

Jane McHough, 89

Jane McHough, 89, died Monday, April 5, 1999, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

She was born June 9, 1909, in Strawberry Valley, Calif., to Joseph and Ida Mae McHough Brust.

She is survived by her daughter,

Debra Chavez of Kalispell.

No services are planned. Cremation has taken place and burial will be in Santa Cruz, Calif. Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Effie M. McKinley, 81

Effie M. McKinley died Wednesday, Feb. 3, 1999, at her home in Columbia Falls.

She was the eldest daughter of the 14 children of Homer and Agnes Huggins. She was born Feb. 22, 1917, just south of Columbia Falls. She was a third generation resident of the area.

She was a familiar figure in and around Columbia Falls. Her lifelong interest in the town's past and her ancestry was deep-seeded. She became the official Huggins family historian and the unofficial historian of Columbia Falls.

She is survived by her sons, Duane Kiel and Cecil McKinley; granddaughter Kambra Møllergaard; grandson,

Colson Møllergaard; sisters, Helen Romeo, Millie Louise, Carol Huggins; and brothers, Martin, Edward, Bill, Bob, and Dennis Huggins.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her sisters, Barbara Callahan and Lois Huggins; her brothers, Art, Tom, and Dale Huggins.

A funeral service will be held Monday, at 1:30 p.m. at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. Burial will follow in Fairview Cemetery.

The family has suggested that memorials be made to the Fairview Cemetery District, in care of the Whitefish Credit Union, 300 Baker Ave., Whitefish, MT 59937, 406-862-3525.

Vivian T. 'Gramma' McKinzie, 95

Vivian T. "Gramma" McKinzie, 95, died on Wednesday, March 10, 1999, at the home of her daughter, Betty Nutzman.

She was born to Joseph and Minnie Blatzhein on July 13, 1903, in Mankato, Minn. She was raised and educated in St. Paul, Minn.

She was married to Earl McKinzie on April 27, 1920. They lived in various places until settling in Bemidji, Minn., where they raised eight children. She devoted her life to being a wife and mother.

She was a member of the V.F.W., American Legion and the Moose Club. In 1991, she moved to Montana to live with her daughter, Betty. She was a very special lady and touched many lives.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Earl, in 1968, two sons, one daughter, two grandsons, four brothers, and a sister.

She is survived by two sons, Russell and wife Shirley McKinzie of

Plymouth, Minn., and Richard and wife Irene McKinzie of Missoula; three daughters, Betty Nutzman of Columbia Falls, Joyce Rhineburger of Solway, Minn., and Karen Perkins and husband Ken of Missoula; a daughter-in-law Devonna McKinzie of Rochester, Minn.; a sister-in-law Marge Blatzhein of Texas; and 90 grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held Saturday, at 2 p.m. at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. The Rev. Joe Pat Sullivan will officiate. Inurnment will be in Greenwood Cemetery in Bemidji, at a later date.

A luncheon will follow the memorial service at 170 Mountain Ave. in Columbia Heights.

Gramma will always be in our heart ... her memory will forever live on.

Norma Marie Nelson McLeod, 86

Norma Marie Nelson McLeod, 86, died Thursday, Jan. 7, 1999, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.



She was born April 4, 1912, west of Big Sandy, where her newlywed parents, Andrew and Ethel Stewart Nelson, had come to establish their new homestead. She and her sisters, Margaret and Elizabeth, were raised on their "Little Homestead on the Prairie."

After graduation from Big Sandy High School, she attended Northern Montana College in Galata, where she met her future husband Albert McLeod. They were married in 1935, in Chester. They lived on grandpa Murdock McLeod's homestead where their son Bob was born.

They moved to Kalispell, where a son, Jim, and a daughter, Karen, were born. During the war, they moved to Great Falls, where she ran the gas station, while her husband worked at the smelter, and at Malmstrom AFB during its construction. They later moved to Winifred, the first of several Farmers Union stations for them where she worked as the bookkeeper.

They next moved to Ballantine, where another son, Jack, was born, then to Denton and on to Fairfield, where a son, Gene, was born. The last Farmers Union move was to Havre,

where her husband died on her birthday at a Shriner-Knights of Columbus dinner dance.

After working for Farmers Union for 30 years, she retired in the late 1970s and moved to Kalispell. Prior to her death, she had been living at Prestige Assisted Living in Kalispell.

She was involved with many activities, such as the Methodist Church, The American Red Cross and the hospital volunteers. She was a member of the Daughters of the Nile, was past grand worthy matron of the Eastern Star in Havre, and was proud to have crowned two granddaughters as worthy advisor of Rainbow girls. She was a life member of the Havre Chapter of the Eagles Club.

She was preceded in death by her husband Al in 1970.

She is survived by her five children, Bob in Whitefish, Jim in Mesa, Ariz., Karen Volkman in Olympia, Wash., Jack in Kalispell, and Gene in Martin City; two sisters, Margaret Hicks of Great Falls, and Elizabeth Browning of Belt; 19 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home, with her grandson, the Rev. Pat McLeod officiating. Urn burial will take place at a later date in Havre.

The family request memorials be sent to MSU Campus Crusade for Christ, c/o Pat McLeod, 6430 Buffalo Berry Rd., Bozeman, MT 59715.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home in charge of services.

O'Larry 'Mac' Claude McIlhargey, 74

O'Larry "Mac" Claude McIlhargey, 74, died Wednesday, March 24, 1999, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.



He was born March 22, 1925 in Bottineau, N.D., to Montague and Emma Bent McIlhargey. His family moved to Whitefish, where he received his early education through the eighth grade. There were 12 children in his family. They moved to Conrad, where his dad worked at the grain elevator.

He enlisted in the Army and served during World War II. After being discharged he went back to Conrad where he met and married Delores Whittmier. They had five children.

He worked on oil rigs as a derrick hand and moved around the state a lot. He was a cop in Shelby, until he was involved in an auto accident that permanently disabled him. The family moved to Kalispell in 1956.

His favorite pastime was playing cards, especially at home with his family and working in his yard.

He was preceded in death by his parents; four brothers; an infant boy, Jim, Monty, and Stan; two sisters, Jean Willis and Myrna Banning.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Delores, at the family home in Kalispell; two sons, Larry McIlhargey and wife, Sherry, of Kalispell, and Rick McIlhargey of California; three daughters, Debbie Silverthorn and husband, Willy, of Kalispell, Vicky Trebas and husband, Bill Jr., of Columbia Falls; and Jenny Taylor and husband, Bob, of Kalispell; two brothers, Milo McIlhargey and wife, Shirley, of Idaho, and Melroy McIlhargey and wife, Sally; three sisters, Joy Pouroy of Conrad, Charolett Habbits and husband, Amel, and Wanda Flynn of Kalispell; also 18 grandchildren, Dan, Don, Shaund, John, Terri, Tony, Kim, Terrika, Ricky, Josh, Josie, Jason, Bill, Mari-ka, Mark, Patty, Jamey and Bobbie; also 11 great-grandchildren;

Graveside services will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery with Virgil Ray, V.F.W. chaplain officiating. Military honors will be by the United Veterans of the Flathead. Arrangements are by the Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Joyce Ione Nelson McMaster, 69

Our kind, beloved and funny mother, wife, sister, aunt, friend, grandmother and great-grandmother, Joyce Ione Nelson McMaster, 69, died at the Toldholm Care Center on Jan. 18, 1999.



She was born March 30, 1929, in Great Falls, to John Alexander and Vera Wilcox Nelson. She had four brothers and two sisters.

She married Earl Thomas McMaster on June 5, 1948. Their marriage was later solemnized in the Cardston, Alberta temple. They moved to Columbia Falls, and raised seven children there.

She was well-known for her fun nature and ability to make everyone around her feel good. She had a special gift of charity and would share her hugs and kisses with all.

She loved music and was an accomplished pianist. She was an active member of the LDS Church where she held many positions throughout the years. She dedicated her life to service.

She was her husband's right hand in his photography business and always could get a smile from everyone. Her love of people and her pure, simple faith are her greatest accomplishments.

They lived in Kalispell, for many years and enjoyed friends and family

here. They attended the Kalispell second ward in the LDS stake center.

She suffered ill health for many years but never complained. She will be sorely missed by all who knew her.

She is survived by her husband, Earl Thomas McMaster of American Fork, Utah; daughters, Beverly and her husband, Justin Brink, of Merced, Calif., Patricia and her husband, Gary Rowles, of Arvada, Colo., Debra and her husband, Michael Parry, of Mapleton, Utah, Lori Seely of Arvada, Mary and her husband, David Phelps, of Fruit Heights, Utah; sons, William and his wife, Sandy McMaster, of Joseph City, Ariz., and Robert McMaster of Provo, Utah; 27 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; sisters, Ruth and her husband, Ivan Miller, of Hyrum, Utah, Verda and her husband, Leon Jensen, of Draper, Utah; brothers, Bruce and his wife, Ruth Nelson, Lee and his wife, Vicki Nelson, all of Bigfork, and Robert and his wife, Missie Nelson of Kalispell.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, LaVell.

Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Friday at the Mapleton LDS Church, 1220 North 1000 West. A viewing for friends and family will be held Thursday night from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Wheeler Mortuary, 211 East 200 South, Springville, and again Friday morning one hour preceding the funeral. Burial will be at the Springville Evergreen Cemetery.

Debra Lee McMunn, 42

Debra Lee McMunn, 42, of Kalispell, died March 24, 1999, in Kalispell, of undetermined causes.

She was born May 13, 1956, in Whitefish, to Marilyn Eileen and Rex Woolley. She lived in California from 1965 to 1992, and graduated from high school there.

She was married and divorced.

She was a member of the East Haven Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents; younger sister, Terry Lynn,;

and brother, Steven Eugene.

She is survived by her twin brother, Richard Dale Woolley of Sonora, Calif.; nephew Rex Woolley; niece Jennifer Lynn Fisher; daughter Soleena Heard of Kalispell; and sons Steven and Houston Maxey of Concord, Calif.

The family suggests contributions to a memorial fund for her six-year-old daughter Soleena, as both of her parents are now deceased.

Services will be announced at a later date.

Ella Joy McNichols, 86

Ella Joy McNichols, 86, died Dec. 8, 1999, at Prestige Assisted Living in Kalispell.



She was born Nov. 11, 1913, in Swift Current, Alberta. She moved with her family at the age of 8 to California. She graduated from Inglewood High School.

She worked for many years in the retail grocery business, starting at the entry level and working her way up to office manager.

She married Joseph Lawrence McNichols in 1931, and they moved to Montana in 1985. Joe died in 1994.

Joy loved to sing, and belonged to several singing groups. She also loved to read, especially mystery stories, and was a staunch Democrat.

She was an avid shopper, who could spend hours looking and shopping. One of her favorite things was to eat lunch, or just have a cup of coffee, at the B & B Restaurant in Kalispell. She loved the people and

the atmosphere.

She was a member of the Shining Mountains Science of Mind Center in Kalispell and the Women's Democratic Club.

She was preceded in death by her husband; a son, Joseph L. "Irish" McNichols Jr.; her parents; two sisters; and one brother.

She is survived by her daughter, Patricia Butler of Riverside, Calif.; three grandchildren, Brian Butler of Chicago, Tracey Bedford of Denver and Todd McNichols of San Francisco; two sisters, Vivienne Lunsford of Seal Beach, Calif., and Jeanne Spangler of Huntington Beach, Calif.; and one brother, Bob Mumby of Denver.

Memorial services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at the Shining Mountains Science of Mind Center, with the Rev. Chrysta Bourne officiating.

In lieu of flowers memorials are requested to the Shining Mountain Science of Mind Center.

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

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She was born on Nov. 11, 1913, in Swift Current, Alberta.

Memorial services will be held

at 1 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 23, at the Church of Religious Science in Kalispell.

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

Willard Nye McPheeters, 85

Willard Nye McPheeters, 85, formerly of Kalispell, died Tuesday, March 9, 1999, in the Libby Care Center.



He was born Dec. 3, 1913, on a farm at LaSalle, northeast of Kalispell, to James Wood McPheeters and Pearl Edith Nye McPheeters. He was fourth in a family of eight boys and four girls. His family farmed at LaSalle except for a few years in Kerman, Calif., and for a few years on a farm near Somers, where the original home is still standing.

The family returned to the farm (full section) at LaSalle on land that later became part of Glacier International Airport. The farm home is still standing inside airport property.

He attended elementary school at Somers and LaSalle. He graduated from Flathead County High School in 1931.

He married Bernice May Sexton of Kalispell on Feb. 20, 1932, at Polson. They were married over 60 years. They raised four children.

During the depression years, prior to working for the Kalispell Fire Department, he did farm work and worked at the Glacier Dairy, WPA and Flathead County. While doing construction work for the WPA he began teaching first aid in Flathead, Lake, and Lincoln Counties.

From 1932 to 1938, he served as a volunteer fireman. He was hired by the Kalispell Fire Department full time in 1938. He continued to teach first aid for many years, which was an asset when ambulance service was added to the department. He was a fireman from 1938 to 1964, retiring with the rank of captain.

During his years on the fire department he worked part-time for many firms and on the Glacier International Airport. In 1948, he purchased a Ford dump truck which he leased for work on Hungry Horse Dam and local construction projects.

After his retirement, he worked at the aluminum plant and the Morrison Knudsen warehouse during construction of the Libby Dam. He continued working well into his 70s.

Over the years, he found time to remodel the family home and complete a new home on the lot next

door. He also built a home for speculation on property located just west of Kalispell.

He and his wife enjoyed family times, fishing, picnics and camping in the Flathead Valley. They enjoyed dancing, eating out and traveling throughout the country and abroad in later years.

He was an avid gardener, sharing the bounty with family and friends throughout the years.

He was a member of Christ Church Episcopal, and attended St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Libby. He was also a member of Kalispell Lodge #42, AF&AM, Montana Retired Firefighters Organization and the Teamsters Union.

He will be remembered for his work ethic, love, commitment and responsibility to his family as well as his witty sense of humor and ability to do many things well.

After his wife Bernice passed away in 1992, he lived at Buffalo Hill Terrace until August 1995, when he moved to Libby to live with his daughter, Donna Coup. In May 1996 he entered the Libby Care Center where he lived until the time of his passing.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Bernice; his son, Willard Nye McPheeters Jr.; his granddaughter, Evelyn McPheeters Young; his brothers, Walter, Morris, Dale, Melvin and "Bob" J. Robert; and his sister, Elaine Peterson.

He is survived by one son, Roger A. McPheeters of Rexburg, Idaho; two daughters, Donna Coup and husband, Herb, of Libby, and Beverly Rietz of Rexburg, Idaho; three sisters, Violet Yates of Pullman, Wash., Helen McReynolds of Issaquah, Wash., and LaVerne Solberg of Stanley, N.D.; two brothers, Lester McPheeters of Republic, Wash., and Hal McPheeters of Issaquah, Wash.; also 14 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Monday, at 2 p.m. at Christ Church Episcopal with the Rev. Donald Balcher of Libby officiating. Burial will follow at Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

The family suggests memorials be given to Parkinson Alzheimer's Foundations or the charities of your choice.

Arrangements are by the Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

George W. McQueen, 59

George W. McQueen, 59, of Libby died Wednesday, March 17, 1999, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

He was born Jan. 29, 1940, in Spokane to Walter McQueen and Alice Bethel McQueen. He was raised in Libby and worked as a logger for various logging companies in the Libby area.

He was preceded in death by his father and two brothers.

He is survived by three daughters, including Gailmarie

McQueen of Libby and Lauri Pruttis of Whitefish; a son, Clifford McQueen of Libby; his mother and stepfather, Alice and Pat Carolan of Libby; two brothers; four sisters, including Dorothy McCarty and Sharon Curtiss, both of Libby, and Rose Stahlberg of Kalispell; and nine grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 1-6 p.m. Tuesday at the Nelson and Vial Funeral Home. Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at the Libby Assembly of God Church.

Gene McWhirter, 94

Gene McWhirter, 94, died Tuesday, June 8, 1999, at Mountain View Manor in Eureka.

He was born Dec. 3, 1904, in Pipestone, Minn., to Frank and Byandell McWhirter.

He worked on a ranch at Pinkham Creek and later for the Great Northern Railroad. He also worked on several major construction projects, including Fort Peck Dam. He worked as a repairman for Tobacco River

Power Company and later at the Gambles Store.

Following his retirement he worked part-time in the Christmas tree yards and as a night watchman.

He is survived by several nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

Services will be Monday at 2 p.m. at Tobacco Valley Cemetery under the direction of Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Eureka.

Joyce L. Meek, 71

Joyce L. Meek, 71, died Sept. 5, 1999, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

She was born March 1, 1928, in Livingston, to Ed and Madge Lewis. She attended schools in Virginia City and Ennis.

She married Allen R. "Bud" Meek on April 26, 1947, in Great Falls. They lived in Great Falls until 1962, when they moved to the east shore of Flathead Lake.

She was baptized as a Jehovah's Witness in 1960, and was a member of the Polson congregation until moving to Bigfork in 1965, where she became a member of the Bigfork congregation. She was known throughout the valley for her ministry work.

She loved traveling, the outdoors

and especially people. She will be greatly missed.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Amber; a son, Allen; and two granddaughters, Chrystal Jean and Lori Ann.

She is survived by her husband, Bud Meek; her mother, Madge Neville; a son, Richard Meek and his wife, Donnie; grandchildren Autumn, Britney, Misty and her husband Seth Thomas, and Kari and her husband Roberto Zavala; great-grandchildren Serena and Tyler; and a daughter-in-law, Nancy Meek, all of Bigfork.

Memorial services will be at 3 p.m. Sunday at the Kingdom Hall in Bigfork, with Ron Caldbeck officiating.

Arrangements are by Bigfork Funeral Home.

Clifford Leon Mehlin, 94

Clifford Leon Mehlin, 94, died Tuesday, Aug. 17, 1999, at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

He was born in Humbolt, Neb., March 17, 1905, to William and Myrtle Mehlin.

Cremation has taken place and services will be held at a later date. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is in charge of arrangements.

Emil E. Mellem Jr., 78

Emil E. Mellem Jr., 78, died Monday, June 14, 1999, at his home west of Kalispell.

He was born May 16, 1921, in Kalispell, to Emil and Ellen Lanegan Mellem. He grew up in the Flathead Valley and attended schools here.

He married Marie Tracy on March 11, 1950, and spent 48 loving years married to her, until she passed away eight months ago.

In his early years he worked for CCC camps, and did construction at Hungry Horse Dam and some logging. He worked at the Naval shipyards in Seattle. He worked as a teamster for Arco Aluminum Co., spending 27 years there until his retirement in 1985.

During World War II, he served with the Army Air Corps as a bombardier on a B-24 bomber. He worked his way up to a Staff Sergeant. During the war he was shot down and spent 13 months as a prisoner of war in Austria.

He was an avid bowler and also enjoyed dancing, boating and hunting. He will always be remembered



for his tremendous courage and diligence shown in caring for his wife and always being there for his family. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Marie; three sisters, Florence Robinson, Clara Gardner and Mary Holcomb; and four brothers, Wilber, Jack, Bob and Russell.

He is survived by one daughter, Linda Lane and husband, Wes, of Oakland, Ore.; three sons, John Mellem of Kalispell, Emil C. Mellem and wife, Sherry, of Sandpoint, Idaho, and Mark Mellem and wife, Anncherie, of Hungry Horse; two sisters, Eleanor Nauman and husband, George, of Kalispell and Shirley Parker and husband, Gerald, of Bigfork; 16 grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. at East Haven Baptist Church with the Rev. Ron Pierce officiating. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Vernon V. Mellem, 73

Vernon V. Mellem, 73, died April 28, 1999, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

He was born Oct. 1, 1925, in Thief River Falls, Minn., to Peter and Caroline Lappagard Mellem.

He received his early education in Thief River Falls, attending school there but enlisting in the Navy before completing high school. He received his diploma while on active duty during World War II.

After the service he met and married Lydia Sater, May 20, 1949, at Thief River Falls. He went to telegraphy school in St. Paul, Minn. He then started working for the Northern Pacific Railroad in North Dakota and Minnesota where he worked for 14 years.

They moved to Montana in 1965, where he started in construction working on the Libby Dam. He continued in construction throughout Montana working for the Laborers Union. After retiring from the Laborers Union he began driving a school bus in the Libby School District until his final retirement.

He enjoyed fishing, hunting, crib-



bage, singing and playing his guitar, and spending time with his family. He was known for his positive outlook, his smile and his cheerful willing to help attitude.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Roy.

He is survived by his wife, Lydia of Kalispell; four daughters, Darla Conners and husband, T.J., of Nicholasville, Ky., Brenda Fluke and husband, Lee, of Shanghai, China, Lindy Goyen and husband, Danny, of Libby, and Kim Brown and husband, Philip, of Merced, Calif.; four sisters, Pearl Bangeman and Florence Moore of Kalispell, Myrtle Thoreson of Brainard, Minn., and Joyce Neilson and husband, Jerry of Libby; two brothers, Clarence Mellem and wife, Helen, of Libby, and Alvin Mellem and wife, Bobbi, of Palm Springs, Calif.; also six grandchildren.

A private family memorial service will be held on Monday at the Johnson Mortuary.

The family suggests memorial gifts be given to the American Lung Association.

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

Bob Mellick, 78

Bob Mellick, 78, died at Kalispell Regional Medical Center on Monday, June 7, 1999.

He was born Feb. 27, 1921, in Kane, Wyo., to Bert and Laura Mellick. He was raised in the southeastern part of Montana. In 1939, he moved to the Kalispell area with his parents.

He served in the Civilian Conservation Corps for a time in the early 1940s.

In 1942, he married Thelma Glazier. He worked in several greenhouses in the local area and was a partner in Northwest Landscaping Co. for many years. He took great pride in raising animals, gardening and growing flowers.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Thelma, in 1963; two brothers, Albert and Dave Mellick; three sisters, Ruby Pearl Mellick,

Opal Manning and Clara Chilcote; and two grandchildren, Tamara Treweek and Randy Treweek.

He is survived by two daughters, Barbara Willis and husband, Cliff, and Marjorie Treweek and husband, Jim, all of Kalispell; and four granddaughters, Christi Willis of Salt Lake City, Julie Willis of Kalispell, Lindee Guillome of Spokane, and Sheree Roberts of Kalispell.

Memorial services will be held Friday at 2 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, with the Rev. Glenn Burfeind officiating. A private family burial service will follow.

The family suggests memorials be given to First Presbyterian Church, 540 South Main, Kalispell, MT 59901.

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

Delia 'Ernie' Ernesteen Merial, 89

Delia "Ernie" Ernesteen Merial, 89, died Wednesday, March 31, 1999, at the home of her son in Marion.

She was born in abject poverty on March 12, 1910, in Ripley, W. Va., to Lorenzo Dow and Addy Adeline Anthony Casto. She completed her schooling at Ripley High School and graduated valedictorian of her class in 1927.

She met Russell Burton Merial and they were married on Nov. 25, 1929. He was also a product of the back hills of West Virginia. On Oct. 12, 1937, they were blessed with their only son, Larry Merial. Their son was born in Akron, Ohio, where they were both working in the rubber shops.

Although her husband had only a sixth-grade education, the two proceeded, through hard work and perseverance during their lifetimes, to own and operate one grocery store and four restaurants, which were a great success. They retired from business in 1963.

Delia, who was known most of her life as "Ernie," was preceded in death

by her husband Russell, who passed away in 1983; her parents; and two siblings, one brother and one sister, who passed away in their youth.

She is survived by her son, Larry Merial and wife Valerie of Marion; two granddaughters, Keersti Jacobson and husband the Rev. Brian Jacobson of Kalispell and Katie Nelson and husband Eric of Missoula; one grandson, Kord Merial and wife Libbi of Kalispell; four great-grandchildren; one sister, Seville, of Ohio, and one sister in Fayetteville, N.C.; and two brothers in southern California and one brother in Arkansas.

Funeral services will be held Monday at 4 p.m. at the Johnson Mortuary chapel with the Rev. Brian Jacobson of Valley Community Church of God officiating.

Visitation will be Monday from 9 a.m. until time of service. Burial will be beside her husband Russell Merial in the Riverside National Cemetery in Riverside, Calif.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Hershel Owen Merry, 95

Hershel Owen Merry, 95, died on Dec. 9, 1999, at the Sutter Roseville Medical Center in Roseville, CA.

He was born March 23, 1904, in Grand Forks, N.D., to Bertha and Hayne Merry. When he was 8 years old, the family moved to a farm north of Circle.

On Sept. 2, 1933, he married Irene M. Oberg. In 1934, they moved to Wheeler, where he worked on the Fort Peck Dam for six years. Then he bought a farm across from his parents north of Circle and farmed and ranched there until he had a farm auction and leased out the farm in 1984.

In 1989, they moved to Folsom, Calif., near their son Arlin and lived in a retirement trailer park. In October 1999, they moved into a private nursing home, where they lived until Hershel's death. His wife, Irene, still lives there.

He was preceded in death by his

parents; two sisters, Gladys Mittelieder and Bernice Locker; one brother, Virgil; and a great-grandson Tyler Parhlahd.

He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Irene, of Folsom, Calif.; daughter Barbara and her husband, Bill Arthur, of Kalispell; three sons, Arlin and his wife, Cheryl, of El Dorado Hills, Calif., Robert and his companion Judy of Great Falls, and Kenneth and his wife, Boots, of Circle; 18 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; five nieces; and one nephew.

Visitation will be from 2-9 p.m. Thursday at the Clayton Memorial Chapel in Circle. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at the Evangelical Church of Circle with the Rev. Derry Long of Billings and Rev. Scott Anderson of Circle officiating. Burial will be in the Riverview Cemetery in Circle. Clayton Memorial Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Tom Metier, 78

Tom Metier, 78, died Sunday, Oct. 24, 1999, in Spokane, while visiting his daughter.

He was born Jan. 5, 1921, in St. Anthony, Idaho, to Earl and Clara Walton Metier. His family moved to Wilsall, where he lived for over 50 years.

He enlisted in the Navy air force in July 1942, and served in the Pacific during World War II. He was discharged June 1946, after earning two Distinguished Flying Cross medals and nine air medals.

He was a rural mail carrier in Wilsall and Whitehall for 28 years, and retired in 1982.

He moved to Swan Lake in 1993.

He is survived by his wife, Helen,

at Swan Lake; one brother, Walton; two daughters, Sheila Brown of Dear Park, Wash., and Robyn Noe of Spokane; one son, Earl, of Corpus Christi, Texas; two stepsons, Deni Atkinson of Ritzville, Wash., and Jim Atkinson of Kalispell; 15 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

He was a past master of the Masonic Lodge in Wilsall, a member of Scottish Rites and Algeria Shrine Temple. He belonged to the American Legion and 40 and 8. He was an avid bowler and belonged to leagues in Whitehall and Bigfork.

Funeral services will be Friday, at 2 p.m. at Community United Methodist Church in Bigfork. A reception follows at the church.

Caroline M. Meyer, 94

Caroline M. Meyer, 94, died on Friday, Dec. 31, 1999, at the Brendan House in Kalispell.

She was born on Aug. 7, 1905, in Chadron, Neb., to Henry and Lena Buchup Knutzen. She received her early education in Chadron, and after the eighth grade began working at her sister's laundry.

On Oct. 20, 1928, she married Roy Meyer in Hotsprings, S.D., and the couple began farming in the Chadron area. Besides a brief move to Mon-

tana the family remained in Chadron until 1949, when they moved to the Echo Lake area.

She was a homemaker and kept very busy crocheting, working with beads and hand crafts.

She was preceded in death by her husband Roy in 1966; five sisters and three brothers.

She is survived by one daughter, LaVaughn Bernau; and one son, Fred Meyer and wife Nancy, all of Kalispell.

She is also survived by eight grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Monday at 1 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Ron Pierce officiating. Burial will follow at Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Visitation will be Monday from 9 am to Noon

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Ernest E. Meyer, 75

Ernest E. Meyer, 75, died Monday, June 14, 1999, at his home in Kalispell.

He was born April 22, 1924, in Mound City, S.D., to Alexander J. and Marie E. Meyer.



He joined the Army and served during World War II.

He is survived by his son, Mike Meyer, of Idaho, Ohio; and his sister, Eline M. Taylor, of Yamhill, Ore.

Arrangements and cremation are by Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory.

Amber Louise Meyers, 63

Amber Louise Meyers, 63, died Saturday, March 6, 1999, at her home of cancer. She was born December 31, 1935, in Whitefish, to Cleve and Frances Bachert Karstetter.



She received her education in the valley. She graduated from Flathead High School where, as a twirler, she participated in the Rose Parade in Portland, Ore. She married Valerian W. Meyers in Missoula on April 9, 1957.

She worked for Pacific Power and Light for 17 years, and for the Flathead sheriff's office and Semitool as a security guard. She was also a member of the Flathead County Sheriff's Posse.

Her interests included traveling, yardwork and helping others. She was a very kind and caring person who loved her family.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother.

She is survived by her husband Val at the family home in Kalispell; one daughter, Rebecca Berger and her husband Jon and grandson Casey of Elko, Nev.; one son, Steven R. Meyers of Kalispell; and two sisters, Jennifer Petry of Kalispell and Frances Wilke of Whitefish.

There are no services scheduled at this time. The family suggests that memorial gifts be sent to HOSPICE, 1280 Burns Way, Suite #3, Kalispell, MT 59901.

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

Myrl L. Mikelson, 90

Myrl L. Mikelson, 90, of Missoula, died Tuesday, July 6, 1999, at Village Health Care Center in Missoula.

He was born March 2, 1909, in Brager, Minn., the son of Michael Olaus and Jennie Mickelson. They moved and homesteaded in Dawson County near Richey. He attended school in Sullivan Creek near Richey.

On Oct. 6, 1930, he married Luella Unruh in Richey. She preceded him in death on Aug. 13, 1975.

He ranched until the depression but worked most of his life as a grain buyer in various elevators in Glendive, Polson, and Fallon.

He was active in Senior Citizens and was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

He had a great love for horses which allowed him to enjoy many hours riding through the Montana wilderness as a member of the Backcountry Horsemen.

He married Blanche Baylor in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, on May 10, 1979. She died in 1993.

He is survived by his sons, Royce and wife, Joy, of Kalispell, and Norman of Seattle; a sister, Arloine Raisl of Missoula; two grandchildren, Wendy of Washington, D.C., and Kevin of Portland; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Visitation will be held today from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Malletta Family of Funeral Homes, Sunset Chapel, 7405 Mullan Road, Missoula. Funeral services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. at the Sunset Chapel with interment to follow in Sunset Memorial Cemetery. A reception will be held in the funeral home's community room following the committal service.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials in his name to the Missoula Senior Citizens Center or St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

David R. 'Moose' Miller, 69

David R. "Moose" Miller, 69, died of cancer Sunday, Oct. 3, 1999, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

With his wife, Shirley, he was the proprietor of Montana's most popular gathering place, The Saloon, known to all as Moose's.

He was born on Oct. 22, 1929, in Hollywood, Calif. During a successful football career at Santa Monica Junior College he was recruited to play for the Grizzlies in Missoula. This began his life-long love affair with Montana.

He attended the University of Montana from 1950 through 1951, when he began his service in the United States Army.

While stationed at Ford Ord he played football with the Fort Ord Warriors from 1952 through 1954. That team was made up of many professional players and played the likes of the Los Angeles Rams and San Francisco Forty-Niners. The Warriors were the National Service Champions in 1953.

Moose returned to Missoula and graduated from the University in 1955. He was an ardent supporter of the University and served on the Foundation Board.

Upon his return to college he met

Shirley Fournier of Kalispell. They were married in 1955 and spent a short time in Southern California. When Shirley inherited a small tavern they returned to Montana and began that wonderful venture that became Moose's. His philosophy for the bar was the same as his philosophy for life: include everyone, treat them with respect, and have fun.

He is survived by his loving wife, Shirley; his children, Bruce, Wallis, Royce, Lexie, Lee and Aimee; his grandchildren, Zach, Anne, Lexie, Leah, Alicia, Hannah, Lacey, Rachel, Harrison and Zane; and his sister, Marcie.

Moose's many friends are invited to a memorial service on Thursday at 11 a.m. at Christ Church Episcopal, 215 Third Ave. East, Kalispell, with the Rev. Paul Taylor to preside. Please join the family in the garden at 632 Sixth Street East between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. that afternoon.

The family suggests memorials may be made in Moose's name to The University of Montana Foundation, P.O. Box 7159, Missoula, MT 59807 or The Flathead Youth Foundation, Inc., P.O. Box 3279, Kalispell, MT 59903.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary.

Sharon Ann Murphy Miller, 56

Sharon Ann Murphy Miller, 56, died Saturday, Nov. 20, at Swedish Medical Center in Seattle, after a long and courageous battle with cancer.

She was born in St. Paul, Minn., on Jan., 11, 1943, to Joseph Earl and Lorraine Francis Wulff Murphy. In June of 1946, at the age of three she moved with her family to the Kalispell area. She attended grade school at the Old Half Moon School and St. Matthew's Parochial School. She graduated from Flathead County High School in 1960.

She went on to graduate from Mr. Lee's School of Beauty in Seattle, and then to New York where she studied under Vidal Sassoon to further her education in the art of advanced hair styling and cosmetology. She made further trips to Paris and London to advance her career in high fashion hair styling.

She moved to Fairbanks, Alaska in 1963, where she owned and operated the Shawnee Beauty Salon and later the Cuttin' Up Beauty Salon.

In 1967 she and J.D. Rank were married.

She had a great love for Alaska, fishing, camping and enjoying the

great beauty Alaska has to offer.

She was also an avid drag car racer owning her own race car and entering races around the country. In the last few years of her life she discovered she had a natural talent for painting which she enjoyed.

In 1973, she married Sid Miller and later divorced.

She was preceded in death by her first husband J.D., her mother and father, and a sister, Barbara.

She is survived by five sisters, Patricia Sonsteli and Monica Wright of Kalispell, Cathern Murphy of Conway, Wash., Jacquelyn Thorsen of Bremerton, Wash., Pam Wingate of Fallon, Nev.; and three brothers, Joseph Murphy and Michael Hendrix of Bremerton, and James Murphy of Sacramento, Calif.; 25 nephews and nieces; 20 great nephews and nieces; and many dear friends and loved ones.

Cremation was under the direction of the Tuell-McKee Funeral Home and Crematory.

A private ceremony was held in Bremerton and Sharon's ashes will be returned to the beautiful wilderness of the Alaska she loved.

Virginia 'Ginny' May Carrizal-Miller, 66

Virginia "Ginny" May Carrizal-Miller, 66, died May 15, 1999, at the Brendan House in Kalispell.

She was born Jan. 28, 1933, in Kalispell, to Jack and May Bower Miller.

She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, four brothers and one sister.

Local survivors include six sons, Dave Volkman, Victor Volkman, Robert Radabah, Rocky Radabah, Roger Radabah, and Rob Radabah; two daughters,

Ada Baker and Tammy Renn; four brothers, Ken, John, Irvin and Norman Miller; one sister, Sylvia Evans; and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

A graveside urn burial will be held for the family and friends on Tuesday at 10 a.m. at the Spring Creek Cemetery. Visitation will be Monday at Johnson Mortuary from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

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

Joseph Simon Peter Misiewicz, 77

Joseph Simon Peter Misiewicz, 77, died of cancer on May 11, 1999, at the home of his niece, Diane Brooks. His last days were spent with his loving family at his side. "Uncle Joe" will be carried in our hearts forever.

He was born Dec. 24, 1921, in Gardner, Mass., a tiny premature baby who grew into a gentle giant of a man, to John and Justine Misiewicz. He attended school there and during high school set many swimming records. He joined the Navy on June 1, 1942, and spent time as a medic in the Pacific and European theaters.

As a boy, he read about the mountains in Montana and true to his dreams, as he always was, came to Kalispell in the fall of 1947. He worked at Ashley Lake as a lumberjack for Kinshella and Amundson Logging. In the summer of 1948, he went to work for the Flathead National Forest and worked there until his retirement in 1984.

His greatest passion was planting trees in the North Fork of the Flathead River area. He planted thousands of them. He lived for 51 years in his little white house on Egan Slough. He loved to be outdoors in all kinds of weather — hunting, trapping, fishing, rock picking, and just enjoying the beauty of nature. He always had a smile and a kind word and he was loved by all who came to know him.

He was preceded in death by his parents, an infant sister and infant nephew.

He is survived by three brothers, Frank Miciewicz and wife, Marjorie, of Kalispell, Constantine Miszewicz and wife, Helen, of Templeton, Mass., and Edward Miciewicz and wife, Rose, of Gardner, Mass.; also nieces and nephews, Diane Brooks and husband, Randy, and children, Meredith and Alex, of Kalispell, Daniel Miciewicz and wife, Tammy, and children, Trevor, Clinton, and Noah, of Kalispell, Dave Miciewicz and children, Joseph and Caroline, of Kalispell, Debra Royal and husband, Chuck, and son, Zachary, of Bastrop, Texas, Charles Miszewicz of Anchorage, Alaska, Walter Miszewicz of Templeton, Chet Miszewicz of San Francisco, John Miciewicz and wife, Ruth, and children, Erin and Todd, of Lenexa, Kan., Rosemary Hancock and husband, Steve, and children, Christopher and Mary Justine, of Gardner, Margaret Dunn and husband, Mathew, and children, Megan and Michael, of Westminster, Mass.; and many dear friends.

Graveside services will be held in Gardner, Mass. at St. Joseph's Cemetery on May 19, and a memorial service in Glacier National Park will be held later in the summer.

The family suggest memorials to be given to Home Options Hospice, 1280 Burns Way, Kalispell, MT 59901. Cremation has taken place.

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

Greyling A. Moats, 87

Greyling A. Moats, 87, of Whitefish, died Saturday morning, July 17, 1999, at Heritage Place in Kalispell of natural causes.

She was born July 13, 1912, in Chester, the daughter of Ruth and Harvey Mitchell. She attended schools in Great Falls, and graduated from high school in 1931.

She married Curt Dennis in 1931, and lived and worked at various jobs in Great Falls, including Gambles; Demolay Western Steno; and Hesteds.

Preceding her in death was her first husband, Curt Dennis in 1964, and a brother, John, in 1944.

She married Dave Moats in 1968, and moved to Happy Valley near

Whitefish.

She is survived by her husband Dave at the family home; a son, Jerry Dennis in Craig; a brother, Earl Mitchell in Whitefish; three granddaughters, and six great-grandchildren; a stepson, Randy Moats in Great Falls; and a stepdaughter, Connie Fuegel in Needleville, Texas.

Visitation will be 2 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish. Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Burial will follow at the Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Kalispell.

The family suggests that memorials can be made to the Whitefish Christian Church.

Elda Moen, 86

Elda Moen, 86, died Sept. 7, 1999, at Glacier Manor in Kalispell.

She was born Nov. 3, 1912, in Edmore, N.D., to Nels and Nora Biri Elshaug.

She received her early education in Edmore, where her family farmed.

She met and married Wernell E. Moen in Edmore, and remained there working with her husband on the farm. The family moved to the Flathead Valley in 1956, when her husband took a job with Stoltze Lumber.

She raised her four children and spent much of her time helping in different organizations such as the Sons of Norway and at the Senior Citizens Center. She was also a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

After Wernell died in 1982, she moved into Glacier Manor where she remained. She enjoyed helping others and being a friend to the other residents.

Among her life skills was cooking.



She was known for the cookies and lefsa she brought to many occasions.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Wernell; two brothers; and a son-in-law, Jerry Syth.

She is survived by two daughters, Jean Owens of Kalispell, and Noreen Syth of Fortine; two sons, Donald Moen and wife, Ginny, and Dale Moen and wife, Renee, all of Libby; four sisters, Selma Connolly of Grants Pass, Ore., Ruth Olson and husband, Wally, of Hoople, N.D., Alvida Anderson of Edmore and Marion Dowling of Green Island, N.Y.; and nine grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. at the Johnson Mortuary Chapel, with the Rev. Doug Nemitz of Bethlehem Lutheran Church officiating. Burial will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Visitation will be Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Luther J. Moen, 86

Luther J. Moen, 86, died Wednesday, May 26, 1999, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

He was born in Kalispell on August 11, 1912, to Oscar A. and Minnie Johnson Moen.

He attended grade school in Kalispell and graduated from Flathead County High School in May 1930. Then he attended Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, Wash.

He and his father owned apple and cherry orchards near Woods Bay, which they operated for many years.

As a young man he enjoyed traveling the west by motorcycle. He was always a devoted fisherman, a sport which he pursued until just a few

years ago. He spent many winters in Quartzite, Ariz., where he had a vacation home.

He was well known at the Kalispell Senior Citizens Center. He was a member of Flathead Cherry Growers Association, the Sons of Norway, the Kalispell Senior Citizens and Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

He is survived by several cousins, none of whom reside in the Flathead.

Graveside services will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. at Conrad Memorial Cemetery, with the Rev. Doug Nemitz of Bethlehem Lutheran Church officiating.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Ella J. Mohn, 88

Ella J. Mohn, 88, died Jan. 9, 1999, at the Heritage Place in Kalispell.

She was born Oct. 4, 1910, in Webster, S.D., the daughter of John and Olga Nelson Sunde. She moved to Kalispell, at age 10 with her family.

She married Mark Mohn in 1952, and to this union three children were born. They helped raise her niece and nephew, Julie and Bob Sunde.

During the 1960's she was a member of the Loggerettes. She was also an active member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church and its circles.

She is survived by her husband Mark of Kalispell; one son, Gary Anderson and wife, Rita, of Kalispell; two daughters, Dorothy "Dode" Peterson of Kalispell, and Carol Cum-

mins of Seattle; one brother, Ed Sunde and wife, Dorothy, of Pasadena, Calif.; one sister, Mildred Packard and husband, Russell, of Helena; seven grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held Thursday at 2 p.m. at the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with Douglas Nemitz, pastor of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, officiating. Burial will follow in the Conrad Cemetery. Visitation will be Wednesday, from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. at the Johnson Mortuary. Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Fern Ellen Mohn, 73

Fern Ellen Mohn, 73, of Whitefish, died Friday, June 11, 1999, at the North Valley Hospital Extended Care Center. She was beloved to her children, family and friends and will be very missed.

She was born to James Roth and Maude Ernest Roth on Oct. 2, 1925, in Chappell, Neb. She was the ninth of 12 children. The family moved to Filer, Idaho, in 1934, where they earned a living by picking crops. She moved to Whitefish in 1956, where she resided until her passing. She endured hard times. She worked as well as raised her family throughout most of her life.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband, LeVern "Bob" Mohn.

She is survived by six of her sisters, Elma Stutzman of Milford, Neb., Florence Hauser and Lola Qualls of Twin Falls, Idaho, Helen Shetler of

Kelso, Wash., Dorothy Johnson of Grandview, Wash., and Margie Reeser of Shedd, Ore. She enjoyed reunions with her sisters throughout her life. She is also survived by her five children and their spouses, Gene Johnson and Valerie of Seattle, Nancy Kelch and Casey of Whitefish, Marla Hernandez and Juan of Dallas, Texas, Annette Dillon and David of Lusk, Wyo., and Jim Mohn and Amy of Whitefish; 16 grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren; and countless nieces and nephews.

Services will be 2 p.m. Tuesday at Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish. Burial will be at Glacier Memorial Gardens. The Rev. David Kauffman will be officiating. A reception following the service will be held at the Whitefish Moose Lodge.

In lieu of flowers, memorials should be sent to the Whitefish Chapter of the Women of the Moose.

Mark E. Mohn, 86

Mark E. Mohn, 86, died Monday morning, Aug. 23, 1999, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center from natural causes.

He was born Dec. 3, 1912, in Kalispell, to Alfred E. and Bertha Lee Mohn. He was raised on the family farm northwest of the valley.

He worked in the lumber industry, starting by skidding logs with farm horses in the 1930s. He retired from hauling logs for Slack logging in 1977.

He served in the U.S. Army in the Pacific Theater during World War II and was discharged in 1945.

He married Ella Sunde Anderson in Kalispell, in 1952. He was a great guy and will be missed by everyone.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Ella; grandchildren, Jon Peterson and Brent Cummins; and one sister, Cora Christensen.

He is survived by three stepchildren, Dorothy Peterson, Gary Anderson and wife, Rita, all of Kalispell, and Carol Cummins of Seattle; two brothers, Orville Mohn and wife, Ruby, of Hamilton, and Harold Mohn of Kalispell; six grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. He and Ella also raised and are survived by nephew Bob Sunde of Kalispell and niece Julie White of Los Angeles.

Funeral services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel, with the Rev. Doug Nemitz of Bethlehem Lutheran Church officiating. Burial will follow at Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Visitation will be today from 12 to 6 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Bobby Lee Molina, 66

Bobby Lee Molina, 66, died on Sept. 5, 1999, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

He was born on Nov. 30, 1932, in Taft, Calif., to Howell and Margaret Giles and was adopted by William and Doris Molina as an infant.

He was raised and schooled in California until joining the U.S. Marine Corps in 1951. After 20 years and several overseas tours of duty, including Korea and Vietnam, he retired to civilian life. He then worked in the finance business until his retirement in 1995 due to health problems.

In 1971 he married Doris Darnell, and in 1981 their daughter, Megan

Lee, was born. They lived in southern California until moving to Kalispell in 1991.

He most enjoyed camping, observing and photographing wildlife, and road trips in and out of the area.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Doris, of Kalispell; his loving children, Roxie Branscumb of Chowchilla, Calif., Bobby Molina Jr. of Daly City, Calif., and Megan Molina of Kalispell; six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and numerous other relatives and friends.

Military services were held Sept. 7, 1999. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is in charge of cremation and arrangements.

Susan Hume Moore, 54

Susan Hume Moore, 54, died Monday, Feb. 22, 1999, at Sacred Heart Medical Center in Spokane.

She was born Sept. 8, 1944, in Eureka, to Walter Hume and Sylvia Tiffany Hume. She was raised and educated in Eureka and Libby, and later moved to Troy with her family in 1959.

She was a longtime resident of Spokane. She worked throughout the Spokane area in home health care as a certified nurse's aid for over 25 years.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Ronnie, in 1994; and a granddaughter, Wiona, in 1984.

Survivors include two sons, Elbert Moore and Chester Moore, both of Spokane; three daughters, Cindy Eldred and June Moore, both of Spokane, and Lorena Best of Claremont, Calif.; two sisters, Judy Varnell of Woodward, Okla., and Donna Boyd of Libby; two brothers, Russell Hume of Spokane, and Wally Hume of Missouri; 18 grandchildren; one great-grandchild, and numerous nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. at Fortine Community Church. Interment will be at Fortine Cemetery. Arrangements are under the care of Nelson & Vial Funeral Home.

Lucille I. Morales, 75

Lucille I. Morales, 75, of Columbia Falls, died Tuesday morning, May 25, 1999, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

She was born March 9, 1924, in Glasgow, to Oscar and Grace Rothe. She was raised and educated in Glasgow, where she graduated from high school on May 1, 1943.

She was married to Ygnacio O. Morales on Aug. 4, 1943, in Sierra Blanca, Texas. She moved to Columbia Falls in 1944.

She loved garage sales, reading,

sewing and traveling.

She is survived by her husband Ygnacio of Columbia Falls; two sons, Thomas L. Morales of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, and James M. Morales of Rapid City, S.D.; and four grandchildren, Angie Morales and Debbie Morales of Spokane, Michelle Morales and James Morales, both of California.

Visitation will be today from 1 to 6 p.m. at Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. A graveside service will be held Friday at 12 p.m. at Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

Marjorie Blanche Morgan, 79

Marjorie Blanche Morgan, 79, died Oct. 27, 1999, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

She was born July 19, 1920, in New Britain, Conn., to George F. and Irma Slater Haynes.

She is survived by one son, Donald Herrington of Kalispell.

Cremation has taken place. No services are planned.

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

Thomas G. Moriarty, 32

Thomas G. Moriarty, 32, died Wednesday, Dec. 8, 1999, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

He was born April 25, 1967, in Holland, to George and Beverly Fischer Moriarty.

He enjoyed playing the guitar.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Beverly Moriarty.

He is survived by his father George Moriarty of San Antonio, Texas, and his brother, Todd Moriarty of

Columbia Falls.

No services are planned at this time.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

James Richard Morris, 62

James Richard Morris, 62, of Whitefish, died Monday, May 3, 1999, at his home in Whitefish.

He was born Sept. 12, 1936, in Falls City, Idaho, to James Harry Morris and Mary Vesta Barga. He married Rose Marie Rainier on Sept. 24, 1960, in Spokane.

He was employed with the Great Northern Railroad for nine years. In 1969, he was employed by the Columbia Falls Aluminum Company for 25 years.

He was preceded in death by a brother.

He is survived by his wife, Rose Marie; three sons, including John and Kari Morris of Columbia Falls; a brother; a sister; and three grandchildren.

Visitation will be Friday from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish. Services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. at the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish, with the Rev. Chrysta L. Bourne of Shining Mountains Church in Kalispell officiating. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Kalispell.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, toll free number 1-800-ACS-2345.

Bessie E. Morris, 94

Bessie E. Morris, 94, died Monday, Nov. 29, 1999, in Hayden, Idaho, where she resided with George and Penny Inglis. They were lovingly by her side at the time of her death.

She was born May 6, 1905, in Onida, Sully County, S.D., to Alfred and Ethel McCamly Hayes. She married Lafe Morris on Jan. 1, 1925. They moved to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, in 1933. They moved to Kalispell, and then returned to Dalton Gardens in 1966.

She enjoyed crocheting and raising African violets.

She was preceded in death by her husband Lafe on Aug. 4, 1984, and three brothers, Leo, George and Frank.

She is survived by two sisters,

Bertha Cameron of Hayden, Idaho, and Mae Christopher of Kalispell; numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins, Donna Carie, Douglas Carie, Eugene Thompson and Linda Smith of Kalispell, and close and very dear loving friends, George and Penny Inglis of Hayden.

Funeral services will be today at 10 a.m. at Coeur d'Alene Memorial Funeral Home with the Rev. Robert Schnieder officiating. Graveside services will be held on Saturday at 1 p.m. at Glacier Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell, with the Rev. Richard Nelson of Bethlehem Lutheran Church officiating.

Coeur d'Alene Memorial Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Roy William "Cloud" Morris, 57

Roy William "Cloud" Morris, 57, died on Tuesday, June 15, 1999, one week before his 58th birthday.

He was born June 22, 1941, in Los Angeles, and from that moment on lived life to its fullest. His hobbies included bungee jumping, skydiving, horseshoes, softball and river rafting.

He played a really poor golf game but reminded us it took a real man to play 18 holes in the rough. He loved doing anything that involved fun and laughing out loud.

Every one of the thousands of lives he touched are somehow better because of the magic he exuded.

He had many professions throughout his years — clearing trails for the Forest Service; gathering wild mushrooms; running a skidder; horse logging; drywalling; and lounge management. His other job was helping anyone who needed anything.

His biggest personal disappoint-

ment in life was the fact that when he played cowboys and Indians as a child, he always had to be the cowboy.

He is survived by his mother, Eloise Bowen of Mesa, Ariz.; brother Jerry Bowen of Soldotna, Alaska; sister Connie Roe of Anchorage, Alaska; brother Rusty Morris of Tillamook, Ore.; brother-at-heart Dana Morris of Troy; estranged wife Virginia Morris of Billings; and former wives too numerous to mention. He is also survived by thousands of friends throughout the world — basically everyone he ever met.

Enjoy this last adventure friend, you are loved by many and will never be forgotten.

Cremation has taken place and his remains have been spread over the place he loved most, Porcupine Flats in Northwestern Montana. Services will be held today, 10 a.m., at the Home Bar in Troy. A reception will follow at the Pastime Bar in Libby.

Robert L. Mortensen

Robert L. Mortensen, 78, died Feb. 11 at his home in Whitefish. He was born in Seattle, Wash. on July 3, 1920, the son of Lauritz and Christine Mortensen. He was raised and educated in Seattle and had later served with the U.S. Navy.

He resided at Belmont and Sonoma, Calif., working for Baywood Dairy and Therkeldsen Lemon Ranch. He later resided at Fall City, Wash. for 27 years before

coming to the Whitefish area in June of 1997. He had been active in the Sno Valley Senior Center at Carnation, Wash. for several years. He was preceded in death by a daughter, brother and sister.

Survivors include his wife Jeanette (Chris) Mortensen; son, Jerry and his wife, Margo; granddaughter, Marshauna; grandson, Lance and his wife, Kelly, all of Whitefish; three daughters, Jo Ann and her husband,

Fred Drexler of Santa Rosa, Calif. Roberta and her husband, Ben Travis of Woodinville, Wash. and Christine and her husband, Rolf Sellhast of Auburn, Wash; five other grandsons, two granddaughters and seven great-grandchildren.

Private arrangements are under the care of Austin Funeral Home. Memorials can be made to the Columbia Falls Volunteer Fire Department. *WP*

Joseph Andrew Motichka

Joseph Andrew Motichka, 79, passed away on Thursday, March 18, 1999, at Lake View Care Center in Bigfork, Montana. Joseph was born August 3, 1919, in Kalispell, to Joseph James and Mary Feirstein Motichka.

He attended Half Moon School. Joseph lived most of his life in the North Valley of the Flathead Valley. He served in the U.S. Army from 1941 until 1945, being deployed to the Central Europe Campaign.

Joseph married Hazel Johnson on Dec. 26, 1961, in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. They lived in the Flathead Valley, where Joseph was employed by Plum Creek until his retirement. He loved fishing, hunting and playing cards. After his retirement, he enjoyed traveling. He and Hazel took several bus tours after he retired and truly enjoyed them.

He was a very caring person who is going to be greatly missed by his family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother and two great-grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife Hazel of Kalispell; daughter and her husband Lorraine and Bill Dempsey of Kalispell; grandchildren and spouses, Dorie Stone and husband Mike of Spokane, Wash., Debra and her husband Greg Johnson of Kalispell, and Bill Dempsey Jr. of Kalispell; seven great-grandchildren and four great great-grandchildren; a brother Jim and his wife Alice Motichka of Marion; and sisters, Betty and her husband Orville Fredenberg of Kalispell, Barbara Penney of Kalispell, Kay and her husband Don Hatton of Kalispell, and Roberta and her husband Don Elgin of Kalispell.

Joseph has been cremated and a memorial service is planned for a later date. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is in charge of the arrangements. *BF*

1999 Lois Margie Motichka, 86

Lois Margie Motichka, 86, died Saturday, July 3, at Colonial Manor in Whitefish. Lois was born Feb. 15, 1913 in Bloomfield, Neb., to John and Winifred Stanley. Lois married Roger Motichka on May 21, 1932, in Columbia Falls. She graduated from the College of Arts in Minnesota. Lois truly loved to paint. She later taught ceramic classes from her home. She enjoyed gardening, especially growing beautiful flowers. Lois also enjoyed camping and traveling, including several trips to Alaska. She was a member of the Pollyanna Home Demonstration Club. Lois was dearly loved and will be greatly missed.

She was preceded in death by her parents, three brothers, one sister and one grandchild. She is survived by her husband of 67 years, Roger at the home of his daughter Elaine Lawlor of Kalispell, daughter Patri-

cia Berg of Whitefish and son Warren Motichka of Columbia Falls. She is also survived by 12 grandchildren, numerous great and great-great grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews; sisters Betty Miller of Aurora, Colo., June Metzner of Hillsboro, Ore., Elsie Cooper of Kalispell, Virginia Majors of Middleton, Idaho; and brother James Stanley of Oregon.

Rosary services will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 6 at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home with Deacon Fred Topp officiating. A vigil service will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 7, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home with Deacon Fred Topp officiating. The family has requested in lieu of flowers that a donation to the Flathead Valley Community College arts department be made in Lois' name. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Michael J. Mrgich, 56

Michael J. Mrgich, 56, of Eureka, died Thursday, Feb. 4, 1999, from apparent heart failure.

He was born July 10, 1942, at Lackawanna, N.Y., to Joseph and Madeline Greene Mrgich. He attended school in Columbia Falls, and graduated from Columbia Falls High School.

He married Arletta Deist in Whitefish, in 1963. They lived in Whitefish until 1974, when they moved to Eureka.

He drove logging truck and also drove over-the-road trucks. He was the one who came up with the idea for the great log haul. He was willing to help anyone. He enjoyed working

and tinkering in his shop.

He was a member of the Eureka Christian Center Four Square Church.

He was preceded in death by his father, a stepfather, a brother and a daughter.

Survivors include his wife Arletta of Eureka; two sons, Brett Mrgich of Eureka, and Bryan Mrgich of Kalispell; one daughter, Traci Gustafson of Carson City, Nev.; mother Madeline Coverdell of Martin City; one sister, Judy Rabidue of Martin City; and six grandchildren.

Services were held Saturday. Local arrangements are by the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Eureka.

Mary Lou Munter, 70

Mary Lou Munter, 70, died April 27, 1999, at her home in Kalispell.

She was born May 6, 1928, in Big Piney, Wyo., to Marshall and Mary Violet Huddelston Caveny. When she was two years old, the family moved to Alberta, Canada. There she received her education. She then moved to Kalispell, where she met Earl Munter. They were married on Dec. 21, 1950.

She is survived by her husband, Earl, at the family home; two sons, Michael Munter of Spokane, and Roger Munter of Kalispell; one daughter, Lynn Billedeaux and hus-

band, Lou, of Glendive; two sisters, Betty of Canada and Bonnie of Kalispell; a brother, Rod, of Circle; nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; also special friends, Marshall and Susan Payne and their children, Charlie and Scott.

A private family memorial service will be held at a later date. The family suggests memorials be sent in her name to Home Options Hospice, 1280 Burns Way, Kalispell, MT 59901.

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