

Ruth Salisbury, 75

Ruth Salisbury, 75, of Eureka, died Monday, June 7, 1999, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

She was born in Morley, Mich., on July 3, 1923, the daughter of Martin and Mabel Wilson. She was raised and educated in Michigan and attended teacher's training there. She married Neil Salisbury on June 21, 1944, in Standwood, Mich.

She taught school in Michigan for four years. In 1956 the family moved to British Columbia, where she taught school for eight years.

They came to Eureka in 1964, where she taught at Iowa Flats School near Eureka and later at Eureka Public Schools, working as a substitute and also as an aide in the Title I Program until her retirement.

Her husband preceded her in death

in 1977.

She was a member of Holy Cross Lutheran Church and the Tobacco Valley Senior Citizens.

Survivors include a daughter, JoAn Cuffe of Eureka; three sons, Bernell of Golden, British Columbia, Max of Stevensville, and Gary of Florence; a sister, Clare Wilson of Trufant, Mich.; 13 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Eureka, with the Rev. Chris Tabbert officiating.

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

Arrangements are under the care of Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Eureka.

Donna Mae Sands, 74

Donna Mae Sands, 74, died Monday, Sept. 20, 1999, peacefully and surrounded by family at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.



She was born in Harlem, Mont., on March 31, 1925, to Joseph and Natie Urquhart Epler.

She grew up and graduated from high school in Harlem.

She married Clare Sands in 1942 and they raised their family in the Harlem area. In 1964, they moved to Butte, where they lived for 29 years. In July 1993, they moved to Lakeside, and lived here until the time of her passing.

She loved and was totally devoted to her family and friends. She was active in many clubs and the Eidsvold Lutheran Church in Somers. Her little "piece of heaven" was her home in Lakeside, where she

entertained many family and friends.

She is survived by her devoted husband of 54 years, Clare Sands of Lakeside; three sons, Stephen Sands and wife, Karen, of Salt Lake City, Jack Sands of Billings, and Craig Sands of Eureka; one brother, Keith Epler and wife, Cathleen, of Billings; three grandchildren, Jackie Alhamra and husband, Rami, Stephen Sands II and wife, Annette, and Chelsey Sands; and also five great-grandchildren and many loving nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. at Eidsvold Lutheran Church in Somers, with Pastor Wayne Pris officiating. Graveside services will be Thursday at 3 p.m. at the Harlem Cemetery in Harlem.

The family suggests memorials be sent to Eidsvold Lutheran Church, 5935 U.S. 93 South, Somers, MT 59932.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Ruth Loretta Sammons

KALISPELL - Ruth Loretta Sammons, 84, passed away on May 6, 1999, in the Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

She was born March 18, 1915, in Bonita to Curtis and Cornelia (Nelia) McFarland Hutchins.

Ruth grew up on a ranch at Bonita where the "school bus" she and her siblings rode to school was nothing more than one of their working horses.

Her loves were the outdoors, flowers, gardening, horses, dogs and doing activities with her own family and her sisters and brothers and their families.

Ruth married Thomas Andrew Sammons in 1933 in Missoula.

She worked 30 years for the Florence Hotel in Missoula.

Ruth was preceded in death by her husband Thomas in 1975; her grandson, Devlin Pilgeram in 1988; her sister, Grace Smith; brothers, Elmer, Ralph and Albert Hutchins.

She is survived by one son, Larry L. Sammons of San Marcos, Calif.; two daughters, Faye M. Olson and husband Allan of Fairfield, and Judy Paszek and husband John of Kalispell; her grandchildren, Dana Hargèr and Kathleen Holland, both of California, Zale Delp of Arizona, Zan Olson, Tara Hultgren and Troy Pilgeram, all of Montana, Darin Pilgeram of Utah and Tory Pilgeram of Nevada; and 12 great-grandchildren. Also surviving is her 96-year-old Aunt Alta Allen of Bonita; sisters Ella Hallford and Myrtle Garfin of Montana; sister-in-law Millie Hutchins of Montana, and Dena Hutchins of Oregon.

Graveside services will be held on Monday, May 10, at 2 p.m. at Sunset Memorial Cemetery in Missoula, with the Rev. David Ophus of St. Paul's Lutheran Church officiating.

Arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary and Crematory

Leo Schaub, 72

Leo Schaub, 72, died at his home in Kalispell on Sunday, June 13, 1999.

He was born Feb. 27, 1927, in Great Falls, to William and Violet Thisselle Schaub. He moved with his family from a homestead south of Chester to Lake Leelanau, Mich., when he was a baby. He attended school there.

He joined the service in 1946, serving in Japan during World War II. He was honorably discharged from the 64th Field Artillery Battalion in 1947.

He returned to Chester and worked for his uncle, Earl Thisselle, and for Aden Ward on their farms.

He married Lois Anderson on Dec. 3, 1953, and he began his own construction business, building several of the businesses and homes in the Chester area. After retirement and failing health he moved to Kalispell, to be near family.

He enjoyed gardening, wood working, fishing, and hunting. He was a



member of the VFW.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Johanna Peplinski.

He is now survived by his wife, Lois, of Kalispell; one daughter, LeAnn Howell and husband, Jerry; and one son, Lon Schaub and wife, Jere, all of Kalispell; three brothers, his twin brother, Leonard Schaub and wife, Teresa, Arthur Schaub and wife, Dena, all of Lake Leelanau, and Vern Schaub and wife, Lorraine, of North Branch, Mich.; three sisters, Marie Schaub and husband, Mel, of Sutton's Bay, Mich., Josephine Gauthier and husband, Mel, of Traverse City, Mich., and Marge Forton, also of Traverse City; and many nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be held Wednesday at 1 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Bill Carlson officiating.

The family suggests memorials be sent to Home Care Hospice, 1280 Burns Way #3, Kalispell, MT 59901.

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

Eleanor M. Schrock, 84

Eleanor M. Schrock, 84, of Columbia Falls, died Saturday afternoon, Oct. 16, 1999, at the Brendan House in Kalispell.

She was born Sept. 21, 1915, in Bayonne, N.J., to Herman H. and Mabel Blohm.

She graduated from high school in Roselle, N.J. in 1933. She graduated from Comptometer School in 1937, and the New York Institute of Dietetics in 1945.

She married Charles W. Schrock on Oct. 27, 1945, in Roselle. They moved to Kalispell and, in 1950, to Columbia Falls.

As a member of the Methodist Church, she was active in Circle and the Methodist Youth Fellowship. She was a member of the Business and Professional Women and Homemakers Club. She served on the Girl Scout Council.

She enjoyed gardening, sewing and baking.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband, "Bud," in January 1992.

She is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, William and Elaine Schrock of Olympia, Wash.; three daughters and sons-in-law, Susan and Michael Gookin of Peoria, Ariz., June and Lindsey Tillian of Farmington, N.M., and Barbara and Donald Barnhart of Columbia Falls; three granddaughters, Brandy Tillian and Carrie and Dawn Barnhart; and four grandsons, Russell Tillian, Byron Schrock and Scott and Todd Gookin.

A memorial service will be held

Friday at 2 p.m. at the United Methodist Church in Columbia Falls, with the Rev. Ray Davis officiating. A private family graveside inurnment will follow the reception.

Arrangements are by Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

William Ray Schneider, 54

William Ray Schneider, 54, died Friday, Aug. 27, 1999, at his home in Kalispell.

He was born on May 22, 1945, in Germantown, Wis.

He served in the Navy, retiring after serving 20 plus years. He moved to Kalispell in 1998.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home

is in charge of arrangements.

William L. 'Scotty' Scott, 71

William L. "Scotty" Scott, 71, died Sunday, July 25, 1999, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center after a battle with cancer.

He was born Sept. 17, 1927, in Carnegie, Okla., to Levvy and Lucille Scott.

He graduated from Monrovia Arcadia Duarte High School in southern California, where he met his lifelong mate, Beverly Tripp. They celebrated 51 years of marriage on June 24.

He worked for Nevada Builders in Reno, Nev., as a construction superintendent until his retirement in 1992.

He is survived by his wife, Beverly, at their home in Kalispell; two sons and daughters-in-law, including Randy and Leslie Scott of Whitefish; seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild; and a large number of nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be from 2-8 p.m. today at Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Austin Funeral Home Chapel, with the Rev. John Weaver of the Assembly of God officiating. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Kalispell.

Virginia Schryver, 88

Virginia Schryver, 88, a longtime resident of Bigfork, died Aug. 18, 1999.

She was born Dec. 10, 1910, in Hot Springs, S.D.

She is survived by two nieces, Kathleen Cornelius of Spokane, and Phyllis Day of Bigfork; six great-nieces and nephews, Wayne Wilson, Warren Wilson, Donna Schaaf and Karen Smith, all of Spokane, Schori Trisko of Vancouver, Wash.,

and Kim Day of Seattle; also numerous great-great-nieces and nephews.

A private memorial service will be held at a later date for family.

She loved her family, friends, Montana and animals. She will be missed by all.

Any memorial donations may be sent to the Kalispell Humane Society, 43 Woodlawn Park Dr., #10, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Eileen L. Schulstad, 72

Eileen L. Schulstad, 72, died Saturday, Jan. 9, 1999, at her home in Whitefish.

She was born Dec. 28, 1926, in Tonasket, Wash., to Glenn and Hannah Mitchell.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Dolf Schulstad; a son; two grandchildren; two brothers; and one sister.

She is survived by two daughters, Cheryl Dull and her husband,

Marlo, of Columbia Falls, and Connie Gage and her husband, Richard, of Whitefish; two sisters; two brothers; five grandchildren; five great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

No services are planned at this time.

Memorial contributions can be made to Hospice, 1280 Burns Way, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Austin Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Leonard "Bud" Seelinger, 79

Leonard "Bud" Seelinger, 79, died Dec. 1, 1999.

He was born in Helena, on June 27, 1920. He grew up in Great Falls, and attended the University of Wisconsin where he played halfback on the football team.

He married Mary Elaine Davis of Fennimore, Wis., in 1944, at St. Ann's Cathedral in Great Falls.

He served as an officer in the U.S. Marine Corps in Okinawa during World War II.

After the war he played on the 1946 Montana State University Fighting Bobcat Hall of Fame football team and received his bachelor's degree from Montana State in 1947. He received a master's degree from the University of Wisconsin in 1949.

After coaching high school football for one year in Williston, N.D., he moved to Havre, and coached the Havre High School Blue Ponies for five years in football, basketball and track.

For the next 32 years, he was an independent insurance agent in Havre. During that time he distinguished himself with 23 years of service as a high school football official for which he was inducted into the Montana Officials Association Hall of Fame in 1988.

While in Havre, he and his wife, Mary Elaine, taught square and round dancing for six years. In Havre, he also served on the foundation board for Northern Montana

College. He retired and moved to Whitefish in 1986, and there served on the Flathead County Board of the American Red Cross.

He was an avid golfer for over 40 years. He was on the board of the Montana Senior Golf Association. His accomplishments on the course included 3 holes-in-one, the most recent being in 1997, on one of his final rounds at the Whitefish Lake Golf Club where he was a member for 34 years.

He was a lector at St. Charles Catholic Church in Whitefish, and a member of the core group of the Small Church Community.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Mary Elaine; his son Jim of North Palm Beach, Fla.; three grandchildren, Jill Cobb of Dublin, Ohio, Michael Seelinger of Urbana, Ill., and Jody Seelinger of Houston, Texas; and one niece, Mary Catherine Moore of Great Falls.

In place of flowers the family asks that donations be made in Bud's name to Hospice or the American Cancer Society.

Visitation will be 5 to 7 p.m. Sunday at the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish. A Christian wake service will be at 7 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. A Mass of the Christian burial will be at St. Charles Catholic Church in Whitefish, at 10 a.m. Monday with the Rev. Charles Roman officiating. Burial will follow at the Whitefish Cemetery.

Inter Lake production manager William 'Bill' Sellers dies at 61

William H. "Bill" Sellers Jr., 61, The Daily Inter Lake's production manager, died Dec. 12, 1999, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.



He was born July 1, 1938, in Pecos, Texas, to William H. and Melinda Bond Sellers. He graduated from high school in Texas and also attended Arlington State in Texas for two years. He was a National Guardsman and was mobilized for the Berlin Crisis, interrupting his education.

After moving to Phoenix, he met Cleo Skantel, and they were married on Jan. 30, 1964. Shortly after marrying Cleo, he went to work for the Hagadone Corporation, and traveled over much of the United States for them. In the summer of 1996, he moved to Kalispell and began his job at the Inter Lake.

He was very well known for his

dedication to his work. When not working, he enjoyed Corvettes and working with wood.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William and Melinda Sellers, and a daughter, Debra Sue Ariz.

He is survived by his loving wife of 35 years, Cleo; a son, John Rember and wife Bonnie of Coeur d'Alene; a daughter, Katherine and her husband, Dan Woodworth of Coeur d'Alene; eight grandchildren, Ranita Rember, Jeremy Rember, Jeremiah Bauer, Tracy Peterson, Aki Ariz, Chelsea Ariz, Carli Jo Woodworth, and Melissa Sue Woodworth; one great-granddaughter, Taleah; two brothers, Virgil Sellers of Texas, and T.J. Sellers of Phoenix; and three sisters, Belle, Helen and Dolores, all of Texas.

Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m., Saturday, at the Johnson Mortuary Chapel in Kalispell. There will be a reception following the service downstairs in Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

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

Herman Sena, 66

Herman Sena, 66, of Libby, died Thursday, Feb. 25, 1999, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

Survivors include his wife Mickie of Libby; a son; a daughter, Kathryn Stevens of Kalispell; four brothers, five sisters, and five grandchildren.

Visitation will be Tuesday from 3 to 6 p.m. followed by parish vigil and rosary at 7 p.m. at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home. Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated Wednesday at 11 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church with the Rev. Ray Hannigan as celebrant. Interment services will follow at the City of Libby Cemetery.

Chester E.G. 'Chet' Severson, 85

Longtime Montana resident Chester E.G. "Chet" Severson, 85, died on Jan. 23, 1999, in Longview, Wash.

He was born in Oilmont, on Sept. 6, 1913, to Charlie and Ida Severson and attended schools in the Oilmont/Shelby area.

He was blessed by the love of two women in his life, Marjorie "Pepper" Clark Severson who died in 1970, and Ethel who survives him and resides in Kelso, Wash. Chet and Pepper had three children, Connie, Dickey, and Diana.

His life-long love of flying was chronicled in the Kalispell Daily Inter Lake several years ago. He began flying in his teens and was drafted in the U.S. Air Force as an instructor pilot during World War II. He achieved the rank of Captain before being honorably discharged.

After the war he started Severson Air Activities with his brother Jim, and managed the airport in Cut Bank. He moved on to manage the

City Airport and Severson Air Activities in Great Falls, before a brief retirement.

Most recently he worked as an instructor and guide for Larry Stockhill at the City Airport in Kalispell. He flew into Schaefer's Meadows hundreds of times over the years, never losing his enthusiasm for the beauty of the land beneath him.

He was preceded in death by his son Dickey, first wife Pepper, brother Stanley and sister Doris.

He is survived by his wife Ethel who resides with his daughter, Diana, and her family; daughter Connie Hogenkamp and family; and brothers, Bruce of Great Falls, and Jim of Sun City, Ariz., and Whitefish.

Graveside services were held at the Willamette National Veterans Cemetery on Jan. 23.

Anyone wishing to send condolences to the family or share a memory of Chet should send them to his family at 1411 S. Fifth, Kelso, WA 98628.

Kenneth Wayne Sexton, 77

Kenneth Wayne Sexton, 77, died at his home on May 16, 1999, in Spokane.

He was born March 6, 1922, in Kalispell, to Melvin and Esther Morrow Sexton.

He served in the Army during World War II in the South Pacific. He was involved with all the grandchildren's sports and activities. He was not only a grandpa but an outstanding father figure to his grandchildren and an inspiration to all that knew him.

He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Lillian, of Spokane; one daughter, Brenda Briggs Sexton of

Spokane; one son, Steve Sexton of Stockton, Calif.; five grandchildren, Trina Briggs, David Briggs, Amanda Briggs, Devin Perez and Kerri Sexton; one sister, Juanita Stencile of Reno, Nev.; also numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held Friday at 2 p.m. in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel, with burial in Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Military honors will be by the United Veterans of the Flathead. Visitation will be today until 6 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Ashley J. Sharpe, 20

Ashley J. Sharpe, 20, died Monday, March 1, 1999, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center following a motorcycle accident on Saturday, Feb. 27, 1999.



He was born Sept. 7, 1978, in Kalispell.

He was known and loved for his kind and gentle nature. He embraced his life with enthusiasm and without fear, living each moment fully.

He is survived by his mother Criss Sharpe, grandmother Mary B.

Sharpe, uncle Joseph Sharpe, aunt Nicci Hamamura, cousin Sean Hamamura, uncle Sam Segal, aunt Stephanie Sharpe, and cousins Drifa and David Segal.

A celebration of his life will be held at the Buffalo Hills Golf Course club house on Thursday from 6 to 9 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to charity of choice, or be mailed to the Ashley Sharpe Medical Fund, c/o Bank West to help the family meet the medical expenses.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory in charge of arrangements.

Donald Joseph Shea, 75

Donald Joseph Shea, 75, died Tuesday, Oct. 19, 1999, at Colonial Manor in Whitefish.

He was born Sept. 14, 1924, in High River, Alberta, to Elizabeth B. and Patrick Joseph Shea. That same year the family moved to Shelby, where they owned and operated the Shea Motel and the COD Laundry.

He was educated in Shelby, and at Gonzaga High School.

He enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1941, and was discharged in 1945. His tour in World War II took him to the Pacific theater, where he was a radio operator and a gunner on a PT boat.

After his discharge from the Army he returned to Shelby, and worked for Oil City Electric.

In 1948, he married Frances L. "Frankie" Battenfield in Shelby.

In 1958, he opened his own electrical business, Shea's Electric. He serviced the oil fields north of Shelby until 1962, when he moved his family to Seattle. He retired as chief of elec-

trical maintenance at Highline School District in Seattle in 1990.

Following his retirement, he and his wife moved back to his beloved Montana and resided in Kalispell. Since August, he has resided at the Colonial Manor in Whitefish.

He is survived by his wife, Frankie, at the family home in Kalispell; three sons, Michael of Libby and James and Daniel of Federal Way, Wash.; a daughter, Janet, of Juneau, Alaska; two sisters, Patty Jo King of Flossmoor, Ill., and Betty Lou Schiven of Bothell, Wash.; nine grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

A funeral mass will be held today at 11 a.m. at St. William's Catholic Church in Shelby. Burial with military honors will be in the Mountain View Cemetery.

The family suggests memorials to the Southwest Chapter of the Montana Alzheimer's Association.

Whitted Funeral Chapel in Shelby is in charge of arrangements.

F. Allen Sheldon, 71

F. Allen Sheldon, 71, died at his home in Kalispell, Monday, June 7, 1999, of natural causes.

He was born July 8, 1927, in the family home in Claire City, S.D., to Floyd A. and Marie Septhman Sheldon. He was educated in St. Ignatius, and received his bachelor's degree in television and communications at Minneapolis University in Minneapolis, Minn.

On Sept. 18, 1945, he enlisted in the U.S. Army. After basic training he joined the 11th Constabulary Regiment in Germany. He received an honorable discharge in 1948.

After the service he met and married Janet Ilene Bishop in 1954, in Yakima, Wash. They moved to Kalispell, in 1955, and he worked for Sears and Roebuck for a while. They started their own tree farm in Kalispell. They were very successful and were the "Top Tree Farmer" for the state of Montana in 1979; in 1980, they were "Top Tree Farmer" of the 13 Western States and in 1981, they came in second for "Top Tree

Farmer" of the whole United States.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his wife Janet at the family home in Kalispell; four sons, Gordon Sheldon and wife, Gaye, of Kalispell, Norman Sheldon and wife, Gabi, of Germany, Al Sheldon and wife, Ronda, of Monroe, Wash., and Bryon Sheldon and wife, Wren, of Grants Pass, Ore.; also one brother, Curtis Sheldon of Britton, S.D.; one uncle, Stanley Sheldon of Phoenix, Ore.; seven grandchildren, Selma, Cindy, Aaron, Amber, Renee, Jesse and Cassandra.

Memorial services will be held Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Mick Smith officiating. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens with military honors by the United Veterans of the Flathead. A reception will follow the services at South Kalispell Fire Department.

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

Willis 'Willie' Dale Sheumaker, 61

Willis "Willie" Dale Sheumaker, 61, of Kalispell, died Saturday, Jan. 23, 1999, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

He was born July 12, 1937, to William Earl and Ella May Palmer Sheuaker. He was a graduate of Charlo High School.

He was a retired veteran of the U.S. Army, serving 24 years including two and a half tours of duty in Vietnam. While in the Army, he received many honors including the Purple Heart; The Army Commendation Medal for Heroism; The Bronze Star; and numerous Air medals resulting in seven oak-leaf clusters and several other awards and medals. He served as a recruiter for the U.S. Army in the Kalispell office before his retirement in 1982.

He loved fishing, hunting, woodworking and leather work and was also a great story and joke teller. He was also a member of the Eagles Lodge; Shriners; Masonic Lodge; and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He married Patricia Roark in 1957, and to this union two daughters were born, Tammi Sheumaker and Kelly Sheumaker.

Then in 1971, he married Carrie Stewart and to this union one daughter was born, Janice Sheumaker.

Then in 1981, he married Billie LaRue and to this union one daughter was born, Billie Sheumaker.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Billie LaRue Sheumaker in 1985; and also his parents, Earl and Ella Sheumaker; one brother; and one sister.

He is survived by four daughters, Tammi Sheumaker of Stroud, Okla., Kelly Sheumaker of Thornton, Colo., Janice Jones and husband, Scott, of Scottsdale, Ariz., and Billie Davis and husband, Gordon, of West Hartford, Conn.; three brothers, Ben Sheumaker and wife, Shirley, of Clovis, Calif., Larry Sheumaker and wife, Leah, of Pablo, and Jim Sheumaker and wife, Charlotte, of Ronan; one sister, Doris Moody and husband, Chuck, of Cherokee Village, Ark.; and two grandchildren, Breana Humbert and William McEntire.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday, at 1 p.m. in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Jerry Buchanan of First Baptist Church of Columbia Falls, officiating. Burial will follow in Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Visitation will be held Monday from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. at the Johnson Mortuary.

Family requests memorials to the WINGS Foundation, c/o Radiation Therapy at Kalispell Regional Medical Center, 310 Sunnyview Lane, Kalispell, Mt. 59901.

Arrangements under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Lester Harold Shields, 72

Lester Harold Shields, 72, died at Colonial Manor in Whitefish, Tuesday, July 13, 1999.



He was born Feb. 1, 1927, in Butte, the only son of Lester Lee and Margaret Shields. His early years were spent on his grandparents' ranch in the Butte area. Following his father's death, he moved with his mother to Plentywood.

At the age of 18, he joined the Army. On returning home to Plentywood, he worked in the oil fields in eastern Montana, North and South Dakota and parts of Wyoming.

He married Elizabeth Evelyn Hofarth in Plentywood on May 28, 1950. In 1956, they moved to Libby, where he worked for J. Neils Lumber Co. The couple had eight children, all of whom still live in the Kalispell-Columbia Falls area.

Following an accident at the lumber mill, he moved his family to Kalispell in 1968. They lived on a small farm in the Lake Blaine area. He enjoyed farming and working with the animals.

When his wife died in 1986, he moved to Kalispell. In recent years, he enjoyed having coffee with his friends and he enjoyed his family, particularly his 16 grandchildren.

He is survived by his mother, Margaret Shields Thunem of Plentywood; four sons, Bradley L. Shields, Frank T. Shields, Steven M. Shields and wife, Jean, and Tony R. Shields; four daughters, Margaret R. Lawson and husband, Randy, Debrah A. O'Boyle and husband, Dennis, Cynthia E. Barrows and husband, Russell, and Roseann M. Witham and husband, Tom; also 16 grandchildren.

A committal service will be held Friday at 11 a.m. at C. E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery with Deacon Fred Topp of St. Matthew's Catholic Church officiating. Following this service a luncheon will be held in the New Life Center at St. Matthew's. Visitation will be today from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel.

The family suggests memorials be given to Flathead Association of Catholic Education (FACE), P.O. Box 8862, Kalispell, MT 59904.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Leonard Kyle Shoemaker, 81

Leonard Kyle Shoemaker, 81, died Tuesday at his residence in Libby. *30 Mar 1999*

He was born in Waggoner, N.C., to Columbus and Ennis Lambert Shoemaker.

He married Alice Balch on Sept. 6, 1947, in Elko, Nev. He worked on the Libby Dam Project for Hines Construction on the railroad relocation and later at the dam site for Morrison-Knudson Construction.

He was preceded in death by a son.

He is survived by his wife, Alice, at home; two sons, including Leonard Shoemaker of Libby; four daughters, including Debbie McDorman of Lakeside; a brother; 14 grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Interment services with military honors will follow at the City of Libby Cemetery. Visitation will be 1-5 p.m. Sunday at Nelson & Vial Funeral Home.

Pamela Gates Siess, 53

Pamela Gates Siess, 53, died July 18, 1999, following a long and courageous battle with scleroderma.

She was born in Bozeman on May 27, 1946, to Lou and Maxine Gates. She attended school in Kennewick, Wash., Bigfork, Butte, and Placerville, Calif. Throughout her life she returned to Bigfork where she had family and lifelong friends — the place she considered home.

She and her husband, Terry, were married in San Rafael, Calif., in 1964. Following their marriage the couple moved to Garden Valley, Calif., and had three children, Kristan, Curtis and Cary.

She was active in the community, including the Grange, and helped to found the community association and volunteer fire department. She worked as a fire dispatcher, parade chairperson and full-time mother.

In 1972, the family moved to Orofino, Idaho, where she was again active in the community, including the United Methodist Church, community concert association, swim team and public library.

As an artist herself, she supported the arts and was the founder of Patchwork Bazaar, a community craft festival which continues to this day. She continued her art and volunteer work while raising her children and working full-time as bookkeeper for a local business and later as part owner and office manager for a construction company.

In 1985, she returned to her home in Bigfork, to take over the family business, Eva Gates Homemade Preserves, from her mother Maxine. During her management of the business she expanded it greatly, including overseeing the design and construction of a new building for the company in downtown Bigfork. Once again she was active in the community. She was a member of the Bigfork Chamber of Commerce, Bigfork Development Company, Community United Methodist Church, and served on the board of the Community Players.

She worked actively with the Bigfork Festival of the Arts, the Bigfork Art and Cultural Center, and Glacier Jazz Stampede. She supported the Riverbend Concert Series along with many local charities and was an underwriter for KUFM Public Radio. Through all of this she was a wife, homemaker and mother, raising her three children and taking in others who were less fortunate or needed support. She was an avid skier and

reader.

She was diagnosed with scleroderma in 1987, complicated by Renaud's Syndrome. She was also a breast cancer survivor, diagnosed in 1996, and provided counsel for others diagnosed with cancer — friends and strangers alike. Few outside her family knew of her health problems as she seldom complained and never capitulated to her pain or limitations.

She is survived by her husband, Terry; three children, Kristan, Curtis and Cary; parents Maxine Gates and Lou and Clarice Gates; sister, Gretchen; and nephew, Job; as well as many, many extended family members and friends.

Donations may be made to the Scleroderma Foundation, 89 Newbury St., Ste. 201, Danvers, MA 01923 with her name in memorandum.

She was well-loved by many and an inspiration to all who knew her. She will always be loved and missed.

Frances F. Sidmore, 81

Frances F. Sidmore, 81, died Wednesday, Feb. 24, 1999, at the Brendan House in Kalispell.

She was born Sept. 19, 1917, in Glasgow, to Ira Linden and Carrie Wold Funk. She married EJ Sidmore in North Dakota.

She was a true mother, taking care of everyone all the time. She truly loved helping people and especially little children. Many a time she would go to the thrift store and buy clothes for other people. She also enjoyed sewing and cooking. She will be missed by all that knew her.

She belonged to the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses in Kalispell.

She was preceded in death by her husband, EJ Sidmore; 1 infant son; and sons Jim Sidmore, and Richard Sidmore.

Survivors are daughters, Betty Olbekson of Minneapolis, Minn., Francell Wollgott of Seattle, Jeanette Borghi of Arizona, Elaine Keeman of Kalispell, Alice Montano of Las Vegas, Nev., Margaret Kaiser of Libby, Darla Teets of Kalispell; sons, John Sidmore, Bill Sidmore and Roy Sidmore, all of Kalispell; five sisters in the Seattle area; 42 grandchildren, numerous great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

A funeral service will be held Monday, at 11 a.m. at the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with Craig Dahl of the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses officiating. Burial will follow at the Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

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

Helen Margaret Simonich, 81

Helen Margaret Simonich, 81, of Kalispell died Friday, Feb. 19, 1999, at the Brendan House.

She was born Aug. 7, 1917, in Butte, to William and Marquerite Lund Wills. She attended Butte public schools and graduated from high school there.

She enjoyed bowling, growing roses in her garden and most of all she loved her family.

She was a homemaker and attended Northridge Lutheran Church, and was also a member of the Eagles Lodge.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Edward Joseph Simonich; a son, Edward Simonich; her parents;



one brother, William Wills; and a sister, Audrey Wills.

She is survived by one daughter, Margie Milaney and husband, Terrence, of Glendale, Calif.; a daughter-in-law, Maryln Simonich; six grandchildren, Randy and Kaydel Shelton, Sharrie and Gil Duncan, Shayne Shelton, Staci and Robert Estes, Shavonne and Matt Hanson, and Suzette Simonich; five great-grandchildren, Sam Tessa Shelton, Shane Duncan, Cade Estes, Sam and Max Hanson; and several nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Memorial services will be held Tuesday, at 2 p.m. at the Northridge Lutheran Church with the Rev. Dan Heskett officiating. Cremation will follow.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Faythe Jane Sindt, 78

Faythe Jane Sindt, 78, of Whitefish, died quietly at her daughter and son-in-law's home after a courageous battle with cancer on Monday, Nov. 22, 1999.

She was born near North Battleford, Saskatchewan, on Oct. 20, 1921, to Dr. Thomas S. "Doc" and Dorothy A. Snyder.

She moved with her family to Whitefish at age six and went all through the Whitefish school system, graduating in the class of 1940.

She attended college in Havre from 1940 to 1942, to achieve her teaching certificate. She taught school from 1942 to 1943 at the Promised Land school in Portage, and in Fort Benton, she taught first, fifth and seventh grades. She taught from the beginning of the school year 1943, until Christmas, at LaSalle, and after Christmas at Columbia Falls sixth grade from 1943 to 1946.

She married Jack D. Sindt on Aug. 14, 1946, and they had one daughter, Jacquie J. Sindt.

She was one of the best tomboys of Whitefish. She could play baseball or softball and hold her own with anyone. She was 70 years young when she played her last league softball game. She was also one of the best fly fisherman and hunters. She loved bowling and bowled in leagues until May 1999.

She was the most wonderful mom

and best friend a girl could ever have.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Dr. Thomas S. "Doc" and Dorothy A. Snyder; and loving husband, Jack D. Sindt on Nov. 6, 1986.

She is survived by daughter and son-in-law, Jacquie J. and Ted Cuffe and grandchildren, Jayn and Doug Cuffe; stepgranddaughter and great-granddaughter, Heather Cuffe Johnson and Shea Johnson; brothers, Duane and Byron Snyder of Albany, Ore.; sister Vivian Snyder Courtney of Lincoln, Ark.; sister-in-law Doris Voermans; and many beloved nieces, nephews and cousins. She is also survived by wonderful friends adopted by heart as children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, Jerry and Sharan Baracker of Whitefish, Dawn, Steve, Tia and Haley Chan of Vancouver, Wash., Dee Anna, Sean, Zak and Hannah Dillon of Whitefish, Kelly and Jayde Baracker of Columbia Falls, Colette Baracker of Whitefish, and Jamie Baracker of Kalispell.

The family suggests that memorials be made to baseball or softball programs of Whitefish, her true love.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish, with the Rev. Gene Speer of the First Baptist Church of Whitefish officiating. Internment will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Kalispell.

Donald L. Singer, 70

Donald L. Singer, 70, of Whitefish, died Thursday, May 20, 1999, at his home.

He was born on Oct. 15, 1928, in Cambridge City, Ind.

His love for the great outdoors brought him west as a young man, first to Portland in 1953 and then to Whitefish in 1972.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy and served in World War II. He was an avid fly fisherman and hunter and considered himself to be one of the best poker players in Flathead Valley.

He was preceded in death by his



mother, Dorothy Buschbaum, and his stepfather, Delbert Buschbaum.

Survivors include his wife, Janis, of Whitefish; four daughters, Suzanne Singer of Homer, Alaska, Angi Justin of Salem, Ore., Brenda Roskos of Kalispell, and Julie Singer of Olathe, Kan.; nine grandchildren; and two sisters, Verna Bodie and Viola Moore, both of Fort Wayne.

An informal gathering of family and friends will be held at the Ol' River Bridge Inn in Columbia Falls, on Sunday at 3 p.m.

The family suggests memorials be made to Make A Wish Foundation of America, 100 W. Claredon Ave., Suite 2200, Phoenix, AZ 85013.

William "Bill" E. Sirucek, 69

William "Bill" E. Sirucek, 69, died July 22, 1999, at his ranch near Leader, Minn.

He was born May 7, 1930, at home, near Brooks, Mont., to Emil and Rosie Sirucek. He was the fifth of 13 children. He grew up in Montana, helping his father farm and log.

He was inducted into the Army, served as an M.P., and also was a part of the troops that observed atomic blasts from the trenches at the Nevada test site. After his military service, he came back to the Flathead and again farmed and logged with his father. After his father died in 1965, he ranched west

of Kalispell, for a short time, then moved to Minnesota.

He was preceded in death by his brother Emil; father and mother; brother Jack; and sister Agnes.

Survivors are his wife Mary in Leader; two sons, Danny of Los Angeles, Christopher of Deer River, Minn.; a stepdaughter, Chantelle Droz of Los Angeles; nine brothers and sisters, Edgar of Bigfork, Rubie Smith of Spokane, Marie Reed of Kalispell, Carl of St Ignatius, Betty Ferry of Raytown, Mo. George of Leader, Genevieve Baumann of Kalispell, Donald of Staples, Minn., and Shirley O' Lexey of Kalispell.

Jon Benjamin "Koko" Skaden, 17, of Marshfield, Wis., died Wednesday, May 26, 1999, at his residence.

He was born July 15, 1981, in Minneapolis, to John A. and Carol E. Anderson Skaden. He attended Madison Elementary School and was a senior at Marshfield Senior High School.

He was a musician, composer, writer and artist who needed the freedom to create in order to express himself. His band, D.A.F., gave him the opportunity to display his multi-musical talents. These included expertise on the guitar, piano and drums.

In his younger years he was known to his friends as "Mr. Cartoon," and he had planned to pursue a career in graphic animation at the University of Wisconsin-Stout this fall. He had a wonderful sense of humor and an uncanny wit.

He was a great philosopher who could see beyond the written and spoken word to the truth. He was a young man with very strong principles which would not be compromised. He was extremely honest, and gave more of himself to others than he received.

Family and friends were very important to him. He shared a special adoration with his two-year-old sister, Janelle, and his special friend, Georgette.

He will truly be missed.

He is survived by his parents, John and Carol Skaden, and his sister, Janelle, at home; his maternal grandparents, Don and Ruth Anderson of Kalispell; his paternal grandfather, Wes Skaden of Blue Earth, Minn.; aunts and uncles Chris Andersen of Kambah, A.C.T., Australia, Curt Andersen of Spokane, Cathy and Bruce Lane of St. Louis, Mo., Nancy and Mike Schonborn of Bricelyn, Minn, Dick and Shelly Skaden of Lewiston, Minn., Dave and Ann Skaden of Kalona, Iowa, and Jim and Kelly Skaden of Blue Earth; cousins Riley, Shayley, Sean, Stacey, Scott, Kelly, Brad, Jennifer, Brian, Jessica, Michelle, Angela, Nicole, Billy, Erik, Mark, Mary, Justin and Nicholas.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandmother, Mavis "Honey" Skaden, on April 21, 1997; and two brothers in infancy, Jeffrey and Jared.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Faith Lutheran Church in Marshfield, with the Rev. Gary A. Hedding officiating. Burial will be in Hillside Cemetery. The family will receive relatives and friends from 4-6 p.m. Monday at Rembs/Kundinger Chapel and from 10 a.m. until service time Tuesday at the church.

Memorials may be given in Jon's name to the Jon Skaden Teen Suicide Prevention Memorial in care of the Marshfield Medical Research Foundation.

Robert John Slater, 63

Robert John Slater, 63, of Big Arm, died Friday morning, June 4, 1999, at his West Shore home.

He was born Nov. 1, 1935, in Butte, to George R. and Irene Glennon Slater. He was raised in Garrison and Deer Lodge, and attended St. Mary's Academy and Powell County High School in Deer Lodge.

After high school he entered the United States Army and served two years of active duty.

He worked in the telecommunications industry for more than 40 years. He spent 32 years with US West and was involved with equipment conversions in every US West office in Montana during that time.

Upon his retirement from US West he worked as a district manager for Ericsson Network Systems in Denver. For the last five years of his life he enjoyed a fine association with Alamon Telco of Kalispell. During his long career, he made many lasting friendships throughout the United States.

He particularly enjoyed his family and friends, golfing, Grizzly football, hunting in his earlier years, fishing and spending time on the lake. He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign

Wars and was a Flathead Basin Commission volunteer for many years.

He will be missed by his wife, Rebecca, of Big Arm; his children, Robert Todd Slater and his wife, Jody, of Champlin, Minn., Steven J. Slater of Elliston, Richard P. Slater of Helena, and Linda M. Slater and her son, Tyler K. of Helena; a sister, Delores Horton and her husband, Ray, of Hemet, Calif.; a brother, Richard G. Slater and his wife, Judi, of Missoula; 11 nieces and nephews and their families; his first wife, Margery Senecal Slater of Helena; and his many good friends and neighbors.

He was preceded in death by his parents and numerous aunts and uncles.

Cremation has taken place and a memorial mass will be held on Tuesday at 10 a.m. at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Polson, with the Rev. Gary Reller officiating. A private inurnment will be held at a later date at Lakeview Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Lake County Hospice or Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Polson.

Arrangements and cremation are by Grogan Funeral Home.

William 'Willy' Wallace Small, 87

William "Willy" Wallace Small, 87, died of natural causes on Tuesday evening, July 13, 1999, at Heritage Place in Kalispell, where he spent the last 6 1/2 years in the Alzheimer's unit.



He was born Dec. 20, 1911, in Whitefish, to Clarence and Birdie Small. He graduated from Whitefish High School in 1930.

He had numerous jobs before and after high school, including Cooks' Grocery in Whitefish, and later became owner of that store. While in that business, he and other merchants became the nucleus for investing in the start of Big Mountain Ski Area.

After selling Cooks' in 1962, he worked at Whitefish Post Office, the Great Northern Railroad and the Whitefish Department of Sanitation.

He married Eunice Snyder Melby on Jan. 1, 1964, in Eau Claire, Wis. At

that time, he became stepfather to her three children. They resided in Whitefish until 1975, when they moved to Kalispell.

He was a very hard worker, always ready to help anyone who needed help. He loved hunting, fishing and being in the woods.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister in infancy.

He is survived by his wife, Eunice of Kalispell; stepsons, Ken and Steven Melby, both of Kalispell; one stepdaughter, Barbara Jarvar and her husband, Stanley, of Eau Claire; six stepgrandchildren and several relatives in and around Eau Claire.

Memorials services will be held on Saturday at 2 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel, with Martin Esseltine, Elder of the Jehovah's Witnesses at Woodland Congregation of Kalispell, officiating. A private burial will take place at the family plot in Whitefish at a later date.

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

Joan Edstrom Smart, 65

Joan Edstrom Smart, 65, best friend to her husband of 46 years, died Saturday, March 20, 1999.

She was born in Butte on Dec. 8, 1933, and spent her childhood in Clibby, Hanilton and Missoula. As an adult, she moved to Seattle and then on to Anchorage, Alaska. Upon retirement, she and her husband moved to Waikaloa, Hawaii, then to Semiahmoo, Wash., and finally they split their time between Tucson, Ariz., and Rollins.

She was most proud to be an involved member of the Sons and Daughters of the Montana Pioneers, her ancestor first came to Montana in 1844. No matter where she went, her heart was always in Montana.

She was active in church, school, professional, civic and social activities, serving on numerous boards and committees. Always the perfect hostess, she organized and orchestrated several personal and professional projects.

Her husband remembers with particular pride one service project that Joan coordinated. After Guam was devastated by a typhoon, the island needed books to replace those that had been lost. Joan got involved and when the project was done, she got the Navy to transport 50 tons of books that had been collected through the network she activated.

There were numerous other accomplishments, a few of which included chairing the Anchorage World Affairs ball and chairing the fundraising dinner for the Alaskan wing of the Anchorage museum.

Along the way she had time to raise four daughters. Terri Ray lives in Seattle; Lorri Gorman, husband Matt and five children, Katie, Bobby, Mickey, Kelly and Patricia live in Palham, N.Y.; Stacy Thorpe, husband Stephen and two children, Scott and Sarah, live in Eagle River, Alaska; and Cami Smart lives in Tempe, Ariz. She is also survived by her husband Bill.

The Lord took Joan home to rest in eternal peace with Him and her family who preceded her in death, including her father Gustaf Edstrom, stepfather Helmer Trettevik, mother Alice Edstrom Trettevik and brother Edwin Edstrom.

At her request she has been cremated and will be interred in the family's private burial plot. A service will be conducted for family members at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be made in Joan's name to the Sons and Daughters of the Montana Pioneers, at P.O. Box 6374, Helena, MT 59604.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Andrew Zachary Smarz III

Andrew Zachary Smarz III, infant son of Andrew Milton Smarz Jr. and Shawna Virginia Schulze, was stillborn on Thursday, March 25, 1999.

He is survived by his parents, Andrew Milton Smarz Jr. and Shawna Virginia Schulze; one brother, Quinn Michael Brockman; grandparents Stephen and Mary Schulze and Andrew and Eugenia Smarz; and numerous aunts and uncles and many family friends who were all waiting in anticipation of his birth.

Graveside urn burial will be at 10 a.m. Monday at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery with Deacon Fred Topp officiating. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is in charge of arrangements.

Agnes Burkhard Smith, 94

Agnes Burkhard Smith, 94, died on Tuesday, July 27, 1999, after a brief stay in Brendan House in Kalispell.

She was born Sept. 3, 1904, in Chicago, Ill., to George and Sophie Mohnen Burkhard.

She moved here from Ojai, Calif., to live with her daughter, Virginia, and her husband, Sid Hughes, four years ago. She grew up in Kenilworth, Ill. She later moved to Ojai, where she designed and sewed fashions.

She will be remembered for her adventurous spirit, gentle smile and the twinkle in her eyes.

She was the beloved grandmother of Sandy and Joe Maffit of Wheaton,

Ill., Carol and Mike Raiman of Kalispell, Nancy and Rex Crorkin of Prospect Heights, Ill., Hank and Heidi Bohn of Camas, Wash., Patty and John Weber of Ft. Atkinson, Wis., and David Bohn of Kalispell.

She was a loving great-grandmother to Steve, Bob, Jennifer, Mike, Victoria, Gretel and Jace, and she cherished the recent arrival of her great-great-granddaughter, Mackenzie Rose Raiman.

Cremation has taken place and no services are planned here.

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

Gladys Smith, 88

Gladys Smith, 88, a longtime Whitefish resident, died March 1, 1999, a week short of her 89th birthday at the Colonial Manor in Whitefish, of natural causes.

She was born March 8, 1910, in Medicine Hat, Alberta, to William and Bessie Wellington. She grew up in the Great Falls area and graduated with honors from Belt High School and Northern Montana College in Havre.

For many years she taught in one and two-room country schools in various areas of Montana. After retiring from teaching she worked at the John B. Simons Hospital as a housekeeper for several years.

On March 30, 1940, she married Autley Smith in Kalispell. They made their home in Whitefish, where their son Larry was born. The family's favorite pastimes were fishing, camping and picking huckleberries.

She was a longtime member of

Christ Lutheran Church and a member of the Whitefish Golden Agers. She loved calling bingo for the senior citizens.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband Autley; two sisters, Anesta Wellington and Florence Pennicard; and a brother, M.R. "Duke" Wellington.

She is survived by a son, Larry Smith and his wife, Carol, and grandson, Nicholas, all of Seattle; two nieces, Elaine Thoring of Whitefish, and Phyllis Lewis of Fairfield; two nephews, Wayne Pennicard and Jerry Wellington, both of Whitefish; a sister-in-law, Louise LaBrie of Whitefish.

Visitation will be 2 to 8 p.m. today at the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish. Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Friday at the funeral home with the Rev. John Bent officiating. Interment will follow at the Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Kalispell.

Heather Ann Smith, 18

Heather Ann Smith, 18, died Tuesday, Aug. 10, 1999. Her organs were donated Wednesday, Aug. 11, 1999, to Life Center Northwest Donor Network through Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

She was born Oct. 17, 1980, at Kalispell Regional Hospital in Kalispell, to Dr. (R. D.) "Dan" Smith and Linda E. Smith.

She attended school at Montessori Fair-Mont-Egan, Kalispell Junior High, and graduated from Kalispell High School in 1998. She was pursuing her dream of becoming a registered nurse through Flathead Valley Community College and the Montana University System.

She was baptized as Lutheran and is being mourned by a multitude of friends and family as a result of this



most unfortunate death.

She is survived by her parents, Dr. R. D. Smith and wife, Linda Elaine, and sister, Angela Danielle Smith, all of Kalispell; grandparents, Anna M. Smith of Columbia, Mo., William E. Cantrell of Kalispell, and Mr. and Mrs. Walter R. Surber of Orange, Calif.; aunts and uncles, Jim and Olivia Leid of Waitsburg, Wash., Gene M. Cantrell of Marysville, Wash., James W. Smith and John B. Smith, both of Columbia, Missouri.

A memorial service in celebration of her life will be held Saturday at 4 p.m. on the Big Mountain at the Outpost (bottom of Chair 6) for all her friends and family.

The family suggests memorials be sent in honor of Heather A. Smith to the Flathead Valley Community College Nursing Scholarship Fund.

Cremation and arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

James 'Jim' H. Smith, 88

James "Jim" H. Smith, 88, of Polson, died of cancer at his home on July 28, 1999.

He was born on Nov. 29, 1910, in Edgerton, Mo., to James M. and Charlotte Smith. He attended school and graduated from Edgerton High.

He moved to Malta, and worked at the Fort Peck Dam and for a local electric company. While in Malta, he met Beulah Fern Carlson and they were married on Dec. 10, 1936, in Harlem.

They moved to Polson in the early 1940s, and he started working for the Flathead Project. Beulah died in 1974. He retired as a foreman for the power company in 1975.

He married Evelyn Jones on Aug. 2, 1975, in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. She preceded him in death in 1998.

He never met a stranger and will be missed by many people in Polson. He was an avid golfer, fisherman, hunter and outdoorsman. He also liked to play pool, bowl and dance.

He was a member of the Polson Volunteer Fire Department, Elks, past member of the Polson City Parks Board, and an active member of the Polson Outdoors Inc.

He was always active in community events, including the annual East-



er egg hunt and many events that pertained to conservation issues. He was one of the original hunter safety instructors.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Beulah; daughter, Charlotte Forman; and second wife, Evelyn.

He is survived by his daughter, Sandy Davis and her husband, Chuck, of Boise, Idaho; three sons, Keith Smith and wife, Linda, and Dennis Smith and wife, Mercedes, all of Tempe, Ariz., and Robert Smith and wife, Rose, of Palmdale, Calif.; son-in-law Tom Forman of Polson; grandchildren, Brenda Oberltner, David Forman, Brad Forman, Charlene Davis, Eric Davis, Kibbie Smith, Kaycie Smith, Michele Smith, Heather Smith, Denise Smith, Thomas Barnes, Jessica Thompson and Nicholas Smith; and 14 great-grandchildren.

He was also special to Evelyn's family and will be remembered as a special uncle to his many relatives in Missouri.

Memorials may be made to Polson Outdoors, Inc., or Lake County Relay For Life (Lake County Cancer Society), or Easter Seals.

Visitation will be Friday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Funeral services will be held on Saturday at 10:30 a.m. at Grogan Funeral Home with the Rev. Miles Finch officiating. Burial will be held at Lakeview Cemetery following the chapel service.

Loralee Smith, 56

Loralee Smith of Kalispell died in Morgan Hill, Calif., on April 11, 1999, following a lengthy illness. She was 56 years of age.

She was a native of Chassell, Mich. She moved to Kalispell two years ago after her husband's retirement.

She was a loving and devoted wife, mother, grandmother and homemaker. She was loved by the many friends she made during her lifetime, which encompassed her time spent in Michigan, Montana, Colorado, and California. She will be dearly missed by all whose lives she touched.

She is survived by her husband of 37 years, Bob Smith, of Kalispell; daughters and sons-in-law, Leeanne and Fred May of Gilroy, Calif., and Robbin and Oke Ransome of Cotati, Calif.; grand-

daughters, Meredith and Miranda May of Gilroy; grandson, Connor Ransome of Cotati; mother, Alina Barkkari of Kalispell; mother-in-law, Gloria Smith of Houghton, Mich.; sister and brother-in-law, Gloria and Kent Woodell of Castro Valley, Calif.; brother and sister-in-law, William Joel and Patti Barkkari of Columbia Falls; sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Laurie and Dr. William Clark of Syracuse, N.Y.; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Roger and Irene Smith of Nevada City, Calif.; and several aunts, uncles, nieces, and nephews.

Funeral services were held today. Memorial donations in her memory may be made to South Valley Community Church, 8095 Kelton Ave., Gilroy, CA 95020.

Margaret J. 'Mickey' Pfrimmer Smith, 77

Margaret J. "Mickey" Pfrimmer Smith, 77, died on Saturday, March 6, 1999.

She was born in Great Falls, the third child of eight children, and she moved to Whitefish in the 1930's. She lived most of her life in Montana and Washington, moving to Texas in 1990.

In her earlier years she was a homemaker and later worked in health care.

While living in Columbia Falls, she was active in the Veterans of Foreign Wars Women's Auxiliary and served a term as state president. In Kennewick, Wash., she was president of her organ club. In Universal City, she attended the Senior Citizens Center in Converse.

She was an outgoing, energetic person who always found the positive in the most negative situations. She was very creative. She painted, played the piano and organ, crocheted, was involved in many other handicrafts, and made many beautiful items.

She was preceded in death by her

husband, R.C. Smith; parents Bob and Lillian Pfrimmer; and sister, Pat Little.

She is survived by her loving daughters, Sharon Schufletowski and husband Frank and Sheila Monday and husband Dale; sister Sylvia Welch; brothers, Jack, Glenn, Bruce, Charles, and Donald; grandchildren, Lorelei and Drew Schufletowski, and Suzanne Fenske, Tony and Scott Monday, and Angela Lester; great-grandchildren, Phillip and Brandon Monday; and numerous nephews, nieces, grandnephews and grandnieces including several in the Flathead Valley, George, Jerrold and Brianna Pfrimmer of Whitefish, and Fred Chase and wife Candace of Bigfork.

Memorial services will be in Texas on Saturday at 2 p.m. at Colonial Funeral Home Chapel with Deacon Clifford Friesenhahn officiating.

A second service will be held in Whitefish, at St. Charles Catholic Church on Saturday, March 20, at 1 p.m. with interment to be in Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Mikel David Smith, 45

Mikel David Smith, 45, died Oct. 10, 1999, of a heart attack in Seattle.

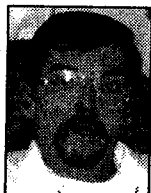
He was born in Kalispell on April 13, 1954, to Marion "Buzz" Smith and Vivian "Patti" Smith.

He graduated from Flathead High School in 1973.

He served in the Army at Fort Lewis from 1973 to 1976. He was then employed at Harp Line Constructors for many years until becoming disabled.

He enjoyed his winters in Ocean-side, Calif. He loved to fish, hunt, camp and spend time with his friends and family.

He was preceded in death by his



parents, Buzz and Patti Smith.

He is survived by his dear friend, Kristi Schellinger of Whitefish; three sons, Monte Smith and his wife, Beth, of North Carolina, Jason Smith and his wife, Sheri, of Kalispell and Brandon Smith of San Diego, Calif.; twin brother, Mark Smith and his wife, Frankie, of Kalispell; three sisters, Rita Roll and husband, Dale, of California, Vicki Jo Lopez and husband, Frank, of Bigfork and Patti Ruiz of Whitefish; one grandson, Brady Smith; his grandmother, Mildred Frach of Kalispell; and several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. at Johnson Mortuary, with the Rev. Ron Pierce officiating. A reception will follow.