

Isabelle F. Eastwood, 89

Isabelle F. Eastwood, 89, died Feb. 10, 2000, in Casper, Wyo.

She was born March 6, 1910, in Ayrshire, Scotland, to John and Mary Taylor. She moved with her parents to Waldo, British Columbia at age 2.

On March 16, 1928, in Cranbrook, B.C., she married Earl Eastwood. They lived for many years in Kalispell and later moved to Browning where they owned and operated a hardware store.

She was a member of the Order of Eastern Star, Soroptomists, Rebekahs and the Methodist church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Mary Taylor; her husband, Earl Eastwood; sisters, Grace Rahal and Margaret Hudon; and a great-grandson, Jeremy Giles.

She is survived by a daughter, Marion Giles, and her husband, Burt,

of Auburn, Wash.; son John Eastwood and his wife, Cheryl, of Casper, Wyo.; five grandchildren, Dennis Giles of Ft. Worth, Texas, Donald Giles of Redwood Shores, Calif., Robert Giles of Spokane, and Jeff and Kris Eastwood of Casper; seven great-grandchildren; three sisters, Annie Boyd of Calgary, Alberta, Mary Currie of High River, Alberta, and Joan Broadfoot of Victoria, British Columbia.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Monday at Johnson Mortuary Chapel. There will also be a service by Adah Chapter #17 Order of Eastern Star. Burial will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Gary M. Eckelberry, 59

Gary M. Eckelberry, 59, died on Dec. 16, 2000, at his home in Cheney, Wash.

He was born Nov. 11, 1941, in Kalispell to Gerald and Joan Eckelberry. He was raised and attended school in Kalispell. He enlisted in the US Air Force and served four years. He had worked in the telecommunications industry since the early 1960s.

He is survived by his wife; six children including Marcie Eckelberry of Kalispell; five

grandchildren; a brother, Keith Eckelberry of Kalispell; a sister and many friends.

Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. today at the Cheney Funeral Chapel. A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. on Wednesday at the chapel.

Memorial contributions in his memory may be made to the Sundown M Ranch, P.O. Box 217, Selah, WA 98942.

Arrangements are under the direction of Cheney Funeral Chapel.

Helen Eckelberry, 88

Helen Eckelberry, 88, died at her home in Columbia Falls on Nov. 4, 2000. She was born May 22, 1912, in Jenners, Penn., to Louis and Mary Lenart.

Eckelberry was a teacher all her life. She attained her BA degree in teaching in 1950 at the University of Montana and taught at rural schools in the Flathead Valley from 1949 to 1968, when she retired. She married Henry Eckelberry at Lake Blaine on July 22, 1951.

She also studied art at the University of Akron in Akron, Ohio, and was a missionary teacher in southern India from 1936 to 1942. Her experience in India prepared her for her career in teaching. She also traveled extensively in South Africa, England and other European countries. In 1964, she renewed her teaching degree at the University of Montana.

She was a member of Delta Kappa Gamma sorority, the Badrock Busy Bees, MEA and NEA teachers' organizations, Flathead Choral Society, and was a

Kalispell library patron.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Henry, in 1990; a sister, Nellie Lenart in 1929; and brothers Stanley, Paul, Joseph and Lewis Lenart.

Eckelberry is survived by a daughter, Winona Burns and her husband, Robert, of Columbia Falls; a son, Lowell Eckelberry and his wife, Gail, of Kalispell; a brother, John and his wife, Ruth Lenart, of Bartonville, Ill.; and a sister-in-law, Maxine Lenart of Springfield, Colo. She had two grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial services for Helen Eckelberry will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 8, 2000, at 2 p.m. at the Fairview Cemetery Chapel with Pastor Gerold Schulze officiating. Urn burial will be with her husband Henry in Fairview Cemetery. Arrangements are under the care of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Jeremiah Eickman, 23

Jeremiah Eickman, 23, passed away Nov. 18, 2000, in Georgia.

He was born Sept. 27, 1977, in Kalispell to John and Jan Snyder Eickman.

He received his early education in the Swan Valley School in Condon and continued on in the Kalispell public schools, graduating from Flathead High School in 1995. He also attended Montana State University in Bozeman, majoring in business for two years.

He enjoyed golf, fishing, hunting, and antiquing. He was a very enthusiastic participant in Boy Scout Troop 35, earning his Eagle Scout. He also enjoyed outdoor activities with family and friends.



During high school and college he worked at the Osprey Nest Antiques in Somers. After college he was trained and certified as a long-haul truck driver with Watkins-Shepard and enjoyed his work and travels with the company. He considered his fellow Watkins-Shepard employees as family. He was a loving, devoted son, brother, cousin, uncle and friend.

He was preceded in death by his grandmother, Audrey Oar, step-grandfather, Chike Oar, and his cousin, Chance Summers.

He is survived by his parents, John and Jane of Kalispell; a brother, Travis Eickman and wife Colleen, and their sons Trevor and Tucker, all of Bozeman; grandparents, Homer and Grace Snyder and Merlyn and Eunice Eickman, all of Illinois; aunts and uncles, Sally

and Larry Carr, and Mike and Lori Eickman of Illinois, Shelley Summers and cousins, Tell and Kaiu, all of Missouri, Tom and Nancy Oar of Yaak, Jack and Connie Oar of Howe, Idaho, and Jan and Dave Frazer of Land O'Lakes, Fla.

Memorial services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. at the Swan Chapel in Swan Lake with Rev. Gary Morton officiating. The family suggests memorial gifts be given to the Boy Scouts of America Troop 35, c/o Scott Dickson, 261 Arbour Dr. W., Kalispell, MT 59901; a scholarship fund in his name is also being set up. Donations can be sent to Mike Tronstad, c/o Bank West, P. O. Box 7070, Kalispell, MT 59904.

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Leone Eid, 78

Leone Eid, 78, beloved wife of Lorn, succumbed to her battle with cancer at her home in Helena Flats on Aug. 8, 2000.

She was born in Glasgow, on Jan. 20, 1922, to Harry and Pansie Phelps Squires. She homesteaded near Opheim, until moving to Kalispell in 1947.

She married Lorn Eid in 1961. She worked in the nursing profession until her retirement in 1973. She was a volunteer for Meals on Wheels for many years and loved visiting with all her many friends on her routes.

Her favorite times were spent with her loving children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and



her gardening. She also loved to travel, especially to the prairie where she was raised.

She loved planning family reunions and loved the time reminiscing with loved ones. She was also known for her love of every type of animal.

She was a faithful, loving servant of the Lord and a charter member of Calvary Lutheran Church.

She will always be remembered for her sense of humor and her compassion for others. She gave strength to her family and friends through her faith and love.

She was preceded in death by her parents, three brothers, and sons, Lee Allen, Dennis and Gary Robinson.

She is survived by her husband; seven sisters; daughter, Melvina Wagner and husband, Glen, of Junction City, Ore.; sons,

Clarence Douglas Robinson and wife, Kay Lynn, of Billings, Patrick Wayne Robinson and wife, Beckie, of Portland; and daughter, Denise Gullickson and husband, David, of Kalispell; daughter-in-law Paula Robinson Little of Kalispell; 11 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held on Friday at 10 a.m. at Calvary Lutheran Church with the Rev. Bob Nilsen officiating. Burial will follow at the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Visitation will be on Thursday at Johnson Mortuary from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to Calvary Lutheran Church or Hospice of Flathead County.

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George C. Eklund, 82

George C. Eklund, 82, died on June 15, 2000, in Phoenix, Ariz., after a long illness.

He was born June 30, 1917, in Somers.

An electrician, he moved to Arizona with his family in 1957.

His love for the outdoors

was unmatched, he was an avid golfer, hunter and fisherman.

He is survived by his wife, three children, 10 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Private services were held on Monday in Arizona.

Richard Miles Elderkin, 47

Richard Miles Elderkin, 47, was born June 1, 1953, in Butte.

He died in Coos Bay, Ore., on Oct. 26, 2000.

He was raised in Great Falls and after completing high school he married MaryBeth McGreavey and joined the United States Air Force, serving in the Special Forces.

Upon his return home, he joined his father, Bill D. Elderkin, as a partner in their business, Custom Creative Cabinets, in Kalispell. Later, he worked in management at Fun Beverage in Kalispell, and as an independent carpenter throughout Northwest Montana.

He moved to Missoula, in 1993, to study at the University of Montana. In May 1999, he graduated with a bachelor's degree in social work, an accomplishment his family and friends are forever proud of. His degree brought him to Coos Bay in June 2000, where he began the job he felt he was



meant to do. He worked the last five months, prior to his death, as a social worker at South Coast Hospice, assisting dying patients. In his work, he believed he could give back the love, support, and peace of mind he had received through the ups and downs of his own life.

He was an active member and avid supporter of Alcoholics Anonymous. He will be remembered and embraced by many for carrying a passion and love for living.

He is survived by his mother Claire Campbell; brother William Elderkin; sisters, Carol Daniels, Pam, Amy, and Angela Elderkin; son Damien Elderkin; daughters, Stefanie Brusell and Amber Burns; and four beautiful grandchildren.

Burial services will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday at Manchester Cemetery, (five miles west of town on Manchester Road). A reception will be held at the Westside Methodist Church on Central West.

Donations may be made to South Coast Hospice, 1620 Thompson Road, Coos Bay.

John Mathew Ellingson, 76

John Mathew Ellingson, 76, a long time resident of Eureka, passed away Aug. 21, 2000, at the Kalispell Regional Medical Center from cancer.

He was born May 10, 1924, at Kimball, S.D., to Gabriel and Evangeline Ellingson. He was the youngest of five children.

He graduated from Tripp, S. D. high school in 1943, and was employed with JC Penney Company in Chamberlain, S.D., shortly after graduation. He worked there for 11 and left there as assistant manager.

On July 15, 1946, he married Mary Smith of Chamberlain. They had three children, Dennis, Teresa, and Marcia. While in Chamberlain, he was active in Boy Scouting, as scoutmaster, and also joined the Knights of Columbus in 1945.

In 1954, they moved to Kalispell, where he was manager of the clothing department of Gambles. While in Kalispell, he was a grand knight of Knights of Columbus. Then in May of 1956, he and his family moved to Eureka, and purchased the Eureka Commercial from P.V. and Pete Klinke, which they operated for 30 years, retiring in January of 1986.

He always had a love for his family, friends and community. He was town clerk for 12 years, drove the ambulance for 15 years, was active as fireman for many years, always worked with the Boy Scouting program and was still helping his grandsons in Scouting.

He taught hunter safety courses and helped the youth of the community in sharp shooting at the range in the old community hall. He was a charter member of the Lions Club; a 55-year member of the Knights of Columbus, one of the first to take the EMT course; and was very active in the Board of Commerce; and the Tobacco Valley Improvement Association; and helped at the Historical Village.

He was very active in many

phases of his church, serving on the parish council, also the finance board, teaching religion classes and participated in many other functions. He served as director on the board for Glacier Bank, loved to square dance and was always ready to volunteer where he was needed.

He and his family hosted two foreign students, Jerry Aguirre from Bolivia in 1965, and Haydee Corrillo from the Philippines in 1972.

He will be best remembered for his loving, caring nature and his devotion to his family and friends. He loved hunting, traveling and woodworking. He and his wife visited many states and countries abroad. He will be greatly missed by everyone.

He was preceded in death by his father, Gabriel; and mother, Evangeline; and two brothers, Francis and George. His sister, Marie, passed away Aug. 26, 2000, at Yankton, S.D.

He is survived by his wife, Mary, of Eureka; one son, Dennis, and his wife, Mary, of Sacramento; grandchildren, Christopher and his wife, Jenny, of Santa Clara, Calif., John, and his wife, Julie, of Colorado, Amy of San Diego, and Sarah of Spokane; daughters, Teresa Clinton and her children, Eric and Michael of Spokane, and Marcia Rockow and her sons, Gabriel, Anthony, and David of Eureka; one brother, Edward, of Mitchell, S.D.; and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

A celebration of life memorial mass was held on Aug. 25, at Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church in Eureka with the Rev. Henry Steinhoff as celebrant, assisted by deacon Dan Casazza with the 4th Degree Knights of Columbus from Kalispell as honor guards.

He was buried at Eureka Cemetery.

Nelson and Vial Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Lloyd B. Ellingsen

Lloyd B. Ellingsen died Sunday, March 5, at St. Vincent's Hospital of pneumonia and cancer. He died in the company of his loving wife, daughters, and granddaughters.

He was born in Duluth, Minn., on Nov. 8, 1920, to Laura and Ben Ellingsen. He attended the public schools of Duluth and after graduation from high school, he joined the Civilian Conservation Corps and helped build road and fire trails in northern Minnesota. He also worked many summers in Yellowstone National Park.

Prior to his entry into the army in World War II, he worked in the shipyard in Richmond, Calif., as a welder. During the war he served with the 30th Infantry Division in the European theater of operation. The cannon company he was member of was involved in five major battles in its progress across Europe from Omaha Beach to Magdeburg, Germany. He was awarded a Bronze Star in the Battle of the Bulge. He also received the Combat Infantry Badge and five campaign stars.

After the war he graduated from the University of Minnesota, Duluth, and went on to complete graduate studies at the University of Colorado.

He married Valley V. Heisler in the Church of the Transfiguration in the shadows of the Teton Mountains.

He served in the public schools of Jackson, Wyo., Boulder, Colo.,

San Leandro, Calif., and Billings. In Billings, he served as an elementary principal, and later as the elementary curriculum consultant. He always felt it was a privilege and a great responsibility to work with the youth in a community.

In retirement, he and his wife enjoyed the Flathead Valley for 20 years. In 1998 they moved back to Billings.

Lloyd's delight was his family, who cherished his wisdom, leadership, courage and sense of humor and poet's heart.

His hobbies included hiking, skiing, canoeing on Ashley Lake, reading, amateur radio, and working on his computer. He stayed interested in politics and current events until his death.

He is survived by his wife, Valley; daughters, Kris and Peg; granddaughters, Kristin, Kim and Bethany; two wonderful sons-in-law; and a brother, Lee, in Duluth.

He was preceded in death by a sister and three brothers.

Lloyd will always be remembered in the hearts of his loved ones and friends.

A private memorial service was held Monday, March 6, at Smith's West Chapel in Billings.

Memorials may be sent to Predator Conservation Alliance, 234 East Mendenhall, Bozeman, MT 59715 or the Montana Education Association, 510 North 29th, Billings, MT 59101.

Dr. James E. Elliott, 70

Dr. James E. Elliott, 70, a long-time physician in Havre, died Sept. 9, 2000, in St. Patrick's Hospital in Missoula after complications of an aortic dissection. He practiced pediatrics and family medicine in Havre for 38 years prior to retiring to Whitefish in 1998. He devoted his life to his patients, family and the community of North Central Montana.

A vigil will be held on Thursday at St. Jude's Catholic Church in Havre at 7 p.m. A funeral mass will be held at the armory gym at Montana State University-Northern in Havre at 10 a.m. on Friday. Refreshments will be served at the MSU-Northern Student Union building following the funeral services. A private graveside interment of the ashes will be at Calvary Cemetery in Havre.

He was born on Nov. 11, 1929, in Towner, N.D., where he lived until the age of 13. His parents, Delbert and Bertha Elliott, and their children moved to a ranch outside of Havre in 1942. He graduated from Havre High School in 1947. In 1952, he married Katherine Kotan, his wife of 47 years. He first met her when she provided care for him at Deaconess Hospital in Havre, after he injured himself playing basketball, one of his many sporting endeavors.

He knew from an early age that he wanted to become a physician and help others throughout his life. He attended Northern Montana College for two years. He served two years in the army at Fort Lewis, Tacoma, Wash. He attended and graduated with honors from the University of Oregon in Eugene in 1953. He graduated with a medical degree from the Oregon Health Sciences University in 1957. He completed an internship and pediatric residency at the hospitals affiliated with the Oregon Health Sciences University in 1960. He returned to his hometown of Havre in August 1960 to begin his medical practice and serving the Hi-Line.

He was always available to take care of his patients and was never deterred by long hours or waiting rooms full of sick patients. He worked with quiet determination to provide the best care possible to each individual regardless of their situation. His humility, loyalty, and kindness were gifts cherished by all who knew him. He was especially proud of the strong bonds that he built with Native Americans and the Hutterite colonies throughout northern Montana. He encouraged and assisted young adults who were interested in becoming health care professionals and routinely had medical students and residents participate in his medical practice. He generously

offered his time and services for the betterment of the whole community. His extraordinary commitment and perseverance were both a wonder and an example matched by few. He was always grateful for the unique practice opportunities that the Havre and the Hi-Line provided him. He was proud to be called and "old country doc."

He was guided by his strong inner and personal faith and realized that God's healing touch was an integral part of his care. He was a member of St. Jude's Catholic Church in Havre and St. Charles Catholic Church in Whitefish. He was a member and served on the board of the Montana Medical Association, Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Montana, and the Montana School for the Deaf and Blind. Amongst the many awards and recognition he received, he was a national finalist for country physician of the year in 1996, and was honored as a distinguished alumnus of Northern Montana College. He recently served as a member of the selection committee for the WAMI program at the University of Washington School of Medicine.

He enjoyed being the physician for every sports team in Havre. He was an avid fan of any sporting event. In a rare spare moment, a deck of cards was always found in his hand. He was especially accomplished at bridge and earned a Silver Life Master, although he could never beat his sons at cribbage. He was happiest with a grandchild on his lap.

He is preceded in death by his parents and his loving wife, Katherine, whom he will be buried next to at the Calvary Cemetery.

Surviving him are six children, Nancy and Janice, both of Seattle, Ronald of Saline, Mich., James of Billings, Mark of Missoula, and Scott of Burlington, Wash.; nine wonderful grandchildren; his sisters, Maxine LeFever of West Lafayette, Ind., and Judy Sargent of New Smyrna Beach, Fla.; a brother, Jerry Elliott, of Huntington Beach, Calif.; his aunt, Betty Sommerdorf, of Havre.

All of his family and friends will miss him greatly.

A college scholarship fund in Dr. Jim and Kay Elliott's honor has been established for North Central Montana high school graduates. The family requests that, in lieu of flowers, memorials in his name be given to the Dr. Jim and Kay Elliott Scholarship Fund, care of Salomon Smith Barney, P.O. Box 1346, Mt. Vernon, Wash. 98273. Remembrances to the family should be mailed to Jan Elliott, 2563 E. Madison, Seattle, Wash. 98112.

Madeline O. Ellis, 90

Madeline O. Ellis, 90, a former cook and a resident of Havre, died on May 28, 2000 at a Havre Nursing Home of natural causes. Memorials in her memory may be made to donor's choice.

Cremation has taken place. Internment of the remains will be at 2 p.m. today at the Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell.

Holland and Bonine Funeral Home of Havre is in charge of cremation and arrangements.

She was born Madeline Hickerson on April 26, 1910 in Bemidji, Minn., the fifth of seven children. She was the daughter of Frank M. and Mary J. Oleson Hickerson. She attended school and graduated from Bemidji High School.

On May 11, 1930, she married Ralph H. Ellis. The couple lived in several small areas of Minnesota until moving to Whitefish, in March of 1942, so he could work for the Great Northern Railroad.

She worked as a chambermaid at a hotel in Whitefish. When he transferred to Havre in 1945 to work in the Burlington Northern diesel shop, she went to work as a cook for the Dutch Shop Cafe in

downtown Havre, and later went to work for the Havre Public Schools at the Lincoln-McKinley School.

When her husband retired from the Burlington Northern Railroad in 1974, they moved back to Lakeside, and later into Kalispell. After her husband's death in 1990, she moved to the Eagles Manor in Havre. In 1995, she moved into a private home at 635 West 2nd St. in Havre for care and companionship. In May of 1999, she became a resident of the Northern Montana Care Center.

She enjoyed making quilts for the family and friends in her earlier years. She also enjoyed crocheting, cake decorating, and church work.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband Ralph in 1990; and four brothers.

She is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Albert and Marian Seely of Havre, a daughter, Kathleen Ellis of Puyallup, Wash.; four grandsons, one great-granddaughter and six great-grandsons; one sister and one sister-in-law in Minnesota and several nieces and nephews.

Douglas Patrick Ellman, 48

Douglas Patrick Ellman, 48, passed away July 11, 2000 in Silverton, Ore.

He was born in Kalispell on August 11, 1951 to James and Margaret Ellman and raised in Columbia

Falls. He attended school in the Columbia Falls school system through his senior year of high school graduating in 1969.

Throughout his high school years, he worked for his uncle Bud guiding tourists on horses into Sperry Chalet and packing supplies into Huckleberry Lookout for the fire watch.

In 1970 he enrolled at Flathead Valley Community College. His primary focus was always in communications. While writing for the Kalispell News, he received a humanitarian award for a series he wrote about mentally disabled children and the conditions in Montana's institutions. His love for writing would eventually lead him to a journalism degree from the University of Montana.

The summers during his college



days were spent within the construction trades on the Libby Dam project as a laborer and then as a journeyman ironworker on projects including the Greater New Orleans cantilever bridge connecting New Orleans and Algiers.

His hobbies ranged from river rafting and snow skiing to parachuting and bicycling. His longest cycling trek took him and a pal, Al, from Joe Tennant's front yard in Seattle, Wash., to some ironworker friends and employment in Boston, Mass. They rode all the way except for a rain-drenched stretch from Columbia Falls to the top of Marias Pass. After the two holed up for a week in the family home waiting for the May rain to let up, he and his partner took advantage of Ron Ride-nour's pick-up truck and were shuttled to the top of the pass through the gloom. They restarted their journey at the top of Marias, taking advantage of the east side's blue sky, a long downhill run and a tailwind clear across the highline.

In 1993, Ellman went into the Mount Angel Seminary in St. Benedicts, Ore., to pursue another career as a priest. His last years were spent

in Oregon's Willamette Valley pouring over theological doctrine, working with troubled youth and remaining active with the Knights of Columbus. His pastoral year was served in East Helena. Due to health problems, he was unable to continue his journey into priesthood.

He is survived by his parents, James and Margaret; his brothers Dennis of Tulsa, Okla., and Greg of Columbia Falls; his sister Concetta and brother-in-law Rocky Ramey; his nieces Mandy, Jessica and Amy; his nephews Josh, Matt and Ryan; one great-niece Cassie; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and a whole bunch of close friends.

Services will be held at St. Richard's Catholic Church in Columbia Falls on Thursday at 11 a.m. Internment will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens in Kalispell.

In lieu of flowers, the family recommends donations to the Muscular Dystrophy Foundation or to the building fund at St. Richard's in Columbia Falls.

His family and friends wish him a safe journey. His nieces and nephews say, "So long, Uncle Excellence."

Pablo Elvira Jr., 62

Pablo Elvira Jr., 62, died Saturday, Feb. 5, 2000, at his beloved home overlooking the beautiful Gallatin Valley.

He was born on Sept. 24, 1937, in San Juan, Puerto Rico, the oldest of three children.

The son of a prominent dance orchestra leader, he began his musical career playing jazz trumpet with his father's group. He later formed his own orchestra and performed with well-known celebrities at the El San Juan Hotel. The turning point in his singing career was his introduction to Pablo Casals. After a successful audition for Casals, he was chosen to tour Casals' Oratorio for world peace, which he subsequently recorded with Casals conducting.

In 1966, he participated in the Metropolitan Opera Auditions in New York and was selected by the dean of the Indiana University School of Music to join their voice faculty. He remained there for eight years and performed leading baritone roles in the opera school's productions. After a year spent performing in Europe, he returned briefly to Indiana before moving to New York and debuting



with the New York City Opera. In 1978, he made his Metropolitan Opera debut and became one of their leading baritones.

He met his wife, Signe Landoe, in 1967 at the School of Music in Indiana. They were married in 1975 in New York City and moved to Bozeman, where they built their home in 1976. In the spring of 1981, their son, Pablo Miguel, was born.

He joined his good friend, Anthony Stivanello, and Montana State University voice faculty member, Verity Bostick, to form Bozeman's Intermountain Opera Association in the spring of 1979. He served as artistic director and performed leading baritone roles for many years.

Although Pablo sang all over the world, his heart was always in the Gallatin Valley with the people he so dearly loved.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Pablo and Florencia Elvira.

He is survived by his wife, Signe; son, Pablo; two brothers, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorials in his name may be made to the Bozeman Salvation Army, 205 N. Church, Bozeman 59715; the Gallatin Valley Humane Society, 2125 N. Rouse, Bozeman, 59715; or a charity of your choice.

James E. 'Dusty' Ely, 23

James E. "Dusty" Ely, 23, died Feb. 3 at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

He was born Feb. 26, 1976, at Fort Hood, Texas, to Charles Ray Ely and Patricia Marie Knutson.

He attended schools in Missoula and Polson where he graduated from high school in 1995. After graduation, he was trained and certified as an emergency medical technician. As a junior in high school, he joined the Army National Guard, where was trained as a tank driver. He later was trained as a Army medic.

He was most recently serving with Company C-163 Infantry Unit with the Army National Guard in Missoula. He worked as a courier and driver for Security Armored Express in Missoula since 1998. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

He was preceded in death by his



grandfather, Levi Ely.

Ely is survived by his father and stepmother, Charles and Vicky Ely of Kalispell; his mother, Patricia, of Polson; his brother, David, of Kalispell; his grandparents, James and Lois Knutson of Polson and Shirley Crouse of Stillwater, Okla., and Patsy Wood of Missoula; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Funeral services will be Tuesday, Feb. 8, at 10:30 a.m. at the Polson Christian Church, with the Rev. Gerry Ouellette officiating. Visitation will be Monday, Feb. 7, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary in Kalispell.

Burial will follow at Lakeview Cemetery in Polson with military honors by the Montana Army National Guard. There will be a luncheon at the VFW in Polson after graveside services. The family suggests memorials be sent to ALERT Air Ambulance Service, care of Kalispell Regional Medical Center, 310 Sunnyview Lane, Kalispell, 59901.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Jessica Hudson Emerson, 28

Jessica Hudson Emerson, 28, passed away on June 21, 2000, at her home in Roseburg, Ore.

She was born on Oct. 29, 1971, in Portland, a sixth generation Oregonian. She and her mother moved to Montana when she was 7 months old. She attended McCormick Elementary in Troy until the fifth grade when she and her parents moved to Kalispell. She attended West Valley Elementary and she graduated from Flathead High School in 1990.

In February of this year she married Mike Emerson, also a 1990 graduate. They made their home in Roseburg.

She is survived by her husband, Mike; her parents, Larry and Shelby Alton, and her husband's parents, Bev and Erwin Grimm, all of Kalispell; her sister Michelle Capener and her husband, Kevin, and nephews, Kolton and Kasen of

Salt Lake City; her grandmother, Margaret Hudson, her aunt Phyllis Wells, uncle Jim McNannay and cousin, Sam Wells, all of Portland; aunts and uncles, Sue and Dick Bowers of Lynnwood, Wash., Vicki and Brian Todd and their son, Toby, of Troy, Bob and Ailsa Hudson and their children, Rebecca, Sam, Kirsten and Alex of Temora, New South Wales, Australia; cousins Heather Todd of Portland, and Jethro Todd of Santa Barbara, Calif.; and the family's special friend Ara Bush of Marysville, Wash, and many other relatives and friends.

A potluck gathering will be held in her memory on Saturday at 2 p.m. at 480 Mountain Meadow Rd. in Kalispell.

The family suggests donations in her name to Lamplighter House, 860 N. Meridian B-1, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Arthur E. Endresen, 76

Arthur E. Endresen, 76, died Jan. 22, 2000, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

He was born Jan. 29, 1923, in Chelsea, Mass., the son of Arthur and Anna Johnsen Endresen.

On Sept. 5, 1941, he married LaVerne Carlson in Monroe, Wis. They resided in Southern California for many years where he worked as an engineer and general contractor.

In 1989, they relocated to the Flathead Valley. For the past 10 years, he has worked as architectural designer with his son, Jack Endresen, of J & F Construction.

He is survived by his loving wife of 58 years, LaVerne Endresen of Big Arm; five children, Jim Endresen and his wife, Kathy, of Lake Elsinore, Calif., Judy Rediger and her husband, Donn, of Burbank, Calif., Jan-

ice Thurmond and her husband, Phil, Jeanie Alcorn and Jack Endresen and his wife, Lorie, all of Kalispell; one brother, Bob Endresen of Palm Desert, Calif., and Big Arm; 14 grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren.

A private, family graveside service will be held Monday at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Memorial services will be held Monday at 2 p.m. at Christian Center Church in Kalispell, with the Rev. Robert Ross and the Rev. John Weaver officiating.

The family suggests the memorial contributions be made in memory of Arthur to the Flathead Valley Christian School, 1251 Willow Glen Drive, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

John Ulyessis Erickson, 59

John Ulyessis Erickson, 59, passed away on Nov. 8, 2000, at his brother Orlee's home in Columbia Falls, following a long battle with cancer. He was surrounded by his loving family.

He was born on April 26, 1941, in Kalispell, to Olaf and Julia Rogers Erickson. He attended school in Olney before moving to Mullan, Idaho, where he attended school.

He married Katherine "Susie" Wilson in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, in 1963. He worked for several years at the Sunshine Mine in Kellogg, then went to work at several mines in Utah. He worked on the Trans-Alaska Pipeline from 1973 to 1976.

After coming back from Alaska. He went to Mammoth, Ariz., where he worked in the mines. In 1991, he went to work at the Flying J Truck Stop in Troutdale, Ore., where he worked until earlier this year before moving to Pinehurst, Idaho. On Oct. 1, 2000, he moved to Columbia Falls to live with his brother Orlee.

He was an avid outdoorsman. He loved hunting and fishing.

He was preceded in death by his

father Olaf; mother Julia; a daughter, Julie; and sister Eva.

He is survived by his stepmother, Agnes Erickson of Kalispell; sons, Leonard and his wife, Cindy Erickson, of Troutdale, Ore., Terry and wife, Angela Erickson, of Troutdale; grandsons, Leonard Ray Erickson Jr. and Tyler Erickson, both of Troutdale; daughter Jackie Erickson, of Albany, Ore.; granddaughter Sabrina Erickson of Albany; sisters, Bertha Watson, Julia Weber, Ellen Rickard and her husband, Bob, all of Kalispell, Mae and her husband, Kenneth Christensen, of North Pole, Alaska; brothers Orlee and his wife, Tracy Erickson, of Columbia Falls, Larry Erickson of Whitefish, Les Erickson of Columbia Falls; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. on Sunday at Orlee Erickson's home, 170 Half Moon Road, Columbia Falls, urn burial will follow at Spring Creek Cemetery. The Rev. David Kauffman will be officiating.

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

Hazel Erickson

Hazel Erickson died peacefully in Kalispell Regional Medical Center on Sept. 14, 2000, following a brief illness.

She began her life in Bottineau, N.D., as a two and a half pound "miracle baby," the youngest child of Halver and Clara Anderson. The family moved to the Flathead Valley when she was four years old. It was here she was raised and eventually met and married J.R. "Bob" Erickson, the love of her life, in 1940.

They returned to Kalispell after World War II, where they began raising a family and together operated Erickson Construction Company for many years.

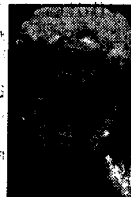
One of her greatest pleasures was serving others. She touched many lives through her involvement with the American Cancer Society, Sunday school teaching, countless church related activi-

ties, and by being a gracious friend and neighbor to many. She was a charter member of Calvary Lutheran Church in Evergreen.

To those who knew her, it was apparent that her faith in Jesus Christ was the source of her strength, peace, and joy. She treasured each day as a gift, and enjoyed a loving relationship with each of her seven grandchildren. Her children and their families will miss their awesome mom and "nana," and look forward to their eternal reunion.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bob.

She is survived by her brothers, Chet Anderson and his wife, Helen, of Bozeman, "Swede" Anderson, and his wife, Evie, of Kalispell; sister Edith Davis, and



husband Dean, of Richland, Wash.; daughters, Naomi Claridge and her husband, Don, of Spokane, Susan Vaughn and husband, Read, of Kalispell; son, Gary Erickson and wife, Christy, of Kalispell; seven grandchildren, Kimberly and Tanner Claridge, Thor and Odin Erickson, Kristen, Travis, and Jordan Vaughn; nieces, nephews and many caring friends.

Visitation will be today from noon to 5 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary and Crematory. A funeral will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Calvary Lutheran Church. Burial will follow at Conrad Memorial Cemetery. There will be an open reception at Calvary Lutheran Church after the burial service.

The family suggests memorials to Calvary Lutheran Church, 2200 US 2 East, Kalispell, MT 59901 or to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 1002, Kalispell, MT 59903.

Frances J. Estes, 62

Frances J. Estes, 62, passed away May 7, 2000 at Brendan House in Kalispell. She was born Oct. 7, 1937 in St. Ignatius to George and Emma Blood.



She lived in St. Ignatius for the majority of her life. She was married twice, with the first marriage producing her only son Keith in 1957. She moved to Kalispell in July of 1980. She was very proud of her Native American heritage, enjoyed singing Native American songs, and was a member of the Salish-Kootenai Tribe.

She was a member of the East-haven Baptist Church in Kalispell and was baptized there in 1998. She enjoyed knitting, playing the guitar and harmonica, singing, dancing, western movies, socializing, and exercising at the senior's center. She was very proud of her apartment. She had many friends at the Friendship House and her friends will remember her as a very sensitive, kind, and considerate person who was well liked by all who knew her.

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

She is survived by one son, Keith Blood of St. Ignatius; three sisters, Bernadine Anderson, Lore-

ta, and Twila; one brother, William Blood; and two very special friends, Donna Guthrie of Kalispell and Mary Kenny at the Friendship House.

The family suggests that memorial contributions be sent to The Lighthouse Christian Group Home, 384 N. Somers Road, Kalispell.

Memorial services will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. at the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with Rev. Daniel Lambert officiating. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. on Thursday at the Mission Catholic Cemetery in St. Ignatius.

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

Eleanor A. Evans, 90

Eleanor A. Evans, 90, died on Oct. 26, 2000, in Tigard, Ore.

She was born Aug. 17, 1910, in Duluth, Minn.

She married Lee Evans in January of 1935.

She was a registered nurse and lived in the Kalispell area for more than 40 years.

She is preceded in death by

her husband.

She is survived by three sons, a brother, a sister, five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

She has been cremated and services will be held at a later date.

Memorials can be made to the Orenco Presbyterian Church in Hillsboro, Ore.

Margaret T. Eyre, 83

Margaret T. Eyre, 83, passed away Oct. 22, 2000, at the Colonial Manor in Whitefish.

She was born March 29, 1917, in Redwater to John and Theresa Miller. She attended school in Richey. She was married to Everett P. Eyre on June 21, 1935, in Glendive. He preceded her in death in December 1999. They lived in various parts of the state where she worked as a waitress and cook.

They moved to Missoula in 1961 and to Columbia Falls in 1989.

She is survived by five children,

Kenneth Eyre of Whitefish, Wayne Eyre of Missoula, Mark Ford of Columbia Falls, Lorene Chappell of Prosser, Wash., and Arvin Eyre of Seattle; 13 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be today from 1-8 p.m. at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

A funeral service will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. Rev. Jerry Bechtle of the United Methodist Church in Whitefish will officiate. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Missoula at 2 p.m. on Wednesday.