

Earl Robert Wagner, 83

Earl Robert Wagner, 83, of Creston, died Friday, July 9, 1999, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

He was born July 20, 1915, in Creston, to Albert and Emma Heller Wagner.

As a teenager he broke horses and sold them for logging and farming. Around age 20 he worked for the U.S. Forest Service packing supplies into trail maintenance crews, lookouts and firefighting crews.

He married Ethel I. Buck on Dec. 15, 1939, in Kalispell. He was then working for Joe Giearex Logging Camp, skidding logs with horses and then moved on to the Somers Lumber Co. in the mill yard.

In 1942, he purchased the Browns' Meadow Ranch west of Kila, but still was active in logging and sawmilling until 1954. During that time Earlene, Edwin and Ronda were born to Earl and Ethel.

During the construction of the Hungry Horse Dam, he cleared the land above the dam, and later the power line right of ways for the Bonneville Power Lines from Hungry Horse to Hot Springs



In the early 1950s he got out of logging and sawmilling and purchased another ranch at Swan Lake, and later another ranch at Fortine. He continued ranching until 1970, when he returned to the home place at Creston, and was semiretired.

He enjoyed dancing, traveling, fishing and story telling and later on did well witching around the valley.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother and is now survived by his wife, Ethel, at the family home in Creston; two daughters, Earlene Maldonado and husband, Fred, of Denver, Colo., Ronda Miller and husband, Mike, of Austin, Texas; one son, Edwin Wagner of Gresham, Ore.; seven grandchildren and four great-granddaughters; and one sister, Arlene White of Hungry Horse.

Funeral services will be today at 2 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel with Dr. David Kauffman officiating. Visitation will be today until the time of services at Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Burial will follow at C. E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

The family suggests memorials to go to the donors' favorite charity.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

1999 Anna H. Walchli, 94

Anna H. Walchli, 94, of Lewistown, died early Friday morning at the Central Montana Skilled Nursing Center of natural causes. *12 March*

She was born Oct. 21, 1904, on Cottonwood Creek near Lewistown, the daughter of Joseph and Emma Vanek. The family then moved to Brooks, and she received her schooling there and at Fergus High School, graduating in 1923.

She then attended Normal School in Lewistown after which she began teaching. She taught at Tyler, Folda School at Maiden and Bear Springs near Denton.

In June of 1928, she was united in marriage to Charles Storfa in Hilger. They purchased a farm near Brooks, where they lived and raised their two children.

After his death in 1939, she continued on the ranch and taught school in rural schools in the central Montana area.

In the mid 1940s, she purchased a cherry orchard on Flathead Lake and moved here. She taught school in Ronan and later in Bigfork.

In June of 1958, she was united in marriage to Hans Walchli in Ronan. They lived in Kalispell, spending their summers on Flathead Lake.

After his death in 1961, she continued living here until 1977, when she moved to Lewistown. She entered the nursing home in 1991.

She loved to teach and was requested as a teacher by many people. She was very proud of her flowers and received the greatest pleasure from sharing their beauty with family and friends in the Flathead area.

She was a member of St. Leo's Catholic Church of Lewistown, and the Flathead Lake Garden Club.

She is survived by one son, Charles Storfa and his wife Susan of Bigfork; one daughter, Margaret Fabian and her husband Bob of Lewistown; one brother, Stanley Vanek of Lewistown; five grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Besides her husbands, she was preceded in death by one daughter Mary, her parents, three brothers, and four sisters.

Services have been held in Lewistown.

Friends may make memorials to the charity of their choice and they may be left at the Cloyd Funeral Home.

Terry Lee Walcott, 38

Terry Lee Walcott, 38, died Dec. 9, 1999, at his home in Kalispell. He was born Feb. 2, 1961, in Sparta, MI, the son of Robert Vern and Linda Lou Rambart Walcott.

He was employed as a saddle maker for Montana Pack and Saddle. He enjoyed being a hunting guide and a custom saddle maker.

He was preceded in death by his father, Robert V. Walcott.

He is survived by his mother, Linda Marsh and her husband Donald of Kalispell; one daughter, Shanda Wal-

cott of Kalispell; one sister, Debbie Harmon; two step-sisters, Marianne Waite and Connie Potter; a step-brother, Michael Marsh; several aunts and uncles and one special nephew, Shane Knight.

Memorials may be directed to the Shanda Walcott Memorial Fund, c/o Linda Marsh, 432 E. Idaho, Suite C, PMB-248, Kalispell, Mt. 59901.

A private memorial service for friends and family will be at Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary.

Diane Pamela Lalum Walker, 48

Diane Pamela Lalum Walker, 48, died May 19, 1999, in Tacoma, Wash.

She was born to Palmer and Dorothy Lalum in Havre, on April 6, 1951. She and her brother, Andy, were raised on the family farm in Joplin. The family moved to Whitefish, for her sixth-grade year. She was a graduate of Whitefish High School.

After graduation, she attended Pacific Lutheran University, where she earned her bachelor of arts degree in education. She met Gary Walker of Tacoma, Wash., and they were married on July 7, 1973.

She always knew she would become a teacher, as was her mother, Dorothy. The cancer that she battled courageously for the last two years ended a dedicated 24-year career with the Bethel School District.

She earned her master of education degree from Pacific Lutheran University and worked as an adjunct professor of education with Pacific Lutheran and Seattle Pacific University. She shared her love of children with many aspiring young



educators.

She and her husband were blessed with two beautiful daughters, Alysa Anne born Aug. 17, 1979, and Annika Joy born June 9, 1984. The girls were God's gifts to Diane and Gary. She was the consummate mom, wife, friend, lover, coach, manager and true woman of courage, faith and endurance.

She shared her faith as a member of Spanaway Lutheran Church where she was a Sunday school teacher.

She leaves her mother, Dorothy, of Kalispell; her husband, Gary, of Tacoma; daughters, Alysa and Annika of Tacoma; her brother, Andy, his wife, Gaylene, and their children, Adam, Andrea and Jessica Lalum of Bozeman; and Annette Brown, her sister-in-law, of Tacoma, and her son, Matt, of Fairbanks, Alaska.

She was laid to rest at Glacier Memorial Gardens with a celebration of communion on Sunday, May 23, 1999. The Rev. Dan Heskett of Northridge Lutheran Church conducted the service.

Memorials in the name of Diane Walker for the continuing education of Annika and Alysa may be made to Rainier Pacific Credit Union, P.O. Box 11628, Tacoma, WA 98411.

Phyllis Jean Walsh, 71

Phyllis Jean Walsh, 71, died July 20, 1999, in Seattle. She died from complications related to Alzheimer's disease.

"Jean" as she was known to family and friends, was born in Helena. She was the only child of Phillip and Margaret Jordet of Kalispell. She attended primary and secondary school in Kalispell.

She was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority and graduated cum laude from the University of Montana in June 1950. At the U of M she met her future husband, Emmet T. Walsh of Anaconda. The couple married in Kalispell, on Sept. 9, 1950.

She and her husband lived in Helena, after he graduated from law school. She gave birth to two children in Helena, her son John and daughter Julie.

In 1957, the family moved to her husband's hometown of Anaconda. Her next child, Jean Marie, was born in Anaconda. In 1963, the Walsh family moved to Seattle. The following year, she gave birth to her youngest

child, Jacqueline Kay.

She was a loving wife, mother and grandmother.

She is survived by her husband Emmet T. Walsh; her children, John, Julie, Jean Marie and Jackie; her daughter-in-law Susan Long-Walsh; her son-in-law Mark Larranaga; her grandchildren, Ryan, Blake, Jacob and Robyn.

Arrangements by Bonney-Watson on Capitol Hill.

Irene W. Walling, 89

Irene W. Walling, 89, a long time Whitefish resident, died Sunday morning, Jan. 31, 1999, at

Brendan House in Kalispell of natural causes.

She was born Sept. 8, 1909, in Bussey, Iowa, to Peter and Alice Drake Wolfe. She was raised and attended schools in Bussey.

She married Harold Walling on April 30, 1943, in Duwanish, Wis. In 1945, the couple came to Whitefish, where they owned and operated Wally's 66 Service Station until 1966. She was an avid bowler.

She was preceded in death by her husband on June 2, 1972.

She is survived by a brother and a number of nieces and nephews, including Teddy, Jerry and Pete Wolfe of Whitefish.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Kalispell. Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish is in charge of arrangements.

Kenneth G. Waller, 72

Kenneth G. Waller, 72, died peacefully at his home in Hawaii on Nov. 25, 1999.

He was born in Marcelline, Mo., on May 4, 1927, to George and Minnie Waller. They moved to Shepherd when he was a young boy. He attended high school there and joined the Navy in 1945, and spent his time in Cuba during World War II.

After "D" Day, he got out of the Navy and was soon married, having four children, Lloyd, Cindy, Lennie and Steve. He later remarried and had John and was the stepfather of three sons and one daughter.

Later in life he moved to Hawaii and met and married his present

wife, Shelly, and gained five more stepchildren.

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

He is survived by one sister, Bernice Bestul of Kila; two brothers, Richard Waller of Seattle, and Jerry Waller of Dillon; three sons, Lloyd Waller and Steve Waller, both of Kalispell, and John Waller of Marion; two daughters, Cindy and Lennie, both of Helena. He had several grandchildren and stepgrandchildren and loved them all very much. He had 13 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. His stepchildren are Jennifer Remmers, Tisha Remmers, Jamie Remmers, Tristan Remmers

and Jarrob Remmers, all of Hawaii. His stepchildren were his joy and a lot of help to their mother when he fell ill.

He was a good carpenter by trade. He took great pride in the residential houses he built here in the valley. He also helped build some commercial buildings here in the valley. They will remind us of him as we drive by them. The buildings will live on in his memory.

He was also very proud of his service to the Navy and his country.

Funeral services and burial will be at 1:00 p.m. Thursday in Hawaii.

The Vodo Mortuary is handling the arrangements.

Mary M. Watkins, 76

Mary M. Watkins, 76, of Columbia Falls, died Monday, May 10, 1999, at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

She was born July 5, 1922, in Pullman, Wash., to Wells and Helen Wilson.

She married Wally Watkins in Wrightwood, Calif., on Oct. 3, 1964.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, Grant, John and Don Wilson; and her husband, Wally.

She is survived by three children, including Clark Penning-

ton of Kalispell, and Bruce Pennington and his wife, Judy, of Columbia Falls; 12 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be Thursday from 1 to 8 p.m. at Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. Services will be Friday at 1 p.m. at the Columbia Falls United Methodist Church. Burial will follow the service at the Montana Veterans Home Cemetery in Columbia Falls. Military honors will be provided by the Veterans of the Flathead Valley.

Lorietta Belle Smith Walter, 77

Lorietta Belle Smith Walter, 77, died March 25, 1999, at the Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

She was born Oct. 19, 1921, in Shreveport, La., to Jack Charles Watson and Ethel Evelyn Nugent Smith.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Glen Otto Walter in 1979, two daughters, and one sister.

She is survived by a daughter in Eureka; five grandchildren including Karen Sandler and husband, Dan, of Kalispell; and seven great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be Monday, at 1 p.m. in the Eureka Cemetery.

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

Hugo Walter, 88, a longtime Whitefish resident, died Monday, Jan. 25, 1999, at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish of natural causes.

He was born June 20, 1910, in Daubach, Germany, to Karl and Anna Walter, one of 12 children. He was raised and educated in Germany and was an altar boy in the Catholic church there. He came to America when he was 19 years old and resided in the house near Whitefish that he and his cousin built.

When he arrived he took a job for about two years shoeing horses in logging camps. Then he and his cousins, William and Aloys Donsbach, started a ranching and logging business on the Stillwater River west of Whitefish. In 1963 he was a founder and partner with William Sr. and William Donsbach Jr. in the Stillwater Timber Products Co. of Whitefish. He worked up to the day he died.

He was a member of St. Charles Catholic Church in Whitefish.

He loved to fish and hunt, and attending to his livestock. He will be remembered for his ability to fix and invent farm and ranch equipment. He was a crawler-tractor operator who cleared hundreds of acres of land on the ranch he loved so dearly.

He is survived by a brother, Gerhard Walter in Germany; two sisters, Maria and Anna, both in Germany; two cousins, William Donsbach in Whitefish, and Dr. Kurt Donsbach in Bonita, Calif.; and numerous other relatives here and in Germany.

Visitation will be 1 to 8 p.m. Friday and a Christian wake service will be 7 p.m. Friday at the Austin Funeral Home. A mass of the Christian burial will be 10 a.m. on Saturday at the St. Charles Catholic Church in Whitefish. Burial will follow at the Glacier Memorial Gardens in Kalispell.

Kenneth "Max" Walters, 96, died July 13, 1999, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

Born on Aug. 8, 1902, at home in Loman, Mont., he was one of five children born to Edward and Mamie Walters. He attended school at South Yantic near Chinook. Recently there was a reunion with the three remaining students where lots of memories were recalled.

On Oct. 5, 1925, he married Evelyn Butcher, the local librarian. Two children were born. In 1932, they moved to the Flathead Valley and settled in the Birch Grove area where he farmed. He and his brothers threshed grain around the valley with a steam engine and threshing machine.

He went to work for Equity in the creamery and the grain elevators. He retired from there and worked for the state of Montana for three years, helping build the fishing access and park in Somers, along with other parks on Flathead Lake. He and his

wife sold the farm and moved to Kalispell in 1952, where they resided until Evelyn's death in 1997.

In June of 1998, he moved to Well-Life assisted living where he made new friends and enjoyed various activities. He enjoyed working on old tractors and engines and was an avid reader.

He was preceded in death by his wife, and a daughter, Vera.

He is survived by a daughter, Maxine and her husband, Ken, of Kalispell; a sister, Elenore of Portland; nine grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

Graveside service and urn burial will be held Friday at 10 a.m. at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Memorials may be made to Birch Grove Community Center or a charity of the donors' choice.

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

Marion M. Warden, 83

Marion M. Warden, 83, longtime Kalispell resident and dearly beloved mother, grandmother and friend, died on Monday evening, Aug. 16, 1999, after a brief illness.



She was born Dec. 16, 1915, in Missoula, to David F. and Ada M. Mix. She graduated from Missoula Sentinel High School in 1933, and received her bachelor of art degree from the University of Montana in 1937.

An active and outgoing university student, she was a member of Spurs (the women's service organization) and Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority. Her sunny nature and interest in campus politics attracted the attention of law student Merritt N. Warden, and the two became engaged in 1938.

She spent a year working as manager of Missoula's city-wide playgrounds program while Merritt began his career with the Walchli & Korn law firm in Kalispell. The couple married in Missoula in May 1940, and began their life together in Kalispell.

In 1942, her husband was called to active duty as a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army. She followed her husband to Abilene, Texas, where their first child Penny was born.

Always an independent spirit, she dealt with the red tape and protocol of military life by smiling sweetly and going her own way. As her husband was transferred from Texas to California to New Jersey, before sailing for Europe and the June 1944 Allied Forces landing in France, she and her infant daughter followed him, collecting scarce gasoline coupons from charmed officials by explaining that the two were trying to get "all the way home to Montana."

She and her daughter finally did return to her parent's home in Helena for the balance of the war and for the birth of her son, Merritt Douglas, in September 1944.

When her husband returned safely in 1945, the family moved again to Kalispell, where they lived a full and rewarding life together. Her husband served on the Board of Regents for the

State of Montana and was an active member of the University of Montana Foundation Board of Trustees for 18 years. Merritt died in June 1966.

She was a fearless bridge player ("one heart ... four hearts!") and a member of Buffalo Hill Golf Course (where she shot two holes in one). She was involved in the restoration of the Conrad Mansion and enjoyed taking long walks through her neighborhood and into Woodland Park. She was an early president of the Women's Republican Association and a member of the American Association of University Women and AB Chapter of PEO.

She and her husband were members of the First Presbyterian Church in Kalispell. They were blessed with a wide network of friends throughout Montana and in later years spent several weeks each winter golfing in California, Arizona and Hawaii. They also enjoyed traveling to visit their children and grandchildren — those trips took them as far afield as London, Paris and Algeria, as well as Seattle and Las Vegas.

Her family cabin at Placid Lake will always be the heart's home to her children, grandchildren and generations to follow.

She is survived by her son, M. Douglas Warden of Las Vegas; her daughter, Penny Gans and husband, Peter, of Federal Way, Wash.; granddaughters, Shannon Owen and husband, David, Susan Wanke and husband, Jim, and Laurie Griebel and husband, Tom; grandsons, Jeffrey and Jonathan Gans; and eight great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Monday, Aug. 23, 1999, at 2 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, with the Rev. Gary Berfeind officiating. A reception will follow the service at the church. Burial will be at Glacier Memorial Gardens for the immediate family only and will take place later in the afternoon.

The family suggests memorials be made in Marion's memory to the University of Montana Excellence Fund, P.O. Box 7159, Missoula, MT 59807 or the charity of their choice.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Roger P. Warford, 77

Roger P. Warford, 77, of Polson, a former longtime resident of Missoula, died on Sunday, June 13, 1999, at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls after an extended illness.

He was born on July 8, 1921, in Randolph County, Mo., to Roger Q. and Lewis Faye Warford. When he was six months old, his mother returned with him to the family homestead in eastern Montana. He graduated from Broadus High School.

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

On Sept. 8, 1946, he married Esther Louise Hill in St. Patrick's Church in Butte. They were married for over 52 years.

He attended the School of Mines in Butte, and graduated in 1950 from the Forestry School at the University of Montana with a degree in range management. While attending school, he worked summers as a smokejumper for the U.S. Forest Service.

In 1950, he went to work for the U.S. Bureau of Land Management, where he specialized in fire control and range management until his retirement in 1978. He worked in Miles City, Malta, Bridger and Lewistown, before being transferred to Missoula in 1957. He and his wife decided to stay there and raise their family. In 1992, they moved to Polson.

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

He is survived by his wife, Esther, of Polson; daughter and son-in-law, Esther and Ronald A. Sain of Indiana, Pa.; son and daughter-in-law, James

R. and Judy Warford of Galt, Calif.; daughters, Teresa "Teri" Warford of Giessen, Germany, and Mary Holden of Billings; grandchildren, Erin Sain, Jessica Holden, Mark Haro, Tamara Haro and Lindsey Haro; four sisters, Dean Kelly of Worland, Wyo., Mary Stabler of Miles City, Jennie Warford of Pompey's Pillar and Jo Potter of Missoula; one brother, Thomas R. Warford of Leesville, La.; and many nieces and nephews.

For many years, he was an active member of the Missoula Hellgate Elk's Lodge. He served as exalted ruler in 1982-1983 and was named Elk of the year for 1984-1985; he later served as a trustee and was chairman of the scholarship committee.

He enjoyed woodworking, and for a number of years built either a grandfather clock or a mantel clock for the BASH auction for Loyola-Sacred Heart High School.

A memorial service will be held on Thursday at 11 a.m., at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Polson, with the Rev. Gary Reller officiating. Inurnment with military honors will be held at Lakeview Cemetery in Polson.

Memorials may be made to Loyola-Sacred Heart High School Foundation, 300 Edith St., Missoula, MT 59801, or to the Elks National Foundation, c/o Missoula Hellgate Elks, Front and Pattee, Missoula, MT 59802 or to the Montana Veterans Home, P.O. Box 250, Columbia Falls, MT 59912.

Arrangements and cremation are by Grogan Funeral Home in Polson.

LeRoy 'Roy' Allan Waters, 81

LeRoy "Roy" Allen Waters, 81, died on Saturday, June 26, 1999, at the home of his daughter in Somers.

He was born Dec. 10, 1917, near Shelby, to Merrit and Anna Nicholson Waters.

He lived in Shelby and other small towns in Montana until settling in Creston with his family. He attended school in Creston and graduated from Flathead High School in 1936.

Shortly after high school he joined the Army. After his tour he returned to the valley, where he worked for the railroad. In 1945 Roy was inducted back into the Army, and worked as a rifle instructor in Texas.

After his separation from active duty in 1946, he came back to the valley and entered the sales field. He sold cars for a number of years and eventually moved into the real estate business as a broker. He retired in 1975 because of health reasons, but never stopped being a caregiver to others.

He loved fishing, hunting, gardening and tinkering in his shop. He was also a devoted member of Calvary

Lutheran Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Ken and Merrit.

He is survived by his wife, Irene, at the family home; three daughters, Nancy Bowman and husband, John, of Somers, Sandy Baden and husband, Norman, of Lewistown, and LeAnna Hissong of Davenport, Wash.; a son-in-law, Vernon Hissong of Spokane, Wash.; a sister, Edith Cookson of Eureka, Calif.; eight grandchildren, Emily Uhlhorn of San Francisco, Kris Uhlhorn of Seattle, Chris Frehse of Lewistown, Doug Baden of Charlotte, S.C., Barbara Preston of Ellensburg, Wash., Terry Hissong of Richland, Wash., Sharon Blair of Ninemile Falls, Wash., and Karilee Hissong of Spokane; 14 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-granddaughter.

A private family service was held on Sunday at his daughter's home.

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

Mary M. Watkins, 76

Mary M. Watkins, 76, of Columbia Falls, died Monday, May 10, 1999, at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

She was born July 5, 1922, in Pullman, Wash., to Wells and Helen Wilson. She grew up and was educated in Riverside, Calif.

She served her country in the Army at Biggs Field in El Paso, Texas. She was honorably discharged on June 11, 1945.

She was married to Ivan Pennington and traveled extensively throughout the U.S. and Japan following his career in the Army. This marriage produced three children.

She and her children moved to the Mojave Desert in 1956, and lived with her father. She raised her children while working full-time at a coffee shop, taking in sewing and baking bread and pastries.

She moved to Wrightwood, Calif., in 1960. She married Wally Watkins there on Oct. 3, 1964. They ran the Pine Manor Restaurant and her husband had Watkins Masonry. They

moved to Columbia Falls in 1971.

She was a natural-born homemaker and mother. She was well-known for her baking and her sewing talents.

She loved everyone, and this is reflected in the fact that everyone she touched loved her as she loved them.

She was preceded in death by her parents; three brothers, Grant, John and Don Wilson; and her husband, Wally.

She is survived by her children, Allana Alexander of Encinitas, Calif., Clark Pennington of Kalispell, and Bruce Pennington and his wife, Judy, of Columbia Falls; 12 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be Thursday from 1 to 8 p.m. at Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. Services will be Friday at 1 p.m. at the Columbia Falls United Methodist Church. Burial will follow the service at the Montana Veterans Home Cemetery in Columbia Falls. Military honors by the Veterans of the Flathead Valley.

Harold W. Wandesforde, 84

Harold W. Wandesforde, 84, died of natural causes on March 22, 1999, at the Mountain Valley Hospice House.

He was born in San Mateo, Calif., on March 12, 1915, and raised in Seattle. His childhood was interrupted when he contracted a rare bone disease that left him bedridden for over five years.

During that time he began collecting autographs by lying in bed and using one finger to type letters. As he got interested in famous people he would read library books about them, thus educating himself as he was not able to finish high school.

He was written about in the Seattle papers many times. His autograph collection is vast and includes a large variety. They include Albert Einstein who sent him an autographed book, Alexander Graham Bell, many presidents including Ulysses S. Grant and both Roosevelts, Richard Strauss, Mahatma Ghandi, David Livingston, Thomas Lawrence "Lawrence of Arabia," Orville Wright, Clarence Darrow, Rudyard Kipling, Helen Keller, Mark Twain (his daughter sent him a page of a handwritten manuscript as she had no autographs left), Samuel Morse, George Bernard Shaw who he wrote to six times, and Charles Lindbergh who he wrote to 12 times. H.G. Wells sent one with an inscription saying "I never give autographs. No rule without an exception."

He began working at Washington Title Insurance Co. in Seattle as a messenger, and after being transferred to Las Vegas in 1961, he

became president of the company which was then Title Insurance and Trust Co. He lived there during the Howard Hughes era and did the title work for the hotel buy-outs for Hughes. When he retired from the firm he had worked there for 52 years.

He was very active in the community and won numerous awards. He was Rotary president, on the Salvation Army board, United Way president, on the board of realtors and was a founding trustee of the Blue Coats who raised money for wounded or killed policemen.

There was a Harold Wandesforde day in Las Vegas, and a street named after him. He served as an ambassador for Nevada and went to Europe to promote tourism with then Gov. Grant Sawyer.

He and his wife, Ann, moved to Missoula several years ago to be closer to their family.

He is survived by his wife Ann; his daughters and sons-in-law, Carol and John Gordon of Missoula and Barbara and Bob Ford of Boise, Idaho; former son-in-law Harry Lattin of Kalispell; grandsons Brandon Hayes-Lattin, Brent Lattin, Robert Ford and Jon Ford; and five great-grandchildren.

There will be no memorial service at his request and cremation has taken place.

The family suggests donations to the Mountain Valley Hospice House in Missoula.

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

Selma Robbins Weed, 89

Selma Robbins Weed, 89, died Jan. 6, 1999, at home in Kalispell.

She was born in Roseland, Neb., on Nov., 27, 1909, to Gustave C. and Sarah Elizabeth Cade Burchard. In 1913, she moved with her family to a homestead north of Chinook. She attended the local schools and helped her parents on the farm.

On Dec. 25, 1929, she married Earl Robbins. In 1936, they moved into Chinook so the children could attend school. In 1951, the family moved to the Evergreen area of Kalispell. Her husband died in August of 1965.

She worked for Bell Manufacturing Company for 13 years. She was a 25 year member of the V.F.W. Auxiliary and a past president of that organization. She was also a 20-year member and past president of MOCA, devoting many hours to veterans organizations, especially the Montana Veterans Home and Kalispell General Hospital.

On Oct. 12, 1968, she married Earl Weed. She enjoyed camping, fishing, and traveling with family members to neighboring countries and Europe.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Earl Weed; daughter Lucille Dickinson; and granddaughter, Ardis Dickinson; and three sisters and five brothers.

She is survived by two daughters, Lois Francis and husband, DeWitt "Woody" of Lincoln, and Sun City, Ariz., and Barbara Lorraine Eystad and husband, James, of Kalispell; and two stepsons, Kenneth Weed and

wife, Pat, of Kalispell, and Earl Weed and wife, Lynn; many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. Also surviving are two sisters-in-law, Frances Burchard of Spokane, and Dorothy Burchard of Port Angeles, Wash.

She was a member of Calvary Lutheran Church in Evergreen.

Family requests memorials to the Diabetes Foundation, P.O. Box 2411, Great Falls, MT 59403-2411 or to the American Cancer Society at P.O. Box 1002, Kalispell, MT 59903-1002.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday at 2 p.m. in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Bob Nilson officiating. Burial will follow in Glacier Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be held Monday, from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary. Arrangements under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Shirley Weakly

Shirley A. Weakly, 78,¹⁹⁹⁹ died Feb. 13, at her home in Kalispell of Lou Gehrig's disease.

She was born Nov. 24, 1920, in Kankakee, Ill., to George and Mary Larsen MacKenzie.

She was educated in Bradley, Ill., and a graduate of Marycrest Business College in Kankakee, Ill. She married Donald V. Weakly on Nov. 28, 1938, in Kentland, Ind. She worked for a fabricating plant for 27 years as a secretary and after retirement worked for the Department of Child and Family Services for four years. After moving to Kalispell in 1989, she worked as a K-Mart associate for seven years and at Alpine Auction Center. Before moving to Montana she was a volunteer tutoring adult students in the Alive program and high school students in reading, spelling, English, and mathematics. She also was a seamstress.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Alice Larsen and Marian Spires; two brothers, Donald and Edwin MacKenzie.

She is survived by a daughter, Sharon Miller of Kalispell; sisters, Edith Phillips of Oak Lawn, Ill., and Norma Faford of Bourbonnais, Ill.; six grandchildren, including Mickey and Charles Lapp of Columbia Falls.

Funeral service will be Thursday (today) at 10 a.m., at Trinity Lutheran Church with Pastor Darold Reiner officiating. Burial will follow in Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

The family suggests memorials to Trinity Lutheran High School Funds, 400 West California Street, Kalispell, MT 59901 or Home options Hospice, 1280 Burns Way, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Juanita Foster Weinland, 87

Juanita Foster Weinland, 87, died Oct. 5, 1999, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

She was born Jan. 2, 1912, in Chicago, Ill., to Harry Thorpe and Margaret Jane Swafford Foster. Her mother died in 1918, and her stepmother in 1923. She was raised by her Cherokee grandparents in Battle Creek, Mich., and her aunt and uncle in Springfield, Ill.

She graduated from Springfield High School and Business College before accepting an appointment as stenographer with the newly formed Internal Revenue Service in Washington, D.C. She studied piano at the Springfield Conservatory of Music and Allied Arts.

On Aug. 18, 1937, she married Harry Olonzo Weinland, who was a service technician for the National Cash Register Corp., NCR. During World War II, they moved to Osborn, Ohio. In 1943, they became the parents of a daughter, Linda. The family lived from 1945 to 1968 in Montgomery County, Md.

In 1963, she went to work for the Heart Institute at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Md., to help finance her daughter's college education.

Later she worked at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, until her retirement.

She moved to Kalispell in 1988, and



to Immanuel Lutheran Home from the Buffalo Hill Terrace Apartments in December 1993.

Her interests included cooking, sewing, tailoring, embroidery, knitting, crocheting, tatting,

music and art.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1978, and is now survived by her daughter, Linda Shearer and husband, Matt, of Kalispell; three grandchildren, Erin Reagan and husband, Scott, Jason Shearer and wife, Stacy, all of Missoula, and Adam Shearer at Lewis & Clark College in Portland; two great-granddaughters, Hannah and Katie Reagan of Missoula; and one niece, Juanita Foster of Minneapolis, Minn.

Memorial services will be Friday at 10 a.m. at Northridge Lutheran Church with the Rev. Gary Cockrell officiating. Visitation will be Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Burial will be at Medway Mennonite Cemetery in Medway, Ohio.

The family suggests memorials be sent to Immanuel Lutheran Home or the Medway Methodist Church.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Joseph P. Weinschrott, 84

Joseph P. Weinschrott, 84, of Whitefish, died May 28, 1999, at North Valley Extended Care.

He was born on March 26, 1915, in Plevna, to John and Frances Weinschrott.

He taught in rural schools, then was employed by the J.C. Penney Company, retiring as a manager in 1969.

He married Catherine E. Gilbert on July 25, 1942.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Catherine, in February

1986; an infant son; a brother; and two sisters.

He is survived by two daughters; six grandchildren; two sisters; and one brother.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. at Christ Lutheran Church in Whitefish, with the Rev. John Bent officiating. Burial will follow at Whitefish Cemetery with military graveside honors. The casket will not be open for viewing.

Austin Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Doris M. Welch, 92

Doris M. Welch, 92, died Thursday, Oct. 7, 1999, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

She was born July 28, 1907 in Sturgeon Point, Mich., to Laughlin and Florence Silverthorn McKinnon. She spent her early years in Foremost, Alberta, and spent one year at Normal School in Calgary. She lived in Alberta until her family homesteaded in the Lower Flathead Valley. She lived the rest of her life in Lake County.

She married Homer A. Welch on Sept. 15, 1929, in St Ignatius.

She was a past matron and 50-year member of Oketa Chapter of the Eastern Star; dual member of Mystic Chapter; active member of Dayton Homemakers Club; and Dayton Pres-



byterian Church. She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband, Homer, and is now survived by two daughters, Genevieve Welch of Polson and Sun Lakes, Ariz., and Isabelle Mattson of

Kalispell; three grandchildren, David Welch and wife, Michelle, of Spokane, Shelley Welch of Kalispell, and Tamara Fletcher and husband, Barrett, of Homer, Alaska; two great-grandchildren, Iris and Rye of Homer; one sister, Grace Scales of

Missoula; two brothers, Howard and wife, Betty McKinnon, of Missoula, and Addison McKinnon and wife, Alberta, of Polson; two sisters-in-law, Dora McKinnon of Lewistown, and Kathleen McKinnon of Missoula; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. at the Dayton Presbyterian Church in Dayton, with a luncheon to follow the service.

The family suggests memorials be given in her name to St. Joseph Hospital Capital Campaign, Baby Health Unit, P.O. Box 1010, Polson, MT, 59860.

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

John Wilbur Wells, 79

John Wilbur Wells, 79, died March 3, 1999, after a lengthy battle with cancer.

He was born April 21, 1919, at the family home in Bigfork, to George Allard and Eliza Ann Hilling Wells.

Having been a lifelong member of the valley, he will be missed by numerous friends and acquaintances.

He proudly served his country during World War II, as usual caring for others as a medic.

After completing his tour of duty, he came back to Bigfork, and worked with a geological survey crew. In 1953, he began working for Pacific Power and Light, retiring in 1983 after 30 years of exemplary service to the community.

John, the cornerstone of the entire Wells family, was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, including Dorothy and one in infancy; and three brothers,



Arthur Herbert, Robert Donald, and Richard Francis.

He is survived by his loving partner in life, Aleatha, at the family home; one son, Donald Hubert and wife, Nina, of Post Falls, Idaho; one daughter, Vaida Ann Clark and husband, Jim, of E. Wenatchee, Wash.; his grandchildren, Cassandra Lee Sherill and husband, Gary, of E. Wenatchee, Travis Jay Fuller of Kalispell, Geoffrey John Wells of Phoenix, Ariz., Reme Jean Potter and Chad Benton Potter of Post Falls; and one very precious great-grandchild, Alexis Cheyann of E. Wenatchee. He is also survived by a sister, Mabel Helseth of Kalispell; two brothers, Wyman of Bigfork, and George Junior of Post Falls; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be Saturday at the Easthaven Baptist Church at 1 p.m. with the Rev. Daniel Lambert officiating. He will be laid to rest in the Lone Pine Cemetery in Bigfork, following the services. All friends and acquaintances are invited to attend.

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

Frank W. West, 85

Frank W. West, 85, of Whitefish, died at North Valley Extended Care in Whitefish on Sunday, July 18, 1999.

He was born March 29, 1914, in Lindsay, Mont., to William and Jessie West. He lived in Lindsay, in Canada, and in Sidney, Spokane, Columbia Falls and Whitefish.

He ranched in Sidney and worked at a sugar beet factory there, raised chickens in Columbia Falls, worked at the Kaiser aluminum plant in Spokane, for the Great Northern Railroad in Whitefish, as a carpenter on Hungry Horse Dam and the Tiber Dam, and built homes in the area.

At the time of his retirement, he was a forklift operator at Plum Creek in Columbia Falls. He also farmed for more than 40 years along Montana 40. After retiring, he spent nine years wintering in Arizona and spending his summers at Echo Lake.

He was a member of Whitefish Moose Lodge since 1968 and the carpenters union. He enjoyed fishing, camping, snowmobiling, wood working, latch-hook rug making, and gardening.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife, Anna C. Obergfell West, after 54 years of marriage; and his stepfather, Richard Claymon.

He is survived by his wife, Leona, at the family home in Whitefish; four children, Donna "Trudy" Nevins in Sidney, Betty Rabidue and her hus-

band, Bob, in Wilson Creek, Wash., Bob West and his wife, Sue, in Columbia Falls; Ruth "Toofy" Crabtree and her husband, George, in Columbia Falls; and 12 step-children, Laura Munson in The Dalles, Ore., Leora Muraoka and her husband, Masa, in Whitefish, Maxine Selner and her husband, John, in Tigard, Ore., Vi Loveall and her husband, Wes, in Canby, Ore., Peg Knudsen in Junction City, Ore., Tom Macomber and his wife, JoAnne, in Lewiston, Archie Macomber and his wife, Patty, in Santa Barbara, Calif., Ruby Imholt-Johansen in Whitefish, Cecil Thompson and his wife, Pat, in Columbia Falls, LeRoy Thompson in Spokane and his wife, Marie, Carol Naber and her husband, Delbert, in Havre, and Ida Braithwaite and her husband, Glen, in Kennewick, Wash.

He is also survived by two sisters, Naomi Myhre and her husband, Bill, in Sweet Home, Ore., and Jeanie Bradshaw and her husband, Brad, in Yuma, Ariz.; and three brothers, Floyd West and his wife, Lenore, in Ronan, Kenneth and his wife, Doris, in Yuma, Ariz., and Don Claymon in Spokane; and more than 150 grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish with the Rev. David Kauffman officiating.

Arrangements and cremation are under the direction of Austin Funeral Home.

Lloyd E. West, 87

Lloyd E. West, 87, died Monday, Jan. 4, 1999, at Lake View Care Center in Bigfork.

He was born Aug. 20, 1911, in Benton, Ill., to Edgar and Myrtle West.

Survivors include a daughter,

Lloyce Logan of Kalispell, a son, and numerous grandchildren.

Cremation has taken place. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory in charge of arrangements.

Ada R. Weston, 107

Ada R. Weston, 107, died Wednesday, Dec. 8, 1999, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

She was born Nov. 4, 1892, in Logan, Iowa to John and Ella McElderry Boyd.

She was a teacher for 12 years and a resident of Montana since 1949. She operated the White Star Cafe and also worked summers at the West Glacier Cafe.

She enjoyed reading, gardening and was very family oriented.

She was a member of the Central Christian Church of Kalispell.

She was preceded in death by a son Robert Weston; a daughter, Beryl Smith;

and a great-grandson Gene VanDort.

She is survived by a daughter, Marjorie Giermann of Kalispell; son Blake Weston of Sequim, Wash.; daughters, Iris Carroll of Dalton, Ga., and Jean Rudio of Havre; and many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Tuesday at 1 p.m. in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Burial will follow in Glacier Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be held Monday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary.

Arrangements are under the direc-

tion of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Hallie Mildred Taylor Thompson Weydemeyer, 81

Hallie Mildred Taylor Thompson Weydemeyer, 81, died on Tuesday, July 27, 1999, at Hunter's Glen in Missoula, from natural causes.

She was born on Nov. 1, 1917, in Shelby. Her parents were Leland and Mary Taylor, who were early day educators and homesteaders. She was educated in Troy, and at the Kinshar Business College in Spokane.

She married W. Kenneth Thompson in 1940. They lived in Helena, where she worked as a stenographer for the Montana legislature. He died in 1958.

She married Winton W. Weydemeyer on her birthday in 1959. They lived at Fortine, where they ranched.

She was a member of the Montana State Grange, was on the Lincoln County High School Board at Eureka, was a member of the Republican Women's Committee, was an active conservationist, and was nominated for the National Republican Conven-

tion. She was also a member of the Christian Science Church.

She enjoyed gardening, and her flowers received blue ribbons at the Tobacco Valley Fair. Huckleberry picking, looking for lady slippers and fishing were her favorite pastimes.

Survivors include her four children, daughters, Roberta Barstad and husband, Milton, of Glasgow, Betty Jo Powell of Missoula, and Hallie Shatley and husband, Steve, of Lubbock, Texas; son Richard Thompson and wife, Marilyn, of Englewood, Colo.; nine grandchildren, three great-grandchildren; sisters, Dorothy Albertson of Morgan Hill, Calif., and Alberta Manicke of Hamilton; and a brother, Benjamin Taylor of Albuquerque, N.M.

A memorial service will be held at Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Libby on Friday at 2 p.m. Interment will follow at Milnor Lake Cemetery.

Laura L. Weydemeyer, 62

Laura L. Weydemeyer, 62, a longtime Columbia Falls resident, died Wednesday, March 3, 1999, at the North Valley Hospital of natural causes.

She was born May 17, 1936, in Chicago, Ill. She was raised and educated in Illinois and California. She came to Montana when she was 16 years old and resided here and Seattle since.

She married Robert Weydemeyer on March 13, 1976, in Whitefish. She worked in the woods products industry as a cutoff sawman. She had also been a cashier in retail sales stores in the area.

She was a member of the Eagles

and the Women of the Moose. She enjoyed knitting, camping, fishing and crossword puzzles.

She was preceded in death by a son, Mark, and a daughter, Tracey.

She is survived by her husband, Robert W. Weydemeyer in Columbia Falls; a son, Vernon "Buddy" Thomen in Billings; two daughters, Teri Clark in Blanchard, Idaho, and Cheryl Hathaway in Spokane; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren; stepdaughter Lisa Abbott in Great Falls.

Private family services will be held. Arrangements are under the direction of the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish.

Ellen Winifred Wheaton, 74

Ellen Winifred Wheaton, 74, died Nov. 19, 1999, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

She was born Feb. 28, 1925, in Kalispell, to Walter and Mary Thompson Stocklin.

She lived in Kalispell for most of her life. She was a loving housewife but also worked at Mountain States Power as a telephone operator for a time.

She was a member of the local VFW and Arizona Moose Lodge.

She loved spending her spare time with friends and family doing jig-saw puzzles.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 27 years, Glen, and her

parents.

She is survived by her daughters, Debora Paxton, and husband, Wayne, of Kalispell, and Glenda Wheaton of Smithville, Texas; three grandsons, Kane Youngquist of Missoula and Jade Youngquist and Scott Paxton, both of Kalispell; one sister, Barbara Murphy of Kalispell; and many nieces and nephews.

No services are planned at this time. The family suggests that memorial contributions be made in memory of Ellen Wheaton to the American Cancer Society.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Mary Jeanette Cutforth-Wheeler, 67

Mary Jeanette Cutforth-Wheeler, 67, of Bigfork, died Nov. 14, 1999.

She was born Nov. 3, 1932, to Thurum Paul and Eleanor Conine Cutforth in Denver. She moved with her parents to Helena in 1936.

She attended school in Helena except from 1941-1945, when she lived in Denver.

She married Jack Darlow in Helena and had four sons. Later, being married to Ralph Gleason Jr. of Deer Lodge, she had two daughters and resided in Deer Lodge until moving to Bigfork.

She loved the outdoors, camping, hunting, fishing and seeing new places. She loved the company of her friends and her family.

Mary loved the Lord and her gift was to help many people with food, shelter and emotional support. Her desire was that they would know the salvation of Jesus Christ and that they would someday see the forgiveness and

mercy that she received from the Lord.

She is survived by four sons, Michael Allen Darlow of Boise, Daniel Lee Darlow of Saginaw, Texas, Gary Kevin Darlow of Gillette, Wyo., and Mark James Darlow of Butte; two daughters, Kelly Jeanette Gleason-Bennett and Kathleen Marie Gleason-Conat, both of Bigfork; 24 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Paul and Eleanor Cutforth, and by Ralph Gleason of Deer Lodge.

A memorial service will be held Tuesday at 1 p.m. at Bigfork Chapel Assembly of God, with the Rev. Martin Davis and the Rev. Orin Covington officiating.

Memorials are suggested to the Gideons in care of Bigfork Chapel Assembly of God, PO Box 899, Bigfork, MT 59911.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Robert Wesley Wheeler, 63

Robert Wesley Wheeler, 63, of Sheridan, died about March 5, 1999, at his home.

He was born in Mildred, on Feb. 4, 1936, to Alvie Wheeler and Bertha Heinz Wheeler.

He spent many years in the Flathead Valley and worked at the Plum Creek fiberboard plant until his wife, Virginia, died in 1990.

He then ran the Robber's Roost near Laurin. He was the third gener-

ation of Wheelers to run Robber's Roost.

He is survived by seven sisters and one brother; a daughter, Deana Taylor of Kalispell; a son, Rob Wheeler of Bremerton, Wash.; a stepdaughter, Mandy Smith of Troutdale, Ore.; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

At his request there will be no services. His ashes will be buried in the Taylor Cemetery at Alder.

Richard Edwin 'Dick' Whitaker, 91

Richard Edwin "Dick" Whitaker, 91, of Bigfork, died Friday, Nov. 5, 1999, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

He was born April 7, 1908, in Missoula, to Richard J. and Alice Mae Whitaker.

He was raised and attended schools in Missoula, where he also graduated from the University of Montana.

He married Lulu Ethel Richards on Sept. 25, 1931, in Missoula.

He worked for the U.S. Forest Service and retired with 31 years of service in Montana, Idaho, Washington, California, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia and Alaska. He retired as chief of maps and surveys for the state of Alaska.



Upon retirement in 1963, he and his wife returned to Missoula. Later, they bought property on Echo Lake near Bigfork and built a home, where they resided since 1965.

He was preceded in death by his wife in 1989.

He is survived by two sons, Richard Allen Whitaker of Bigfork and Patrick William Whitaker of Anchorage, Alaska; six grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; a brother, William B. of Missoula; a nephew, Chuck Crouse and his spouse, Bev; and numerous other relatives.

Private family services will be held Wednesday.

The family requests memorials be made to the Bigfork Quick Response Unit.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.