

## Benjamin James Zastrow, 22

Benjamin James Zastrow, 22, of Missoula, formerly of Columbia Falls, died on Wednesday, Feb. 25, 1998, in Missoula.

He was born on June 5, 1975, to David Alan Hanke and Teresa Ann Zastrow. He graduated from Eagle School in Columbia Falls in 1992. He played defensive tackle on the Columbia Falls High School team. He enjoyed computers, model cars and weight lifting.

He attended the University of Montana for two years studying computer science. He also had worked as a landscaper and for Dry Wall Supply. His hobbies included hunting and fishing.

He is survived by his parents, David Hanke of Edgar, Wis., and Teresa Zastrow of Kalispell; grandparents, Norma Hanke and William Zastrow of Milwaukee, Wis., and Florence Zastrow of Merrill, Wis.; and his girlfriend, Rita Aleferas, of Missoula.

A memorial service was held in Missoula on Monday, and a memorial service will be held today at 6 p.m. at 411 Sixth Ave. W., Kalispell.

Arrangements are under the direc-

tion of Garden City Funeral Home and Crematory.

## Merritt Zauner, 86

Merritt Zauner, 86, died Wednesday, Aug. 12, 1998, at the home of his daughter in Kila.

He was born Oct. 7, 1911, in Flint, Mich., to John and Blanche Letich Winterschied.

He is survived locally by one daughter, Joan Baldwin and husband, Dennis, of Kila; and three

grandchildren, Jennifer Clark and husband, Addison, Randy Baldwin and wife, Sue, and Peter Baldwin.

Funeral services will be held in Flint, Mich., at a later date.

Local arrangements are by the Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

## Gene Zechin, 62

Gene Zechin, 62, died Wednesday, Oct. 14, 1998, at St. John Lutheran Hospital in Libby.

He was born in Stuart, Neb., on Nov. 13, 1935, the son of Harold and Stacie Zechin. He lived in Columbia Falls for many years and moved to Libby in 1995.

He is survived by his wife, Peggy, of Libby; sons Gene Zechin Jr. of Kalispell, Kevan Zechin of Omaha, Neb., and Mark Zechin of the Czech Republic; a brother,

Earl Amos of Alaska; sisters Theola Svoboda and Judene Abels of Nebraska and Vanetta Hallett of Georgia; 12 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Visitation will be from 1-8 p.m. Sunday at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Libby. Services will be Monday at 1:30 p.m. at the Assembly of God Church with Pastor Mark Zechin officiating. Interment services will follow in the City of Libby cemetery.

## Muriel Bright Zien, 89

Muriel Bright Zien, 89, died June 13, 1998, at the hospital in Scottsbluff, Neb.

She was born April 3, 1909, in Nevis, Minn., to Garrett Lee and Eva Newell Arrowwood. She received her early education in Minnesota and taught school one year before getting married. She married John Morris, a barber, in Kennewick, Wash., June 1927, and they moved to Eureka. He died two years later.

She married Richard Bright on Sept. 27, 1935, and they lived most of their years in Eureka, except during World War II when they moved to the coast to work in the shipyard. He died May 14, 1960. She lived and worked in Eureka before marrying Charles Pluid of Bonners Ferry, Idaho. They later divorced.

She then moved to Sacramento and married George Zien in 1965. He

passed away in 1977. She has lived the last year with her daughter Bert Stenberg and husband, John, in Mitchell, Neb.

She is preceded in death by one sister, Vivian; and one brother, Freeman Smith.

She is survived by two sons, Chester Bright Morris and wife, Dorothy, of Las Vegas, Nev., and Jack Bright Morris and wife, Joni, of Roseville, Calif.; two daughters, Bert Bright Stenberg and husband, John, of Mitchell, and Norma Bright Faulkner and husband, Jim, of Tucson, Ariz.; one sister, Violet; also 18 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Graveside services are planned on Thursday at 2 p.m. in Eureka Cemetery.

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