

Evelyn M. Backen, 77, of Libby, died Friday, Jan. 15, 1999, at her home in Libby, from natural causes.

She was born May 24, 1921, at Whitefish, to Andrew and Avis Stevens Flint. She attended school in Whitefish.

She married George Backen in 1947, in Whitefish. They moved to Libby in 1949, and have resided there since that time.

She enjoyed bowling, reading, picking huckleberries, hunting, farming, white water rafting and family gatherings.

She was preceded in death by her husband George.

Survivors include six sons, David Backen and his wife, Louise, of Kula, Hawaii, Rodney Backen and his wife, Diane, of Littleton, Colo., Gerald Backen and his wife, Donna, of Plymouth, Wash., Daniel Backen and his wife, Kathy, of Libby, Jack Backen and his wife, Starr, of Boise, Idaho, Joel Backen and his wife, June, of Billings; one daughter, Teddi Hyde and her husband, Skip of Boise; three sisters, Nellie Lovell of Amity, Ore., Gladys Crow of Whitefish, and Elaine Lauess of Libby; 29 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Services will be Monday at 1 p.m. at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home Chapel. Burial arrangements are by the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Libby.

Florine May Backen, 79

Florine May Backen, 79, of Kalispell, died Monday night, Oct. 25, 1999, at Brendan House.

She was born in Virgil, Mont., on Feb. 21, 1920, but lived most of her life in the Flathead Valley. She moved to the East Lakeshore in the early 1930s, when her parents, James and Minnie Frye, homesteaded in Yellow Bay.

She married Otto William Backen in 1940, and they moved to Kalispell shortly thereafter.

Her husband, Otto, preceded her in death in 1959.

She is survived by three children,

Barry of Medford, Ore., Ronald of Wildomar, Calif., and Faye Robbenolt of Kalispell; nine grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

She was baptized as one of the Jehovah's Witnesses in 1941, after a thorough study of the Bible, and remained faithful and active up to her death.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses at 1414 Woodland Ave. in Kalispell.

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

Wilma I. Bahm, 95

Wilma I. Bahm, 95, of Whitefish, died Wednesday, Feb. 3, 1999, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

She was born in Michigan on June 25, 1903, to Milo and Frances Lent. She moved with her family to Whitefish in 1911, where she graduated from high school.

In 1921, she married Frank Guay in Whitefish. They had two children, Betty and Frank.

In 1935, she married Joseph Bahm. They resided in Whitefish, where she worked as a nurses aide at Whitefish Hospital. After her husband died, she moved to Mountain View Manor where she resided until moving to Heritage Place in 1995.

She was preceded in death by her

parents; sister Myrtle Bain; and her husband Joe.

She is survived by her daughter, Betty Fabian of Great Falls; son Frank Guay and his wife, Cora, of Kalispell; six grandchildren, and 16 great-grandchildren.

She loved her church, the people in the church and the music. She loved to sing, had a sharp wit and a good sense of humor.

Viewing will be today from 12 to 5 p.m. at the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish, and a graveside service on Monday at 2:30 p.m. at Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Kalispell.

There will be a memorial service Saturday at 2 p.m. at the Nazarene Church in Whitefish.

Arthur Francis Bain, 89

Arthur Francis Bain, 89, died Monday, Oct. 21, 1999, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

He was born June 21, 1910, in the Helena Flats area near Kalispell, the oldest of six children to Oakford and Estella

Robinson Bain. Except for a short time in Canada, they lived in Patrick Creek near Kalispell and Essex, where he attended school.

He dropped out of school and entered the work force at age 14, working on a bridge gang building trestles for the Great Northern railroad at Essex. In 1925, he moved to Kalispell, with his mother and siblings. He worked for his uncle in the Robinson Radiator Shop to help support the family.

At about 17, he was a featherweight boxer. In 1933, he joined the CCC's for a year where he was building roads at St. Regis, and the Remount Station in Missoula.

In April 18, 1934, he married Dorothy Riebe in Kalispell. Their home became home to their brothers and other relatives. They raised three sons, Addison, Stan and Daryl. He was always so proud of his family.

In 1946, he received his private pilot's license.

He wore many hats — as a construction worker on the Liberty Theater, Hedges School and Hennessy's original log building; on road construction on the Going-to-the-Sun Highway and Hwy. 2 from Libby to Essex; a service station attendant; a grocery clerk; maintenance at the high school; and he operated Aronow refinery during World War II. He was a mechanic for many years at Kickbush Motors, Schomer Motors, Manjions and Harolds Rambler Sales.



In 1964, he went to work for the state forestry department as a mechanic and heavy equipment operator, building roads and doing reforestation. He had fought forest fires many years. He loved this job and reluctantly retired in 1978.

He was an avid sportsman, enjoying hunting, fishing and camping. He also enjoyed photography, flying, gardening, reading and keeping up on his sons' occupations. He will always be remembered for his sense of humor.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Neil and Richard; and one sister, Bernadine.

He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Dorothy Bain of Kalispell; three sons, Dr. Addison Bain and wife, Sharon, of Melbourne, Fla., Stan Bain and wife, Sharon, of Salt Lake City, Utah, and Daryl Bain and wife, Robin, of Kalispell; five grandchildren, Kristie Deuel of Salt Lake City, Dennis Bain and Randy Bain of Kalispell, Scott Bain and Debbie Lindsay in Wash.; 10 stepgrandchildren; three great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; two brothers, Lewis Bain and his wife, Betty, of Kalispell, and Oakford Bain and wife, Jackie, of New Jersey; one sister, Joyce Reynolds in Portland; and a sister-in-law, Annette Bain Wilson of Marion; and many other relatives.

Funeral services will be held Monday at 2 p.m. at the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Glenn Burfiend of the First Presbyterian Church officiating. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be held from 12 to 6 p.m. today at Johnson Mortuary Chapel.

The family suggests memorials be given in his name to: Hunter Education Program, c/o Fish, Wildlife & Parks, 490 N. Meridian, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

9 NOV 1999 LaDean G. Bahr, 68

LaDean G. Bahr, 68, of Polson, died Monday evening from cancer at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

He was born on Nov. 30, 1930, in New Underwood, S.D., to Raymond J. and Lila E. Bahr.

He grew up and attended schools at Owanka, S.D., New Underwood, and Lead, S.D. He graduated from high school in Lead. He attended college at Black Hills State College in Spearfish.

He started working as an auditor for the Federal Credit Union in Texas in 1955. He transferred to the Pacific Northwest area in 1965, and continued to work for the Federal Credit Union for 30 years. He received several awards during his career as an auditor.

He purchased a home on the east shore of Flathead Lake and kept that as his home after he retired in the mid 1980s.

He was a member of the Immacu-

late Conception Church in Polson, and the Elks.

He loved to fish, hunt and work his cherry orchard.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his brother, Ralph and Phyllis Bahr of Eden Prairie, Minn.; one nephew, Kurt Bahr of Minnetonka, Minn.; his companion, Gail M. Roane of the east shore of Flathead Lake; and numerous other relatives in western South Dakota.

A funeral mass will be held Friday at 11 a.m. at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Polson. Burial will follow at the Lakeview Cemetery. Visitation will be Thursday from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Grogan Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Arrangements are by the Grogan Funeral Home of Polson.

La Reta Beryl 'Sally' Baird, 91

La Reta Beryl "Sally" Baird, 91, longtime resident of the Upper Piedra Valley outside Pagosa Springs, Colo., died in the early morning hours of Sunday, Aug. 15, 1999, after a valiant struggle with old age these past few years. Old age won. She was lovingly attended by the staff at Colonial Manor in Whitefish, near her family.

She was born Oct. 12, 1907, in Lovelock, Nev., to LeRoy Eugene Beeson and Sarah Edith Clem Beeson and graduated from Pershing High School there in 1925. She attended the University of Idaho at Moscow, where she met the man of her dreams, John Cecil Baird of Chicago, Ill. They were married on June 18, 1929, in Pagosa Springs.

After raising their daughter, Madalyne Carol, keeping the home fires burning in Wickford, R.I., while her husband was away at war in the Pacific, and being a valuable and supportive forest ranger's wife, she returned to school and earned her bachelor of science degree in education from the University of Arizona at Flagstaff in 1959.

To help bankroll her education, she wrote short stories which were published in the classic "True Romance" pulp fiction magazines of the day. How she relished spinning a tale!

She taught elementary school in Pagosa Springs for many years and was appointed to the office of Hinsdale County Superintendent of

Schools in 1960. She also taught in the Indian schools of Arizona and New Mexico. She found great joy in teaching and reminisced often, especially with stories of antics on the playground or in gym class.

She was an accomplished athlete — state champion basketball player in high school and tennis champ in college; an avid sports fan, meticulously recording stats as she watched both in the stands and on television; and a true outdoorswoman. She could hunt, fish and ride as an equal with any man and took pride in her skills. Her independent spirit and unique humor will be remembered by all who knew her.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and her brother, Clem Beeson.

She is survived by her daughter, M. Carol Izett; granddaughter, Christya Carol Izett; grandson, Cory Craig Izett; great-grandchildren, Jade Piedra Mason, Justin Craig Izett, and Scott Hale Izett, all of Whitefish; as well as her devoted husband, Johnny Baird, currently residing at Sunshine Gardens West in Durango, Colo. She was "his gal Sal" and will be sorely missed.

Her ashes will be returned to the cabin on the Piedra River which she loved so well.

Remembrances may be made in her name to any charitable organization benefiting children's sports education or the preservation of the American West.

Lynda K. Baiamonte, 51

Lynda K. Baiamonte, 51, died Monday, Feb. 22, 1999, at her home in Kalispell.

She was born Oct. 25, 1947, in Greeley, Colo., to Vernon and Mary Kay Leaf Peter.

She is survived by two sons, including David Wayne Achziger and his wife, Patricia, of Kalispell, and two grandchildren.

No services are planned. Cremation has taken place. Cremation and arrangements are by the Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Dot 'Dorothy' L. Baker, 85

Dot "Dorothy" L. Baker, 85, a longtime resident of Missoula, died on Jan. 11, 1999.

She was born on Dec. 6, 1913, in Hibbard, Idaho, to George and Florence Saurey.

In 1946, she married William A. Baker. Later in life she worked for Rattlesnake Laundry and at the Carousel preparing food for banquets.

She was preceded in death by a brother and her husband.

She is survived by two sons and two daughters including Linda Malingo and Todd Baker of Kalispell; a stepson; a brother; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be today until 8 p.m. at Garden City Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at the funeral home on Thursday at 3 p.m. A reception will follow in the funeral home's community room.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests donations to Franklin School, 1901 S. 10th W., Missoula, MT 59801 or contact 542-4020.

Arrangements are under the care of Garden City Funeral Home and Crematory.

Ruth Arlene Bailey, 89



Ruth Arlene Bailey, 89, died Friday, March 5, 1999, at the Heritage Place in Kalispell. She was born December 19, 1909, in Toledo, Ohio, to Charles M. and Mary Elizabeth Rolfe Mann.

After graduating from Waite High School in Toledo, she attended the University of Toledo for two years. She then enrolled in a nurse training course at St Vincent's Hospital and School of Nursing in Toledo.

She became a Christian in 1929, accepting Jesus Christ as her personal savior. Two of her favorite scriptures were John 3:15-18 and Revelations 3:20.

During World War II, she joined the Women's Army Corps (WAC) and was stationed in New England for the war. After her discharge she put the GI Bill to good use, getting secretarial training at a business school. She then found a position at Norris Grain

Inc. in Toledo.

While visiting her brother in California, she met and fell in love with William Donaldson Bailey. They were married in 1955 in Toledo. They settled in Castro Valley, Calif. After Don's retirement and following Ruth's brother Robert, they moved to Montana in 1978.

She was preceded in death by her parents and brothers.

She is survived by her husband William Donaldson Bailey of Kalispell; a sister Eileen Twiss of Las Vegas, Nev; a nephew George Twiss of Fremont, Calif., and a niece Cindy Carvalho of Las Vegas.

Funeral services will be Wednesday at Johnson Mortuary Chapel at 2 p.m. with the Rev. David Pestel of the Bethel Baptist Church officiating. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Tuesday at Johnson Mortuary. Burial will be in Ottawa Hills Memorial Park in Toledo.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Olive Marie Bakhaus, 80, of Whitefish, formerly of Momence, Ill., died Saturday, April 3, 1999, at North Valley Extended Care in Whitefish.

She was born on April 5, 1918, in Pliny Township, Minn., to James Menis Peterson and Elsa F. Hunziker-Kimble.

On Aug. 23, 1936, she married Everett Brouillette in Indiana. He preceded her in death on Nov. 3, 1957. On Aug. 4, 1968, she married Vernon "Toby" Bakhaus in Illinois. He preceded her in death on Sept. 28, 1987.

She and her first husband were active in the Boy Scouts for many years. She served as camp nurse for Rainbow council Boy Scout Camp in Morris, Ill.

In 1956 and 1957, she was a homemaker. She was employed as a laboratory technician with Carter Wallace in 1957, then was a secretary to the pastor at the First United Methodist Church from 1963 to 1969.

She retired to Montana in 1983, where she was active in the Eureka Senior Citizens group. In 1996, she organized the 60th reunion for Momence High School Class of 1936.

She enjoyed reading, walking, knitting, crocheting and traveling. She visited the Holy Land of Israel in 1987.

She was preceded by both husband and one grandchild, Chad Brouillette.

She is survived by four sons, Arnold and Bonnie Brouillette of Eureka, Joe and Christine Brouillette of Harlowton, Everett, Jay and Sharon Brouillette of Idaho Falls, Idaho, and Don and Kathy Bakhaus of Scottsdale, Ariz.; three daughters, Judy and John

Walker of Rancho Mirage, Calif., Kay Brouillette of Bradley, Ill., and Marianne Dyon of Whitefish; two stepchildren, Ronny and Barbara Bakhaus of Beecher, Ill., and Chris and David Denton of Momence, Ill.; four brothers, Kenny Peterson of St. Paul, Minn., Burt and Wanda Peterson of Brainard, Minn., Byrl Peterson of Hill City, Minn., and Lee and Mardell Peterson of Grand Rapids, Minn.; 21 grandchildren, and 15 great-grandchildren, as well as special friends, Joyce Lowe and Ellen Brouillette.

Visitation will be Wednesday from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Whitefish Nazarene Church, followed by services at 4 p.m. at the church with the Rev. Robert Hodges and the Rev. Tom Perry officiating. Internment will take place at Mt. Airy Cemetery in Momence.

The family suggests memorials be made to the March of Dimes or the Boy Scouts of America or the Momence Historical Society.

Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish is in charge of arrangements.

Thomas Clarke Baldwin Jr., 73

Thomas Clarke Baldwin Jr., 73, died Tuesday, Jan. 12, 1999, at the Heritage Place.

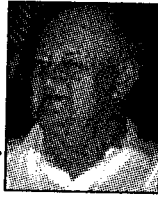
He was born Aug. 2, 1925, in Appleton, Mo., to Thomas and Ruby Baldwin. He was the oldest of seven children. He was raised in Wisconsin.

He served in the U.S. Air Force, the LaCrosse County Civil Defense, and American Legion Post 52.

He loved the outdoors, fishing and hunting, as well as tending his garden. He always had a smile for his many friends, and will be remembered for his helping hand and generous ways.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his son Thomas III; grandson Dustin Baldwin; and a sister.

He is survived by his wife, Audrey of



50 years; eight of his children including Betty Jane Elliott and husband, Larry, Patty Kendhammer and husband, Ron, Audrey "Skeeter" Boisen and husband, Donald, all of Wisconsin, Michael Baldwin and wife, Donna, of Redmond, Ore., Gary Baldwin and wife, Paula, of Kalispell, Kathryn Von Gunten of Great Falls, Dianne Greyn and husband, Gilbert, of Dutton, and Cheryle Caspary and husband, Michael, of Liberty Lake, Wash.; as well as 23 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; two brothers and three sisters.

A memorial service will be held Friday, at 4 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary in the chapel. The Rev. Richard Sodja of St Catherine's in Bigfork will be officiating. A committal service will take place at a later date. The VFW will provide honors.

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

William D. Baldwin Jr., 77

William D. Baldwin Jr., 77, died Oct. 2, 1999, at the home of his son in Kila.

He was born Nov. 16, 1921, in Grand Rapids, Mich., to William D. and Cornelia (King) Baldwin.

He is survived locally by one son, Dennis Baldwin, and his wife Joan of Kila.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at the Swartz Funeral Home in Flint, Mich. Burial will follow in the Crestwood Cemetery in Grand Blanc, Mich.

Local arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

John W. Ballard, 72

John W. Ballard, 72, died Monday, March 22, 1999, at home in Kalispell, following a general decline in health.

He was born March 16, 1927, to John C. and Laura C. Ballard in Richmond, Ky. After graduating from high school he joined the Army and served in the Pacific in World War II.

He married Mary Lou Newberg on Sept. 17, 1948, in Richmond. They moved to Montana in 1950.

He taught in junior high school in Corvallis and Glasgow. In 1952, he completed a master of arts degree from The University of Montana.

In 1955, they moved to Medicine Lake, where he served as superintendent of schools for 12 years. In 1967,

the family moved to Kalispell, where he served as principal of Flathead High School until 1976.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Lou of Kalispell; son Jim; daughter Mary Catherine; son Robert and wife, Laura, and grandchildren, Marlana and Cody, all residing in Washington state; and a sister, Anna Ballard Helton and husband, Leonard, of California.

At his request, he will be cremated and a private family scattering of the ashes will take place at a later date.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorials be made to the American Heart Association or the charity of your choice.

Anna Louise Banna, cherished infant daughter of Jamison and Jennifer Banna of Kalispell, died on Friday, April 9, 1999.

According to her family, "She came to us and left to heaven on April 9. Our lives will be forever enriched by the time we spent loving her, and our family looks forward to being with her again."

She is welcomed back to heaven by her maternal grandfather, Michael Deane Morris; great-grandparents; and numerous cousins, great-uncles and great-aunts, including Anna Louise Morris — for whom she was named — who also left the earth as a child.

In addition to her parents, she leaves her sister, Jessica; her brother, Michael; paternal grandparents, Dick and Ione Banna; uncle Joe Banna and family of Somers; aunt Helene Banna of Minnesota; aunt Molly Robbennolt and family; maternal

grandmother, Sandra Morris; and uncles Myles and Sean Morris of Missoula; maternal great-grandparents, John and Mauna Shadoan of Bozeman; and numerous great-aunts, great-uncles and cousins.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial gifts be given to the Latter-day Saints Missionary Fund or to the Anencephaly Support Foundation, 30827 Sifton Drive, Spring, TX 77386.

Private burial will be with her grandfather at Sunset Memorial Cemetery in Missoula. The family hopes friends and family will share in the joy of her birth and their grief and sorrow at her loss at a service in her memory on Friday at 7 p.m. at the Kalispell Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1380 Whitefish Stage Road.

Arrangements are by The Malletta Family of Funeral Homes, Sunset Chapel, in Missoula.

1994 Norma Bardwell, 72

Norma Bardwell, 72, died Aug. 20 at the Kalispell Regional Medical Center. She was born Jan. 10, 1927, the daughter of Mens and Hilda Mohn.



She graduated from Flathead High School. As a young woman she worked at Woodward's Department Store in Kalispell and also worked for School District No. 5. She was married to Donald Bardwell Nov. 24, 1955, in Kalispell. She was very active in the Salvation Army Church. She later worked in the Salvation Army thrift stores in Kalispell. In 1978, they moved to Lakeside, Ore., where they had many true and dear friends. At the time of her husband's death in 1994, she moved back to Kalispell, where she resided with her son Bruce until the time of her passing. She had lived with a disability that never affected her good nature and kind heart. She

will be missed by all those who knew her.

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

She is survived by her three sons; David and wife Judy of Missoula; Allen and wife Cindy of Kalispell and son Bruce of Kalispell. Two siblings; her devoted sister Carolyn Hart of Kalispell and brother Marvin Mohn of North Highlands, Ca. Five grandchildren; Nikki, Casey and Alexandria Bardwell of Kalispell; David Bardwell and wife Theresa of Ft. Benton and Jeff Lathrom of Oregon. Also, four great-grandchildren; Kenny Hickman and Cole Linn of Kalispell and David III and Elizabeth of Ft. Benton and many wonderful and dear nieces and nephews.

Viewing will take place Tuesday, Aug. 24, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Funeral services for Bardwell will be on Wednesday, Aug. 25 at 1 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary. Burial to follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery of Kalispell. The family suggests memorials be sent to the Salvation Army of Kalispell, 411 1st Ave. W. Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Mary Irene Barnum, 86

Mary Irene Barnum, 86, died in the early morning of Wednesday, March 24, 1999, at her home in Kalispell.

She was born June 21, 1912, in Sidney, to Lem and Mary Boyd Todd Burns.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband Dick Barnum; one son, Billy Barnum; and one daughter, Vicky Barnum Whitehead.

She is survived by three grandchildren, Scott Whitehead, Kurt Whitehead and Sommer Whitehead, all of Kalispell; also several nieces and a nephew.

Cremation has taken place and there will be no services as per her wishes. Cremation and arrangements are by the Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

1999 Tryn N. Barnes, 69

Tryn N. Barnes, 69, died Tuesday evening at the Libby Care Center.

She was born Jan. 7, 1930, in Eureka, to Tracie and Gladys Johnston. She came to the Flathead Valley as a small child with her family. She was raised and educated in Kalispell, and attended Flathead County High School.

She came to Libby, in the early 1950s, where she raised her family and made her home until the time of her death.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

She is survived by two daughters, Jimmi Huth of Libby, Chris Andrusco of Nanaimo, British Columbia; a son, Tracie Barnes of Libby; a sister, Joyce Smith of Portland; six grandchildren, Russ Kirkham, Brenda Kirkham, Holly Decker, Anika Huth, Juli Barnes and Justin Barnes; and three great-grandchildren, Lynsey, Kaley and Jake.

Services will be Monday at 2 p.m. at Glacier Memorial Gardens in Kalispell. Visitation will be Sunday from 3 to 7 p.m. and until noon at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Libby.

Elizabeth K. Bartel, 75

Elizabeth K. Bartel, 75, a long-time Libby resident, died Wednesday, July 28, 1999, at the Libby Care Center.

She was born Nov. 19, 1923, in Zeged, Hungary. She met a young American soldier in Hungary named Albert Bartel. They were married on Oct. 20, 1947, in Polson.

Survivors include her hus-

band, Albert Bartel of Libby, two sons, and a half sister in Hungary.

Services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. at the Libby Christian Church. Burial will follow at City of Libby Cemetery. Visitation will be Monday from 1 to 8 p.m.

Local arrangements are by the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home.

Gordon Bartell, 69

Gordon Bartell, 69, of Charlo, died Tuesday, Aug. 3, 1999, at St. Luke Community Hospital in Ronan, from injuries received in a work-related accident.

Survivors include a daughter, Sarah Bartell of Kalispell.

Funeral services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. at the Christian Church in St. Ignatius. Burial will follow in Pleasant View Cemetery in St. Ignatius. Arrangements are by Shrider's Mortuary of Ronan.

Raymond "Buzz" Bartlett

Raymond "Buzz" Bartlett, 64, died Wednesday, March 31, 1999, in Elko, Nevada, due to a motor vehicle accident. He was born November 8, 1934, in Kalispell, Montana, to William Leland and Pearl Violet (Noel) Bartlett.

Buzz was educated in Bigfork. He was on the construction crew when Anaconda Aluminum Company was built in 1954. He married Marlene E. Meyer on Nov. 4, 1955, in Bigfork. They had a farm south of Columbia Falls, where he raised cattle, sheep, wheat and hay. He had one of the first snowmobile shops in Montana in the early 1960s. He enjoyed riding and racing them.

He worked for Anaconda Aluminum Company for 15 years then went to work for himself logging with his partner, Norman Stringfellow, for several years. He then went into log hauling and started with three log trucks. Buzz owned and operated the Seeley Lake Trucking Company. The company now has a fleet of 14 trucks and is presently run by the family in Seeley Lake.

He was a member of the Seeley Lake Water Board and the Montana Log Truckers Association.

Buzz loved the outdoors. He horse-packed into the Bob Marshall hunting and fishing and camping with his family and friends. He also enjoyed collect-

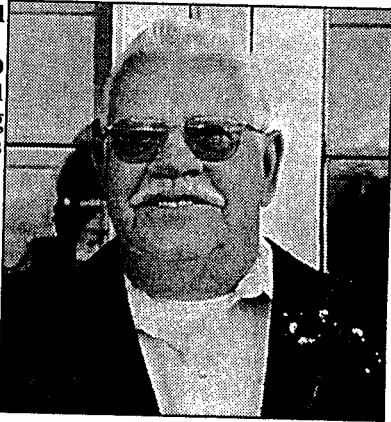
ing original antique cars.

For the past 10 years he had enjoyed traveling south with friends for the winter.

He was preceded in death by his parents and is now survived by his wife Marlene of Seeley Lake; two daughters, Vicki Owens and husband Dan of

Columbia Falls, and Patti Dunlap and husband Mike of Seeley Lake; sons Bill Bartlett and wife Terry of Seeley Lake, and Jim Bartlett and wife Stacy of Stevensville; and his in-laws, Helen and E.I. Meyer of Bigfork.

A funeral service for Buzz will be Thursday, April 8, at 1 p.m. at the Little Brown Church in Bigfork, with Pastor Ron Pierce officiating. Burial will follow at the Lone Pine Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.



Earl Quay Bates, 80

Earl Quay Bates, 80, died Tuesday, March 23, 1999, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

He was born July 26, 1918, in International Falls, Minn., to Nathan and Verla Bates.

He married Helen Braaten on Oct. 1, 1939, in Wolf Point. They had two sons, Tom and Rod, and one daughter, Barbara.

He managed the Red Owl Grocery Store in Wolf Point until 1942, when the family moved to Brockton, where he had his own grocery store. In 1944, he moved to Kalispell, where he worked for Pay and Save Grocery.

Later he moved to Somers, where he worked for Lee Craft Boats until he started his own building construction business. He decided to retire in 1980.

He was an avid outdoors man who loved fishing up the South Fork and truly enjoyed going down to his hunting cabin in the Bitterroots to go hunting. During his retirement years, he became a very efficient gar-

dener. He loved spending time raising vegetables for his family.

He was a member of the Carpenters Union, Eagles Lodge and the Eidsvold Lutheran Church of Somers.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother Jack who passed away in Dec. of 1982.

He is survived by his wife Helen; two sons, Tom and Rod; one daughter Barbara; four grandchildren, Madeline Dunnihoo, Robin Arington, Sonya Lichte and David Greef; and five great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Eidsvold Lutheran Church in Somers, with the Rev. Wayne Pris officiating. Urn burial will be at a later date at a very special place.

In lieu of flowers, the family request memorials be sent to either the Lakeside Quick Response Unit, or to the Eidsvold Lutheran Church.

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

Norman L. Beach, 65

Norman L. Beach, 65, of Martin City, died Saturday, Oct. 30, 1999, in Kalispell.

He was born on June 11, 1934, in Arlington, Ohio, to Irvin and Fern Beach.

He moved to Montana in 1969, and loved the mountains, hunting, fishing, raising flowers and especially his grandchildren.

He was active in his church and taught third and fourth grade boys in Awana.

He retired from Plum Creek in 1996, and enjoyed all the things he loved to do. He was a very talented man who could do about anything and was always helping others.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Carl and Dean Beach; his mother, Fern Beach, in 1998; his father, Irvin Beach, in 1969; and one son, Jay Dean Beach, in 1979.

He is survived by his wife, Bobbie

Kay, at their home in Martin City; three sons, Denny and wife, Janet, of Bigfork, Scott and wife, LaSeena, of Hungry Horse, and Mike of Martin City; one daughter, Candy and husband, Jeff Dyer, of Fairbanks, Alaska; stepson, Chuck Fauley of Coram; stepdaughter, Tammy Tolson and husband, Jeff, of Vancouver; three sisters, Judy Farrington and husband, Merle, of Kenton, Ohio, Alys Kauble of Forest, Ohio, and Clara Jean Boehm of Galion, Ohio; three grandsons, Tracy, Davis, and Bryan Dyer; and three granddaughters, Debra, C.J. and Alyssa Beach.

The world has lost a shining star and we will miss him so.

A memorial service will be held at 4 p.m. on Saturday at the Lion Hill Baptist Church in Martin City.

Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is in charge of the arrangements.

Ed Beardsley, 84

Ed Beardsley, 84, died Saturday at the Libby Care Center.

He was born July 17, 1915, at Ismay, to Henry and Alice Beardsley.

He was a 42-year employee of the J. Neils Lumber Company and the St. Regis Paper Company until his retirement in 1980.

He married Norma Beasley Wilson Oct. 24, 1948, at Libby.

His wife Norma preceded him

in death in 1984.

Survivors include two daughters, a son, a brother, six grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Gary Mize officiating. Interment with Masonic rites will be in the City of Libby Cemetery. Visitation will be Tuesday from 1 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Gordon Friedrick Becker, 91

Gordon Friedrick Becker, 91, died Saturday, Jan. 16, 1999, at the Brendan House in Kalispell.

He was born Sept. 24, 1907, in Anamoose, N.D., to George and Alvina Becker.

He married Esther G. Beedle in Anamoose, on May 16, 1943. He worked for the North Dakota State Highway Department before moving to Whitefish in 1947, where he worked for John B. Simon Hospital.

In 1951, he moved to Kalispell, and for 16 years was employed as a custodian at Elrod and Cornelius Hedges School. The last seven years before his retirement, he worked at First National Bank, now Norwest Bank.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, George and



Elroy; and a sister, Lily Becker.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Esther Becker, at the family home in Kalispell; three daughters, Alvina M. Hix of Kila, Barbara L. Geha of Medford, Ore., and Carol J. Finch of Auburn, Wash.; two brothers, Norman Becker of Anamoose, and Harris Becker of Opheim; four grandchildren, Robert W. Geha Jr., Carmel P. Finch, Paul Gordon Finch, and Montage M. Hix; and seven nephews, including Dwayne Becker of Whitefish.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday, at 10 a.m. at the Northridge Lutheran Church with the Rev. Dan Heskett officiating. Burial will follow at the Glacier Memorial Gardens.

The family suggest memorial gifts be given to the Northridge Lutheran Church Building Fund, 323 Northridge Dr., Kalispell, MT 59901

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

Charles E. 'Chuck' Beckner, 72

Charles E. "Chuck" Beckner, 72, of Denver, died Nov. 2, 1999, in Kalispell, of cancer.

He was born May 3, 1927, in Goodland, Kan., to Chancy and Eva Beckner.

He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

He was a member of Pipefitters Local #208 for over 50 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Chancy and Eva Beckner; four brothers, Melvin, Howard, Lloyd, and Ray Beckner; loving wife, "Dee" Beckner; and son, Stephen

Beckner;

He is survived by two sisters, Lillie Hively of Orange Park, Fla., and Sylvia Patton of Topeka, Kan.; son, Ronald Beckner of Aurora, Colo.; daughter, Karen Rogers of Kalispell; stepson, Norman Williams of Ideldale, Colo.; five grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; numerous stepgrandchildren; and a loving extended family.

Funeral services were held on Monday.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, 2255 South Oneida St., Denver, CO 80220.

Esthyre Jean Beckner, 71

Esthyre Jean Beckner, 71, died on June 14, 1999, at the Brendan House in Kalispell.

She was born July 17, 1927, in Conrad, the youngest daughter of 10 children, to Raymond Charles and Ellen Christina Peterson Dupler.

She moved to Kalispell in 1960 from Shelby. She worked for many years in the hospitality industry and enjoyed sewing and raising plants.

She was a member of the Eagles, the VFW, and Goldstar Mothers.

She faced many hardships in her life but always came through with strength and independence that were uniquely hers. She was blessed with knowing many many people. Janet Flanigan remained dedicated and loving throughout months of declining health and was by her side until the very end. Her friendship was a bright star at times when it was needed most.

Esthyre was also blessed to receive quality care while residing at the

Brendan House. The staff members are angels doing God's work everyday. They are the foundation on which Brendan House is built. Their compassion and professionalism deserve total and complete praise.

Goodnight Mama, I love you always and will see you on the other side. You were a precious gift for which I will always be proud.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Calvin Lloyd Beckner, in 1986; a son, Roger D. Eckstein; a daughter, Pamela Jean Eckstein; six brothers and two sisters.

She is survived by a son, Rocky Beckner and friend Craig Benthin of Vancouver, Wash.; a sister, Emma VanHeel of Dutton; and dozens of nieces and nephews.

No services are planned. Burial will be in Conrad Memorial Cemetery at a later date.

Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Jill Hinnaland Beecher, 50

Jill Hinnaland Beecher, 50, of Cohagen, died on Nov. 28, 1999, in Billings at Deaconess Medical Center.

She was born on Oct. 8, 1949, at Jordan, to Dan and Gert Hinnaland. She married Glen Beecher on June 24, 1974, and they ranched near Cohagen.

She is survived by her husband, Glen, of Cohagen; four daughters including Brandi Elings and her husband, Travis, of Kalispell; three sisters; three brothers; and numerous other relatives.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a nephew.

Visitation will be held today from 1 to 6 p.m. at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Jordan. Funeral services will be held on Thursday at 11 a.m. at the V.F.W. Hall with the Rev. Mike McKinney officiating. Interment will follow in the Pioneer Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Garfield County Rodeo Club or the Garfield County Health Center.

Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home of Jordan in charge of arrangements.

Ronald D. Behm, 64

Ronald D. Behm, 64, of Columbia Falls, died Wednesday, Nov. 10, 1999, at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

He was born Aug. 24, 1935, in Laurel, to Daniel and Pauline Behm. He was raised and educated in Laurel, and graduated from high school there. He attended Northern Montana College in Havre. He graduated from Northern Montana College with a bachelor's degree in industrial arts and social studies and later earned a master's degree in education.

He was married to Marian D. Swanson on June 8, 1958, in Big Sandy.

He taught school in Dubois, Idaho, until moving to Columbia Falls in 1964.

He taught industrial arts and social studies at Columbia Falls High School until his retirement in 1989. He also taught drivers' education at the school and continued to do so after his retirement.

He was active in athletics at the high school and was a referee for all

sports for many years. He also ran the time clocks at the basketball games and for wrestling.

He loved to go fishing and camping.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his wife, Marian, of Columbia Falls; a son and spouse, Troy Behm and Dorothy of Dutton; two daughters and spouse, Therese Behm of Columbia Falls, and Traci Wanner and Rob of Eagle River, Alaska; a granddaughter, Samantha Wanner of Eagle River; a sister, Sharon Blank and Larry of Kent, Wash.; and numerous other relatives.

A memorial service will be held Saturday at 1 p.m. at Our Saviors Lutheran Church. A private graveside inurnment will follow after the service.

The family suggests that memorials be made to Wildcat Athletic Endowment Association, P.O. Box 2732, Columbia Falls, MT 59912.

Columbia Mortuary is in charge of local arrangements.

Wilford A. Becker, 79

Wilford A. Becker, 79, a long-time Libby resident, died Friday, Jan. 1, 1999, at Colonial Manor in Whitefish.

He was born July 6, 1919, in Cass Lake, Minn., to Albert and Flavia Gamache Becker. He married Jessie Scott on Sept. 2, 1939.

He worked at the J. Neil Lumber Company and St. Regis International, retiring in 1975.

Survivors include his wife Jessie of Libby; two sons; one daughter; two sisters, Dolores Thede and her husband, John, and Violet Riley and her husband, Ralph, all of Libby; eight grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be until 6 p.m. today at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home Chapel. Parish vigil and rosary services will follow at 7 p.m. at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home Chapel. Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated Wednesday at 11 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Libby. Interment services will follow at the City of Libby Cemetery. Local arrangements are by the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Libby.

Delores 'De' Howard Beckstrom, 65

A memorial service for Delores "De" Howard Beckstrom will be held Wednesday at 1 p.m. at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. The

Rev. Andrew Kennaly of the First Presbyterian Church in Whitefish, will officiate. Delores, 65, died Sept. 28, 1998, in Kalispell.

1999 Esther Bedecarrax, 93

Esther Bedecarrax, 93, died peacefully at her daughter's home in Lakeside, on Tuesday, Feb. 16.

She was born in Republic, Mo., on June 4, 1905. She later moved with her family to LaJava, Colo. Upon graduation from high school, she moved to the San Francisco bay area to seek a career.

She met and married Edmund Bedecarrax in 1926. They lived in Marin County all of their married life. They had one daughter, Joan.

In 1987, after 61 years of marriage, her husband died and she moved to Lakeside to be near her daughter and son-in-law, Joan and Noel Bartlett.

She was a fantastic cook and an avid reader. She had a gentle and lov-

ing spirit that will be deeply missed by her loving and caring family.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law as well as three granddaughters, Debbie and her husband, Tom Davis of Spokane, and their daughter Ally, Kathy and her husband, Jim Adams of Seattle, and their children, Annie and Dustin, Sue and her husband, Dave Thornquist of Kalispell, and their children, Rachael and Eli.

Cremation has taken place, and a memorial service will be announced at a later date. Memorials can be made to Home Options Hospice of Kalispell.

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

Amanda Beick, 16

Amanda Beick, 16, of Whitefish, died Saturday, Feb. 20, 1999.

She was born on Sept. 28, 1982, to Mel and Shirley Beick.

Throughout her life she enjoyed being with her family and friends. Two of her favorite passions were Rollerblading and snowmobiling.

She is survived by her parents, Mel and Shirley Beick of Whitefish; one sister, Amy Beick; four brothers, Shawn Lund of Missoula, Clem and Dennis Beick of Florida and Tim Coleman of Iowa; a grandmother, Beatrice

McCoy of Rapid City, S.D.; brother-in-law David Metcalfe of Whitefish; sister-in-law Stacie Huether of Missoula; as well as numerous aunts and uncles, nieces and nephews, and many special friends.

Services will be held Friday at 2 p.m. at the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish. The Rev. David Kauffman will officiate. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Kalispell. Visitation will be today from 6 to 9 p.m. and Friday from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Alfred S. Bell Jr., 50

Alfred S. Bell Jr., 50, died at his home in Coral Springs, Fla., on Aug. 14, 1999, after a long battle with cancer.

He was born in Foxboro, Mass., on Sept. 10, 1948, to Alfred S. Bell Sr. and Alice Davies Bell. They moved to Phoenix, Ariz., in July 1952. He went to school in Phoenix and later in Kalispell.

He joined the Navy in 1966 and was honorably discharged in 1971.

He spent most of his life working in the carpentry industry. His work took him to Suriname in South America in 1998.

His father, Alfred Sr., and his

father's wife, Virginia, of Kalispell survive him, as do his mother, Alice Peter, and her husband, Edward, of Whitefish. He is also survived by his loving companion, Lennie Poltrok of Coral Springs; his sisters, Anne Hance of Muscatine, Iowa, and Annette "Nettie" Hoff of Missoula; his five children, Brian of Helena, Kimberly of Alabama, Jody of Coral Springs, Shawn of Eureka and Jessie of North Easton, Mass.; seven grandchildren; and numerous other relatives and friends.

His ashes will be interred at Glacier Memorial Gardens at a later date.

He will be sadly missed.

James 'Jim' A. Bell, 71

James "Jim" A. Bell, 71, died Friday, Dec. 3, 1999, at his home in Kalispell.

He was born Aug. 11, 1928, in Spokane, the son of Forest Wright and Beulah Dildine Bell.

He married Teresa Golding on Aug. 16, 1973, in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. He was a truck driver since 1956; from 1973 to 1991, he drove for Consolidated Freightways. He then worked for Ernst Hardware and Nursery and after they closed, he worked for the Kalispell Staples during the last two years.

He loved to RV and was the past president and state officer of the Rocky Mountain Rollers Good Samaritans Club. He also was a patch person at the Good Samaritan's store. He loved traveling and enjoyed taking trips to England every 2 to 3 years or so.

He also enjoyed fishing and hunting, especially fishing on charter boats for salmon when he lived or visited the West coast.

He was a member and a trustee of the Fraternal Order of the Eagles in Kalispell.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Juanita Bell.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife Teresa Bell of Kalispell; three children, Carol Jean Gronnebeck, and husband Mike, and Doris Faye Brown and her husband, Dan, all of Spokane, and James A. Bell Jr. and his wife, Tonya, of Pennsylvania; three stepchildren, Gerald D. Thomp-

son and his wife, Misty, of Kalispell, Thomas L. Thompson and his wife, Debbie, of Seattle, Mary Ann Symes and her husband, Jerry, of Nevada; brothers and sisters, Melvin Bell and his wife, Katherine,

of Spokane, Forest Bell and Jewel Brown and her husband, Richard, all of Kalispell, Beverly Klettke and her husband, Alvin, of Spokane, Kenneth Bell and his wife, Pam, of Tacoma, Bonnie Walker and her husband, Kenneth, of Florida, Francis Wilson and Sharon Fields; all of Spokane, and Glenna Holmes of Melbourne, Fla.;



and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Wednesday at the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Kenneth Mottram officiating. Burial will be at Glacier Memorial Gardens, with full military honors. Following the burial there will be a luncheon at the Eagles in Kalispell. Visitation will be held from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday and Tuesday at Johnson Mortuary, with an Eagles service on Tuesday at 4 p.m.

His family suggests that memorial contributions be directed to the diabetes association or the heart association.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Charles 'Chuck' Bennett, 65

Charles "Chuck" Bennett, 65, died on Tuesday, Aug. 10, 1999, at his home in Columbia Falls.

He was born on Sept. 10, 1933, in Medford, Okla.

Memorial services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home with a reception following at the Eagles Lodge.

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

Carl 'Barry' Benson, 82

Carl "Barry" Benson, 82, of the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls, died Wednesday, March 3, 1999, at the Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

He was born in Camas Prairie, on Aug. 8, 1916, to Gustav and Elizabeth Benson.

He was a real estate agent and a State Farm insurance agent in Plains.

Cremation is planned with services pending at a later date.

Arrangements and cremation are by the Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Harry Oscar Berg Jr., 65, of Whitefish, died Monday, June 7, 1999, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

He was born on Aug. 13, 1933, in Hettinger, N.D., to Harry and Maggie Berg. He married Patricia V. Moticka on April 7, 1961.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his wife, Pat, at the family home in Whitefish; daughters, Rexann and husband, Jim Nadeau, and Penny and husband, Wade Fish, all of Whitefish; son Bill Berg and wife, Tina, of Columbia Falls; four grandchildren, Erin, Erik, Bryan, and Patrick; two brothers and

four sisters, Tim Berg and wife, Vicki, Dan Berg, Marilyn and husband, John Lengstorf, Deanna Connelly, all of Kalispell, Betty Bednar and husband, Frank, of Minnesota, and Bonnie Berg of Helena; and several nieces and nephews.

He was known to his grandchildren as "Papa." He loved to hunt, camp, fish and ride his horses in the wilderness and, most of all, spend time with his grandkids. He will be greatly missed.

Per his request, he is being cremated. There will be no formal services. Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish is in charge of arrangements.

Harry Oscar Berg Jr., 65

Sarah Rebecca Bergan, 91

Sarah Rebecca Bergan, 91, died Thursday, March 18, 1999, at the Heritage Place in Kalispell.

She was born Dec. 7, 1907, in Spice-land, Ind., to Thomas A. and Maude Lane Gibson. Her family moved to the Flathead Valley when she was still a young girl and she was able to attend and graduate from Flathead County High School.

After graduation, she worked at Many Glaciers in the Glacier Park until meeting and marrying John T. Sloan in 1929, in Libby. The family then moved to California where her husband had a trucking business until moving back to the valley in 1936, when he went to work for the Flathead Mine. The family then moved to Butte, where he worked for the Badger Mine and she went to work for the telephone company.

Because of her husband's poor health, the family then moved back to California where she worked for the Defense Department during the war.

After the war the family moved back to the valley where they divorced and she later married Louie

Bergan. The new couple lived in Whitefish and Deer Park, before settling in Kalispell.

She enjoyed crocheting and working with ceramics. The highlight of her day was generally her walk to the old hospital where she loved visiting with her friends over lunch.

She was preceded in death by her parents, both husbands, two sisters and three brothers.

She is survived by a son, Thomas Sloan and wife, Carol, of Kalispell; a stepson, Kenneth Bergan and wife, Bonnie, of Bellingham, Wash.; a sister, Ivanetta Grandy of Kalispell; and many grand and great-grandchildren, along with three great-great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be held on Monday at 1 p.m. at Conrad Memorial Cemetery with the Rev. Bill Carlson of the Epworth United Methodist Church officiating.

The family suggests memorial gifts be sent to the Agency on Aging, 723 5th Ave. E. #206, Kalispell, MT 59901.

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

Cecil L. Bernhard, 82

Cecil L. Bernhard, 82, died on Friday, Dec. 3, 1999, at his home in Kalispell following a long battle with cancer.

He was born on Sept. 27, 1917, in Kremlin to Xenny and Agnes Bernhard.

He was raised in Eureka and graduated from Lincoln County High School. During World War II, he served in the U.S. Navy. He spent much of his life working in the farming and trucking business.

He married Florence I. Splaine of Great Falls in January 1940. They had seven children. They later divorced, and he married Leona Simmons of Lakeside in 1983. He was residing with her at the time of his death.

He was preceded in death by his son Robert at age 5.

He is survived by his wife, Leona; two sons, Arnold of Tacoma, Wash.; and John and his wife Cathy of Missoula; four daughters, Elaine Hauglum and her husband Lawrence



of Missoula, Lorraine Decker and her husband Gene of Libby, Bonnie Kaulitzke of Kalispell, and Liz Hilde and her fiance Pat Lynch of Missoula; three stepchildren, Mavis Thornton and her husband Dellivan of Lakeside, Karen Mower and her husband Ralph (R.D.) of Fortine, and Lenore Burgess and her husband Keith of Fortine; three brothers, Maurice and Roger of Eureka and Allen of Libby; two sisters, Helen Doble of Stryker and Beverly O'Brien and her husband, Louie, of Libby; and numerous grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held from noon to 8 p.m. on Wednesday at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home in Kalispell. Funeral services will be at noon Thursday at the Northridge Church of God with the Rev. Sam Cole officiating. Interment will follow the funeral at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Military honors will be conducted by the United Veterans of the Flathead Valley.

Arrangements are under the direction of Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

Helen Loretta Bernard, 78

Helen Loretta Bernard, 78, died Sunday, Jan. 17, 1999, at the Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

She was born Jan. 1, 1921, in Duluth, Minn., to James Kennedy and Lula Ann Hewitt Bernard. She lived with her family in Duluth, until she was seven. The family then moved to Polson, where she received her education, graduating from Polson High School.

She met Louis Bernard and they were married on June 15, 1940, in Polson, and moved to Kalispell. She remained at home until the kids were about out of school and then went to work at J.C. Penny's until 1970. She also worked with the Counsel on Aging for about five years.

During their retirement, she enjoyed fishing and camping with Louis and doing a little traveling.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Louis, in 1991; her parents; three brothers; one sister; and one great-grandson.

She is survived by two daughters, Cheryl Turley and husband, Ralph, of Kalispell, and Helen Louise Brundage and husband, Louis, of Okanogan, Wash.; one son, Louis Bernard of Marion; nine grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Thursday, at 11 a.m. at the Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Visitation will be Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The family suggest memorial gifts be given to the Brendan House in Helen's name.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

Grace Frances Bielenberg, 81

Grace Frances Bielenberg, 81, of Polson, died at her home on April 8, 1999, from natural causes.

She was born in Chicago on Aug. 19, 1917. At the age of 12, she moved to Red Lodge. She graduated from high school in Red Lodge, and went on to attend The University of Montana.

She married John H. Bielenberg of Deer Lodge, on Oct. 29, 1934, in Chicago. They lived in Anaconda, Polson, Hauser Dam and Helena.

Upon her retirement from the Federal Home Administration in 1976, they returned to Flathead Lake. They lived at Yellow Bay, Finley Point and Polson.

She was active with the Eastshore Lions Ladies Auxiliary and she strongly supported the Port Polson

Players.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John; their two daughters, Joan Tanner and Barbara Coggeshall; and a granddaughter, Stephanie Tanner.

She is survived by her grandchildren, Connie Kohler and Jon Tanner of Billings, Marcia Tanner of Bozeman, and J.J. Coggeshall of Helena; four great-grandchildren, Melissa and Rachel Kohler, Nicholas Tolsted and Gregory Coggeshall.

Funeral services will be held on Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. at the Grogan Funeral Home in Polson, with the Rev. Paul Rowold officiating. Burial will follow at Lakeview Cemetery in Polson.

Memorials are suggested to the Port Polson Players.

1999 Gene Biggar, 52

Gene Biggar, 52, of Eureka, died Monday, Oct. 25, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

He was born in Eureka on March 18, 1947, the son of Hugh Biggar and Vera Sinclair Biggar.

He was raised and educated in Eureka, graduating from Lincoln County High School in 1965.

He married Ellen Osler Dec. 21, 1965.

During most of his adult life he worked in the lumber industry at Eureka, working for Tobacco River Lumber Company, Ksanka Lumber and Plum Creek Lumber Company; he was a supervisor for Owens & Hurst Lumber for the past 16 years until the time of his death.

He enjoyed the outdoors, being an avid fisherman, and also enjoyed

yard and garden work and spending time on his computer.

He was preceded in death by his father, Hugh, in 1992.

Survivors include his wife, Ellen; a son, Wes Biggar of Belgrade; two daughters, Leslie Biggar of Kalispell and Tina Morgan of Eureka; his mother, Vera Biggar of Eureka; a sister, Annette Biggar Woodberry of Beverly, Mass.; and three grandchildren.

Services will be today at 2 p.m. at Tobacco Valley Cemetery, with the Rev. Joe Forrest officiating.

Friends may call at the Nelson and Vial Funeral Home in Eureka until noon today.

Memorials may be made to Eureka Ambulance, Box 736, Eureka, MT 59917.

Anna M. Birky, 84

Anna M. Birky, 84, of Columbia Falls, died Saturday, Feb. 13, 1999, in Kalispell.

She was born on Sept. 26, 1914, in Roseland, Neb., to Frank and Lena Lapp. When she was 2 years old, she moved with her family to the Flathead Valley. She attended elementary school in Creston, and high school in Kalispell. In September of 1934, she married Elmer Birky.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Elmer Birky, in 1986.

She is survived by four sons, Lyle Birky of Sweet Home, Ore., Lawrence Birky of Kalispell, Dale Birky of Columbia Falls, and Allen Birky of

Yuma, Ariz.; a sister, Mary Oesch of Kalispell; six brothers, Clarence Lapp and George Lapp of Columbia Falls, Jay Lapp of Lakeside, Ed Lapp of Yuma, Ariz., Wayne Lapp of Kalispell, and Floyd Lapp of Molalla, Ore.; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be held Thursday from 1 to 8 p.m. at Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. A private family graveside service will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Friday at Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls. A memorial service will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Friday at the Mountain View Mennonite Church.

Naomi Birky, 83

Naomi Birky, 83, died from a massive heart attack on Sept. 8, 1999, at the home of her daughter, Marilyn. She will be missed by all of her family and friends — she touched many lives.

She was born in Creston, the third of four children to Samuel and Barbara Hoylman on July 1, 1916. When she was 12, her maternal grandfather Kauffman, an ordained Mennonite minister, received a call from a church in Buffalo, N.Y., where the entire family relocated.

Three years later the family moved to South English, Iowa. In 1936, she and her family visited Montana to check on their properties here where she and her sister Margaret met their future husbands.

They went back to Iowa to pack up and move back to Montana. She and her sister had a double wedding in May of 1938, marrying brothers. She was 21 at the time. She and Harry had four children during their 26 years of marriage. He died on Oct. 5, 1964, at the age of 51.

She was always interested in home economics. She loved housework, sewing, cooking, baking, crocheting, knitting, gardening, and she excelled at all of them.

She loved the Montana mountains and the family camping and fishing excursions in them. After her hus-



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band died, she did various jobs until her youngest son, Ray, graduated from high school. She cooked in the school lunch programs, clerked at the Mercantile and did sewing alterations in

For about 10 years, she spent half of her year in Alaska and the other half in Denver. She helped Ray run the airport in Port Heiden and cooked in a bible college in Homer, Alaska, where her son Gene lived.

She loved to ride her three-wheeler on the beaches, finding glass fishing balls and dodging bears. She loved the ocean and she loved Alaska. While in Denver, she worked as a nanny for twin invitro babies (first set in Colorado), and they were always her babies although they are almost in their teens now. Then she mostly did home health nursing in Denver, making many friends, and she continued doing that until she was 81 years old.

In 1997, she elected to have minor surgery. She spent six months recuperating in Aniak, Alaska, and then came home with double pneumonia.

After that experience she was never quite so energetic or upbeat. This last year, although enjoying good health, she began to show signs of decline. She died from a massive heart attack suddenly and with serenity.

Grateful to have shared her life are son Gene and wife, Donna Birky, of Anchorage Alaska, and their children, Gene Jr. and wife, Melinda, and their children, Matthew and Rachel, David and wife Janet and their children, Ben, Dan, and Michael; daughter Terena and husband Mike Ronan, daughter Marilyn and husband, Don Waltner of Denver, and their children, Nicole and husband, Victor, and their daughter McKenzie, and son Lance; son Art and wife Jamie Birky of Denver, and their children, Kelli and husband, Vince Haylett, and Kristi Nichols and her daughter, Hannah, son Ray and wife Ruth Birky of Aniak, and their children, Darren, Warren and Fred; sister Margaret Birky of Garden City, Mo.; brother Art Hoylman of Gettysburg, Pa.

Preceding her in death were her parents, husband Harry, and brother Dan.

A memorial service will be held Oct. 5 at 11 a.m. at the Mennonite Church in Creston with her nephew, Sam Birky of Vallejo, Calif., officiating.

Rodney H. Bixby, 65

Rodney H. Bixby, 65, of Columbia Falls, died Thursday, May 27, 1999, of natural causes at his residence.

He was born Jan. 14, 1934, in Wheatland, Wyo.

After serving in the military, he transferred to the U.S. Forest Service. Early retirement and his love of the outdoors brought him to the beautiful state of Montana.

He is survived by three daughters, one son, nine grandchildren, two sisters, and numerous nieces and nephews.

A memorial gathering will take place at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

Victor N. Bjornrud, 88

Victor N. Bjornrud, 88, died on Thursday, Dec. 9, 1999, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

He was born on April 26, 1911, in a cabin near the Therriault ferry in the lower valley to Emanuel and Carrie Nelson Bjornrud.

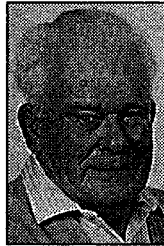
He started working as a farmer and logger when he was a teenager. He retired from logging in 1983, after a very serious accident. He was still farming up until his death.

He married Gladys Halseth in 1944. They had a daughter Kari. Gladys died in 1969. He married Betty Snell in 1976.

He was a member of the Eagles Aerie 234 for 23 years.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Hans and Roy; and two sisters, Naomi and Edna.

He is survived by his wife Betty of Kalispell; children Kari Lincoln and her husband Bill, Rita Webb and her husband, Vern, of Columbia Falls, Shirley Chirgwin and her husband, John, of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, Gayle Stout and her husband, Fred, of Missoula, David Halseth of Spokane, James and his wife, Kim,



Robert, John and his wife, Sharon Snell, Sue Donaldson of Spokane, Donna and Ted Gilbertson, Lois and Daryl Hook; many, many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home with the Rev. Ron Pierce officiating. Interment will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. A reception will follow the services at the Eagles Lodge in the basement.

Memorials can be made to the National Rifle Association or charity of the donor's choice in Vic's name.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

James Walter 'Lucky' Black, 55

James Walter "Lucky" Black, 55, died in Missoula, on Dec. 26, 1999, of natural causes.

He was born in Kalispell, on July 10, 1944, to Hugh Black and Margaret James Black. They owned and operated St. Mary Lodge and St. Mary Enterprises at the East Gate to Glacier National Park. It was their custom to work with the entire family at St. Mary Lodge during the summers, after which the children returned to St. Paul, Minn., for school each autumn. He attended St. Mark's grade school and St. Thomas Military Academy until his graduation from high school in 1962. He was a long time parishioner of St. Mark's Parish.

He attended St. Thomas College in St. Paul, but interrupted his studies to join the Army in 1964. He emerged honorably and unscathed from the Army after two years of service.

He resumed his studies at Assumption Abbey in Richardton, N.D. There, during a study break, he met his future wife, Jeanne Forster, and they were eventually married in St. Paul, Minn., in the spring of 1969.

They spent the next few summers, and sometimes entire years, with their children in the family business at St. Mary. He cooked, worked in the general store, managed the filling station and served as winter caretaker. His heart and soul were bound up in St. Mary and the Black family business. With the exception of the time he spent in military service, he was never far from St. Mary.

During this period, the family established a home in Whitefish.

Winter trips to Mexico and Florida were a particular joy to him. He also worked seasonal jobs in the Whitefish area, including work on The Big Mountain during the ski season.

Although their marriage ended in 1996, Lucky and Jeanne remained friends and continued to share the joy they found in their children.

He received a bachelor degree from the University of Montana in 1992. The degree was the culmination of a lifelong dream. He was very proud of his degree and he was grateful to his parents and to the others who helped him to achieve it.

It was truly appropriate that the degree was in the biology. Always at home in the outdoors, he was never happier than when he was fishing. While growing up in St. Paul, he made yearly trips to the family house in Redington Beach, Fla. He always returned deeply tanned and laden with various animals for "Show and Tell" at St. Marks.

He had many friends in Montana and Minnesota, all of whom were deeply touched by his dynamic influence. To know him was to take on a lifetime affection. Whether he was fishing in the Park or on the Blackfeet Reservation with his children, snowboarding on Big Mountain with his friends, hunting throughout western Montana, singing and play-



ing guitar late into the night, or befriending a stray animal, he will always be a fixture in our memories. Next time you walk through the woods or by a trout stream, think of Lucky!

He was preceded in death by his father Hugh O. Black of St. Mary.

He is survived by his children, two daughters, Michelle Goodwine and husband Bob of Livingston, and Willow Black of Whitefish; four sons, Jerry Black, Zack Black, Hugh C. Black and Joe Luger, all of Whitefish; two grandchildren, Chaz and Bailly Goodwine of Livingston; also his mother Margaret Black of St. Mary; two brothers, Hugh M. Black and wife Mary Grace of Helena, and Roscoe Black and wife Susan of St. Mary; three sisters, Patsy Huberty and husband Bob of St. Paul, Terry Cosgrove of St. Paul; and Sally Welder and husband Terry of Kalispell; and numerous nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

A rosary service will be recited at Johnson Mortuary Chapel in Kalispell at 7 p.m. Sunday. A memorial mass will be Monday at 10 a.m. at St. Matthew's Catholic Church with the Rev. Kevin O'Neill as celebrant. A committal service will be held in St. Mary, in the spring.

The family suggests memorials be sent to Samaritan House, P.O. Box 592, Kalispell, MT 59903 or to the Montana Veterans Home, P.O. Box 250 Columbia Falls, MT 59912.

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

Robert Edward Black Sr., 45

Robert Edward Black Sr., 45, died Tuesday, April 13, 1999, at the Kalispell Regional Medical Center after a courageous battle with cancer.

He was born on July 2, 1953, in Omaha, Neb., to Robert Vardon and Marjorie Allene Pratt Black. He attended and graduated from high school in Omaha.

He lived and worked in the Omaha area until 1983, when he moved out to the northwest. He had fallen in love with the Flathead Valley on his numerous trips through the area. He remained in the valley until 1989, when he returned to Omaha, and was later divorced.

On Sept. 20, 1991, he married Marie Dusatko in Omaha, and the couple moved back to Kalispell in 1995.

He was employed with the NICOR Products company. He loved hunting, ice fishing, and his wife. He also very



much enjoyed getting lost in the North Fork.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and is survived by his wife, Marie, at the family home in Kalispell; two sons, Robert E. Black Jr. and wife, Alisha, of Chadron, Neb., and Scott D. Black of Bend, Ore.; a sister, Judith L. Van Zant and husband, David, of Fremont, N.H.; one grandchild due in October; three nieces, two grandnieces and a grandnephew.

Funeral services will be held Friday at 10:30 a.m. at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church with the Rev. Darold Reiner officiating. Burial will follow in the Trinity Lutheran Cemetery. Visitation will be Thursday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary.

The family suggests memorial gifts be sent to Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, 400 W. California St., Kalispell, MT 59901 or the Flathead Food Bank, 105 6th Ave. W., Kalispell, MT 59901

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Frances Louise Blake, 84

Frances Louise Blake, 84, died peacefully on Saturday, Aug. 21, 1999.

Friends and family are invited to a gathering in her memory at 11 a.m. Saturday in the formal garden at Woodland Park in Kalispell.

She was born on Sept. 23, 1914, in Chattanooga, Tenn., to Roy and Marion Mitchell. She subsequently moved to, and spent most of her adult life in, Denver.

When she retired in 1987, she moved to Kila to live with her daughter Suzanne and son-in-law Pieter Hondius.

Not content to simply enjoy an

easy retirement, she immediately and unselfishly devoted several days a week to doing volunteer work for the Flathead Basin Commission and the Counsel on Aging in Kalispell.

She was preceded in death by her former husband, Clarke Blake.

She is survived by her daughter, Suzanne Hondius of Kila; her son, Clarke Blake of Houston, Texas; granddaughters, Valerie Hondius of Kila, Caprice Schaeffer and Niki Blake of Cimarron, Kan.; and great-grandsons, Cole Schaeffer and Gaige Foskuhl of Cimarron.

Adler Jay Blodgett, the 6-month-old son of Josi Lawshe' and Anthony Blodgett, died Nov. 11, 1999, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

He was born April 15, 1999, at Benefis Medical Center in Great Falls, where he spent the next four months growing and gaining the strength necessary for his arrival home in Kalispell.

He is deeply loved by his family and it is with profound sorrow that we bid him farewell for now.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandfather, Henry Lawshe'.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by his sister, Kayla, at the family home; paternal grandparents, Ron and Angela Blodgett; maternal grandmother, Patricia Lawshe' and "Papa Ron" Peters; uncles, Brian Blodgett and aunt Shanna, Jed Lawshe' and aunt Jodie, uncle/godfather Jay-Hawke Lawshe'; aunts, Kym Dimmer and uncle Joe, Melanie

Riedinger and uncle Mike; special "aunties," Tammie Brousseau and Marleita Moore; cousins, Cole and Ty Blodgett, Cassandra, Ceara and Cevana Lawshe', Jennifer and Jared Lawshe-Dimmer, and Destiny and Mikelle Riedinger.

We were blessed with his presence for too brief a period in time, but rejoice for that time we had with him when we got a glimpse of pure perfection. We are going to miss you, Addy, and look forward to seeing you again.

Cremation has taken place. Potluck celebration of Adler's life will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at the home of his parents, 136 Caroline Road. No formal services are planned at this time. Family releasing of his remains at a later date.

"Adler" is German for eagle — now is his time to soar free. We love you buddy.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Nelle Mae Blom, 108

Nelle Mae Blom, 108, died Monday, Aug. 30, 1999, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

She was born July 23, 1891, in Sturgis, S.D., to Durwood Vincent and Armintha Buell. She received her early education in Sturgis, and was raised on the family farm. She went on to receive her teaching certificate.

She married Arthur Jacob Blom in Billings, in 1921.

She worked for the Livingston Laundry in Livingston as a bookkeeper for about 25 years.

In 1983, after the death of her husband, she moved to Kalispell to be



near her daughter. She entered Brendan House in 1987.

She was an avid bridge player until her mid 90s and enjoyed traveling. She also enjoyed music and was a good musician.

She was preceded in death by her husband, three brothers, one grandson, and one granddaughter.

She is now survived by one daughter, Jean Kellenberger and husband, Robert, of Kalispell; one son, Arthur Blom and wife, Marge, of Kansas City, Mo.; eight grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren.

A vigil service will be held Saturday at 1 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary, with the Rev. Jim Connor of Risen Christ Parish as celebrant. Arrangements and cremation are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Warren Vernin Bodurtha Jr., 76

Warren Vernin Bodurtha Jr., 76, died Tuesday, Aug. 17, 1999, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

He was born Feb. 6, 1923, in Blandford, Mass., to Warren and Minnie Wyman Bodurtha.

He married Mildred Potter and had one son during their marriage.

He worked as a lumberman during his early adult years. He then worked for Hamilton Standard Aircraft Company for 11 years and later in life as a construction worker.

He was preceded in death by his son, Timothy, his family, and two nephews and two nieces.

He is survived by one son, Tim Bodurtha and wife of Kalispell.

Cremation has taken place and there are no services planned at this time. Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Edward G. 'Buster' Bock, 63

Edward G. "Buster" Bock, 63, of Rexford, died Friday, Nov. 19, 1999, at Community Medical Center in Missoula.

He was born March 27, 1936, at Newcastle, Wyo., to Fred and Angeline Bock. He came to northwest Montana with his family in the early 1950s, residing at Kila and Marion before moving to the Tobacco Valley.

A longtime resident of Rexford, he worked as a logger for many years in the area until retiring due to disability. He enjoyed the outdoors, most especially hunting, fishing and trapping.

He was preceded in death by his

father Fred, and his mother, Angeline Heppner.

Survivors include his wife, Marva, of Rexford; a son, Win and his wife Penny of Eureka; a brother, Mick Bock of Rexford; three sisters, Pat White and Babrara Tidwell, both of Rexford, and Val Clarke of Eureka; and three grandchildren.

Services will be Friday at 2 p.m. at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home Chapel in Eureka. Visitation will be from 1-7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to St. Patrick's House, 501 West Alder, Missoula, Mont., 59802.

Dora Mae Boerner, 91

Dora Mae Boerner, 91, died Wednesday, March 17, 1999, in Buffalo, Minn.

She was born Nov. 28, 1907, in Courtney, N.D., to L.A. and Lilly A. Hancock. She moved with her family to Havre in 1921, then in 1935, she moved to the east shore of Flathead Lake.

She married Al B. Boerner on Feb. 17, 1937, in Kalispell. They continued living on the east shore where they engaged in the cherry orchard business known as Bloomin Rocks until 1971, when they moved to Bigfork.

She was preceded in death by her husband Al in December of 1971, a son, Warren Boerner in October of

1998.

She is survived by a daughter-in-law, Doris Boerner of Buffalo; a grandson, Kurt Boerner and his wife, Kathi, and their children, Andrew and Patrick; granddaughter Bonnie Dornquast and husband, Barry, and their children, Bridget and Brandea.

She was a member of the Bigfork Methodist Church and Flathead Lake Chapter #128 of the OES. She was an avid gardener — she loved flowers and wildlife.

Graveside service will be at 10 a.m. Friday, at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery with the Rev. Jan Witman officiating. Bigfork Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.