

Brinton Jackson, 79

Brinton Jackson, 79, of Kalispell, died Feb. 21, 1999, at the Butte Convalescent Home in Butte.

He was born on May 19, 1919, in a small home north of Kalispell, to Sam and Pearl Jackson. In 1937, he graduated from Flathead County High School where he participated in all the plays and musicals. Further education included The University of Montana, Northwestern University in Chicago and Columbia University in New York City where he majored in music and drama.

He taught in a high school in Glendive, for a year and then at Western Montana College in Dillon for close to 20 years where he directed many plays and musicals. He also taught humanities.

He then attended Columbia University for his master's degree. From there he was employed at the Julliard School of Music in New York for 20 years where he became head librarian.

In 1984, he retired and returned to Kalispell, devoting his time to his love of gardening and his mother's care. Even as a youngster, his garden received rave reviews by the Garden Club and Century Club. For many years, with the help of his mother, he raised gladiolus and iris. Later his main love was for the daylilies which covered his two-lot yard. He also enjoyed cooking and was a gourmet cook. Blindness and health forced him to give up gardening and he moved into Windward Way in Kalispell, and later to Butte.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Arly.

He is survived by a brother, Tom, and a sister, Joan Gause, both of

Kalispell; a stepdaughter, Evelyn Pickett of Butte; and numerous nieces and nephews and great-nephews of whom he was very fond.

He had a quick wit and marvelous sense of humor. He is missed by all.

Memorial services will be held at Christ Church Episcopal, 215 3rd Ave. E., at 4:30 p.m. June 12.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Montana Association of the Blind or charity of donor's choice.

Earl Richard Jackson, 81

Earl Richard Jackson, 81, died Thursday, Jan. 7, 1999, at his home in Columbia Falls, after a long fight with cancer.

He was born June 14, 1917 in Livingston, to David F. and Genevieve Richards Jackson. He moved with his family to Olympia, Wash., where he received his early education.

He then moved to Oroville, Wash., where he met and married Thelma Thrasher in 1939. They moved to Republic, Wash., where he worked in the mines and logging companies. In 1942, he went to work at the Grand Coulee Dam and then moved his family to Hungry Horse in 1951, to work on the Hungry Horse Dam as a shift supervisor. He worked there until his retirement in 1974.

He had a gun shop for a number of years. He liked the desert in the Southwest and lived there a number of years. He especially liked "shooting the bull" with all his friends and

loved being with his family. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and bird hunting.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Thelma, in December 1994; and two brothers, Robert and Arthur.

He is now survived by one son, David Jackson and wife, Betty, of Columbia Falls; and grandchildren, Sherry Toole and husband, Brian, Kim Hanson and husband, Steve, Billie Hill and husband, Mort, all of Columbia Falls, and Theresa Creighton and husband, Tim, of Kalispell; with 13 great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be Saturday, at 1 p.m. at Glacier Memorial Gardens with Chrysta Bourne of Shining Mountain officiating.

The family suggests memorials be sent to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 1002, Kalispell, MT 59903.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary Crematory.

George F. Jackson, 64, died Nov. 14, 1999, at St. John Lutheran Hospital in Libby.

He was born March 27, 1935, in Frazer, to George Lincoln and Lucy Franklin Dempsey Jackson.

He was the oldest of 12 children, moving from eastern Montana in 1952. He came back to Montana in the early 1970s and was very proud to be Montana born.

He married Mildred Kraft on February 1956, in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. He later married Vickie Rowe in June 1979, in Columbia Falls.

He owned and operated Nature's Own Bait and Tackle. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, woodcrafting, photography, telling stories, and being a prankster.

He and his wife lived in Libby for the last 4 1/2 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two sons, Peter Raymond Jackson and Rocky Lee Jackson; and three brothers, Donald, Ronald and Gary Jackson.



He is survived by his wife, Vickie Jackson, of Libby; children, Dianna Skare and her husband, Gene, and Frank Jackson and his wife, Lorna, all of Columbia Falls, Deniece Jackson of Warrinton, Ore., George D. Jackson and his wife, Elaine, of Kalispell, D.M. Pete LaValley, Bruce Laws and Jason W. Jackson and his wife, Leila, all Columbia Falls, and Ed Rowe of Kalispell; 14 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; brothers and sisters, Ray Jackson and his wife, Sandy, of Kalispell, Clyde Jackson and his wife, Ruby, of Hamilton, Gerald Jackson of Shelby, Lester Jackson of Kalispell, Pauline Vaughn and her husband, Jeff, of Grandview, Wash., Bernice Bodeen and her husband, Wes, of Columbia Falls, Janet Roberts and her husband, Ken, of Olympia, Wash., and Neva Jackson of Laramie, Wyo.; and many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Funeral services will be Thursday, at 11 a.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel, with the Rev. Darrell Newby officiating. Burial will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Robert 'Uncle Bob' Jackson, 57

Robert "Uncle Bob" Jackson, 57, of West Linn, Oregon, died Dec. 9, 1999, of skin cancer.

He was born April 24, 1942, in Kalispell, where he was raised and graduated from high school where he was known as "Ducky" to his friends.

He moved to the Clackamas County area in 1971, and was a volunteer firefighter for seven years. He worked for American Metal Specialty as a sheet metal worker for about eight years.

He married Rena Butler in 1965.

He was a West Linn steelworker and motorcycle enthusiast who was instrumental in delivering toys — and untold joys — to young patients at Shriners Hospital for Children during the holidays for many years.

He, along with hundreds of local bikers, worked together under the banner "Abate of Oregon Inc.: A Brotherhood Against Totalitarian Enactments," toiled to ensure that the annual event was a success for the past decade.

Although he was unable to participate in this year's procession to the children's hospital because of his illness, he was credited with being its spiritual presence and guiding light. The event, which celebrated its 20th anniversary, was dedicated to him.

A father of six and grandfather of

13, he said seeing a child beam at the prospect of receiving a new wheelchair provided all the motivation he needed. "It gives you so much joy to see what something that simple will do for a kid," he said recently.

With his bushy white beard, he also was a natural Santa Claus figure and played the role with glee for many delighted children over the years.

Survivors include his wife; sons, Jim Butler of Oregon City, Ore., Robert Butler of Molalla, Ore., and Michael of Juneau, Alaska; daughters, Kelly Selke and Julie Robinson, both of Kalispell, and Crystal Spinns of Colton; brothers, Hughie Monroe of Browning, Welsey Monroe of Noxon, Roy Corneliuson of Eureka, Raymond of Spokane, David Engebritson of La Pine, Ore., and John Engebritson of Boise, Idaho; sisters, Edna Mae Naldrett of Hungry Horse, Joannie Turner, Royleen Hard and Barbara Franqui, all of Kalispell; Ella Fae Wetzel of Missoula, Dolores Ohren of Minnesota, Terri Winchester of Denver, and Kathy Farris and Doris, both of Henderson, Nev.; and 13 grandchildren.

Disposition was by cremation. The family suggests remembrances to Shriners Hospital for Children's wheelchair fund.

Carl 'Butch' Jacobs, 51

Carl "Butch" Jacobs, 51, died Thursday, Aug. 5, 1999, at his home near Columbia Falls.

He was born Oct. 20, 1947, in Auburn, Wash., to Carl and Doris Jacobs.

He worked at Longacres Race Track and later moved to Yakima, Wash., where he spent many happy years working at Yakima Meadows Race Track. In 1955, the family moved to Columbia Falls, to be near his mother.

He is survived by his wife, Kathy; a son, Stephen; his mother, Doris, and stepfather, George Yaba; and two sisters, Edna Jacobs and Karla and John Colwell, all of Columbia Falls.

No services are planned at this time. Arrangements are by Columbia Mortuary.

Arnold W. Jacobsen, 86, former Whitefish resident, died Sept. 9, 1999, at the Mennonite Retirement Home in Albany, Ore.

He was born July 5, 1913, in Spring Hill, Ore., and raised in Butte.

In 1936 he married Lois Shea, and they at one time owned seven infant and children's clothing stores in Butte, Billings, Spokane, Salt Lake City, and Provo, Utah.

After selling the stores they moved to Whitefish, where in 1951 they bought Win-na-kee cottages, a family-type resort on Whitefish Lake, and operated it until 1972.

He was very active in many community affairs and civic organizations. He helped organize the Whitefish Winter Carnival and became King Ullr XII in 1972. He was elected one of the 100 delegates to the Montana Constitutional Convention of



1972. The Rotary Club was his special interest and he became the district governor in 1981. He also belonged to the Masons and Shriners.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Lois, in 1981. In 1982, he married Lucille Barstad Smith and they later moved to Spokane. After they divorced in 1995 he moved to Albany.

He is survived by his four children, daughters Arlene Neuman and husband, Ray, of Albany, Willene Thompson of Billings, and Joyce Toohey and husband, Bill, of Salt Lake City; and son, Eugene Jacobsen and wife, Fran, of Kalispell; 12 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one great-grandson.

Masonic graveside rites will be conducted on Monday at 2 p.m. at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

The family invites his friends to join them at the service.

Arrangements are by Austin Funeral Home.

Maurice D. Jacobson, 73

Maurice D. Jacobson, 73, died Sunday at St. John's Lutheran Hospital in Libby. He was born May 5, 1926, at Sandpoint, Idaho, to John D. and Ragna Holien Jacobson.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy, at the family home in Libby; son, Jim Thompson, grandson and granddaughter Miranda, all of Columbia Falls; and daughter Dianne Walker, granddaughters Catherine Jenx, Adale Chew and Christy Chew, all of Libby.

Services will be Saturday at 1 p.m. at the Nelson and Vial Funeral Home in Libby.

Thelma Mae Jacobson, 68

Thelma Mae Jacobson, 68, died early Tuesday, July 13, 1999, at the San Diego Hospice Inpatient Care Center from complications of acute leukemia. She had just celebrated her 68th birthday surrounded by her nine grandchildren, her three children and their spouses.

She was born on July 8, 1931, in Lewistown, to Conwell and Georgia Wallace. She was the oldest of eight children. She spent her early years in Hilger and Lewistown, before moving to Kalispell, where she married Oscar Jacobson in June 1949. Together they raised three children in Kalispell. They were later divorced in 1964.

While raising her children, she worked at various jobs including retail sales and as a representative

for Lutheran Brotherhood Insurance. She moved her family to Carlsbad, Calif., in 1968, where she resided until her death.

Always a loving mother and grandmother, her children, grandchildren and Montana were the focus of her time and attention all of her life. She divided her time between each of her children's homes.

She is survived by her three children and their spouses and her nine grandchildren; daughters Carol Trieweller and Terry of Whitefish, Eileen McMahon and Thomas of Carlotta, Calif.; son Cal Jacobson and



Becky of Whitefish; grandchildren, Kathryn, Christina and Anna Trieweller of Whitefish, Tawni Hughes of Lake Tahoe, Calif., Whitney Hughes of Kalispell, Brittaney and Ian McMahon of Carlotta, and Chausea and Kearstin Jacobson of Whitefish; also her brothers, Jess, Jack, Dale, Clayton and Bill Wallace; sisters Marlene Corwin and Anne Martin; also her loving aunt Wylvie Potterf of Lewistown.

A private family service was held and at her request a memorial will occur on July 8, 2000 on the top of Big Mountain in Whitefish.

The family has requested donations be made to San Diego Hospice, 4311 3rd Ave., San Diego, CA 92103-1407 or Leukemia Society of America, 600 3rd Ave., New York, N.Y. 10016.

Ethel E. Janetski, 71

Ethel E. Janetski, 71, died Sunday, Aug. 29, 1999, at her home near Eureka.

She was born April 10, 1928, in Johnsonville, Calif., to Walter S. and Edith West. She was raised and educated in Susanville, Calif.

She was married to John B. Janetski on Dec. 6, 1946, in Helena. They moved to Columbia Falls, where they resided until moving to Eureka in 1977.

She was a kind and loving person and a devoted mother and wife. She wrote poetry and enjoyed gardening and her church work.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, George; and two brothers, Byron West and Ralph West.

She is survived by her husband, John, at the family home near Eureka; two sons, Mike Janetski of Kalispell and Jack Janetski of Columbia Falls; two sisters, Louise Steppe of Columbia Falls and Lois Chapman of Libby; eight grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A graveside service will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. at Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls. The Rev. Gerald Schulze of the Seventh-day Adventist Church will officiate.

The family has suggested that memorials be made to the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Columbia Falls.

Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is in charge of arrangements.

Dorothy Jensen, 83

Dorothy Jensen, 83, died on Wednesday, June 2, 1999, at her home in Kalispell.

She was born Jan. 14, 1916, in Brooklyn, N.Y., to John and Ruby Dawson.

She married Walter Jensen; they were married for 64 years. They moved to Kalispell five years ago from Florida.

She loved to dance and read. She was a member of Deborah, an organization that raised money for heart

and lung transplants.

She will always be remembered as a wonderful wife and mother.

She is survived by her husband, Walter, of Kalispell; three children, Joan Sims of Bigfork, Walter Jensen Jr. and his wife, Fran, of Florida, and Kris Jensen of Arizona; and six grandchildren.

Private family services will be held at a later date.

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

Gladys M. Jenkins, 76

Gladys M. Jenkins, 76, died at Kalispell Regional Medical Center on Sept. 9, 1999.

She was born Jan. 25, 1923, in Poplar, to James and Mabel Keller. She was raised on the family farm in Poplar.

She married Ernest Jenkins in 1942 in Wolf Point, and farmed near Brockton until moving to Fairview in 1945. In 1959 she and her husband moved to Kalispell.

She cared for numerous children in her home, of which many called her mom or grandma. She loved traveling to visit her children and grandchildren and was always walking around singing or whistling.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers; one sister; and one granddaughter.

She is survived by her husband of



57 years, Ernest Jenkins of Kalispell; daughters, Eileen and husband, Lenard Boesch, of San Jose, Calif., and Arleen and husband, Richard Stanton, of Fairbanks, Alaska; sons, Gordon and wife, Jackie Jenkins, of Polson, Louis and wife, Lillian Jenkins, of Kalispell, Ivan and wife, JoAnn Jenkins, of Veradale, Wash., Bob and wife, Kerry Jenkins, of Marietta, Ga., and Allen and wife, Barb Jenkins, of Havre; 15 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren; a sister, Louise Delger of Wolf Point; and numerous other relatives.

She will be deeply missed by many.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home, with evangelist Milton Caraway officiating. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Neal W. Jerome, 70

Neal W. Jerome, 70, of Columbia Falls, died at his home on Wednesday, July 15, 1999, of natural causes.

He was born Oct. 31, 1928, in Carson, N.D., to Anna and Warren Jerome. He and his family moved to Montana in 1931. He went to school in the Bynum/Simms area.

During his adult life he enjoyed many years of competition in professional rodeo, competing in saddle bronc and bareback events. He then enjoyed owning and training thoroughbred race horses.

He served in the Air National Guard for several years before activation during the Korean War.

He married JoAnne Mclean in 1956, and they later divorced.

Upon his release from active military service he worked as an over-the-road truck driver. He then worked for many years with the Cascade County Bridge Department during the 1980s.

He moved to the Flathead area and finished his work career with the U.S. Forest Service. Following retire-

ment he and his wife Muriel enjoyed spending their summers in the Flathead and winters in Casa Grande, Ariz.

Survivors include his wife Muriel in Columbia Falls; three sons, Jerry N. Jerome in Conrad, Marty L. Jerome in Kalispell, Zane D. Jerome in Great Falls; a sister, Joan Paliga in Kalispell; a brother, Don Jerome in Dupuyer; three grandsons and three granddaughters.

Visitation will be 2 to 4 p.m. today at the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish. Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Monday at the funeral home with the Rev. Tom Gopp officiating. Burial will follow at the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell. Military honors will be provided by the United Veterans of the Flathead Valley.

The family suggests that memorials can be made to either the Home Options Hospice, 1280 Burns Way Suite #3, Kalispell, MT 59901, or to the American Cancer Society, c/o Vivian L. Hull, 233 West 3rd St., Whitefish, MT 59937.

1999 Bettye L. Jeude', 79

Bettye L. Jeude', 79, died Feb. 25, while in the loving care of her son, David, in Powder Springs, Ga.

She was born April 19, 1919, in Evansville, Ind., to Lillian Schellase and G. Eugene Johnson who preceded her in death, as well as her stepmother, Irene Schellenberger.

Survivors include her brother Gene Johnson; her five sons, David,

Timothy, Michael, Steven and Dan of Kalispell; numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Memorial mass will be held at St. Ann's Church in Somers, Friday, March 12 at 11 a.m. A luncheon will follow mass. All who knew and loved her are welcome to attend. Cremation has taken place.

Mary Johns, 77

Mary Johns, 77, died Tuesday, Sept. 7, 1999, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

She was born in Zakopane, Poland, on May 20, 1922, to Mr. and Mrs. Gacek. She was sent from Poland by train to Germany in 1939, to work on a German farm.

She remained in Germany after World War II and married Jack Johns July 20, 1947, while he was stationed there with the U.S. Air Force.

She traveled with him to Japan and all over the world until he retired in 1968. After retiring, they settled in his hometown of Kalispell.

She worked at the B & B Restaurant for six years where she made many friends. She then ran the Bird of Pillum Coffee House for many years at Flathead Valley Community College when it was in downtown Kalispell, making many friends among the students and teachers. She also cooked every summer for many years at the Loon Lake 4-H Camp where she got to know many families who have remained her friends. She never was ready to retire

and was working right up to the end.

She loved huckleberry picking, painting and doing crafts. She enjoyed tending her garden and taking care of other people. She enjoyed traveling and she was very self-reliant. She was active in the community and with her friends.

She belonged to St. Matthew's Church, and was vice-president of the NCO Wives Club at several Air Force bases.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jack, on June 20, 1994, and one brother, Wladislaw Gacek, earlier this year.

She is now survived by two daughters, Jeannette Aquino and husband, Victor, of Somers, and Karen Smith and husband, James, of Nashville, Tenn.; one son, James Johns of Somers; and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be Friday at 4 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Arrangements and cremation are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

A. Beatrice Johnson, 81

A. Beatrice Johnson, 81, died on Monday, April 12, 1999, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

She was born March 2, 1918, in Scobey, to Albert and Bertha Tande.

Memorial services will be held at a later date.

She was preceded in death by

one brother.

Survivors include her husband, Sherman Johnson, of Kalispell; one son; two sisters, Lucille Koser of Bigfork and Ruth Nelson of Whitefish; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

John Luther Johnson, 80

John Luther Johnson, 80, died Tuesday, Aug. 3, 1999, in Kalispell.

He was born in Whitefish, on Dec. 22, 1918, to Lawrence and Anne Johnson. He attended schools in Kalispell, graduating from Flathead County High School with the class of 1937.

He entered the armed forces in January of 1942, and served as part of a flight crew stationed in England. He was honorably discharged in August of 1945.

He met Vergene Ainley in the fall of 1945, and they were married on Dec. 14, 1946, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Kalispell.

He was one of the original partners in Western Woodworking Company from 1947 to 1949. He spent the next 32 years as a carpenter and construction foreman for several local companies. He played an important part in the construction of many Flathead schools, businesses and homes.

He was a lifetime member of the



Local 911, and had retired from Ross Construction in 1981. He continued to build for families and friends for many years after his retirement.

He had a deep love of the outdoors and was an avid hunter, camper, skier and fly fisherman. He spent many, many days in the mountains of northwest Montana.

His friendly manner and sense of humor will be missed by all who knew him.

He is survived by his wife, Vergene; two sons and their families, Gordon, Kay, Curran and Whitney, and Steven, Dawn, Jeremiah, Jacob, Hannah, Shane and Kelli; and two brothers, Larry and Rod and their families.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers and a sister.

Viewing will be Thursday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held on Friday at 2 p.m. at Bethlehem Lutheran Church with the Rev. Richard Nelson officiating. Burial will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

The family requests memorials be sent to Bethlehem Lutheran Church or charity of donor's choice.

Maurice Johnson, 87

Maurice Johnson, 87, beloved mother and grandmother, died peacefully in her sleep of natural causes on Saturday, Dec. 11, 1999, at the home of her son, Sonny Johnson.

She was born in Armington, Ill., on June 15, 1912, to Reu and Mona Loa Carr. She was the oldest of six girls. She moved to Montana when she was 6 years old.

Her father started one of the first 4-H clubs in Montana and she remained involved as a leader for 35 years. One of her favorite stories was about herding the cows on foot from Creston to Kalispell, for her 4-H project at the fair.

After graduating from high school, she worked at the Columbia Falls Veterans Hospital, where she became famous for her baking. To this day a get-together was not complete without grandma's Parker House rolls.

She married Harold Leighty in June of 1938, but after a short illness, he died. They had a daughter, Haroldeen.

On May 30, 1942, she married Aenard Johnson. They had two sons, Allen "Sonny" and Duane.

She and her husband drove the Whitefish Stage school bus route for 38 years while they operated their farm. She continued to farm their property to this day.

She was an active Grange member for 59 years, first at Grandview and then at the LaSalle Grange. Being a part of the Grange gave her an opportunity to see her neighbors and

friends which was one of the greatest enjoyments of her life.

She was very proud of the fact that at 87, she was still driving, going to sporting events, lecturer of her Grange, and an active, productive member of her community.

One of her favorite hobbies was crocheting. She made one or more afghans for every member of her family, including children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Aenard, and a sister, Bernadine.

She is survived by her four sisters, Mary Leighty, Ruth Jones, Dorothy Clapper and Helen Cascaden; numerous nieces and nephews; a daughter, Deanie and her husband, Dale Witty; two sons and their wives, Allen "Sonny" and Sue Johnson and Duane and Diane Johnson; ten grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at the Central Christian Church in Kalispell, with the Rev. Lois Lyford and the Rev. Terry Van Heyningen officiating. Interment will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

The family request in lieu of flowers memorials be made to the LaSalle Grange or the First Christian Church of Columbia Falls.

Reception will follow at the Central Christian Church, 2nd Ave. East and 3rd St., Kalispell. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Michael B. Johnson Sr., 35

Michael B. Johnson Sr., 35, died Saturday, Nov. 6, 1999, at the Great Lakes Naval Training Center, near Chicago, Ill.

He was born March 13, 1964, in Edmonds, Wash., to Ralph W. Johnson and Patricia McCann Johnson Macdonald.

He attended school in Whitefish during his elementary years and finished his high school years in Kalispell at Flathead High School.

He moved to Williston, N.D., and worked in the oilfield for two years and then moved to Spokane, where he enlisted in the U.S. Navy.

He married Sandra Viator of Post Falls, Idaho, on Oct. 11, 1985.

He was on seven deployments during his military career, including tours during the Iran Conflict, Desert Shield, Desert Storm and the Kosovo Crisis. His last station was Pearl Harbor on the USS Paul Hamilton of which he is a plank owner.

He and his family had just moved to the Great Lakes Naval Station where he was to be a Naval instructor. Also between his deployments he had the opportunity to be a father of three great kids, Michael, Jaquelyn and Samantha Johnson.

He enjoyed many things in his life. His love was his family. When he was home he enjoyed being with his kids and being involved with Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and many other activities with the kids.

He also liked to scuba dive and really enjoyed his Harley with Sandy. He was a member of the Waipahu Chapter of the Hog in Oahu, Hawaii.

He participated in food drives and charitable events. He was also a current member of the VFW in Whitefish, and served as a chaplain at the VFW Post in Antioch, Calif.

While he was stationed at Concorde Naval Weapon Station, he really enjoyed meeting new people. His favorite pastime was evening barbecues with friends and family. He was



so full of life and will be missed very much.

In the last month, he and his family traveled from Seattle to Chicago between duty stations. The good Lord blessed his family with one more visit.

He was preceded in death by grandpa Johnson and grandpa Miller; stepfather, Mac Macdonald; niece, Sarah Macdonald; father-in-law, Leroy Viator; and nephew, Chris Johnson.

He leaves cherished memories to his loving wife, Sandy, and his children, Michael Jr., Jaquelyn, and Samantha at the family home in Great Lakes, Ill., and Mary (Elise) Hall and David Wright, of Beaumont, Texas; parents, Patricia Macdonald of Columbia Falls and Ralph and Lorie Johnson of Kalispell; mother-in-law, Joyce Kelly of Lawton, Okla.; grandparents, Margaret Johnson of Kalispell, Elise Moran of Lawton, and Violet Miller of Ft. Walton Beach, Fla.; brothers and sisters, Mitch and Sherry Johnson of Spokane, Donna and Bruce Brown of Coram, and Donald Johnson and fiancée Nicole Anderson of Williston, Shelly and Brent Duval and Rod and Jo Macdonald of Columbia Falls, Joanne Nelson of Williston, Mike (Henry) and Karen Nelson of Spokane, Kenny Nelson of Plains, and Billy and Jenny Johnson of Spokane; also many aunts, uncles, nephews, nieces and cousins and very many special friends so much like family.

Funeral services will be Saturday at 1 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel, with the Rev. Kevin O'Neill of St. Matthews Catholic Church as celebrant. The committal service will be at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery with full military honors. A reception will follow at the Eagles.

The family suggests memorial gifts be sent to the American Cancer Society, Box 1002, Kalispell, MT, 59903-1002, in Michael's name.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Ralph Radway Johnson, 91

Ralph Radway Johnson, 91, of Columbia Falls, died Saturday, Feb. 20, 1999, at the North Valley Extended Care in Whitefish.



He was born Jan. 20, 1908, in Bemidji, Minn., to Charles and Edna Beck. Following his mother's death from tuberculosis, he was raised by his grandparents, Lafayette and Nora Johnson. He was educated in Bemidji.

As a teenager, he worked at the Bagley Lumber Mill for 13 cents an hour in Bagley, Minn.

After leaving school, he worked at the Brooks Lumber Mill in Bemidji until 1936, when he began working at D. C. Dunham's box factory in Bemidji.

He was married to Ruby Edna Manecke on Jan. 28, 1930 in Bemidji. They had three sons, Robert, Neil, and Patrick. Ruby died from heart failure on Feb. 28, 1947.

On March 29, 1949, he married Bertha Kanoun in Bemidji. She died in February 1975 from cancer.

When Dunham moved the box factory to Columbia Falls in 1956, he and his wife also moved to Columbia Falls. He began working for D. C. Dunham again at Plum Creek as a lumber grader. He retired when he was 65 years old, then returned to Plum Creek for eight more years as a night watchman.

He married Ida Fisher on July 31, 1976. They enjoyed camping and fishing together and traveling.

He entered the North Valley Extended Care on April 16, 1997, following surgery for colon cancer. While he was a resident there, he was named 1998 first runner up and received an award as Montana's most outstanding nursing home resident. He was honored with a trip to the capital in Helena where they had a luncheon and tea with Governor Mark Racicot.

He was preceded in death by his son, Patrick "Chick" Johnson.

He is survived by his wife, Ida of Columbia Falls; sons, Robert and his wife, Mary Jane, of Columbia Falls and Neil Johnson of Bemidji; a daughter-in-law, Frankie Johnson of Columbia Falls; two stepsons, Gary Fisher of Wilsall, and Jay Fisher of Whitefish; two stepdaughters, Linda Gentry of Boise, Idaho, and Aleta Hering of Livingston; 14 grandchildren, Eugene, Neil Jr. and Michael

Johnson, and Lorie Willard of Columbia Falls, Jeff Johnson and Kim Reynolds of Kalispell, Cindy Aakhus of St. Paul, Minn., Teresa Cannady of Lynn, Mass., Gary Johnson of Laguna, Calif., Sharon Gavlovky and Denise Hedstrom of Bemidji, Marty Johnson of Libby, Terry Johnson of Seattle, and Patti Carlson of Missoula; 25 great-grandchildren; and several stepgrandchildren.

Visitation will be today from 1 to 8 p.m. at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. A rosary will be recited today at 7 p.m. at the Columbia Mortuary. Mass of the Christian burial will be Thursday at 2 p.m. at St. Richard's Catholic Church in Columbia Falls. The Rev. Joe Pat Sullivan will officiate. Burial will follow in Woodlawn Cemetery.

The family has suggested that memorials be made to the North Valley Extended Care in Whitefish.

Norma E. Sorenson Johnson, 76

Norma E. Sorenson Johnson, 76, of Modesto, Calif., died Tuesday, Sept. 7, 1999, at Doctors Medical Center.

She was born in Edgar, Neb., to Carl and Clara Sorenson. She moved with her family to Judith Gap in 1925, and to Kalispell in 1934. She graduated from Flathead County High School in 1940, and from college in Havre in 1943. She taught two years at Cornelius Hedges in Kalispell.

She was married to Arnold Johnson of Havre. They lived in Hungry Horse where he worked on the dam, then traveled to Alaska and New York before settling in California.

She was a member of Centenary United Methodist Church, Modesto Symphony Guild, Modesto Garden Club, McHenry Mansion Foundation

and various bridge clubs.

She is survived by her children, Diane Brown of Reston, Va., Victor Johnson and Paul Johnson, both of Modesto, Leon Alan Johansson of Gearhart, Ore., Robynn Miner and Laura Ghazar, both of Turlock, Calif., and Carol Sessions of Goldsboro, N.C.; sisters, Wilma Corneliuson of Kalispell and Shirley Dichter of Gearhart, Ore.; and three grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Arnold, in 1977.

Funeral services have been held.

Remembrances may be made to the American Cancer Society, 1765 Challenge Way, Suite 115, Sacramento, CA 95815, or the American Diabetes Association, 1524 McHenry Ave., Suite 210, Modesto, CA 95350.

Roy V. Johnson, 80

Roy V. Johnson, 80, a long-time resident of Kalispell, died in his home on Sunday morning, May 23, 1999.



He was born on May 24, 1918, to Andrew and Hilma Johnson on the family farm near Litchville, N.D., where he lived and worked until graduating from nearby Svea High School in 1935.

He joined the Civilian Conservation Corps in 1937 and was stationed at Glacier National Park, where he cleared trails and built bridges and out-buildings. It was during his service in the CCC that he developed his love for the mountains and valleys of northwest Montana.

After his discharge from the CCC, he moved to Kalispell and worked for Kalispell Wholesale Grocers. In March of 1942, he enlisted in the U.S. Army. He was a veteran of World War II, serving as a fire control electrician in the European theater. He received a Purple Heart when he was wounded in Northern France in November of 1944.

On August 8, 1945, after a long recuperation from his injuries and his discharge from the Army, he married Sophie Thompson, a high school classmate. He attended Dunwoody Technical Institute in Minneapolis, and after two years of training, graduated and moved with his wife to Kalispell. They lived here for the past 52 years. The owner of Valley Parts Company, he worked as an electronics technician until his retirement in 1992.

A devoted husband and father, he was an active member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, where he served in many capacities including congregational president and church council member, call committee leader, Sun-

day school and Bethel Bible Study teacher. An avid music lover, he sang in the church choir for over 50 years.

He was a member of the board of directors of Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp, and was an active member of Rotary International. A life-long learner, he enjoyed reading and listening to classical music. Other interests and hobbies included hiking, golf, fishing, crossword puzzles, and spending time at their cabin on Flathead Lake with his family and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his older brother, Gordon.

Left to mourn his passing and to celebrate his life and legacy are his wife of nearly 54 years, Sophie, at the family home; his younger sister, Doris Gibbs of Blaine, Minn.; five children and their spouses, Steve and Linda Johnson of Woodinville, Wash., Dave Johnson of Denver, Sharon and Mark Egertson of Davenport, Wash., Jim and Nancy Johnson of Red Lodge, and Tom and Ann Johnson of Puyallup, Wash. He is also loved, and will be missed, by his 20 grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and countless friends. He will be remembered by all who knew him as a kind and honorable man.

Visitation will be today until 6 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary. A funeral service will be held Thursday at Bethlehem Lutheran Church at 11 a.m. A committal service will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. The Rev. Rick Nelson will officiate. A reception will be held following the committal at Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

Memorial contributions may be made to Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp, the Glacier Symphony and Chorale, or to a charity of your choice.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Warren A. Johnson, 78

Warren A. Johnson, 78, a long-time Libby resident, died Monday, Jan. 25, 1999, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

Survivors include his wife, Anne Johnson of Libby; two sons; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Services will be Friday at 10 a.m. at Christ Lutheran Church in Libby. Visitation will be Thursday from 1 to 8 p.m. at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Libby.

Local arrangements are by the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home of Libby.

Paul Jerrel Jones, 80

Paul Jerrel Jones, 80, died Thursday, March 11, 1999 in Kalispell, after an extended illness.

He was born July 2, 1918, in Yell County, Ark., to William and Pauline Jones. He attended schools there and later moved to the Northwest where he met and married Marie R. Carson on April 6, 1940, in Orofino, Idaho.

In 1942, they moved to Missoula where they had twin daughters, Shirline and Pauline, on July 12, 1943.

Later that year, he left to serve in the Army during World War II. He was stationed in the Pacific and European Theaters where he received several medals including an expert rifleman, good conduct and a purple heart. He was honorably discharged Christmas Day 1945.

They moved to Libby in 1949, where he started working for the J. Neils Lumber Co. (later changed to Champion International) where he



stayed until his retirement.

He was an avid gardener and was most fond of raising and testing roses for the Jackson Perkins Rose Co.

He was a square dancer and caller and taught square dance classes for children and adults. He also enjoyed bird hunting and fishing.

His grandchildren will always remember him as a kind, caring grandpa and a wonderful storyteller.

He was preceded in death by his parents and an infant grandson, Christian Paul.

He is survived by his wife, Marie, of Kalispell; their daughters and husbands, Shirline and Ignacio Almeida of Libby, and Pauline and Fred Schroeder of Helena; two grandsons and their wives, Eric and Donna Almeida and Greg and Amy Almeida, all of Tracy, Calif.; two granddaughters and their husbands, Sally and Rick Cordier of Arlee, and Shannon and Jim Thomas of Helena; eight great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Graveside services with military honors will be Monday at 2 p.m. at the Mountain View Cemetery in Ronan, with the Rev. Eric Christiansen of St. John's Lutheran

Church of Libby officiating.

The family prefers that memorials be sent to the memorial fund at St. John's Lutheran Church, 1017 Montana Ave., Libby, MT 59923. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory of Kalispell is in charge of arrangements.

Wesley Lyle Johnson, 82

Wesley Lyle Johnson, 82, died Sunday, June 6, 1999, at the Montana State Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.

He was born Oct. 6, 1916, in Spring Lake, Minn., to Charles G. and Clara Medvedt Johnson. He was raised and educated in Green Bush, Minn.

He served in the Navy Seabees during World War II. He was a career carpenter in the Flathead Valley and retired from Carpenters Union #911 in Kalispell in 1979.

He married Esther A. Wilcox on



July 17, 1947, in Kalispell.

He is survived by his wife, Esther, of Kalispell; two sons, George Johnson of Pullman, Wash., and Charles Johnson of Waukesha, Wis.; one daughter, Mary Anne Cook of Idaho Falls, Idaho; a brother, Arne Johnson of Oneida, S.D.; a sister, Darlene Skari of Chester; seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel. A luncheon will follow at the Kalispell Eagles. Visitation will be today until 6 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Arrangements and cremation are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Hiram Wallace Jorgenson, 82

Hiram Wallace Jorgenson, 82, of Columbia Falls, died Sunday morning, Oct. 31, 1999, at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

He was born March 16, 1917, to George and Bertha Jorgenson of Clarkfield, Minn.

He was raised and educated in the Clarkfield area, before he quit school to help his father farm.

He joined the Civilian Conservation Corps in Minnesota in 1935. He joined the National Guard for two years in the San Francisco area, where he met his wife, Rosa Lacayo. They were married July 3, 1941.

He joined the Navy during World War II, from 1945 to 1946. He was a fireman first class.

After the service, he worked for Fraizer & Johnson Furnace Co. of San Francisco for 25 years as a spot welder foreman.

He lived in the San Francisco and Santa Clara areas until 1965, when he moved south of Columbia Falls to farm. He worked out of Kalispell Labor Hall on many area construction and road jobs.

He played the accordion, and loved fishing, hunting and gardening. He retired after having a heart attack.

He was preceded in death by his



grandson, Anthony Jorgenson of Columbia Falls; his brothers, George, Marlow and Severin of the Park Rapids, Minn., area, Leon of Bigfork, and Francis, who died during his military service in Holland during World War II; and two sisters, Anna Elmer of Mesa, Ariz., and Una New of Park Rapids.

He is survived by his wife, Rosa; five sons, George, Hiram, Francis, Roy and Donald of Columbia Falls; four daughters, Norma Ferrullo, Bertha Gostell and Laurie Iverson of Columbia Falls and Rose Chambers of Emmett, Idaho; two sisters, Helen Carlson and Joan Mickelson of Park Rapids; a brother, Harold and June Jorgenson of Ferndale; 20 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

"Dad, I know in my heart and in my life I am a good man; I got it from you. I won't lose what you have given me and I won't forget. I want to be like you," said his son, Francis. "Dad, you are the love, strength and sunshine in all our lives. We will miss you greatly."

Visitation will be from 1-8 p.m. today at Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. A vigil service will be held at 7 p.m. today at Columbia Mortuary.

Mass of the Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at St. Richard's Catholic Church in Columbia Falls. Burial will follow at St. Richard's Catholic Cemetery.

Betty Gene Joy, 78

Betty Gene Joy, 78, died Wednesday, Sept. 15, 1999, at Whitefish Extended Care Center after a year-long battle with cancer.

She was born April 16, 1921, to Lonnie and Louise Nelsen Dennis in Whitefish.

She grew up in Whitefish, and graduated from Whitefish High School in 1939.

She was very artistic. She loved to crochet, knit, sew and paint, and was talented in all. Family members and friends have numerous items to serve as remembrances of her.

During the wonderful Montana summers she would spend countless hours gardening.

She was a long time employee with the Great Northern and Burlington Northern Railroads. In 1976 she was transferred to Missoula with the general accounting office. She retired in 1981, and continued to live in Missoula until shortly before her death.

The family would like to extend a special thanks to Dr. Joan Miller and the staff at North Valley Extended

Care. She was truly given loving care.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and is now survived by two daughters, Nancy Picucci of Portland, Ore., and Sandra Dewey Hartman of Whitefish; one sister, Bonnie Liggett and husband, Ronald, of Champlin, Minn.; one brother, Lonnie Dennis and wife, Irene, of St. Augustine, Fla.; three grandchildren; Doug Hartman of Pittsburgh, Pa., Pam Shaw of Spokane, and Greg Hartman of Portland; and four great-grandchildren, Amanda, Andrew and Alisha Shaw and Vail Hartman.

Memorial services and a celebration of her life will be held on Saturday, Sept. 25, at 11 a.m. in the First Presbyterian Church in Whitefish.

The family suggests donations be made in Betty's memory to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 1002, Kalispell, MT 59903-1002.

Cremation and arrangements are by the Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.