles Watkins Jr. of Columbus; his sons-in-law, Frederick Raysser, Ed Robar, Ken Bourassa, and Timothy Shorter; his daughter-in law, Robin Watkins; and his grandchildren, Caitlin Raysser, Lucas Robar, Amy Robar, Joseph Bourassa, Travis Bourassa, Sarah Shorter, Joshua Shorter, Tabitha Watkins, Charity Watkins, and Chandler Charles Watkins.

A celebration of his life was held at his home on June 15, 1998, with his family and friends attending.

The family wishes to express their heartfelt thanks to everyone who called for their sympathy and prayers.

Please do not mourn for our father, but cherish those memories of how he touched our lives, as that is how he would have wanted it.

## Norman H. Watts, 85

Norman H. Watts, 85, of Whitefish, died Wednesday afternoon, Aug. 12, 1998, at North Valley Hospital.

He was born June 14, 1913, in Derry, N.H., to Leo and Grace Watts. The family moved to Brighton, Mass., where he graduated from Brighton High School.

He married Josephine Buttler. She died in 1968. He then married Dorothy Hewitt who survives him.

He was a salesman for Johnson & Johnson. He retired in New York and went to work as the deli manager for Angelo's Supermarket in Harwich, Cape Cod, Mass. He and his wife retired from Angelo's and moved to Apopka, Fla.

In 1996, they moved to Whitefish.

He is survived by his wife Dorothy

of Whitefish; three daughters, Josephine Stuckey of Seagrove, Fla., Eleanor McKee and her husband, Jim, of Lodi, N.Y., and Norma Kuehl and her husband, Jim, of Glenwood City, Wis.; two stepchildren, Sandy Sutherland and her husband, Dick, of Columbia Falls, and Marcia Wade and her husband, Bob, of Pasco, Wash.

A Masonic service will be held Monday at 7 p.m. at Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. He was a proud member of Masons for 51 years.

A memorial mass will be held Tuesday at 10 a.m. at St. Charles Catholic Church in Whitefish. The Rev. Charles Roman and the Rev. Charles Strom will officiate.

## Ida May Webb, 87

Ida May Webb, 87, died on Monday, July 20, 1998, at North Valley Extended Care in Whitefish, after living a life devoted to the Lord, her family and friends.

She was born and raised in Eureka. She met and married William "Dock" Webb on July 23, 1930, in Eureka. They raised a family of four children in Eureka.

She was very active in civic organizations and will be remembered by all who were privileged to know her.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Dock Webb; son, Ted

Webb; and a granddaughter, Holly.

She is survived by three daughters and their husbands, Jo and Ray Sherlock of Whitefish, Pal and Gene Johnson of Eureka, and Laura and Ross Sommers of Spokane; nine grandchildren; and 23 great-grandchildren.

Viewing will be at 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday at Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the First Baptist Church in Eureka, with the Rev. Jack O'Neil officiating. Burial will follow at the Tobacco Valley Cemetery in Eureka.

## 1999 Ida Hoerner Weiand, 79

Ida Hoerner Weiand, 79, died Thursday night, Sept. 3, at her home in Whitefish, after a long battle with cancer.

She was born in Beulah, N.D., on March 2, 1919. She moved to Montana in 1937, and married Clem Weiand in 1940.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Clem in 1967, and 15 brothers and sisters.

She is survived by two daughters, Coletta Calnan of Kalispell, and Sheri Gibson of Helena; two sisters, Regina Weiand and Helen Brinkerhoff, both of Columbia Falls; four grandchildren, Mike and Mark Calnan of Seattle, Christiane Calnan of Kalispell, Meghan Gibson of Helena; and

numerous nieces and nephews.

She enjoyed her flower gardens and also will be remembered by many for her talent in making Christmas wreaths which adorned numerous doors in the Flathead during the holiday season.

Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday. The Rosary will follow at 7 p.m. at the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday at St. Charles Catholic Church in Whitefish. Burial will be at Whitefish Cemetery.

The family suggests any memorials donated to the local Flathead Cancer Society.

## 1998 Eugene Edward Weissmann, 85

Eugene Edward Weissmann, 85, died Jan. 26, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

He was born March 14, 1912, in Riga, Latvia, to Albinus and Katarina Steinberg Weissmann. He was the oldest of three children. His parents ran a dry cleaning business and his mother had been a governess in Russia before her marriage. He received his education in Latvia, including five years of higher education. He married Elizabeth Geitner, a concert pianist, on Dec. 22, 1935, in Latvia.

During World War II, he was an interpreter for the English army. He lived in Hannover, Germany, until 1957. Then, the family immigrated to the United States, with the help of the Lutheran National Federation. He was sponsored by a church in Milwaukee, Wisc. He worked there as an architectural engineer. He lived with his daughter, Elise Winkler, of Kalispell, since 1988. He moved into the Immanuel Lutheran Home last

July.

He was a member of the Kingo Lutheran Church in Milwaukee and an adopted member of the Trinity Lutheran Church in Kalispell. He loved to draw and liked to attend rock shows with his wife. He liked hiking, swimming and remembering the war years.

He was preceded in death by his wife in 1987. He is survived by sons Eugene, of Hernandos, Miss., Jack, of Mequon, Wisc., and Aric, of Berkeley, Calif.; daughters Elise Winkler, of Kalispell and Astrid Dallman, of Green Bay, Wisc.; 10 grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

A memorial service will be later in Milwaukee. Cremation has taken place. Arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary.

## Raymond E. Welch, 69

Raymond E. Welch, 69, died on Jan. 3, 1998, at his home in Kila.

He was born on Nov. 28, 1928, in Ft. Totten, N.D., the son of Raymond E. and Agnes Welch Sr.

He was preceded in death by a brother, and two sisters.

He is survived by his former wife; four sons; four daughters;

four brothers; two sisters; 30 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Jan. 8 in Poplar.

Interment was in Poplar City Cemetery.

Arrangements were by the Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

## 1998 Olive Bickle Welliver, 92

Olive Bickle Welliver, 92, died April 28 in Spokane.

She was born March 13, 1907, in Maddock, N.D., to Harry and Maggie Bickle.

She graduated from high school in Maddock, then moved to Fargo, N.D., and worked as a nurses aid. There she met and married Thomas Gordon Welliver.

In 1928 they moved to Poplar. There they farmed and raised horses and cattle. She also worked in the Federated Store in Poplar for 15 years. She then worked as a receptionist in a doctor's office and as a nurses aid in the Poplar Hospital.

They spent four years in Phoenix, Ariz. After her husband broke his back working for the railroad, they moved to Pendleton, Ore., and she worked for St. Andrews Mission for five years. They moved back to

Poplar.

In 1966 she moved back to Kalispell where she worked at Sykes.

She was preceded in death by her husband Tom; her one and only son Les; her parents; one grandson; two great-grandsons; one great-great-granddaughter; four sisters; and two brothers.

She is survived by two granddaughters; four grandsons; 16 great-grandchildren; and 16 great-great-grandchildren; and one sister, Betty Broschot of Devils Lake, N.D.

She was a member of St. Matthews.

Graveside services will take place Saturday at 1 p.m. in Kalispell. Cremation was in Spokane.

In lieu of flowers the family suggested donations to the local food bank.

## 1998 B. Duard 'Dee' or 'B.D.' Wemple, 56

B. Duard "Dee" or "B.D." Wemple, died Tuesday, Oct. 20, of a rare and untreatable form of cancer at his home.

He was born on March 23, 1942, in Missoula. He attended many area schools graduating from Missoula County High School in 1959. He was an avid 4-H member.

After being medically discharged from the U.S. Navy in 1959, he worked for a time as a welder in Hawaii. Upon his return to the valley, he made his way through life in many ways, logging in the Bitterroot and Flathead, owning the Pastime Bar in Kalispell and a video store. He worked as a dock manager at Salt Creek Freight, construction in Alaska and as a master baker for Albertson's.

At the time of his death he was doing what he enjoyed most, ranching and raising and training horses in Hamilton. Horses were always a big part of his life from the time he was eight years old. He went to cow camp with his grandfather, Granddad "John" Higgins. He chased wild horses up Eight Mile Creek. He rode in match races against his grandfather's old cowboy friends around Stevensville, and up on the Flathead Indian Reservation at the pow wows. Later he raised and training race horses for over 17 years. Some of his favorite race horses were Highliner, who won the Wheatland Handicap in Spokane in 1989; Beauty's Captain, who won several legs of the Marcus Daly Triple Crown; and Soap Opera Star and a hard knock claimer.

He loved the outdoors, working hard and playing hard, hunting and fishing and running hounds in the Bitterroot and later in the Flathead Valley. He killed a record book lion in the Swan Valley area. In 1964, he was one of the valley's top stock car racers holding several track records. In the early 1970s, he raced snowmobiles and qualified for world nationals in Wisconsin in 1972.

He was not a member of any church. His church was the "Great Outdoors." He shared faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and took great comfort in the 23rd Psalms.

Survivors include his wife, Lindy Duus Robinson Wemple and his stepsons, Deven and Fritz of Hamilton; sons, John Wemple of Billings, Bill Wemple and wife, Chris, their daughter, Sydney, of Bozeman, Michael Wemple of Kalispell currently serving in the U.S. Navy in Pensicola, Fla.;

daughters Lisa Brown and husband, Scott, and their children, Kris and Kyle, of Hot Springs, Cammi Kern and husband, David, and their son, Michael of Bozeman, Ariana Sylling Wemple of Kalispell; brother Jack Wemple and wife, Shirley, of Victor; sister Bonnie Marilyn "Lynn" Hash and husband, Charles, of Bozeman.

He was preceded in death by his father, J.F. Wemple in 1964, and his mother, Jonnie Higgins in June 1998.

Services will be held Monday at the Daly-Leach Chapel with the Rev. Alvin House officiating. Private family urn placement will take place at a later date.



## Ruthcarol A. Welling, 70

Ruthcarol A. Welling, 70, died July Thursday, 16, 1998, of cancer at home in Rehoboth Beach, Del.

She was born Sept. 6, 1927, in Uniontown, Pa., to Harold and Mary Tobin Anderegg.

On Aug. 17, 1947, she married Gerald F. Welling in Maryland. They lived in Connellville, Pa., and moved to Kalispell in 1982. She was employed at First Interstate Bank for eight years. She moved to Rehoboth Beach in 1995.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Gerald, on May 7, 1990; daughter Nancy in January of 1964; and son Gerald "Garrid" on July 5, 1993.

She is survived by Mike Welling and family of Kalispell, Lynda Holt and her three children of Rehoboth Beach, Rosemary McGinnis and daughter of Boscobel, Wis., and Sgt. Rick Welling and family of Hazelton, Pa.

A private family service will be held at the family home.

## 1998 Karine L. Werner, 17

Karine L. Werner, 17, of Columbia Falls, died Tuesday morning, March 3, from injuries sustained in a traffic accident.

She was born Nov. 21, 1980, in Provo, Utah, to Dean A. and Barbara D. Werner. The family moved to Kentucky and then to Germany. While in Germany, she went to a kindergarten where she learned to speak German, but she would not speak it at home. She started kindergarten in the American school when she was five. The family then moved to Fort Knox, Ky., where she attended first grade. The family moved to Washington state where she attended second and third grade. The family then moved back to Kentucky, where she completed fourth, fifth, and sixth grades. She started junior high school in Columbia Falls and she was excited because she would not have to change schools again.

She will be remembered because she had a kind heart and was always thoughtful of others. She often got gifts for others before she would get something for herself. She would do jobs no one else liked to do, not because she wanted to but because the job needed doing. She did the work without complaint.

Things we remember about her are that she was friendly, outgoing,

talkative, had a good sense of humor, was always helpful and was a doer of kind deeds.

She is survived by her parents, Dean and Barbara Werner of Columbia Falls; brother Nicholas; sisters Michelle, Shellean and Elizabeth Werner of Columbia Falls; grandparents Vern and Rita Webb of Columbia Falls, Helen and Clyde Davidson of Monument, Ore., and Bill Hertenstien; aunts and uncles, Mike and Carol Webb and Matt and Becky Busik, all of Columbia Falls, Ernie and Rena Webb of Salmon, Idaho, Vern and Nada Webb of Dover, Del., Steve and Debbie Bingham of Twin Falls, Idaho, Byron and Cindy Webb of Portland, Ore., Ray and Bonnie Werner of Colville, Wash., Jim and Sharon Werner of Medicine Hat, Alberta, Mike and June Werner of Mississauga, Ontario, Rick and Janice Werner of Monument, Ore., and Jeff and Julie Olsen of Moscow, Idaho; and numerous cousins.

A funeral service will be held Thursday at 3 p.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Columbia Falls. Burial will follow in Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

Visitation will be Wednesday from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

## Michael Wertz, 79

Michael Wertz, 79 of Salem, Ore., died Wednesday, Nov. 11, 1998.

He was born in Center, N.D., and served in the Army during World War II, where he received the Purple Heart. He worked as an automotive mechanic, retiring in 1980. He moved from Kalispell, to Salem in 1991.

He enjoyed quilting, fly fishing and working with his hands.

Survivors include his sons, Kenneth of Korea, Robert of Portland,

and Clem of Salem; brother Matt of Springfield, Ore.; sisters, Genevieve of Bismarck, N.D., Eva Ferguson of Roundup, Ann Nistler of Beach N.D., and Margert Ehli of Bismarck.

Services will be 3 p.m. Friday at Howell-Edwards-Doerksen Chapel Of the Gardens in Salem. Interment will be in Willamette National Cemetery in Portland.

Contributions may be made to local Lions Club.

## 1998 Bernard Wheaton, 82

Bernard Wheaton, 82, entered his final rest on Sunday, Feb. 1.

He was born at the family home in Kalispell, on June 29, 1915. His mother, Faith Frier, moved to the East Valley at the age of six and his father, Frank Wheaton, moved to Kalispell in his early 20s.

His father opened Wheaton's in 1902, as a bicycle repair and saw sharpening shop. He began working for his father at an early age and often claimed that he had never received a paycheck from anyone in his life.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 53 years, Lucille, who died in 1992.

They were married in 1939, and dedicated their lives working together building their business.

In 1946, they expanded the store to Wheaton's Cycle and Toy by purchasing the lot to the north of his dad's building.

He could often be seen through the front window of the bike shop burning the midnight oil, fine-tuning bicycles as if they were irreplaceable gold watches.

He was also preceded in death by three brothers, Harold in 1935, Glen in 1982, and Robert in 1996.

He is survived by a long list of lov-



ing family, one brother, Clark, of Yuma, Ariz.; two sisters, Salma O'Connell of Mesa, Ariz., and Alice Tillapaugh of New Rockford, N.D., who all attended school in Kalispell; two daughters, Sharon Wheaton of Kalispell, and Carolyn Fuller of Spokane.

Their six grandchildren were often seen playing in front of the Toy Store, Shelly Surridge of Orange, Calif., Dana Miller of Spokane, Tina Nadain of Cranbrook, British Columbia, Nona Tallada of Atlanta, Ga., DeeAnn Stefenson of Phoenix, and Tim Jones of Seattle. They also have four great-grandchildren.

The family would like to invite you to celebrate his life with them at a graveside memorial service to be held in August of this year at Glacier Memorial Cemetery. Date and time to be announced.

The family of Bernard and Lucille Wheaton would like to memorialize the life of these two remarkable individuals with a memorial to be erected in a Kalispell park through the parks department.

Please send your contributions to the Bernard and Lucille Wheaton Memorial Fund, Trinity Lutheran Church, 400 W. California, Kalispell, MT 59901.

In loving memory of Bernard Wheaton from your daughters, Sharon and Carolyn. We wish you peace, daddy.

## Lee Whitaker, 79

Lee Whitaker, 79, of Spokane, died March 5, 1998, in a Spokane hospital.

He was born July 7, 1918, in Troy, to Lulu and Otho Whitaker. He attended schools in Kalispell, graduating from Flathead County High School. He served in the Marine Maintenance Division of the Army in the South Pacific during World War II.

He moved to Spokane in 1946, working for Kaiser Aluminum-Trentwood and retired from there after 37 years.

Survivors include his wife of 57 years, Flavia; son Brian Whitaker of Spokane, daughter Robin Murray of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; grandchildren, Grant and Corbin Whitaker and Julie Wilson.

## James J. White, 82

James J. White, 82, died on Friday, Feb. 13, 1998, in Mountain View Manor in Eureka.

He was born Nov. 7, 1915, in Sixteen, Mont., to Everett and Jeanne White. Later the family moved to Charlo.

On Dec. 14, 1940, he married Myrtle Sarah Ray at East Helena. They lived in various places, including Helena, Eureka and Kalispell.

He is survived by his wife, Myrtle White of Eureka; one son, James R.

White, also of Eureka; a daughter, Laretta Krause of The Dalles, Ore.; five grandchildren; two great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Burial will be Wednesday at 9 a.m. at Conrad Memorial Cemetery with Virgil Ray officiating. The family suggests memorials be made to the American Diabetes Association.

Arrangements are by the Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

## 1998 Dennis James Whittekiend, 35

Dennis James Whittekiend, 35, died Friday, Feb. 27, in San Demas, Calif., from a motorcycle accident.

He was born Oct. 20, 1962, in Seattle, Wash., to Jim and Gloria Whittekiend of Kalispell.

He is survived by his parents; his brother Dan and wife, Yuko, and their four children of Hailey, Idaho; grandmother Reathel Lehl of Polson; grandfather George Lehl of Kalispell; many aunts, uncles and cousins from the Northwest.

He was ready to graduate from New Life Bible College in San Demas in May.

A memorial service was held with his fellow students and friends from his church on March 1.

There will be a memorial service

Saturday at 2 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Bigfork.

He loved the Lord so much that we want to celebrate his life, not only mourn his death.

The family suggests memorials to the charity of the donor's choice.

## Maude L. Bally Whitney, 84

Maude L. Bally Whitney, 84, died in the comfort of the home she loved after a battle with cancer, Monday, Jan. 12, 1998.

She was born June 5, 1913, in Peoria, Ill., to Walter and Edna Tanton Bally. In 1914, her family moved to Kalispell where they established a potato warehouse exchange.

She graduated as valedictorian from Flathead County High School in 1931.

She was a Montana State silver and gold medalist for flute and was first flute for the University of Oregon orchestra where she had begun studies in landscape architecture. She received the 1932 Outstanding Freshman Woman award.

In 1934, she attended secretarial school in Phoenix, Ariz., where an aunt lived. In 1938 she was the first woman to solo in eight hours of training from the Flathead County airfield.

On Nov. 7, 1940, she married Arthur B. Whitney, who had also attended Flathead High School. However, they did not formally meet in high school; they met only when she took a pack trip with friends into the Bob Marshall Wilderness where Art was working for the Forest Service.

She had worked as secretary to the Flathead Forest Supervisor of the U. S. National Forest Service from 1936 to 1942, when her first child was born.

Her skills with guns are legend within her family who witnessed her shooting of a nail from a target's bull's-eye for many years from the time she had last held a pistol. She was an at-home mother who cooked "natural" foods long before it became common practice; she tailored cloth-



ing; she was an artist, a vegetable and flower gardener; a Brownie leader; a good team member in her marriage; and a good friend.

She served many years as superintendent of the Bigfork Methodist Sunday School and in many other capacities within the church until her second on-set of breast cancer in 1982; her first was in 1947.

She is survived by her dear husband of 57 years, Arthur B. Whitney of Bigfork; son Arthur Jay Whitney and wife, Sandra Lode Whitney, of Helena; two daughters Barbara Jo Whitney Nordfors and husband, David, of Seattle, Wash., and Mary Susan Whitney of Bend, Ore.; a younger sister, Lois Bally King of Fernley, Nev.; and cousins in San Francisco, Calif. and Chicago, Ill. and Arizona; grandchildren, Byron Jay Whitney and wife Dana of Missoula, Allene Marie Whitney of Bellingham, Wash., Ellen Jennifer Kurtz of Spokane, and David Whitney Kurtz of Bend, Ore.; and step-grandsons, Randall Nordfors and wife, Deborah, of Kirkland, Wash., and Douglas Nordfors of Charlottesville, Va.; also many nieces, nephews, brothers and sisters-in-law whom she loved.

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Bigfork Methodist Church, with the Rev. Ron Pierce officiating. Burial will follow at Lonepine Cemetery in Bigfork. Visitation will be 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday at Johnson Mortuary.

The family suggests memorials be given in her name to the Intermountain Children's Home of Helena, 500 S. Lamborn, Helena, MT 59601 or the Friends Helping Friends Program of the Community United Methodist Church of Bigfork, Bigfork MT 59911.

Arrangements are by the Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

## Richard Winter, 66

Richard Winter, longtime Bigfork resident and fiddler, died Thursday, Jan. 15, 1998, in Kalispell Regional Hospital.

He was born Dec. 19, 1931, in Missoula, to Bernice Rudie Winter and Portus F.

Winter and lived his early years in the Swan and Mission Valleys. For the last 30-plus years he has resided in the Ferndale-Bigfork area.

As a young man, he worked on farms and ranches in the Ronan area and entered the service of his country in the Air Force in 1951. He served during the Korean War and was discharged in 1954.

Following his discharge from the service, he worked in the oil industry in the four corners area of Colorado, returning to his beloved Montana in 1959. He then worked in the construction industry and at logging until 1971. At that time he was injured in a logging accident and lost the use of his legs.

Although he had not finished eighth grade, he then began to pursue an education. He got a GED and entered college at Flathead Community College in the Human Services Program. During his years at the college he received a National Outstanding Junior and Community College Student award. He graduated in 1983, with an associate of applied science degree. He entered University of Montana in pursuit of a bachelor's degree in social work, but poor health interrupted his work.

After a long hospitalization, he returned to his Swan Valley home and began to work as a volunteer social services officer for veterans. Many veterans were the recipients of his patient, professional care. In the early '90s he again became ill and experienced a long hospitalization. At this time his legs were amputated, making travel and his work very difficult. From that time, he was largely confined to his home.



He will be remembered by friends and family as one who always was ready for a song. He bought a guitar as a teenager and taught himself to play. He spent many hours entertaining friends and family and also had played professionally in various dance bands.

As the years passed he broadened his musical skills. He added banjo, accordion, and in 1975, he began to play the fiddle. From that time on he was an enthusiastic and proud fiddler and was a member of the Old Time Fiddlers Association at the time of his death.

His last years were painful and difficult but few if any ever heard him complain. He always focused on the positive, his courage and equanimity apparent to all. He was always the one to listen to and to comfort others and to offer help.

He was a proud and loving father, grandfather, and uncle to a large and widely scattered family all of whom will miss him sorely.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his sister Vivian.

He is survived by two sons, three daughters and three adopted children and their families, Raymond Winter and Carol, of Seattle, Ralph Wayne Winter and Rhonda and children of South Carolina, Sherri Carter and Ralph and son of Elko, Nev., Beverly McKay and children of Kalispell, Debbie Winter and children of Bigfork, Monica Kerutis and Brian and son of Bigfork, Janet Watmough and Shawn and children of Pincer Creek, Alberta, and Martin Kitzmiller and Shari and children of Kalispell. Three siblings and their families also survive him: Robert Winter and Evie of Kalispell, Ray Winter and Barbara of Selah, Wash., and Joanne Winter of Hawthorne, Nev., and their families.

Services are scheduled for today at 1 p.m. in the Little Brown Church just north of Bigfork with interment following in the church cemetery. Arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary & Crematory

## Rose S. Williams, 100

Rose S. Williams, 100, died Thursday, Feb. 19, 1998, at her home in Kalispell.

She was born Feb. 28, 1897 in Chicago, Ill., to Frank and Jennie Heidler. She would have been 101 Saturday.

She moved to Wyoming, where she met her future husband, John V. Williams. They were married on July 6, 1930, in Chicago. They moved to Red Lodge, where her husband worked as an electrical engineer at the Smith Mine. He died in November of 1958.

She then moved to Billings in the early 1960s, and she lived there until moving to Missoula in 1964. She moved to Kalispell in 1972 to be near her son John and his family.

She was a very loving person who loved to do crossword puzzles. She



remained very independent, living in her own apartment until she died.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband John; an infant son Frankie; a stepson Orville; and a stepdaughter, Deloris Chesner.

She is survived by her son John of Ferndale; a stepdaughter, Marla Erickson, of Billings; an adopted daughter, Dorothy Kohloff, of Litchfield, Minn.; 15 grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren; and several great-great-grandchildren.

She will be cremated and her ashes will be buried next to her husband, John, in Red Lodge Cemetery. Memorial services are pending.

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

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home in charge of cremation and arrangements.

## Clement P. 'Clem' Wisher, 77

Clement P. "Clem" Wisher, 77, died Thursday, March 12, 1998 at his home in Kalispell.

He was born Aug. 8, 1920, in North Washington, Iowa, to John and Josephine Wisher. In 1940, he moved to Montana, where he worked at several different jobs.

On June 6, 1942 he married LaVon Olson in Portland, Ore. He worked as a private contractor for many years. He helped put in the first gas line that brought natural gas to the Flathead Valley. He also was involved in putting the first water lines into both Glacier National Park and Banff Park in Canada.

He and his wife started Wisher's Wood Yard. They supplied wood and wood products to many people in the Valley, including the swimming pool at Woodland Park. He opened one of the first wrecker services in the Valley.

He was an avid stock car racer, winning many, many trophies over the years. He raced all over the state of Montana. Because of his love for stock car racing, he opened up Wisher's Salvage Yard in 1962. He loved working on cars and could make them run when no



one else could. During the years he had been involved in many things: stock car racing, promoting Little League Baseball, Boy Scouts, anything that would help out the needy. He truly enjoyed helping people in need, this was done through private help and through the Salvation Army over the years. He loved animals, and they knew he was a kind and gentle person. He was an excellent father, who taught his family that hard work was the only way to succeed in life. He will be missed by many.

He was preceded in death by his mother and father; one son, Joseph C. Wisher, in 1980; and several brothers and sisters.

He is survived by three sons, James P., Jerry M., and John J. Wisher, all of Kalispell; his wife LaVon Wisher of Kalispell; two brothers, James and Elmer Wisher, both of Spokane; two sisters, Irene Hicks of Prescott, Ariz., and Jean Perez of Escondido, Calif.; 16 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be held Tuesday from noon until 6 p.m. at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Mass of Christian burial will be at noon Wednesday, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church, with the Rev. Kevin O'Neil as celebrant. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

## LaVon Wanda Wisher, 75

LaVon Wanda Wisher, 75, died Wednesday, Sept. 23, 1998, at her home in Kalispell.

LaVon was born Sept. 17, 1923, in Austin, Minn., to Martin and Edith Olson. She moved to Montana at a very young age and graduated from Flathead High School in 1941.

She married Clement P. "Clem" Wisher on June 6, 1942, in Portland, Ore. LaVon and her husband Clem started Wisher's Wood Yard, supplying wood and wood products to many people in the Flathead Valley. LaVon was an avid supporter of stock-car racing because of her husband's participation in the sport. She was a very good mother who successfully helped raise her sons to become good workers and successful at anything they did.

LaVon was also a collector. She had a very nice collection of Jim Beam collectible bottles and a nice collection of dolls. She also used to make dolls and had become very good at it.

LaVon was an avid keno player, as long as it didn't cost more than a dol-



lar. If it did, she would quit. She will be missed by all her family and friends.

LaVon was preceded in death by her parents; her step-father, Austin Hesh; a son, Joseph C. Wisher, in 1980; two brothers, Ken and Alvin; a sister, Esther; and her husband, Clem Wisher, in March of this year.

She is survived by three sons, James P. Wisher, Jerry M. Wisher and John J. Wisher, all of Kalispell; 16 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Irene Rishoff and Jewel Bellmore, both living at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

Viewing will be Monday, Sept. 28, 1998, from noon until 6 p.m. at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Mass of the Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 29, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church with the Rev. Kevin O'Neill as the celebrant. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

A reception will be put on by the Eagles Auxiliary at 2 p.m. at the Eagles Lodge. All family and friends are invited.

The family asks that in lieu of flowers, memorials be made in LaVon's name to James Wisher, to be contributed to the National Scleroderma Foundation.

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

## 1998 Melvin N. Wik, 81

Melvin N. Wik, 81, a former Kalispell resident, died at his home in Enumclaw, Wash., on June 22.

He was born in Minot, N.D., on Aug. 4, 1916. In 1927 his family came to Kalispell where he graduated from Flathead County High School.

He married Anna Nelson on

Oct. 18, 1936, and is survived by her at home. Survivors also include two daughters; a son; seven grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; two sisters, Hilma Strom of Kalispell and Olga Erickson of Libby; a brother; and several nieces and nephews.

Burial was in Enumclaw on June 25.

## Ruth E. Wilson, 81

Ruth E. Wilson, 81, of Chandler, Ariz., died Wednesday, Aug. 12, 1998, in Mesa, Ariz.

She was born in Hartford, Kan.

She was married to John E. Wilson, and was a homemaker.

Survivors include two daughters, Jeanne Wilson and Joanne Carman, and two grandchildren.

Services will be at 7:30 Wednesday at Sunset Chapel at Fairmont Memorial Park in Spokane.

## John 'Jack' Edward Willoughby, 42

John "Jack" Edward Willoughby, 42, of Helena, died peacefully on Friday, July 24, 1998, at his home after a courageous two-year battle with brain cancer.

He was born Nov. 7, 1955, in Butte, where he lived until he married Em McCloskey on April 21, 1990.

He was employed by Scouler Grain and UPS. He adored his family and cherished his many friends. He was a true workaholic; however, in his spare time he enjoyed watching Chris and Shawna's activities, the outdoors, boating, fishing, golfing, hunting, and vacationing with his family.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Betty Jean Chatriand, and his father, John Edward Willoughby Sr.

He is survived by his loving wife, Em; two wonderful stepchildren, Christopher Edward and Shawna Marie Davis of Helena; his ever-giving stepfather, Joseph Thomas Chatriand; brothers, Charles Willoughby and his fiance, Shirley

Dunks, of Butte, Randy Willoughby and his wife, Moe, of Kalispell, Ronald Chatriand and his wife, Susan, of Missoula, Richard Chatriand and his wife, Sherry, of Missoula, and Gary Chatriand and his wife, Rose Mary, of Butte; sisters, Sandra Jean Hutchins and her husband, Hutch, of Butte, Lynn Ellen Le Core and her husband, Shaun, of Butte, and Sandy Chatriand of Minnesota; and several nieces and nephews.

Friends may pay their respects beginning Monday morning at Retz Funeral Home. A vigil service will be Monday at 7 p.m. at the Retz Funeral Chapel.

Funeral mass will be held Tuesday at 10 a.m. at the Cathedral of St. Helena. Cremation will follow the services. The family invites everyone to a luncheon at the Cathedral Social Center following the mass.

Family wishes that memorials be made to the Helena High School football program, care of Tony Arnston, 1300 Billings Ave., Helena, MT, 59601.

## Walter 'Wally' R. Winslow, 64

Walter "Wally" R. Winslow died Sept. 26, 1998, in San Diego, Calif., at age 64.

He was born and raised in Whitefish, was a graduate of Whitefish High School in 1952, and remained loyal to the "Bulldogs" throughout his life.

He worked for the Great Northern Railroad in Whitefish, until 1956, and then joined the U.S. Army for a two year period during which time he served in Germany. He was a graduate of Montana State University in Missoula in 1962, and earned a master of education from Oregon State University in Corvallis, in 1965.

In 1963, he arrived in Ferndale, Calif., after accepting the position as the business education teacher at Ferndale High and boarded with Bill and Harriet Crane. In 1966, he joined the newly established College of the Redwoods where he served as a teacher in business, as a counselor and as an administrator. He was devoted to Ferndale High and to College of the Redwoods and became a trust advisor to many students, maintaining an interest in their careers and their families throughout his life. He was the official timer at athletic events at both Ferndale High and College of the Redwoods for many years, and was selected Ferndale High "Booster of the Year" in 1989.

After his retirement in 1994, he greatly enjoyed traveling throughout the West visiting the homes of former colleagues and students. His home in

Ferndale, will be remembered by his extended family for the wonderful meals prepared by the host, and as a place for lively discussion. He was a kind, fun-loving and generous person. He was a man of faith and a long-time member of Our Savior Lutheran Church in Ferndale. He died suddenly of a heart attack during one of those occasions when he was enjoying the company of others — and they were enjoying his friendship.

He is survived by his sister, Eleanor Rigler and her husband, Bob Rigler, of Laughlin, Nev.; nephews, Randy and Bob Rigler; nieces, Michelle Lim and Stephanie Barber; cousin Clancy Larson of Bullhead City, Ariz.; and by a community of friends in Ferndale and beyond.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Hannah Braaten, when he was 4 years old, and was raised by his aunt, Margaret Larson who died in 1966.

Friends are invited to attend memorial services at the Church of the Assumption in Ferndale, Calif., on Friday, at 1 p.m. with the Rev. Linda Salmonson Olson officiating. Inurnment will be at Ferndale Cemetery in Ferndale.

Arrangements are under the direction of Pierce Mortuary Chapels/Pierce Chapel in Eureka, Calif.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Walter E. Winslow Scholarship Fund, c/o Ferndale High School, 1231 Main St., Ferndale, CA 95536 or to donor's favorite charity.



## Marian Witbrod, 70

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Marian Witbrod died Sunday night, Nov. 8, at Sacred Heart Hospital in Spokane.

She was born in 1928, on a farm in western Illinois. She married Fred Witbrod in 1949. They raised four children.

She is survived by her husband Fred; her children including Kevin of Whitefish, and Jeff of Eureka, and nine grandchildren.

A wake will be held at the Austin Funeral Home on Thursday at 7 p.m. A funeral mass will be held at 10 a.m. Friday at St. Charles Catholic Church of Whitefish, with burial to follow at St. Richards Catholic Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

Memorial contributions may be made in her name to the Whitefish Food Bank.

## Thomas Wayne Wisdom, 59

Thomas Wayne Wisdom, 59, of Ehrenberg, Ariz., died July 19, 1998, in Ehrenberg, as a result of liver failure due to cancer.

He was born Sept. 14, 1938, in Wray, Colo., to Clyde and Callie Wisdom. He received his education in Wray, and graduated from Wray High School in 1957. He enlisted in the United States Navy in 1957, and was discharged in 1961.

After his discharge, he became a manager for the F.W. Woolworth Co. and lived in Montana, Colorado, and South Dakota. He owned a Ben Franklin store in South Dakota and then worked for Gambles as an assistant manager in South Dakota and Kalispell. After leaving Gambles, he worked in sales until having to retire due to poor health.

On Aug. 15, 1959, he married Rober-

ta "Bobbi" Wilkinson of Williston, N.D., and they had two children.

His is survived by his mother of Wray; son and daughter-in-law, Todd and Jennifer Wisdom, grandson, Ryan, and granddaughter, Kathryn, of Salt Lake City; daughter, Taira Wisdom, and grandson, Logan, of Kalispell; his former wife, Bobbi, of Kalispell; three sisters, Betty Buchanan of Denver, Virginia Musser of Prescott, Ariz., and Dottie Seybold of Greeley, Colo.; five brothers, Jim Wisdom of Beaver Dam, Wis., Ed Wisdom of Phoenix, Dean Wisdom of Littleton, Colo., Bob Wisdom of West Bend, Wis., and Jack Wisdom of Portage, Wis.

He was preceded in death by his father; two brothers, John and Bill; and two sisters, Carol Chandler and Neva Jean Wisdom.

Burial will be in Williston, N.D.

## William Frederick 'Pop' Woodtke, 81

William Frederick "Pop" Woodtke, 81, died Sunday, June 7, 1998, at his home in Kalispell.

He was born June 22, 1916, in Meriden, Conn., to William Carl and Emma Greenwood Woodtke.

He was married the first time to Estelle Byczynski on June 22, 1934, in Merimac, N.Y. She died on June 5, 1964.

His second marriage was to Elinor Nelson Terry on June 22, 1967, in Meriden. In 1972, they moved to Arkansas, where he built from the ground up "Pops" Bait Shop. Everyone in the area came to Pops to get their supplies and the best information on where to catch the biggest fish. Elinore died June 29, 1984. He stayed on for two more years operating his bait shop before selling it and moving to Montana.

He was a very outgoing and caring person who loved to visit with people. He was a terrific guy who had a deep love and fondness for children. Because of his kind heart, children

were always attracted to him and he would always take the time to talk to them or help them with whatever their needs were.

He was an absolute avid fisherman who loved to go fishing anytime he could find the time. He served in the U.S. Coast Guard-Merchant Marine during World War II. He was also a member of the Elks Lodge in Arkansas.

He was preceded in death by his two wives, Estelle and Elinor; two brothers, Robert and Phillip; and one sister, Virginia.

He is survived by two daughters, Brenda Lee Woodtke of Kalispell, and Judy Florczak of Londonderry, N.H.; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

It was his wish to be cremated.

The family requests memorials be sent to Home Options Hospice of Kalispell, or American Cancer Society.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

## Mabelle O. Wollan, 94

Mabelle O. Wollan, 94, died March 12, 1998, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

She was born March 24, 1903, the daughter of Martha and Ole Finney. Her father died before she was born. At the age of 18, she moved with her mother to Saco for a short time, then on to Galata, where they bought a farm.

She met Robert Wollan at Galata and they later married.

In 1926, they moved to the Flathead Valley with their two sons, Melford and Burton. They settled in the Bissell community. Her husband raised some cattle, did some logging and worked for the Department of State Lands. While in the Bissell community three daughters were born: Avis, Edna, and Elizabeth.

She always raised a large garden, did a lot of canning and raised a lot of beautiful flowers. She loved to go huckleberry picking and was active in her children's 4-H projects. The family attended Stillwater Lutheran Church. She was active in the circle meetings.

In 1941, the family moved to the Kuhns School District for a couple of years and then into Kalispell in 1944. She then attended the Bethlehem Lutheran Church and was a very active member of several circles, making quilts. She also made quilts for family members as well.



After her husband's death in 1959, she did custodial work for Edmiston & Bell cleaning offices in the old Conrad Bank building. She also did nurses' aid work at the old Kalispell General Hospital in the maternity ward for a couple of years. She then was employed at the Immanuel Lutheran Home for 11 years in the kitchen.

About one and a half years after retiring, she became a resident at the home and has been there since 1975. She also did a lot of volunteer work such as cancer fund and heart fund drives before the days of United Way. She and her husband also did volunteer skywatching for the North American Air Defense after World War II.

She loved to play the piano, and did so for Bible studies and sing-alongs at the Home.

She was preceded in death by eight brothers and sisters; her husband Robert; son Melford; and two daughters, Edna and Elizabeth; also a grandson and granddaughter.

She is survived by her son Burton and wife, Rose Mary, of Kalispell; daughter Avis and husband, Jack L. Hoyt, of Bigfork; five grandsons; 10 granddaughters; and a number of great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. She was the last survivor of the Ole and Martha Finney family.

Family suggests memorials be given to the Immanuel Lutheran Home or to the charity of the giver's choice. Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

## Carol Hazel Wyant, 71

Carol Hazel Wyant, 71, died Feb. 8, 1998, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

She was born Sept. 14, 1926, in Williston, N.D., to Floyd and Verba White Holman.

She married Lyle Richard Wyant in California on May 11, 1947. Her family moved to Kalispell in 1949.

She and her husband lived on Patrick Creek Road and together they raised registered quarter horses.

She was a homemaker, mother, grandmother, and was loved by all.

She is survived by her husband, Lyle, at the family home in Kalispell; daughter Julie Wyant of Uvalde, Texas; son Rick and wife, Rhonda Wyant of Kalispell; brother Buck Holman and his family of Bigfork; two grandchildren, Annie and Chance Wyant, and numerous nieces and nephews.

A memorial luncheon will be held Friday at 2 p.m. at the Eagles Lodge in Kalispell.

Cremation has taken place. Cremation and arrangements are by the Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.