

Maxine Eleanor Clawson, 74

Maxine Eleanor Clawson, 74, died Monday, Sept. 27, 1999, after an extended battle with cancer. She died at home with her family surrounding her.

She was born Nov. 5, 1924, in Missoula, the daughter of Frank and Thelma McClain. Her father was a conductor for the Northern Pacific railroad and died when his train was buried in a snow slide on Lookout Pass in 1936. Her mother supported Maxine and her older sister, Doris, by working as the elevator operator at the Western Bank building. Her mother preceded her in death in 1979.

She married her high school sweetheart, Dale Clawson, on Aug. 27, 1943, while he was on leave during World War II. They recently celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary.

She worked various jobs while her children were young. Then she devoted her life to being a homemaker, raising children and being Dale's loving companion in his numerous activities. Perhaps Missoula Little Leaguers will remember Dale referring to her as "Ma."

She was a lifetime member of Immanuel Lutheran Church. Several women from the church formed The Sewing Club, an informal group of women who socialized together and formed lasting relationships. These

cherished friends were an important part of Maxine's life for more than 50 years.

She was active in planning Missoula High School's Class of '42 reunions. She was known for her shopping and bookkeeping expertise and an ever-present positive attitude.

She is survived by her husband, Dale, at the family home; her two children and their spouses, Larry and Patty Clawson of Missoula and Barbara and Allen Wolf of Whitefish; and her two cherished granddaughters, Amanda and Emily Wolf of Whitefish. Also surviving are a sister, Doris and her husband, Otis Bendickson, of Missoula; a cousin, Lynne Williamson of Seattle; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be conducted at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Missoula on Friday at 1 p.m., with the Rev. Paul Birkeland officiating. Cremation has already taken place.

Maxine loved the contemporary music at Immanuel Lutheran Church. In lieu of flowers, she requested that donations go to the Spirit Alive Piano Fund, c/o Immanuel Lutheran Church, 830 South Ave. W., Missoula, MT 59801. Donations will help purchase a piano for the worship area of the church to be used by Spirit Alive during church services.

William Delbert Clothier, 74

William Delbert Clothier, 74, died Dec. 25, 1999, of pancreatic cancer at his home in Salem, Ore., which he shared with his wife of 33 years.

He was born on a farm near Potlach, Idaho, and was the only child of Glenn Franklin Clothier and Eva Elizabeth Greer Clothier. Raised in and around Kalispell, he went to work at an early age in grocery stores, on sheep and cattle ranches, fighting forest fires, and on logging and sawmill operations.

Beginning in 1943, he served in the U.S. Marine Corps for four years — two of which were in the Asiatic Pacific Theater with the 1st and 4th Divisions. After World War II, he qualified for high school equivalency, then enrolled at Montana State University under the G.I. Bill. He graduated with honors, having achieved his M.S. degree in Fish and Wildlife Management in 1953.

His professional career began as a junior fishery biologist with the Montana Fish and Game Department. He then spent five years as chief fishery biologist with the South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks. An additional eight years were spent with the Oregon Fish Commission, first as leader of the Coastal Salmon Investigation and finally as assistant state fisheries director.

His next position was with the Water Pollution Control Administration at the Marine Science Center in Newport, Ore., where he established the federal salt water pollution control research laboratory.

Finally, he moved to the Portland and Seattle regional offices when the agency became the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). His last assignments included Regional Program officer for research and development, leader of the national pilot

study on forest practices and water quality and chief of the Regional Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Section.

During his career, he wrote a number of scientific papers on fisheries management. Within the EPA, he was classified as a senior scientist and a national expert on pollution control related to silvicultural practices. He was awarded the bronze medal for meritorious service for successful development and management of the EPA Region 10 nonpoint source pollution control program. He was also listed in the American Men and Women of Science, was a member of the American Fisheries Society and the American Institute of Fisheries Research Biologists, and was a past president of the High Dawn Toastmasters in Portland, Ore.

He married his second wife, Charlotte Elizabeth Gross Lee on Sept. 4, 1966. He retired from federal service in August 1982, and moved into a log home north of Seattle — built together with Charlotte over a six-year period. In 1989, it was time to sell out and return to Oregon.

He had many extracurricular interests, mostly outdoor-oriented, with recent emphasis on traveling, gardening and woodcarving. Programs or individual actions that showed concern for the environment gave him much pleasure.

He is survived by his wife, Charlotte; their daughter, Annette Lee Clothier of Nashville, Tenn.; his daughter, Nadine Frances Richards of Gresham, Ore.; his two sons, Craig Denton Clothier of Puyallup, Wash., and Chad William Clothier of Oregon City, Ore.; and four grandchildren.

In keeping with his wishes, no service will be held. Arrangements are under the direction of City View Funeral Home and Cemetery in Salem, in conjunction with the Willamette Veterans Cemetery in Portland.

Wilbur B. 'Will' Clover, 77

Wilbur B. "Will" Clover, 77, died Saturday, Feb., 6, 1999, at Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.

He was born May 19, 1921, in Anaconda, to Otto and Leola Clover. He was a Pearl Harbor survivor, having served six years in the Navy, then six years in the Air Force.

After the military, he worked for the Civil Service as an air traffic controller for 28 years. After retiring from his Civil Service job, he worked for several years as a barber.

He loved the outdoors. Hunting, fishing, motorcycling, playing golf, traveling and square dancing were a few of his many interests. He was very active in his church where he was a member of the choir. He really enjoyed music, whether it was singing or just listening to records.

He was married to Bonnie Chan-

der on Jan. 19, 1981.

He will be missed by his family and friends.

He is survived by his wife Bonnie of Kalispell; his children and their families, Joette Beckwith of Missoula, Marvin Clover of St. Regis, Don Chandler of Kalispell, Linda Chandler of Kalispell; two sisters, Thelma Hammer of Utah, and Omma Hull of California; one brother, Martin Penna of Washington; and three grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home with the Rev. Terry Harper of Northridge Heights Church of God officiating. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens, with military honors by the United Flathead Veterans.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Valentine S. Clydesdale

Valentine S. Clydesdale, 78, of Bigfork, died at Brendan House on May 19, 1999.

She was born in New York City on Feb. 14, 1921. She was the eldest of two daughters born to Thomas and Bertha Clydesdale.

Her father was in private service to Cornelius F. Kelley. She and her family accompanied the Kelleys to Montana every summer when they vacationed on the Kelley-Evans estate on Swan Lake, which later became the Kootenai Lodge Estate. She made her first trip to Montana at the age of 3 months. Starting in 1930, her family stayed the year around on the estate.

She attended grade school in New York City, St. Mathew's in Kalispell, and Ferndale. She graduated from Bigfork High School in 1940.

After graduation she went to Minneapolis, to aircraft school and was sent to Consolidated Aircraft factory in San Diego, Calif. She worked there as a drill press operator for one year.

In 1943, she joined the Army as a

WAC. She was stationed at Fort Oglethorp, Ga., Fort Des Moines, Iowa, and Washington, D.C. She was honorably discharged in 1946.

In 1954, her father retired from private service for the Kelleys and built a home in Ferndale. She stayed within reach of her family from then until her parents died.

She was preceded in death by her mother in 1964; her father in 1968; and her sister, Lucille, in 1984.

Throughout her life she helped all birds and animals that needed her. She loved her horse and dogs with great passion. She respected nature in all forms and hated the killing of any animal with all her heart.

There are no survivors. Cremation has taken place with burial in the family plot at Lone Pine Cemetery in Bigfork. There will be no services at her request.

Any memorial can be sent to Kalispell Animal Shelter, Kalispell, Mont.

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

Loretta Shappee Cochrane

Loretta Shappee Cochrane, 91, of Polson, Montana (formerly of Billings), passed away at St. Luke Extended Care Center, Ronan, on April 16, 1999, from natural causes.

Lory was born July 13, 1907, in Philadelphia, Pa., to Mary Shea and Michael Shappee.

As a young girl she lived with her family and attended Roman Catholic schools in Philadelphia.

After attending business college, she was employed by a chain store in New Haven, Conn.

There she met and married Bert Cochrane, another store employee, on March 2, 1929. Their only child, Albert Jr., was born in 1930 at New Haven.

The family then moved to Dorchester, Mass., where Burt became store manager.

Lory was always a loving partner to her husband and devoted mother to her son Al.

In 1939 the family moved to Dearborn, Mich., where Bert joined the personnel department of the Ford Motor Co.

During World War II, Lory worked as a Red Cross Grey Lady and later, at the Ford Bomber Plant handing out tools.

After World War II the family moved west to Billings and then in 1950 to Dillon, where Bert became a partner and later owner of the Ford dealership there.

They returned to Billings in 1959 where Bert worked for his brother at Archie Cochrane Ford. He retired in 1974 and died at Billings in 1989.

In 1994, son Al moved Lory to a home in Polson and later to St. Luke Extended Care in Ronan.

Survivors include her son Al and wife Garene of Bigfork; four grandsons, retired Air Force Lt. Col. Mike Cochrane of Yorktown, Va., Jeff of Billings, John of Renton, Wash., and Tim of Kirkland, Wash.; and five great-grandchildren.

Burial will be 2 p.m. Friday, April 23, in Mountview Cemetery, Billings, next to her beloved husband, with Rev. Jerry Jasmer, Episcopal priest and family friend officiating.

A memorial service will be planned at a later date.

The family suggests memorials be of the donor's choice in lieu of flowers.

Services will be under the direction of Grogan Funeral Home in Polson, Montana. *BF*

Frank D. Coler, 74

Frank D. Coler, 74, died on Tuesday, Nov. 30, 1999, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

He was born on Dec. 28, 1924, in Wilsonville, Neb., to Frank and Luela Walton Coler.

He enlisted in the U.S. Navy in July of 1942, where he served during World War II, and the Vietnam War. He retired in 1962, after 20 years in the Navy.

In 1944, he met and married Lila Hockerson and they had two children. One died shortly after birth. Candice Coler was born two years later and died during heart surgery at the age of 32.

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

He is survived by his wife Lila of

Kalispell; two nephews, Mike Williams of San Diego, Calif., and Gary Coler of Hastings, Neb.; three nieces, Patricia Wilson of Castle Rock, Colo., Rebecca Call of Toponish, Wash., and Brechetta of Tacoma, Wash.

He requested that he be cremated and his ashes buried at Fort Rosencrans National Cemetery in San Diego, Calif. Memorial services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday at Trinity Lutheran Church in Kalispell, with the Rev. Darold Reiner officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family request memorials be given in Frank's name to the Trinity Lutheran Church.

Arrangements are under the direction of Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

LaVern 'Vern' A. Combs Jr., 72

LaVern "Vern" A. Combs Jr., 72, of Kalispell, formerly of Polson, died on Saturday, Feb. 6, 1999, from cancer.

He was born on Feb. 27, 1926, in Valentine, Neb., to LaVern C. and Edith Ann Combs. He grew up and attended schools in Nebraska.

He joined the U.S. Navy during World War II. After his discharge from the military he moved back to Nebraska for a short time until moving to Montana. He lived on the east shore of Flathead Lake near Polson for several years.

He worked various heavy construction jobs throughout Northwest Montana.

He married Nancy Scharpin on Jan. 12, 1963, in Longview, Wash. They moved back to Polson in 1963. He had been disabled since 1970.

He and Nancy traveled all over the U.S. and he never met a stranger during their travels.

He was a life member of the V.F.W. and served in several capacities including post commander, life member of D.A.V. in Kalispell, charter member of the Kooties, and past member of the Eagles and American Legion.

He coached and played baseball

and boxed. He was a Nebraska Golden Gloves champion two years in a row and was also a ship boxing champion while in the Pacific. He also enjoyed umpiring women's softball, hunting, fishing and camping. He loved all sports.

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

He is survived by his wife Nancy of Kalispell; his children, Harold LaVern Combs of Longview, Wash., Lori Ann Combs of Kalispell, Susan Marie Combs of Polson, and Alan Frank Combs and his wife, Libby, of Kalispell; six grandchildren, Fallon, Kayla, Terry, Ericka, Bryan and Harold LaVern; one brother, Robert Dale Combs of Polson; five sisters, Alice Cooper of Polson, Zina Cosgrove of McMinnville, Ore., Donna Gross of Las Vegas, Nev., Audrey Whittig of Ronan, and Aubrey Drebes of Pablo; and several other relatives.

Visitation will be held on Thursday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Funeral services will be held on Friday at 11 a.m. at the Grogan Funeral Home. Burial with military honors will be held at Lakeview Cemetery.

Maxene Annette Connell, 80

Maxene Annette Connell, 80, died June 16, 1999, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

She was born Sept. 13, 1918, in Grand Rapids, Mich., to Glenn and Jessie Fuller Carpenter. She received her early education in Grand Rapids, graduating from high school there.

She married Russell Connell in Grand Rapids. After his death in 1977, she moved to the Flathead to be close to her daughter and grandchildren.

She worked for First Interstate Bank until she retired at age 70.

She enjoyed reading and flowers.

She was preceded in death by her

parents; her husband, Russell; and one brother.

She is survived by one daughter, Lynne Moody and husband, Joe, of Columbia Falls; and two granddaughters, Melanie Moody of Eugene, Ore., and Peggy Sue Moody of Newport, Ore.

No services are planned. Cremation has taken place. Inurnment will be in Woodlawn Cemetery in Grand Rapids.

The family suggests memorials be sent to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 1002, Kalispell MT.

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

Lenore F. 'Lee' Cook, 76

Lenore F. "Lee" Cook, 76, died Saturday, Feb. 27, 1999, in South Peninsula Hospital in Homer, Alaska.

She was born Aug. 21, 1922, in Colfax, Wash., to John J. and Florence P. Jeffers.

She was a long-time resident of Woods Bay in Bigfork. She married Al Corban and they later divorced.

On June 3, 1972, she married Johnnie A. Cook, her love and companion for the rest of her life. They lived in various places in the Northwest before retiring in Anchor Point, Alaska.

She enjoyed hunting and fishing with her husband, crocheting, oil painting and gardening. She was also an excellent cook.

She was preceded in death by her parents, sister Joyce and brother Lonnie.

She is survived by her husband Johnnie at the family home in Anchor Point; sisters, Phyllis Gingerella of Westerly, R.I., and Karen Winslow of Spokane; sons, Vern Corban of Sun Valley, Calif., and Ron Corban and his wife, Shan, of Bigfork; granddaughters, Anita Lynne David and her husband, Terry, of Kalispell, and Sheila Jupka and her husband, Gary, of Missoula; one great-granddaughter, Darcy Lynne Jupka, of Missoula; and several nieces and nephews.

Cremation has taken place in Alaska.

Norma Jean Cook, 70

Norma Jean Cook, 70, of Kenton, Ohio, died Monday, March 22, 1999, at the Hardin Hills Health Center where she resided for the past seven years.

She was born Nov. 7, 1928, in Hardin County, Ohio, to Roy S. and Alma Ruth "Sorgen" Holmes. She graduated from Dunkirk High School in 1946. She married Robert D. Cook on May 9, 1948.

During her lifetime she worked at The Hardin Memorial Hospital, Home Savings and Loan Co. and R.E. Allen Imperial Cup Corp.

She was a member of Silver Creek Methodist Church, Wolf Creek Grange for 56 years and 7th Degree Member, Latham Chapter of O.E.S. #364, Hardin Co. Farm Bureau and the Hardin Co. Homemakers Club. She was a former Hardin Co. 4-H advisor and charter member of the Hardin Co. Genealogy Society.

She is survived by her husband Robert; one son, James E. Cook and his wife, Teresa, of St. Paris, Ohio; two daughters, Judy Skidmore and her husband, Charles, of Rushsylvania, Ohio, and Joyce Schreiner and her husband, James, of Kalispell; nine grandchildren; one great-grandchildren, six stepgrandchildren, and one stepgreat-grandchild.

Visitation will be Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. with Latham Chapter O.E.S. services at 7 p.m. at the funeral home. Funeral services will be held Monday at 10:30 a.m. at the Schindewolf Stevens Stout Funeral Home in Kenton, with the Rev. Barbara Daffer officiating. Burial will be in Wolf Creek Cemetery in Kenton.

Memorials may be made to the Silver Creek Methodist Church or the Hardin Hills Activity fund in care of the funeral home at 200 E. Columbus St., Kenton, OH 43326.

Marjorie S. Cooke, 86

Marjorie S. Cooke, 86, died at Kalispell Regional Medical Center on Sunday, April 18, 1999.

She was born on July 4, 1912, in Fort Worth, Texas, to John E. and Bette Lannes Hicks Schmidt. She attended high school and business college in Dallas, Texas.

Her hobbies included playing the organ and piano, bridge and sewing. Her interests were activities at Buffalo Hill Terrace, her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She married William A. Cooke Jr. on July 28, 1935, in Dallas. She worked for Gulf Insurance Company from completion of business school until her first child was born. Throughout her life she lived in Dallas, Billings, Denver and Oklahoma City. When her husband retired they moved back to Billings, then settled in Dallas.

Her husband died in May of 1978. She moved to Kalispell in June of 1990, to be closer to her daughter, Betty, and lived at the Buffalo Hill Terrace until the time of her death.

She was a wonderful mother, wife, homemaker, grandmother and friend to everyone she met. She never forgot a name or a special occasion. Every-

one always said she lived up to her birthday — July 4. She was a fire-cracker!

She belonged to the Episcopal Church. She also served as a gray lady at St. Vincent's Hospital in Billings for many years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William A. Cooke; mother, Lannes Smith; and father, John E. Schmidt.

She is survived by her son, William M. "Mike" Cooke and wife, Joan, of Austin, Texas; daughter, Betty C. Denham and husband, Thomas M., of Bigfork; grandchildren, Scott A. Cooke and Courtney H. Cooke of San Francisco, Melissa L. Hann and husband, Tim, of Parker, Colo., and Christine D. Hood and husband, Nicholas, of Kalispell; great-grandchildren, Rebecca Hann and Alyson Miller, children of Melissa and Tim Hann.

Memorials may be sent to a charity of your choice.

Cremation will take place and there will be a memorial service Thursday at 11 a.m., at Johnson Mortuary. The Rev. Gary Morton of Swan Chapel will be officiating. Cremation and arrangements are by the Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Charles E. Cope, 66, died Sunday, Jan. 3, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

He was born at Lewistown, on Sept. 3, 1932, the son of Charles Boyd Cope and Doris Mustard Cope. He came to Lincoln County with his family in 1941. He attended school at Trego, Fortine and Lincoln County High School in Eureka, graduating in 1951.

He served with the U.S. Army where he was stationed in Korea. He was honorably discharged in 1954.

He was employed by the Osler Brothers Lumber Company at Fortine for six years; he was then employed by Fred King Construction of Eureka for 20 years as a heavy equipment operator, logging superintendent and road foreman. For the past 15 years he was a self-employed logging truck operator and also owned and operated a ranch near Eureka.

His special care and love of people and community made him a tireless worker and supporter of civic and community activities. He was chairman of the Lincoln County Fair Board; a past member of the Tobacco Valley Improvement Association; past director and board chairman of Lincoln Electric Coop; a member and past president of Can-Am Search and Rescue; member and past president of Lions Dens Sports Boosters; past director of the Montana Logging Association; and chapter chairman of the American Red Cross. He also served as first aid and CPR instructor and served on the Fortine School board.

He was a person of diverse interests. He was a licensed pilot and also enjoyed living on his ranch where he raised and trained Belgian draft horses as well as raising black Angus cattle. Widely known for his special love and way with animals, he also raised sheep, wild turkeys and pigeons.

Survivors include his wife Teresa of Eureka; his children, Duane Cope of Portland, Russell and John Cope, both of Eureka, Judy Baumgarden of Kalispell, and Theresa Vogt of Michigan; stepchildren, David, Neil and Donna Pluid, all of Eureka, and Theresa Harmon of Houston, Texas; two brothers, Jim Cope of Gig Harbor, Wash., and Raymond Cope of Hanford, Calif.; a sister, Helen Cope of Paradise, Calif.; and eight grandchildren as well as cousins, nieces and nephews.

Services will be Friday at 2 p.m. at the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Paul McKibben officiating. Interment services with military honors will follow at Tobacco Valley Cemetery. Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Eureka. Memorials may be made to Can-Am Search & Rescue.

Samuel T. Cordi, 85

Samuel T. Cordi, 85, died Saturday, Dec. 4, 1999, at North Valley Hospital surrounded by his family.

He was born in Italy on Jan. 16, 1914, to Croce and Carmela Cordi. At age 5, he moved with his family to Derry, Penn., where he lived until he married Josephine Tacobucci on Sept. 9, 1937, and they moved to Beaver, Penn.

During World War II, he served his country in the U.S. Army in Burma from March 1944 to Aug. 1946. When he returned home, he worked at Jones and Laughlin Steel Co. as a blacksmith, from which he retired 30 years later. Four years ago, he and his wife moved to Whitefish to live with their only son, Sam, and his family.

He is preceded in death by his parents, one brother and one sister.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Josephine Cordi, their son Sam and his wife Karen, and two grandchildren, Casey and Lisa Cordi, all of Whitefish.

"Pappy," as he was known to his family, will always be remembered as a man of patience. He was a devoted husband and family man and never had an unkind word to say about anyone. His presence will be missed dearly, but his family is thankful for the many wonderful years he spent with them, and the many things he taught them about life.

A Mass of the Christian Burial will be at 2 p.m. today at Saint Charles Catholic Church in Whitefish, with the Rev. Charles Roman presiding. Arrangements are under the direction of Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish.

Robert C. Corson, 75

Robert C. Corson, 75, of Moorestown, N.J., died at Memorial Hospital on Oct. 9, 1999, of a stroke.

He was born in Glasgow and was raised in Bigfork. He graduated from Bigfork High School in 1941. He graduated cum laude from the Woodrow Wilson School at Princeton University in 1950, with a degree in economics. He was also a graduate of the Stonier School of Banking at Rutgers University in New Brunswick.

A World War II veteran, he served three years in the Marine Corps.

He was a banking official for 40 years, first working at First Pennsylvania Bank in Philadelphia from 1950 to 1982; at the Bank of Delaware in Wilmington from 1982 to 1985; and with the PSFS/Meritor Financial Group in Philadelphia from 1985 until retiring in 1990.

He was a lifetime member and past president of Robert Morris Associates

Philadelphia Chapter. He served on the Moorestown Board of Education from 1964-1975, and was past president of Burlington County Special Services School District Board of Education.

He was a member, since 1954, of the First Baptist Church of Moorestown, where he was a trustee, Sunday school teacher and diaconate chairman.

He enjoyed bike riding, reading and traveling.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Elizabeth Sharp Corson; daughters, Virginia Corson of Baltimore, Md., and Nancy Schetter of Cinnaminson, N.J.; two grandchildren, David and Melissa Landis of Cinnaminson; and a brother, Larry Corson, of Kalispell.

Memorial services have been held. Memorial donations may be made to the First Baptist Church, 19 W. Main St., Moorestown, N.J. 08057.

Harriet F. Lee Counsell, 78

Harriet F. Lee Counsell, 78, died Tuesday, Feb. 9, 1999, at her son's home in Colorado Springs, Colo. after a courageous fight with cancer.

She was born Aug. 7, 1920, in Sioux Pass, to Ole E. and Helen L. Lee.

After graduation from high school in Fairview, she attended Northern Montana College in Havre, where she received her teaching credential. She taught for several years in small rural schools in eastern Montana before moving to the Flathead Valley in 1943, where she taught third grade at Elrod Elementary School for 14 years.

While teaching in Kalispell, she met her husband, Marion J. Counsell. They were married on June 29, 1958, at Eidsvold Lutheran Church in Somers. They became quite active with the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Kalispell, where she taught children's Sunday school and adult Bible school.

For the last 28 years, she was very active in Kalispell with Girl Scouts. During the early 1970s, she was very busy being both a Boy Scout den mother and a Girl Scout leader. She soon took over the position of Service Unit Manager for the Girl Scouts in Kalispell, a volunteer position that she held for 25 years.

In 1997, she was given the highest award Girl Scouts has to offer, the Distinguished Service award. The Big Sky Girl Scout Council created this award in response to a request from the leaders in the Flathead Valley for an honor higher than what was currently available, since she

had already earned all those awards.

In addition to taking care of the local troop's needs, she and her husband, Marion, became the caretakers for Camp Westana, the Girl Scout Camp near Olney. Under their leadership, many improvements were made to the campgrounds.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a brother, Ellis Lee; and a sister, Judy Lee.

She is survived by her daughter, Marlene Counsell of Onancock, Va.; and her son, Daryl Counsell of Colorado Springs, Colo.; one sister, Dorothy Bunse of Pasco, Wash.; two brothers, Ted Lee and wife, Bev, of Baker City, Ore., and Ralph Lee and wife, Becky, of Billings; three sisters-in-law, Gladys Hobbs and Edith Tucker of Kalispell, and Jean Lee of Vancouver, Wash.; as well as a brother-in-law, Clarence Counsell and wife, Helen, of Kalispell; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be Monday, at 11 a.m. at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church with the Rev. Richard Nelson officiating. Burial will follow at the Glacier Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be Saturday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Johnson Mortuary Chapel. The family suggest memorial gifts be given to the Harriet and Marion Counsell Girl Scout Camp Scholarship Fund, 1501 8th Ave. E., Kalispell, MT 59901 or the OBA-MaaSae Scholarship, 248 N. Chestnut St., Colorado Springs, CO 80907.

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

Percy Lewis Cottet, 81

Percy Lewis Cottet, 81, died Friday, April 2, 1999, at the Clark Fork Valley Hospital Nursing Home in Plains.

He was born on Nov. 18, 1917, in Frederick, S.D., to Harold and Edna Weekly Cottet. He attended schools in Frederick and Aberdeen, S.D. He arrived along with his extended family in northwest Montana in 1932.

He worked in the woods, and prior to induction in the Army he worked for the Great Northern Railroad.

He entered the U. S. Army in 1942, and served in Italy and the Mediterranean area. Upon his discharge in December of 1945, he returned to Montana.

He married Harriet Flynn on June 27, 1949, in Kalispell. He worked as a logger and ranched in the Kila and Lonesome areas until multiple sclerosis handicapped him and they returned to Kalispell to live.

He was a life member of the V.F.W. Glacier Park Post 2252 of Kalispell.

He was preceded in death by his parents; stepfather William Wilson;

and two brothers, Court and James.

He is survived by his wife, Harriet, at the family home in Plains; son Michael, also of Plains; brother, Harold Cottet and wife, Joyce, of Kalispell; sisters, Edna Mae Colvill and husband, Richard, of Missoula and Lake Havasu, Ariz., and Martha Odegaard and husband, Clayton, of Kalispell; stepbrother, Robert Wilson of Libby; stepsister, Alice Buck and husband, Wesley, of Kalispell; sister-in-law, Mary Cottet of Chahalis, Wash.; four grandchildren, Tyson, Chad, Tyler, and Michael Marie Cottet; and many nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be held today at 2 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel with Virgil Ray, VFW Chaplain, officiating. Urn Burial will follow at Conrad Memorial Cemetery with the United Veterans of Flathead Valley.

The family suggests memorials be given to M. S. Montana Chapter, P.O. Box 30936, Billings, MT 59107.

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

Barry Lee Craft, 53

Barry Lee Craft, 53, of Columbia Falls, died in Kalispell Tuesday, Aug. 17, 1999.

He was born Aug. 18, 1946, in Kalispell, to Carl Joseph and Bonnie Mae Craft.

He lived and worked throughout Montana and North Carolina and had recently moved back to the Kalispell area when he resided.

He was a salesman most of his life. In earlier years, he sold cars in Kalispell, and Billings. More recently he had been a real estate sales-



man in North Carolina.

He had a quick wit and humor. His smile and laughter will be missed by his family and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and is now survived by two children, Brandy Lee Craft Price of Kalispell, and son, Carl Joe Craft of Deer Lodge; and grandson, Vincent Lee Price; also several stepchildren, numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Funeral services will be at 6 p.m. on Monday at the Seventh Day Adventist Church in Kalispell.

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

Ronnie Dean Craft, 41

Ronnie Dean Craft, 41, died Friday, Feb. 19, 1999, at his home in Columbia Falls of natural causes.

He was born and raised a Columbia Falls boy, the son of John and Lola Craft. He took this world by storm starting on Dec. 4, 1957.

He received a degree in mechanics from the Anaconda Job Corps in 1975. He then went to work as a heavy equipment mechanic for Royal Logging for 12 years. Since then, and until the time of his death, he was a mechanic for American Timber. He also operated his own mechanic shop at home. If it was broken, he was your man.

If it has a motor, he loved it. He was an avid Motor Sports partici-

pant, and the Tim Allen of Columbia Falls. He was the undisputed king of burn out on Tamarack Lane.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Lola, and his father, John.

He is survived by his daughter Lola, 16, of Columbia Falls; his loving wife Clara and their daughter Hanna, eight months, at the family home; his brother, Larry Craft of Columbia Falls; two sisters, Connie Kenfield and Debbie Luce of Columbia Falls; and many other family members.

A memorial service will be held Tuesday at 3 p.m. at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. Ed Toren will officiate. Inurnment will follow in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Hattie B. Cranston, 90

Hattie B. Cranston, 90, died Thursday, Sept. 9, 1999, at the Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

She was born in Redfield, S.D., on Dec. 1, 1908, to August and Minnie Hofemann. She grew up on the family farm her father homesteaded in 1890 in South Dakota. She resided there until the family moved to Tulare, S.D., in 1918.

After graduating from high school, she went on to attend business school in Aberdeen, S.D.

She married Prentice Clithero in



1929. After divorcing in 1946, she worked in Redfield and Huron, S.D.

She was married to Warren Cranston in 1963, living in Huron until 1970. From 1970, until the present time she resided in Bigfork.

She was a member of the United Methodist Church in Bigfork. She enjoyed gardening, sewing, traveling and visiting with her many friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Warren, in 1977; and a grandson, Thomas, in 1981.

She is survived by her son, Robert Clithero of Bigfork, and a daughter, Marion Meyers of Arcadia, Calif.

Graveside services will be held in Rose Hills Memorial Park in Whittier, Calif., at a later date. Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Delmar 'Del' Cree, 68

Delmar "Del" Cree, 68, died Monday, Dec. 20, 1999, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

He was born in Kalispell on March 24, 1931, the son of Clifford Owen and Irma Jeannette Buck Cree.

While still young, his family moved to Missoula, where he received his education. He then went to work for the Northern Pacific Railroad in 1949.

On Sept. 19, 1950, he was united in marriage to Kathryn Green at the First Presbyterian Church of Missoula.

While with the railroad he was proud to be one of the first to work with the computers that ran the railroad and later trained others to use them. He retired in 1986, and moved to the Creston area, where he spent a great deal of time enjoying the outdoors.

He loved fishing, hunting, and working on his computer. He also enjoyed traveling to Alaska with his wife, Kathryn.

He was an Eastside Grange past



master, and board of trustees chairman for the Creston Fire Department.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Survivors include his wife, Kathryn Cree, of Creston; children, Gary Cree and his wife Lisa of Bremerton, Wash., Steven Cree and his wife Terry of Pasco, Wash., Beth Marie Cree of Moscow, Idaho, and Mark Jeffrey Cree and his wife Mary of Gresham, Ore.; 10 grandchildren, Sarah Cree, Christopher Cree, Johnathan Cree, Jason Lakey, Jennifer Lakey, Tristan Virgin, Alyssa Virgin, Katherine Cree, Marybeth Cree and Tara Cree; and two great-grandchildren, Jordana Eberle and Stormy Eberle.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday at Johnson Mortuary Chapel, with the Rev. Brenda Wills officiating. A reception will follow the service at the Eastside Grange in Creston, and the family asks for all to attend.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions be made to a charity of your choice in memory of Del Cree.

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

Olive L. Crick, 79

Olive L. Crick, 79, died Tuesday, Feb. 2, 1999, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

She was born April 28, 1919, in Escanaba, Mich., the third of four children born to Arthur and Hazel Hayward Thompson. She received her schooling in Trenary, Mich., graduating from high school there.

On May 12, 1941, she married Earl Harold Crick just before he was sent to California with the U.S. Army. She soon traveled by train and joined him there, where Beverly, their first child was born in 1943. Upon Earl's medical discharge, they moved back to Michigan, opening Crick's Grocery Store and later purchasing a 200 acre farm. In 1955, they had their fifth and last child, and 1956, they moved west to Kalispell. She made her home here since, raising children, and making wonderful lifelong friends with whom she enjoyed camping, playing cards, fishing, snowmobiling and sharing stories.

She was a waitress at the Hut Cafe, Temple Tea Room and the Hacienda. She loved her work and customers alike. She worked for School District Five food service, and retired from there.

Her active retirement included several summer trips to Alaska visiting relatives and fishing; winter trips to Nevada, Arizona and other southwestern states; and many trips back to Michigan, the last one attending her school reunion.

She will be missed by all those who knew her genuine friendship and fun-loving spirit.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers, Orin and Walter Thompson.

She is now survived by her beloved husband, Earl, at the family home in Kalispell; one son, Clifford Crick and wife, Vicki, of Whitefish; four daughters, Marlene Brunaugh and husband, Thomas, Lorraine Stotts and husband, Dick, all of Kalispell, Carol Lou Gustafson and husband, Melvin, of Somers, and Beverly Withey and husband, Myron, of Cedar Springs, Mich.; one brother, Malcom Thompson and wife, Libby, of Trenary; 12 grandchildren, Judy and husband, Vance Matz, Michael LaCelle, Robert and wife, Kristie Stotts, Craig and wife, Val Stotts, Steven and wife, Monique Gustafson, Daniel Gustafson, Jennifer Gustafson, Brad Barnes, Kari Barnes, Molly Crick, Shelly and husband, Steve Parker, Shannon and husband, Michael Graeber; also seven great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews and cousins.

Funeral services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. at Epworth United Methodist Church with the Rev. Bill Carlson officiating. Cremation will follow and burial will be at a later date.

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

Charles George Criswell III, 56

Charles George Criswell III, 56, died Sept., 21, 1999, at his home in Kalispell.

He was born Oct. 6, 1942, in Great Falls, to Charles George II and June (Swanson) Criswell.

He moved with his family to Wyoming and then to Lakewood, Colo., where he attended and graduated from high school. He studied psychology and engineering at Sterling Junior College, Colorado State University and the University of Colorado in Greeley.

During his childhood, his family spent summers on Flathead Lake and in Glacier Park. He loved Montana so much that during college he worked summers in the Park. After living in Seattle for a brief time, he moved back to Kalispell in the early 1970s. He sold real estate and insurance and was involved in many business ventures.

In 1986, he met his wife, Jackie Kraft, of Kalispell, and they married in 1989 in Honolulu, Hawaii. He had many ambitions in life and one was his love for Hawaii, where he and his wife spent part of the year. He always welcomed friends into his home there and made their vacations warm and memorable. He enjoyed meeting new people and made friends easily with his quick wit and sense of humor.

During the summers, he spent time at his cabin, putting in long

hours digging ponds and constructing waterfalls and enjoying the solitude.

Chuck and Jackie spent a great deal of time in Glacier Park and had their special spots to visit. He would drive his '60 Corvette, which he loved, with the top down to enjoy the view to its fullest. He belonged to the Big Sky Corvette Club, which he founded, and was a life-long president.

He also had a thirst for knowledge and read extensively. He had the exceptional ability to retain almost everything he read. He enjoyed reading science fiction books and his friends will remember him sitting at the bar in Norm's News with his nose in a book.

He used to love to party and have a good time, especially during the '70s disco days. His friends will remember him with his silver jackets. He always lived his life to its fullest and touched so many lives in so many ways.

He is survived by his wife, Jackie Criswell; his parents, Charles and June Criswell, of Lakewood, Colo.; and his sister, Jane Bonham and her husband, Mickey, of Pueblo, Colo.

Memorial services will be Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel. A reception for friends and family will follow at the Remington Room at Cavanaugh's Outlaw Inn.

Carol Joyce Crouch, 73

Carol Joyce Crouch, 73, died at her Bigfork home on Monday, Jan. 18, 1999.

She was born on Christmas Day 1925, in Chinook, to Andrew and Tillie Christensen. She attended schools in Chinook and Whitefish.

On May 9, 1943, she was married to Calvin Crouch of Malta. They were married in the Community Church in Bend, Ore. She devoted her life to her church, her many friends and family, including her husband, five children, 10 grandchildren, and 13 great-grandchildren.

She is survived by her husband, Cal, of Bigfork; a son, Robert Crouch and his wife, Jennifer, of Renton, Wash.; daughters, Robin Crouch at the family home, Debbie Hervol and her husband, Jim, of Coram, and Ginnie Hanson and her husband, Don, of Kalispell; grandchildren, Gina Ross of Kenai, Alaska, Jennifer Trulson of Bothell, Wash., Angel Van Gutman of Petaluma, Calif., Justin Crouch of



Sedro Wooley, Wash., Amiee Gillig of Spokane, Shawna Lankester of Tukwila, Wash., Susan McCaskill of Kalispell, Cameron Hervol of Coram, Cy Hanson of Kalispell, and Daniel Hervol of Coram; 13 great-grandchildren; a sister, Virginia Cornelius at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell; and a brother, Surges Amundson of Wasilla, Alaska.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Helen Parsons; brothers, Curtis and Woodrow Christensen, and Robert Christensen; and a son, Calvin "Buzz" Crouch.

She will be remembered as a loving wife, mother, and grandma. Her life revolved around her love of the Lord, family, and many friends. Carol, mom, and grandma, we thank you for all your love and the many memories you have given us.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service is planned for Feb. 6, at 2 p.m. at Our Saviors Lutheran Church in Columbia Falls. The Rev. Tod Fox of the Canyon Community Church in Coram will officiate.

Memorials can be given to Our Saviors Lutheran Church Youth Education in Columbia Falls.

Arthur Lee Croskrey, 92

Arthur Lee Croskrey, 92, of Kalispell, died Wednesday, Nov. 17, 1999, at his home.

He was born April 12, 1907, in Salem, S.D., to Lee and Laura Belle Barnt Croskrey. He attended Helena Flats grade school and after moving to Kalispell in 1920, attended Flathead County High School.

On July 31, 1931, he married LaVaughn Gibson at the United Methodist Church in Kalispell, and he lived in the same house for 70 years. He and his twin brother would win wrestling matches with the circus wrestlers by hiding under the stairs and swapping places in the ring without anyone's knowledge.

He enjoyed helping people in need and was known as the best fix-it person in Kalispell. He was a member of



the International Order of Fellowship also known as the Odd Fellows.

He was preceded in death by his wife LaVaughn; his parents, Lee and Laura Belle Croskrey; five brothers, including his twin brother Albert; three sisters; and two sons, Charles and Wayne.

He is survived by his sons, Willard Croskrey of Torrance, Calif., and Kip Croskrey and wife, Haley, of Portland; daughter Lora Steele of Kalispell; daughter-in-law Idell Croskrey of Great Falls; sisters-in-law, Net Grandy and Dorothy Gibson, both of Kalispell, and Ida Croskrey of Missoula; 14 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials in memory of Arthur be made to the Alzheimer's Association of Montana, 201 S. Last Chance Gulch, Helena, MT 59624-0721.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Gladys Irene Crow, 75

Gladys Irene Crow, 75, a longtime Whitefish resident, died at the North Valley Extended Care on Thursday, March 18, 1999, of natural causes.

She was born June 20, 1923, in Whitefish, the daughter of Andrew and Avis Stevens Flint. She lived most of her life in Whitefish, except for a number of years in Texas.

She enjoyed reading and time spent with her family. She also leaves behind her friends and extended family at the North Valley Extended Care whom she loved dearly.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Evelyn Backen; her husband of 23 years, Marion "Tex" Crow in 1970.

She is survived by seven children, daughters Charis Whitcher and hus-

band, Jim, and children, Michael, Sonya, Jennifer, Brian, and James, Jamie, Mary Meade of Bigfork and her children, Jessica, Cory, and Spencer, and Lucinda "Cindy" Crow of Brainard, Minn.; sons, Alan Crow and children, Wendy and Josh, Clinton Crow of LaJunta, Colo., Charles "Chuck" Crow of Walla Walla, Wash., and his daughter Jamie, Larry Crow of Ontario, Calif., and his daughter, Stephanie.

Visitation will be from 2 to 6 p.m. Monday at the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish. Funeral services will be 1 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home with the Rev. Darrell Newby of the Columbia Falls Assembly of God officiating. Burial will follow at the Whitefish Cemetery.

Philip Michael Curry, 78

Philip Michael Curry, 78, a World War II veteran, died Friday, Sept. 24, 1999, at the Veterans Hospital in Columbia Falls.

He was born April 14, 1921, in Havre, to S. Charles and Rachel Bahne Curry. He was raised in Havre, where he graduated from Havre High School and attended two years of college at Northern Montana College, and one year at the University of Montana.

He worked at the Great Northern Railroad as a telegrapher and ticket agent before entering the U.S. Army Air Force in 1943. While serving as a radio operator and mechanic gunner, he received two air medals; good con-

duct medal; Philippine Liberation medal; and a bronze service star in New Guinea. In 1945, he was honorably discharged from the Army.

He then worked at the radar station in Havre, as an equipment operator, then as the manager of the Country Club Golf Course. He purchased the Stockman's Bar and Hideaway Restaurant in Havre, which he operated until his illness.

He enjoyed golf, bowling and was involved in many civic duties. He was a member of the Elks and Chamber of Commerce.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his son Daniel

Ray Curry of Ozark, Ala.; one sister, Phyllis Vining of Missoula; one brother, Charles Curry of Lakeside; one grandson, Mark Daniel Curry; one niece, two nephews, and two cousins.

Visitation will be Monday from 7 to 9 p.m. at Holland & Bonine Funeral Home in Havre. Graveside services with military honors will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Highland Cemetery in Havre, with the Rev. Ken Green officiating.

Memorials in his honor may be made to the donor's choice.

Services and arrangements are under the direction of Holland & Bonine Funeral Home.

James Howard Curtis, 87

James Howard Curtis, 87, died Nov. 14, 1999, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

He was born Sept. 26, 1912, on a homestead near Polson, to Thomas J. and Isabelle E. Appleby Curtis.

He moved up to the Flathead Valley as a very young child. He attended grade school and high school in Flathead County and worked as a tinsmith part-time while attending school.

He also worked in the Civilian Conservation Corps camps for a while during the depression, and served in the National Guard for 20 years.

James enlisted in the Navy on March 21, 1943, and was honorably discharged from Personnel Separation Center USNB in Bremerton, Wash., on Dec. 25, 1945.

On July 3, 1936, he was married to Olga Petlif in Kalispell.

James worked in sheet metal shops until he was employed by the Kalispell Police Department, where he was a police officer for 20 years. For his last two years on the force, he



was chief of police.

He was past president of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, a member of the American Legion and, in 1951, he was the state president of the Policeman's Protective Association. He was also involved with the local AARP and the Senior Center and was a member of Christ Church Episcopal in Kalispell.

He resided at WEL-Life for 11 months prior to his last two months at Heritage Place.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Olga; one stepson, Robert G. Pettit; his parents; two brothers; and four sisters.

He is survived by one sister, Edith Rein, residing at Heritage Place; several nephews and nieces; and his extended family in Texas.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday at Christ Church Episcopal. Burial will follow in C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery, with full military honors.

Visitation will be held from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday at Johnson Mortuary.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Bonnie Beth Lebert Cusick, 78

Bonnie Beth Lebert Cusick, 78, died May 12, 1999, at the Brendan House in Kalispell.

She was born on July 20, 1920, in Bigfork, to William James and Nancy Ellen Draper Simpson. She received her early education in Ferndale, and graduated from Bigfork High School. She married Jack C. Lebert on Feb. 28, 1939, in Kalispell.

She was a life-long resident of the Flathead Valley, working at the old Kalispell General Hospital for two years then working as a volunteer in the Lutheran Home and County Hospital. She sold Avon for several years.

She enjoyed working and helping the elderly. She also helped with Meals on Wheels for a while until her health failed her. She cared for her elderly parents and a sister in their later years.

She enjoyed bowling and bowled for 15 or 20 years. She was member of Central Christian Church where she was a Deaconess for many years. Her husband, Jack, died in 1988, and she



married Fred Cusick on Oct. 5, 1996, in Kalispell.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Jack; and 10 brothers and sisters.

She is survived by her husband, Fred Cusick, of Kalispell; one son, Ronald "Butch" Lebert and wife, Kathy, of Kalispell; one daughter, Lavetta Collier and husband, Bob, of Kalispell; five grandchildren, Paul Lebert, Jason Collier, Kim Guffin, Sheri Conklin and Rob Collier; also 10 great-grandchildren, all of Kalispell; a sister, Edith Pival of Libby; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. at Central Christian Church with the Rev. Terry Van Heyningen officiating. Burial will follow at Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Visitation will be today until 6 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel.

The family suggests memorials be sent to Central Christian Church, 2nd Ave. East and 3rd Street, Kalispell, MT 59901 or Home Options Hospice, 1280 Burns Way, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Jessie Irene Cutforth, 99

Jessie Irene Cutforth, 99, died on Saturday, Aug. 21, 1999, at Lake View Care Center in Bigfork.

She was born on Nov. 11, 1899, in Jaqua, Kan., to Alvina and Chilton Liming. She lived in St. Francis, Kan., until she was 12 years old. Her family moved to Minnesota for a brief period, before moving to Marmarth, N.D.

She later moved to Lemmon, S.D., where she went to work at J.C. Penney for a number of years. She moved to Helena, where she met and married Thurum "Paul" Cutforth. They had a very close and loving relationship. He died in December of 1996.

She loved the outdoors, especially fishing; she was an avid fisherman who was quite easily coaxed into



going anywhere fish could be caught. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Paul; one brother; and four sisters.

She is survived by a daughter, Mary Wheeler of Bigfork; two sisters, LaVone Mason of Lodge Grass and Lillian Wildish of California; six grandchildren, Mike Darlow of Boise, Idaho, Dan Darlow of Saginaw, Texas, Gary Darlow of Gillette, Wyo., Mark Darlow of Silver Bow, and Kelly Bennett and Kathy Conat, both of Bigfork; 23 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday at the Assembly of God Church in Bigfork. Interment will follow at a private family location. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Florence D. Cusick, 70

Florence D. Cusick, 70, a former Kalispell resident from 1955-1980, died Sunday, March 7, 1999, in Las Vegas, Nev., of natural causes.

She was born Aug. 25, 1928, in Los Angeles, Calif., the daughter of Charles and Miriam Kellett.

She enjoyed traveling, bowling, gardening and her grandchildren. She had a zest for life.

She worked in the school district in Vallejo, Calif., and for the Anaconda Aluminum Plant in Columbia Falls.

She lived in Las Vegas since 1996.

Survivors include her husband Gordon at the family home in Las Vegas; four daughters, Sharee and Jill in California, and Jody and Jackie in Alaska; her sister Monica in California; and nine grandchildren.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Friday at the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish, with the Rev. David V. Kauffman officiating. Burial will follow at the Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Kalispell.

Mary Etta Hill Cyr, 99

Mary Etta Hill Cyr, 99, of Oak Harbor, Wash., former Kalispell resident, died quietly at her daughter's Oak Harbor home on Friday, Aug. 13, 1999.

She was born on April 6, 1900, in Philbrook, to Isaac Edward Waddell and Laura Almada Wilkerson Waddell, the fourth of 10 children. Attending school through sixth grade, she was a self-taught artist, musician and mother of five sons, one daughter and a stepson. She resided in Flathead County from 1911 until 1941.

In 1942, she married Felix Cyr in Olympia, Wash. She spent the World War II years working in Puyallup, Wash., at the post office as a substitute mail carrier and charwoman. She and her husband spent some time in Seattle, learning physio-therapy.

Following their graduation in October 1947, they returned to Kalispell, where they built Evergreen Nursing Home, taking up to 11 patients at one time.

They retired from this endeavor in 1964, at which time they opened a small restaurant at Lakeside.

In 1968, they sold the home and business and moved to Montesano, Wash., to be near their daughter. They returned to Montana in 1975, where her husband died. She remained in Montana, living in Laurel, with her eldest son until moving to Oak Harbor in 1990.

In Montesano, they were members of the Hardly Ables, the first of three senior band she was to devote her golden years to for the enjoyment of all who knew her. When she and her husband returned to Laurel in 1975, they were members of a kitchen band.

When she came to Oak Harbor in 1990, she joined the Oak Harbor Silvertones at the Senior Center and all

who heard her marveled at the 4'9" accordion player who stood to play for hours on end. As a musician she also played harmonica, Jews harp and piano. She was also a member of the Laurel Rebekahs and the Oak Harbor Emblem Club.

She is survived by one daughter, Mabel E. Caldwell and husband, Chuck, of Oak Harbor; two sons, Ezra T. Hill and wife, Bev, of Walker Lake, Nev., and Vern G. Hill and wife, Phyllis, of Yuba City, Calif.; 17 grandchildren including Joy Fraleigh and Tim and Debbie Hill of Kalispell, and Vicki and Dave Lyons of Eureka; 35 great-grandchildren including Brian and Mark Fraleigh and their families of Kalispell, and Penny and Tony Hill of Kalispell; 26 great-great-grandchildren, and one great-great-great-grandchild; two sisters, Leona Allen of St. Maries, Idaho, and Opal Zick of Lewiston, Idaho; her brother, Charles Waddell and his wife, Florence, of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; also numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband Felix in 1975; sons James W. "Woody" Hill, Lloyd Lewis "Jack" Hill and Vernon Edward "Tommy" Hill; and stepson Wallace Hill.

A memorial service will be Saturday, Aug. 21, 1999, 11 a.m. at Burley Funeral Chapel, 30 S.E. Ely St., Oak Harbor, WA 98277, with the Rev. Richard McCormick of St. Mary's Catholic Church of Coupeville, officiating.

Memorials may be made to St. Mary's Catholic Church, 207 Main St., Coupeville, WA 98239, or to the Oak Harbor Senior Center, 51 S.E. Jerome St., Oak Harbor, WA 98277.

Arrangements and cremation under the direction of Burley Funeral Chapel with inurnment at Laurel at a later date.