

## William Kimberly 'Kim' Smith, 47

William Kimberly "Kim" Smith, 47, passed away on Nov. 30, 2000, in Kalispell.

He was born on Sept. 29, 1953, in Great Falls, to Willie Joe and Joyce Ardelle Smith. He attended schools in West Carrollton, Ohio, where he graduated from West Carrollton High School. He attended Whitworth College, where he graduated in 1971, with a bachelor of arts degree in philosophy.

He married Theresa Ann Reynolds on May 17, 1980, in Spokane. They moved to the Flathead Valley in 1985.

He was a wonderful musician, who could play the clarinet, saxophone and bass clarinet. He also had a wonderful voice, and had sang many times at church and at numerous other functions. He loved cooking, fishing, hunting, reading, computers and listening to classical and jazz music. He was a loving and caring person, who would do anything to help someone in need. He is going to be greatly missed by his family and all that knew him. He had served as an elder in the First Presbyterian Church of Kalispell.

He was preceded in death by his father Willie Joe Smith; grandparents Carl and Sue Jacobsen; grandmother and grandfather Smith; and an uncle, Don Smith; and aunt, Betty Smith.

He is survived by his wife Theresa of Kalispell; his mother, Joyce of Kalispell; brother Christopher Smith of Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas; a sister, Faith Topp; and her children Adam, Christopher, and Jennifer; brother and sister-in-law, Samuel and Norma Smith of Illinois; nephews, Stuart and his wife, Julie Smith, and Miles Smith and wife, Donna Ann; brother Andrew Smith of Colorado; niece Tandy Hill and her husband, Steve, and children of Colorado; many friends and acquaintances.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday at the First Presbyterian Church in Kalispell with the Rev. Glenn Burfeind officiating.

The family request that memorials be sent to the Red Cross of Flathead or the National Red Cross.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

## Emerald Kinne O'Toole Smithey, 95

Emerald Kinne O'Toole Smithey, 95, of Whitefish, died on Saturday, March 11, 2000, at Colonial Manor in Whitefish.

She was born on May 11, 1904, in El Paso, Texas, to Charles and Delora O'Toole.

She was raised and educated in El Paso, where she met and married Paul Thomas Smithey on Aug. 3, 1924. They resided in El Paso and San Antonio, Texas, and Moscow, Idaho, before moving to Montana in 1945.

She is survived by a son;

daughter Jacqueline Cornelius and her husband Howard of Whitefish; granddaughters Judy Bennett and her husband Irwin of Kalispell, Laurie Tramer and her husband Dwayne of Columbia Falls, Mary Gallo and her husband Marc of Whitefish; two great-granddaughters; two great-grandsons; and two brothers.

A memorial service and inurnment is scheduled for Thursday, June 15, at Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

## Verlin 'Jack' Andrew Snowberg Sr., 80

Verlin "Jack" Andrew Snowberg Sr., 80, of Big Arm, passed away at his home surrounded by his family and friends on Sept. 7, 2000.



He was born on May 8, 1920, in Clark County, Wis., to Andrew and Clara Snowberg. He grew up and attended schools in Wisconsin and graduated from Hammond High School in Hammond, Ind., in 1938.

He started working construction with his father and brothers. He also worked in Alaska for a year prior to joining the US Army during World War II. He served in the European Theater during World War II.

After his discharge from the military, he moved back to

Bensenville, Ill., and started a construction company with his father and two brothers. He was a general contractor for 17 years. He remained involved in the real estate until 1971, at which time he moved to Big Arm.

He started a marina and a trailer court in Big Arm known as Snowberg's Port and Court, which he owned until the time of his death.

He was a member of the Shrine and Masonic Lodge.

He is preceded in death by one brother, Allen; one sister, Leslie; and his parents.

He is survived by his wife Irene of Big Arm; one son, Butch Snowberg of Arizona; a daughter, Susan Snowberg-Hunt of Kalispell; a stepdaughter, Mary Manning, of Salt Lake City; four step-sons, Charles Sandoval, Robert Sandoval, Ernie Sandoval, all of Ari-

zona, and Dave Sloan of Illinois; one sister, Elnora Rowland of Apache Junction, Ariz.; one brother, Claude Snowberg of Lansing, Kan.; his dearest friends, Harley and Ramona Burnett of Polson; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and many wonderful people who have touched his life through the years.

There will be a memorial service held on Monday at 2 p.m. at the Grogan Funeral Home in Polson, with the Rev. Mark Cox officiating.

An open house will follow the service at Snowberg's Port and Court in Big Arm.

Memorials may be made to the Shriner's Crippled Children's Hospital in Spokane.

Cremation and arrangements are by Grogan Funeral Home and Crematory in Polson.

William Terry Snyder, a longtime resident of Kalispell, went to be with the Lord, Aug. 19, 2000.

He was born May 14, 1959, in Kalispell, to Delbert and Doris Snyder. He attended schools in Kalispell and Charlo.

In 1976, he met and married Donna Smith. They had three children, Shalome Snyder, Becky Snyder and Jeremy Snyder.

He enlisted in the Navy in 1976, where he served for six years. He traveled all over the world. He was always good for lots of laughs and had many friends. He was a very hard worker and when not working, he enjoyed sports of all kinds including weight-lifting. He liked music and all video games. He always had a joke to lift someone's spirits, and always had a helping hand to offer someone in their time of need.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Vicki, and his mother, Doris.

He is survived by his father, Delbert Snyder of Pablo; his sister, Tammy Snyder of Darrington, Wash.; his brother and sister-in-law, Bob and Sue Snyder of Kalispell; his three children, Shalome of Fife, Wash., Becky and Jeremy, both of Spanaway, Wash.; one granddaughter, Hailey of Fife; five nieces, Nikki and Lydia of Whitefish, Crystal of San Diego, Jolene of Missoula, Angela of Darrington; six nephews, Troy and Brandon, both of Missoula, Chawncney of Darrington, Ryan of Kalispell, and Russell and Roy of Whitefish.

He was a good brother, son and friend. He will be greatly missed by all.

Graveside services will be conducted on Saturday at 11 a.m. at C.E. Conrad Cemetery in Kalispell with the Rev. Mark Watkins presiding. Military honors will be provided by the Kalispell Veterans

of Foreign Wars. Columbia Mortuary of Columbia Falls is in charge of arrangements.

## Thelma R. Barger Solander, 79

Thelma R. Barger Solander, 79, of Missoula, passed away Sept. 9, 2000, at Hillside Manor Nursing Home.

She was born on Sept. 7, 1921, to Leonard and Florence Barger on the old Banyon Ranch in East Missoula. She was raised in East Missoula and graduated from Missoula County High School. She served as a secretary in the Armed Forces in Chicago, Ill., for a time before returning to Missoula where she operated two businesses, The Cabin Bar and the Reno Inn. Later in life, she retired with her husband, Vic, to Lincoln.

She was an accomplished pianist and organist and throughout her life was known for her involvement in community organizations.

She was preceded in death by her two husbands, Jack McCausland and Victor Solander, three brothers, Arthur Buls, Fred Buls and Dean Barger; and several nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be at the Malletta Family of Funeral Homes, Livingston Chapel, 224 W. Spruce today from noon to 8 p.m. Graveside services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Missoula Cemetery.

## Arnold R. Sorenson, 79

Arnold R. Sorenson, 79, died March 13, 2000, at the Brendan House in Kalispell.



He was born April 22, 1920, in Blaisdell, N.D., to George and Marie Sorenson and graduated from high school in Stanley, N.D., on May 26, 1938. He was an Eagle Scout.

In the summer of 1942, he met Noreen Grobe in Parshall, N.D., and they married on Dec. 15, 1942. In the spring of 1943, they sold their ranch in Parshall and moved to Whitefish, where they purchased a farm. Together they developed the property and began their family. In addition to farming, they operated a dairy for over 20 years. He also began logging and operated a saw mill. In 1957, he was diagnosed with rheumatoid arthritis and was forced to discontinue the sawmill operation. He continued to farm until 1972, when his health deteriorated and he retired.

He was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran Church and was a member of Christ Lutheran Church in Whitefish, Montana. Due to his medical condition, he was unable to attend church services for the past 10 years. He was elated when Christ Lutheran began broadcasting their worship service on the radio, a project that he was instrumental in. He always proclaimed that his strong faith in God was the foundation behind his positive attitude. He was an inspiration to his family and friends.

He was a loving, caring and devoted husband, father and grandfather. He was a kind man and will always be remembered for his sense of humor and his wit. He loved his animals and enjoyed

watching the cattle in the pasture, especially the newborn calves. Although he was confined to a wheelchair, he continued to be interested in the daily activities of the farm.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother Austin Sorenson; sister Guida Nordquist; brother Ernest Sorenson and sister, Irene Denial.

He is survived by his loving wife of 57 years, Noreen, at the family home in Whitefish; son Gregory Sorenson and his wife, Susan, of Columbia Falls; daughters, Diane McEntire and her husband, Danny, of Whitefish, Sandra Balch and her husband, Mike, of Spokane, Janice Nicol, and her husband, Kenneth, of Sparwood, British Columbia, Julie Walhus, and her husband, Greg, of Whitefish, Judy Coonrod, and her husband, Dan, of Spokane; 12 grandchildren, Brian and Bill Sorenson, Patty, Wayne and Tim McEntire, Glenn McGaughey, Angela Balch, Scott and Nancy Nicol, Matt, Rebecca and Jessica Walhus, and four great-grandchildren; brother Gile Sorenson, and his wife, Delores, of Kalispell and sister Adeline Avery of Mesa, Ariz.; nephews, Gene Doty and his wife, Nita, and Lyle Doty, all of Kalispell; and many other nieces and nephews.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary with visitation on Thursday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. on Friday at Christ Lutheran Church in Whitefish, with the Rev. Jeffrey Teeple officiating. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens in Kalispell.

Memorials may be given to Christ Lutheran Church or Stillwater Lutheran Church.

## Gile T. Sorenson, 88

Gile T. Sorenson, 88, went home to be with his Lord and Savior on Friday, Sept. 15, 2000, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

He was born in Clarkfield, Minn., on Feb. 22, 1912, to George M. and Marie Larson Sorenson. He moved to Blaisdel, N.D., when he was five years old.

He left home at the age of 18 and worked various jobs across the country including mining, ranching, and assembly work at Boeing. He also served in the military in Kodiak, Alaska, during World War II. He moved to Kalispell, in 1942, where he was a body man for Flathead Motor Sales.

He married Delores DeRosier on Jan. 31, 1949. He had purchased a



farm in the Egan area which they owned and operated until he retired in 1982. He also owned and operated a logging and sawmill operation, and worked for the Forest Service, clearing and piling brush with his own equipment.

He was one of the original members of Bethel Baptist Church, where he served as a deacon, trustee, and Sunday school teacher. He was dedicated to his Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ, and he lived his life accordingly, never wavering in his faith.

He was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Laura Marie; his parents; three brothers; and two sisters.

He is survived by his wife Delores; four sons, Gile T. Sorenson and his wife, Barbara, and Arley L. Sorenson, all of Kalispell, Austin M. Sorenson and his wife, Ronda, of

Columbia Falls, and Russell J Sorenson of Kalispell; one daughter, Susan A. Bowman and her husband, Roger D., of Kalispell; one sister, Adeline Avery of Mesa, Ariz.; nine granddaughters, one grandson, and several nieces and nephews.

His family was his pride and joy. He was dearly loved by them and though he may be gone for awhile, he will never be forgotten.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday at 2 p.m. at Bethel Baptist Church with the Rev. David Pestel officiating. Burial will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery with military honors provided by the Veterans of the Flathead. Visitation will be on Monday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

## Audrey Speer, 65

Audrey Speer, 65, of Columbia Falls, died at Brendan House in Kalispell on Thursday, Dec. 28, 2000, after a brave and gallant fight with cancer.

She was born in Council, Idaho, and graduated from high school in Bonners Ferry, Idaho. On Nov. 27, 1953, she married Hugh E. Speer and was preceded in death by him.

She worked at the Columbia Falls Police Department as a dispatcher and then worked at North Valley Hospital until her retirement in 1995.

She loved spending time with family and her many friends. She also enjoyed stock-car races, playing cards, picnics, reading and her needle arts.

Her father, Ellis Campbell, also preceded her in death.

She is survived by her forever friend, Boyd Hand of Spokane; her mother, Lois Gaylord of Coeur

d'Alene, Idaho; two daughters, Traci Erickson of Columbia Falls and Peggy Speer of Kalispell; a son, Bill Speer and his wife, Jennifer, of Whitefish; granddaughters, Amy Zimmerman of Spokane and Trista and Nora Speer of Whitefish; grandsons Jason Zimmerman of Spokane and Rocky Erickson of Columbia Falls; sisters Irene Crowl of Davis, W.Va., Gayle Crocker and Sandra Patrick of Spokane, and Sherry Cox of Lewiston, Idaho; and her aunt, Tommy Campbell of Burley, Idaho.

There will be a memorial service at Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2001. Graveside services will follow at Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Pancreas Foundation, PanCan, P.O. Box 4809, Palos Verdes, Calif. 90274.

## Daniel Spence, 52

Daniel Spence, 52, died on July 12, 2000, Ketchikan General Hospital in Ketchikan, Alaska.

He was born in Kalispell on August 29, 1947. He moved to Seeley Lake with his parents and attended schools there. He worked in the timber industry and was a veteran of the Vietnam War.

He was preceded in death by

his parent, Harry and Goldie Spence.

He is survived by a son Troy Spence, and a granddaughter, Tawny Spence, both of Seeley Lake; a sister, Nancy Spence of Kalispell, two aunts and an uncle.

Cremation has taken place and private memorial services will be held at a later date in Kalispell at Fairview Cemetery.

## Leonard Melvin Spencer, 77

Leonard Melvin Spencer, 77, of Libby, died Saturday, Oct. 7, 2000, at the Libby Care Center of natural causes. He was born to Ernest and Mabel Spencer on May 15, 1923, in Libby. He attended Libby schools and was active in basketball, baseball and football. He was a four-year starter on the high school football team and was named the school's first MVP in 1941.

In 1942, he was drafted into the U.S. Army Air Corps and was stationed in England and France during World War II. He received an honorable discharge in 1945. He returned to Montana where he enjoyed hunting and fishing.

On Sept. 1, 1948, he married Faith Zollars in Kalispell. He then worked for J. Neils Lumber Co. from 1948-1957. Then he and his brother Ralph opened Spencer's 66 Service Station. They operated this station until retiring in 1985.

Spencer spent his retirement years golfing, assisting with the construction of his children's homes, and enjoying his grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Kenneth Spencer, and a

sister, Lucille Tarbert.

Spencer was devoted to his family and will be lovingly remembered and missed by his wife, Faith Spencer of Libby; son Kurt and his wife, Cathy, and their two sons, Cole and Jake, of Libby; three daughters, Nora Reckin and her husband, Gene, and their two daughters, Kara and Rachel, of Libby, Linda Massey and her husband, Lanny, of Henderson, Nev., and their two children, Trevor Stephens of Baker, Ore., and Jeris Stephens of Pendleton, Ore., and Tracy Spencer and her husband, Brian Schultz, and their two children, Kelsey and Turner, of Henderson, Nev.; brother Ralph Spencer of Libby; nephews Scott Spencer and his wife, Gloria, and their daughter, Anika, of Libby, and Gary Spencer and his son, Tim, of Libby; and numerous nieces, nephews and family friends.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Nelson and Vial Funeral Home in Libby. Visitation will be today from 1-8 p.m. in the funeral home. Local arrangements are by the Nelson and Vial Funeral Home.

## Bernard H. Squires, 80

Bernard H. Squires, 80, passed away June 21, 2000, at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.

He was born Nov. 2, 1919, in Opheim, to Harry and Pansie Squires. He was raised and educated in Opheim. He worked on his father's farm for several years, then for the CCC in Glacier National Park, and then for a combine unit in Oklahoma.

He served in the Army from 1941 to 1945 in the European Theater.

After his discharge, he worked for the railroad for three years until he was injured. He lived in Havre for several years where he owned and operated a motel. He later moved to Washington until he moved to the Montana Veterans Home in 1991.

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

He is survived by his daughters, Maxine Lye of Pasco, Wash., Helen Wentz of Wenatchee, Wash., Shirley Squires of Moses Lake, Wash., Joanne Bracht of Ephrata, Wash., and Gayle Moore of Bronx, N.Y.; eight sisters, Lorraine Johnson of Livermore, Calif., Leone Eid of Kalispell, Allie Russell of Larslan, Mary Bartley of Tucson, Ariz., Grace Squires of Billings, Patricia Mueller of Great Falls, Rhoda Campbell of Miles City and Evelyn Bies of Billings.

A graveside service will be held Friday at 2 p.m. at the Montana Veterans Home Cemetery with military graveside rites.

Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is in charge of arrangements.

## Jerry Lee Stacy, 66

Jerry Lee Stacy, 66, of Eureka died Saturday, Dec. 30, 2000, at Brendan House in Kalispell after a lengthy illness. He was born Feb. 26, 1934, in Eureka to Bill and Lillie Stacy.

He is survived locally by his wife, Nettie Van Orden of Eureka; his children, Brian Stacy, Mag Kuchenski, Carolyn Cross, Jerri Lee Goff, David Armstrong, Delbert Armstrong and Leona Armstrong, all of Eureka; brothers Beryl, Dean, Donnie and Allen, all of Eureka, and Billie of Columbia Falls; and a sister, Dorene Mee of Trego.

Graveside services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. at the Tobacco Valley Cemetery in Eureka. Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. Friday at the Nelson and Vial Funeral Home in Eureka. Local arrangements are being handled by the Nelson and Vial Funeral Home.

## Daryl Ellsworth Stalheim, 56

Daryl Ellsworth Stalheim, 56, died Oct. 31, 2000, in Columbia Falls.

He was born on July 9, 1944, in Fargo, N.D., to Ellsworth and Pearl Ness Stalheim. He was raised in Moorhead, Minn., worked in Columbia Falls, and returned to Minnesota in the early 1980s. He moved back to Columbia Falls in August 1995 and resided there until

his death.

He is survived by his sister.

A memorial service will be held on Monday at 1 p.m. at the Korsmo Funeral Chapel in Moorhead. Inurnment will be at the Riverside Cemetery in Moorhead.

A potluck memorial for his friends and family will be held on Sunday at 2 p.m. at the Blue Moon Nite Club in Columbia Falls.

## Donald Irvin Stanfield, 80

Donald Irvin Stanfield, 80, passed away June 10, 2000 at the Kalispell Regional Medical Center. He was born Feb. 22, 1920, in Choteau to Irven George and Jenny Peaveler Stanfield.



He moved with his family to Washington for a short time before moving on to Great Falls where he began his education. After graduating from Great Falls High School, he attended Montana State College in Bozeman before joining the Marines and serving his country during WWII. He served from 1942 to 1946 before returning home and marrying his sweetheart, Lillian Owens, on March 7, 1947 in Bozeman. The couple moved to Whittier, Calif., where he was once again called to active duty for the Korean War. Returning home in 1951, he and his wife moved to Great Falls where they operated a gas station from 1951 to 1956. During that time he also received a bachelor of arts degree and a bachelor of science degree from the College of Great Falls. He then went to work for North American Aviation as the project manager, developing the guidance system for the Nautilus Nuclear Submarines. He also attended Long Beach State College during this time and received his master's degree in business administration. The family then returned to Great Falls where he began a career in education, teaching at the Paris Gibson Junior High School. He also start-

ed Stan's Miniature Golf course which the family operated for fifteen years. He spent twenty-one years in education as a teacher, vice-principal, principal and finally as the superintendent of buildings and grounds before his retirement in 1981. He also received a doctorate in education from the Christian University in Florida.

He and his wife moved to Finley Point to enjoy their retirement where he kept busy gardening, clearing the land, building and spending much quality time with his grandchildren. He was a great leader and active throughout his life in the Shriners, the Masons, the Sons of Norway and in the Boy Scouts of America.

In 1994 they moved to Kalispell to be near the medical attention that was needed at the time.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one half-brother, and two half sisters.

He is survived by his wife, Lillian at the family home; one son, Donald Stanfield and his wife Kathi of Finley Point; eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren

Funeral services will be held Thursday at the Christian Center in Kalispell at 1 p.m. with Rev. John Weaver officiating. Visitation will be Wednesday from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary. A light lunch will follow the services before proceeding to Polson for burial at 4 p.m. in the Lake View Cemetery. Military Honors will be under the direction of VFW Post #2986.

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

## Angela M. Stanford, 17

Angela M. Stanford, 17, formerly of Kalispell, passed away Tuesday, June 6, 2000, in Jupiter, Fla., as a result of an accident.

She was born Aug. 2, 1982, in Seattle, to Larry and Diane Sanford. She was a resident of Jupiter, for two years, moving there from Kalispell. She was a recent graduate of Jupiter High School and a recipient of the Florida Bright Scholarship.

Angela, the first five letters spell Angel, and that's what she was to anyone who had the good fortune to meet her. She was abruptly taken away from those who loved her. She's gone in body ... she lives on in the hearts of all the people that she touched. She was a beloved daughter, family member, and friend. If ever there was passion born in a soul and given to this earth, it was in hers. Anyone privileged to witness her poise and beauty ... know her

intelligence ... and feel the warmth of her heart, is asked to celebrate ... you were touched by an angel.

She was preceded in death by her paternal grandparents and her maternal grandmother, Leona Haskell.

She is survived by her mother, Diane Sanford of Jupiter; her father, Larry Sanford of Kalispell; maternal grandfather, Rolland Haskell of Kalispell; three aunts, Patty Archibald of Columbia Falls, Sherrie Benefield of Wheat Ridge, Colo., and Christie May Haskell of Hot Springs; and one uncle, Bruce Haskell of Anchorage, Alaska.

Memorial services will be held Monday, at 2 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel in Kalispell.

The family suggests memorials be given in her name to the charity of your choice.

Local arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary.

## Betty June Hoyt Stark, 74

Betty June Hoyt Stark, 74, of Polson, passed away on Aug. 5, 2000, at Evergreen Health and Rehab Center in Polson.

She was born Jan. 28, 1926, at Epping, N.D., to Harry and Bernice Hoyt. They moved to Bigfork in 1935, and she graduated with a teaching degree from Montana State Normal College in Dillon in 1946. She taught school at Ferndale from 1946-47, Olney in 1947, and Valley View from 1948-49. She married Ed Stark on March 18, 1949, in Polson and lived in Polson before moving to Valley View in 1962.

She was preceded in death by her husband Ed, who passed away

on Jan. 23, 1993.

She is survived by her sons, Gary Stark of Florida, Greg Stark of Carnation, Wash., Gordon Stark of Scotts Valley, Calif., and Vince Stark of Boca Raton, Florida; a daughter, Sue Trusler of Redmond, Wash.; sisters Annabelle Fox and Norma Young; a brother, Jack Hoyt; brother-in-law Harry Stark; and three grandchildren.

Visitation was Monday. Funeral services will be today at 10 a.m. in the Polson Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), with Rev. Gerry Ouellette officiating.

Burial will follow at Lakeview Cemetery in Polson.



## Loran Birl 'Red' Stapley, 85

Loran Birl "Red" Stapley, 85, went to be with his creator on Sept. 23, 2000, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

He was born on March 14, 1915, in Boyne City, Mich., to Ellis and Myrtle Stapley. When he was a boy, his family moved to the Troy, Bull Lake area where he grew up.

He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II, was in three major battles, and served on the USS Salamaua Bay.

He married Betty Anderson on Dec. 12, 1950. They lived in Martin City and the Columbia Falls area for 45 years.

He was an independent logger for 45 years, and a pioneer in logging dead and down timber. He invented the cable self-loader for that use. He logged in northwest Montana including helping to log the Hungry Horse Dam area.

He then went into construction and retired from the operating engineers. The last construction job he was on was the bridge on U.S. 2 over the Flathead River in Columbia Falls.

He and his wife started North Valley Reflexology in 1976. He always enjoyed helping others and they did reflexology for many years, and helped many people. They taught reflexology for several years and have students all over the U.S. and Canada.

He also raised a large orchard after 1961. He loved to work in his orchard and especially during the time of making apple cider. He had many customers that came back year after year for his apple cider and honey.

He was an avid hunter and fisherman. He enjoyed hunting and fishing the most when he was with his kids and grandkids. He always loved the great outdoors.

They moved to Wyoming in 1992, and stayed until 1994, then moved back to Boulder. They



moved back to the Columbia Falls area in 1997. Their family and friends were glad to see them return.

He was preceded in death by his parents, six brothers and sisters, and infant daughter and three grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife, Betty Stapley of Kalispell; his daughter, Sally Barnes and husband, Anson; his son, Steve and wife, Susan, all of Columbia Falls; four brothers, Norman and wife, Ruby, of Troy, Kenneth of Libby, Bob and wife, Peggy, of Stokley, Mo., and Jerry of LaMonte, Mo.; two sisters, Violet Thorpen of Libby, and Keitha Johnson of Issaquah, Wash.; five grandchildren, Wendall Barns and wife, Carolyn, of Missoula, Harley Barns of Columbia Falls, Jeremy Stapley of Kalispell, Rob Stapley and Dan Johnson of Missoula; four great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews some of whom he loved as his own and numerous other relatives and friends.

"He was a kind and gentle man, and a hero to us all." He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

A memorial service in celebration of his life will be held on Saturday at 2 p.m. at Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. Elder Ron Kendall will officiate. Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery.

## Mildred Lorraine Staub, 84

Mildred Lorraine Staub, 84, passed away July 1, 2000 at Brendan House. She was born Oct. 10, 1915, in Livingston, Calif., to William Marcus and Lorna Violet Deneves Butler.

She received her early education in the Morgan Hill area of California where she grew up.

She married Wilbur Henry Staub on Oct. 17, 1941 in Reno, Nev., and to this union was born one son, Lance and one daughter, Linda. The family lived in Great Falls, Everett, Wash., Juneau, Alaska, Bellingham, Wash., and the last thirteen years in Kalispell. She loved Montana and the people here. Her lifetime focus was on her family, always putting them first. She also loved to fish, and enjoyed sewing, knitting, and dancing.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Wilbur, her parents, one brother, Forrest Butler and one sister, Frances McCambridge.

She is survived by her son, Lance S. Staub and wife Georgia of Kalispell; her daughter, Linda F.

Staub of Yucca Valley, Calif.; grandsons, L. Lee Staub of Kalispell, Lon S. Staub and wife Christine of Portland, Ore., and Christopher A. Staub of Austin, Texas; granddaughters, April L. Logulo and husband Carlos of Billings, and Alexia L. Christensen of Kalispell; great-grandchildren, Drew and Jack Staub of Portland, Ore., and Savannah Logulo of Billings; brothers Clarence Butler and wife Bernice, and William Butler, all of San Jose, Calif., and Richard Butler of Mississippi; sisters, Virginia Masoni and husband Louis of Gilroy, Calif., and Alice Mercer of Grants Pass, Ore.

Graveside services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. at C. E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery with Rev. Brenda Wills officiating. Visitation will be Wednesday from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

## Eunice K. Staudacher, 97

Eunice K. Staudacher, 97, went to be with Jesus on April 2, 2000, from Billings.

She was born in Rockhold, Ky., Feb. 4, 1903. In 1927, she moved from Spokane to Chester to teach.

In 1928, she married a local wheat farmer, Leonard Staudacher. She tackled being a mom and homemaker with the same zeal as her teaching position. If she wasn't passing out homemade bread, homemade soap or fresh garden vegetables, she was visiting the nursing home or the shut-ins.

Her life was centered around her church family. To make a difference she assumed the responsibilities of Sunday school superintendent and president of the United Methodist Women as well as

local Business and Professional Women and the Garden Club. She was adamant that her flowers needed to beautify the church altar every Sunday.

With a son and two daughters, the house was filled with kids. She always had room in her heart and home for cousins, Mary and Ray, after their mother had passed away.

When the family moved to Kalispell, in 1945, her zest for life continued to grow. By 1950, her children were grown allowing her to spend 40 winters as a snow bird in Arizona, dancing and playing shuffleboard and horseshoes.

We thank God that he had her here for 97 years even though her last years were almost unmanage-

able.

She left behind an indomitable spirit that continues in her survivors: Lila Kruckenber family of Kalispell, Elaine Davis family of Billings; seven grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren, and seven great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by husband Leonard; son Leonard Jr.; two sisters; a brother; and your mom and dad.

Memorial service will be at Epworth Methodist Church, 11 a.m. Saturday. Graveside inurnment at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Chester Cemetery in Chester.

Memorial of donor's choice. Arrangements were made by Cremation or Funeral Gallery of Billings.

## Maynard G. Stene, 43

Maynard G. Stene, 43, died on Thursday, Jan. 6, 2000, a Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

He was born June 23, 1956, in Shelby, to Arnold and Ruby Stene. He graduated from Plains High School in 1974.

He married Fawn Locker on Nov. 26, 1976, in Plains. He worked as a truck driver in Williston, N.D., as a surveyors aid for the U.S. Forest Service in Plains, for several years before moving to the Flathead Valley where he worked for the Glacier Fur Company for eight years and Flathead Industries as a supervisor at the recycling facility. He had most recently worked for Wal-Mart as a lube tech prior to his becoming ill.

He loved the outdoors, especially hunting and fishing, playing on his computer, and making other people smile. He will be remembered as a very hard worker, and a very fun

person to be around.

He is survived by his wife Fawn of Creston; a son Jon and his wife Ariel of Columbia Falls; two daughters, Valerie Stene of Creston, and Sheila Pitman, of Columbia Falls; his mother Ruby Palmer of Kalispell; his father, Arnold Stene of Plains; a brother Ron and his wife Marge of Missoula; a sister, Sonja and her husband Jim of Kalispell; brother-in-law Mike and his wife Tracy Locker of Rexford; niece and nephew, Jennifer, Riina and Jeremy Stene, Stephanie, Heather, Kyle, Michael and Amanda Locker.

Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. today at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 2 p. m. Saturday at Faith Free Lutheran Church in Kalispell, with the Rev. Steve Snipstead officiating. Burial will follow at Lonepine Cemetery.

Arrangements are under the direction of Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

## Morris 'Marty' Steinberg, 75

Morris "Marty" Steinberg, 75, passed away at Brendan House after a long illness on Nov. 2, 2000.

He was born in the Bronx of New York City on Aug. 2, 1925, to Barney and Anna Chayet Steinberg.

He joined the U.S. Army at the age of 15 where he served honorably in the European Theater of World War II.

He raised his family in Las Vegas, where he worked as a casino manager before moving to Kalispell in the 1980s. He loved to watch all types of sports.

He is survived by his wife, Helen Steinberg of Kalispell; daughter Michele Barnett and husband, Lester, of Kalispell; sons, Mitch and his wife, Debbie Steinberg, of Kalispell, and Scott Steinberg of Whitefish; brothers, Al and wife, Phylis Steinberg, of

Huntington Beach, Calif., Joey Steinberg of Canoga Park, Calif.; sister Rita Steinberg and life partner, Lee, of Deerfield, Fla.; grandchildren, Brandon and Justin Barnett, Ryan and Aaron Steinberg, and Stacy and Amy Steinberg of Kalispell; many nieces, and nephews also.

He was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather and will be missed by all. He enjoyed watching the children grow through the years and has taught us the meaning of family. "He will remain with us forever within our hearts."

Graveside services will be held on Monday at 11 a.m. at Glacier Memorial Gardens, with Bob Gersch officiating. Arrangements are under the care of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

## Yvonne M. Stephan, 74

Yvonne M. Stephan, 74, passed away Aug. 14, 2000 at Kalispell Regional Medical Center. She was born Feb. 16, 1926 in Topeka, Kan., to Otis and Marie Smith Kime.

She grew up near Denver and moved to Butte in 1950 where she resided until 1957 then progressed to Kalispell in 1959. She has resided in Kalispell since 1959 with a short break in Seattle for two years. She married Dr. John Stephan on July 27, 1991 in Seattle.

She worked as northwest sales manager for Tupperware. She was current president of Soroptomist, past matron of Eastern Star and a block chairman for the Republican Party. She enjoyed gardening, flowers and collecting elephants.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and a dear friend, Joyce Currie.

She is survived by her husband, Dr. John D. Stephan of Kalispell; three sons, Mark Plackett, Eric L.

Platt, and Lynn B. Platt; one daughter, Trish Walsh; eight grandchildren, Michele Plackett, Jeff Plackett, Jason Platt, Jaymie Grow, Frank Scovel, Christina Scovel, Richard Walsh and Courtney Walsh; two great-grandchildren, Gabriel Wayne Grow and Lucas Michael Grow; three stepchildren, John William Stephan, Peggy Jean Duggan and Sarah Louise Stephan; two dear friends, Linda Greenland and Tami Kain.

Funeral services will be Wednesday at 4 p.m. at the Christ Church Episcopal with Rev. Paul Taylor officiating. Burial will follow at Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Visitation will be Tuesday from noon to 6 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel.

The family suggests memorials be given to Soroptomist International, C/O Sue Haverfield, 800 S. Main Street, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary.

## Bertha Mae Stephenson, 90

Bertha Mae Stephenson, 90, a longtime Whitefish resident, passed away on Dec. 11, 2000, at the North Valley Extended Care in Whitefish.

She was born on March 4, 1910, in Fairfield, Iowa, the daughter of James and Margaret Coffman. She was raised and attended schools in Fairfield. She then attended Parsons College and received a teaching certificate. She then taught school for two years.

She met and married Martin John Stephenson on May 1, 1933, in Fairfield. The family lived in many places following his career. They came to Whitefish in 1944.

She had also worked for Dr. Sundelius for a short time in both Kalispell and Whitefish.

She was a member of the United Methodist Church in Whitefish. She enjoyed the outdoors, sewing, knitting, gardening, canning and being with her grandchildren.

She is survived by three daughters, Ann Mauer of San Diego, and her children, Kenny and Bobby, Audrey Perry in Virginia Beach, Va., and her children, Kathryn, David and Johnathan, Linda Tabor in Whitefish and her children, Todd, Jennifer, and Joseph; and six great-grandchildren; and many other relatives and friends.

Funeral services will be at 2

p.m. on Friday at the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish. Private interment will follow at the Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

## Dorothy J. Stephens, 78

Dorothy J. Stephens, 78, died May 17, 2000, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

She was born June 2, 1921, in Kansas City, Mo., to Dale and Violet Thomas Hartmann.

Local survivors include her husband Marion "Steve"

Stephens of Whitefish, and one son, Robert Stephens.

No services are scheduled at this time.

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

## Martin John Stephenson, 94

Martin John Stephenson, 94, a Whitefish resident, passed away Wednesday evening, March 22, 2000, at North Valley Extended Care of natural causes.

He was born May 18, 1905, in Lockridge, Iowa, the son of Charles A. and Wilhamina E. Stephenson. He attended schools in Lockridge. He married Bertha Mae Coffman in Fairfield, Iowa, in 1933.

He worked for Safeway as a produce manager for over 25 years and retired in 1967. He liked to hunt, fish and garden.

He is survived by his wife

Bertha in Whitefish; three daughters, Ann Mauer of San Diego, Calif., Audrey Perry of Virginia Beach, Va., Linda Tabor of Whitefish; a sister, Martha Johns, of Fairfield, Iowa; eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren; and by many other relatives and friends.

Visitation will be from 1 to 5 p.m. today at the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish. Graveside services will be 1 p.m. Saturday at the Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls, with the Rev. Darrell Newby officiating.

## Vella Belle Sterner, 99

Vella Belle Sterner, 99, passed away on Nov. 18, 2000, at the Brendan House in Kalispell. She was born Oct. 25, 1901, in Rockford, Minn., to Charles and Effie M. Parmeter Sackett.

She lived in Minnesota until she was 9 years old, when she moved with her mother and stepfather to Alkabo, N. D., where her parents farmed and where she received her early education. On Sept. 2, 1924, she married William A. Sterner in Saskatchewan, Canada. The couple made their home in Ambrose, N. D., until moving to Fort Peck in 1936. In December of 1940 the family moved to Kalispell.

She was preceded in death by her husband, two daughters, one in infancy, Charlett Sterner, and Naomie Shaw, her son, Delno Jack Sterner, and her brother, Waldo J. "Bud" Dusterhoff.

She is survived by four sons,

Claude and Carol Sterner of Moses Lake, Wash.; Kenneth and Sherry Sterner, Garold Sterner and Clayton Sterner, all of Kalispell; a sister-in-law, Josephine "Babe" Dusterhoff of Columbia Falls; and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be held Friday at 2 p.m. at the Glacier Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be at Johnson Mortuary today from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

## Wanda Grayce Clixby Sterrett, 59

Wanda Grayce Clixby Sterrett, 59, died on Wednesday, Feb. 9, 2000, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

She was born on Sept. 27, 1940, in Havre, to Victor and Grace Clixby. She was raised in Big Sandy, where she attended schools.

She married Jerry Sterrett on Sept. 23, 1966, and together they shared a lifelong love of music, family, friends and, most of all, each other.

She loved country music and barbecues and was always there for everybody with a good joke, a kind word, a sympathetic ear or a shoulder to cry on. Her family and all of her many friends will miss her wonderful presence deeply.

She was preceded in death by her



husband, Jerry, and her father, Victor.

She is survived by her mother and stepfather, Grace and Max Claurter, of Big Sandy; three daughters, Carrie Scolis of Helena, Debby Gunderson of Power and Patti Walborn of Mountain Home, Idaho; two sons, Marty Sterrett of Sydney, Australia, and Brent Sterrett of Billings; a sister, Mildred Keppner, of Lakeside; two brothers, Normand Clixby of Olympia, Wash., and Roger Clixby of Missoula; eight grandchildren, Jeri, Sara, Kali, Ryan, Jason, Roger, Nikki and Benjamin; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at the United Methodist Church in Bigfork, with the Rev. Jan Witman officiating. Burial will follow at Lonepine Cemetery.

Bigfork Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

## Dora Dunham Steubs, 94

Dora Dunham Steubs, 94, of Kalispell, died on Friday, Oct. 6, 2000, at Heritage Place.

She was born on June 11, 1906, in Maddock, N.D., to Daniel and Christine Absalonson Dunham. Her family moved to Kalispell where she spent most of her adult life.

She met her husband, Orin Steubs, while they were both working in Yellowstone Park. When she was 28, they were married. The couple celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1984, two years before Orin's death. Both she and Orin were actively involved in the Kalispell Assembly of God.

Her lifelong interests were home and family, especially her great-granddaughters. She was known for her delicious baking, and she enjoyed her home and garden until she was limited by Alzheimer's.

She was preceded in death by her husband Orin E. Steubs; two children, Arlen D. Steubs and Lou Ann Steubs Nolan; and her six siblings, Joe Dunham, Ed Dunham, Selmer Dunham, Harry Dunham, Ellen Dunham, and Cora Dunham.



She is survived by her granddaughter, Cindy Radosevich and her husband, Steve, of Kalispell; four great-granddaughters, Jennie, Kimberly, Maria, and Elizabeth; her grandsons, Bryan Steubs and his wife, Darla, of Missoula, Gary Steubs and his wife, Rhonda, and great-granddaughter, Taylor Anne, of Billings, Sean Nolan and his wife, Cindi, and their children, Kimber and Kaylene, of Portland, Ore., Kevin Nolan and his wife, Dayna, of Seattle; a sister, Florence Dunham Slethhaug of Kalispell; and a daughter-in-law, Sara Alice Steubs of Missoula.

Graveside services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at Glacier Memorial Gardens with the Rev. John Weaver Jr., of Whitefish Assembly of God, officiating.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

## Conner Paul Stevens

Conner Paul Stevens was born March 3, 2000, to Alexis and Craig Stevens. He passed away on June 3, 2000.

He was a beautiful baby, loved and cherished by all who held him.

He is survived by his parents, and big brother Tristan; his grandparents, Mark and Karla Langlois, Craig Sr. and Gayle Stevens; his uncle Callahan, aunt Lanny Jo, and aunt Alyssa; great-grandparents, Lodema Haley, Barb Langlois, Larry and Jeanette Jochim, Lanny and Karen Morton; aunts and uncles, Todd and Caycee Jochim, Richard and

Cindy Jochim, Eddie and Leslie Jungers, Tim Langlois, Paula and David McLellan and their children, Don and Katie Valen, Ernie and Karen McLellan; and numerous cousins.

He was preceded in death by his great-grandfather, Paul Langlois.

He will be greatly missed and held close to our hearts for all eternity.

Memorial services will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday at the First Baptist Church in Bigfork with the Rev. Don Valen officiating. Bigfork Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

## Verda Stevens, 52

Verda Stevens, 52, passed away on Thursday, Aug. 24, 2000, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell, after a lengthy battle with cancer.

She was born on Sept. 2, 1947, in Kalispell, to Elmer and Gertrude McCullough Rhodes. She was raised and attended school in Kalispell.

On March 9, 1967, she married Roger Stevens in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. They had two children together, Marilyn and Ron. She worked for Cavanaugh's Hotel for six years and for the Outlaw Inn for seven years.

She loved spending time with her family. She also enjoyed playing Bingo with her friends. She was a three year member of the Moose Lodge in Whitefish, and attended the Central Christian Church in Kalispell.

She was preceded in death by

her father, Elmer J. Rhodes.

She is survived by her husband Roger Stevens of Kalispell; daughter Marilyn Nickel and her husband, David, of Missoula; son Ron Stevens of Billings; brother Charles Rhodes and his wife, Catherine, of Columbia Falls; three sisters, Ella Mae Stevens and her husband, Harley, of Libby, Ruby Rhodes of Salem, Ore., and twin sister Velma Treat and her husband, Dwight, of Columbia Falls.

Funeral services will be Monday at 10 a.m. at the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Terry Van Heyningen of the Central Christian Church officiating. A reception will follow the funeral service at the Eagles Lodge in Kalispell.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

## Robin Mitchell Stiff, 52

Robin Mitchell Stiff of Edmonds, Wash., passed away Dec. 9, 2000, at his home.

He was born May 16, 1948, in Missoula, the oldest of 10 children of Alfred Mack Stiff Sr. and Vivian Heiser Stiff. After living three years in Helena, the family moved to Bozeman, where he was raised. He excelled at art and athletics and graduated from Bozeman Senior High in 1966 after lettering in football, basketball, and track.

He went to Montana State University on a football athletic scholarship, studied art and education, and was a member of the SAE fraternity.

He married Linda Price in Billings, on June 13, 1970, and graduated in 1971, from Montana State University. They moved to Kalispell, where he taught high school English and art, and coached football. Their son Christopher "Jason" Stiff was born here Sept. 27, 1971.

He left teaching and moved to Billings where he did commercial graphic art and restaurant man-



agement for the Little Big Man Pizza restaurant chain and where he owned and operated the Western Bar and Grill.

He and his future wife, Marsha Johnson, moved to Edmonds in 1989, where they owned and operated the Wild Horse Bar and Grill in Richmond Beach. They were married Sept. 14, 1994, in LaConnor, Wash.

He enjoyed his Seahawk season tickets, doing drawings of his friends and restaurant patrons, and boating on Puget Sound.

He is survived by his wife Marsha Johnson Stiff of Edmonds; son Jason Stiff of Kennewick, Wash.; stepdaughter LeAnne Johnson of Edmonds; and mother Vivian Stiff of Bozeman. Surviving siblings include sisters, Kathy Weiss, Susan Humphrey, Rebecca Cox and Penelope Watkins; and brothers, Tim, Greg, Dan, and Tony.

He was preceded in death by his brother Mack and his father Alfred.

Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Dec. 27 at Dahl Chapel in Bozeman.

Memorials can be made in his name to the charity of the donor's choice.

## Elda Mae Stone, 74

Elda Mae Stone, 74, passed away June 12, 2000, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center after a two year battle with cancer.

She was born May 1, 1926, in Brockton, to Ray and Violet Whitney Grainger. Her family later moved to Olympia, Wash., where she graduated from high school with the class of 1944.

She worked for a short time in Olympia for the Washington state government before moving to Kalispell and working as a legal secretary.

In 1948, she married Daniel W. Stone of Ingram, Texas. During this time, her husband worked on the Hungry Horse Dam Project and various construction projects around Kalispell. In 1957, the family moved to Santa Maria, Calif., where her husband worked on construction projects at Vandenberg Air Force Base.

From 1959 through 1961, she and her husband owned and operated Stony's Take Out, and from 1965 to 1970, owned the Trotter Steak House. After 1970, she worked for JC Penny and for the county hospital in Santa Maria. In 1976, she returned to Kalispell, where she worked for 15 years as the Veteran's Affairs Financial Aid Secretary at the Flathead Valley Community College before retiring in



1992.

She enjoyed spending her free time growing flowers in her garden, and traveling to spend special times with her grandsons. She was a member of the Central Christian Church in Kalispell. She always put her family above all else and they will miss her greatly.

She is survived by her mother, Violet Grainger of Kalispell; one daughter, Janet Frisella and her husband, Dan, of Helena; one son, Daniel W. Stone Jr. of Helena; one sister, Joan Kennedy and her husband, Keith, of Kalispell; two grandsons, Stephen Frisella and Eric Stone of Helena; three nieces, Lillian Jenkins, Connie Landfear, and Kari Mackin of Kalispell; and two nephews, Greg Mosley of Minneapolis, Minn., and Mark Kvaalen of Kalispell.

Funeral services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. at the Johnson Mortuary Chapel in Kalispell with Rev. Terry Van Heyningen of the Central Christian Church officiating. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be today from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary.

The family suggests memorials be given to the Central Christian Church, Second Avenue East and Third Street, Kalispell, MT 59901.

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

## Cecil H. Storms, 90

Cecil H. Storms, 90, a Trego resident, died Jan. 8, 2000, at the Medical Center in McAllen, Texas, of natural causes.

He was born Aug. 1, 1909, in Burden, Kan. He was a professional civil engineer and also had a degree in mechanical engineering which he obtained from Washington College in June 1947. He also owned and operated his own construction company.

He was preceded in death by his wife Elsie in 1997.

He is survived by a son, William Storms in Walla Walla, Wash.; four daughters, Nancy Lowe in Olympia, Wash., Linda Crandall in Provo,

Utah, Tana Storms Harben in Huntsville, Ala., Michelle Storms-Van Howe in Hazelhurst, Wis.; a sister, Lucille Cloud in Richland, Wash.; a half brother, Patrick Cole in Loveland, Colo.

Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. today at the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish. Funeral services will be 1 p.m. Friday, also at the Austin Funeral Home with the Rev. Jim Huff of the Bible Presbyterian Church in Kalispell, officiating. Burial will follow at the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell.

Family and friends are invited to a dinner at the Bible Presbyterian Church, 344 5th Ave. W., Kalispell.



## Vera Grace Strand, 100

Vera Grace Strand, 100, died Feb. 9, 2000, in Kalispell.

She was born May 10, 1899, in Ottertail, Minn., to George and Stella Mae Stevens Hunter. She celebrated her 100th birthday this past May, surrounded by family and friends.

When she was just a child, she moved from Minnesota with her parents, to homestead near Reserve, in Sheridan County. She left school after the eighth grade to work in a grocery store in Dooley.

She married Claus Strand in 1923, and helped prove up their homestead. They lived and farmed in Reserve, until Claus died in 1958.

Following his death, she moved to Spokane, to care for her mother and then to Glasgow, after her mother died. She lived independently until age 92 when she moved to Kalispell. In 1998, she joined the Prestige Assisted Living Center family. Many of those who worked there became very dear to her.

She loved visiting her family. She often traveled by the high line train to visit in western Montana. She enjoyed crocheting and knitting, and made afghans for each of her children and grandchildren over the



years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Claus Strand; and her three brothers, Roy, George, and Murray Hunter.

She is survived by her two sons, Myron K. Strand and his wife, Marilyn, of Kalispell, and Marvin G. Strand and his wife, Gert, of Huntley; eight grandchildren, Debbie Carpenter of Miles City, Brenda and Richard Kerstein of Scobey, Teri and Chester Kallem of Rapid City, S.D., Daya and John Horine of Columbia Falls, Deanna and Curt VanDerWerff of Grand Junction, Colo., Dwayne and Alice Strand of Bremerton, Wash., Danette and Ty Adams of Henderson, Nev., and Darryl and Christy Strand of Swansea, Ill.; 13 great-grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held today at 2 p.m. at Prestige Assisted Living Center, with the Rev. Myron Wilson officiating. Funeral services will be held on Friday at Fulkerson Funeral Chapel in Plentywood, with the Rev. David Curtright officiating. Interment will be in Eden Valley Cemetery alongside her husband Claus.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

## Mildred Eileen Streit, 82

Mildred Eileen Streit, 82, passed away June 13, 2000, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

She was born Dec. 3, 1917, in Bowbells, N.D., to Helmer and Nan Mae Kirkelie. When she was a toddler, the family moved to San Francisco and then to Montana, where she lived in Whitefish, Great Falls, and Kalispell, finishing high school with the class of 1935.

On April 11, 1936, she married Rudolf Streit in Kalispell. They raised three children, Warren Dale Streit of Missoula, Judith Ann Bronson and Robert Kirk Streit of Kalispell.

She was a long time piano teacher in Kalispell. She played for many school and church functions and for a time played professionally with the "Merry Madcaps" at local dance halls and night clubs.

During her later years on the family farm, she became an avid flower gardener. She also enjoyed painting landscapes, photography, knitting, playing the piano, and, of



course, visits from her children and grandchildren.

She was associated with the Lower Valley Home Demonstration Club, Birthday Club and Eagles Women. She moved to Immanuel Lutheran Home in August of 1993.

She was a loving mother and grandmother and will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her father, H. G. "Kirk" Kirkelie; her mother, Nan Mae Manning Kirkelie; her husband, Rudy Streit; and her sister, Margorie Wilson.

She is survived by her children, the Rev. W. Dale Streit of Missoula, Judith Ann Bronson and Robert Kirk Streit of Kalispell; grandchildren, Susan Wynne of Kalispell, Becky Carlson of Missoula, Doug Bronson of Portland, David Streit of Portland, Mark Streit of Kelowna, British Columbia, Julie Manfredi of Florence, Michael Streit of Missoula, Taylor Streit and Logan Streit of Kalispell; and 11 great-grandchildren.

A private memorial service has been held by the family. Additional memorials may be made to the Immanuel Lutheran Home.

## Clarence Carl Struck, 82

Clarence Carl Struck, 82, died Oct. 22, 2000, at the North Valley Hospital in Whitefish. He was born on July 26, 1918, in Malta to Emil and Emma Brocknow Struck.

He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Irene Struck; one son, Darvin Struck and his wife Bonnie; one brother, Emil Struck and his wife Shirley; grandchild, Shelly Struck; and one daughter-in-law, Marlene Struck, all are of Kalispell. Funeral Services will be

held on Thursday at 11 a.m. at Bethlehem Lutheran Church with Rev. Len Erickson officiating. Burial will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Visitation will be Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary. The family requests that memorial donations be sent to the Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 603 South Main St., Kalispell, MT 59901. Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

## Larry G. Sturm, 63

Larry G. Sturm, 63, died Wednesday, May 17, 2000, after a short battle with cancer.

He was born April 1, 1937, in Missoula, the son of Clair and Grace Reynolds Sturm. He grew up in Drummond and later became a teacher in Missoula.

He served in the U.S. Navy from 1955 to 1958. He did a great deal of trucking and was proud to claim over a million miles accident free. He worked for S & S Campers as a manager of the repair department and recently was working at Semi-tool where he had many great friends.

He moved to Bigfork, in 1984, and there he married his favorite waitress, Brenda. Together they made their home in Ferndale. He will be dearly missed by his family and many, many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Survivors include his wife Brenda of Bigfork; three stepsons,

Scott Believeau and his wife, Dianne, of Belgrade, Jeff Believeau and his wife, Shellie, of Fairbanks, Alaska, Matt Believeau and his wife, Jennifer, of Hanford, Calif.; 17 grandchildren; one brother, Jim Sturm and his wife, Karen, of Missoula; one sister, Merle Glasser and her husband, Dee, of Nevada; and many nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be directed to the Bigfork QRU, 810 Grand Ave., Bigfork, MT 59911, in memory of Larry G. Sturm.

Memorial services will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday at the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Ron Pierce officiating.

Following the services, a potluck will be held at Brenda and Larry's home, 770 N. Ferndale Road. All friends are encouraged to come and share memories with the family.

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

### Frances Rebecca Burckhardt Sundelius, 93

Frances Rebecca Burckhardt Sundelius, 93, a resident of Boise, Idaho since 1990, passed away peacefully from natural causes on April 18, 2000. She was a former Kalispell resident.

She was born June 7, 1906 in Huntsville, Mo., Randolph County, to Rodes B. and Ella K. Miller Burckhardt. At the age of five, she moved with her family to a farm near Higbee, Mo. She was raised and received the most of her education in Missouri. She taught school in Missouri until she was married and moved to Montana.

Our mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister and friend will be so greatly missed. There are many stories each of us could tell of her unconditional love, support and prayers and the quick little wink she always gave at the appropriate time.

She married Dr. Fred B. Sundelius, D.O., of Kalispell, on July 16, 1932. They lived at Hot Springs until 1933, when they moved to Kalispell, where she resided until the last 10 years of her life which she spent with her family in Boise.

She was an active member of the First Baptist Church, both locally and at the state level. She was president of Cornelius Hedges PTA; a member of A.D.K., an honorary teachers' sorority, the M.E.A., K.E.T.A.; and also Retired Teachers. She was a member of Chief Ignace Chapter, D.A.R., serving in numerous offices. She held office of state chaplain and past chairman of Press of Montana, D.A.R.

Following the accidental death of her husband in 1952, she fin-

ished her education and taught fifth grade at Russell Elementary in Kalispell for 16 years.

She loved her family. She enjoyed spending time at her cabin at Ashley Lake. She loved to crochet beautiful afghans for her family and friends. She called it "her labor of love." She led a full life and continued to read and crochet up to the time of her death.

She was preceded in death by her parents, an infant daughter; her husband Dr. Fred Sundelius; her brother, Miller A. Burckhardt; sisters, Eva Wilson, and Louise Lyon.

She is survived by her daughter, JoAnn and husband, Harold, of Boise; grandson Douglas and Holly and great-grandchildren Chad and Kristin of Meridian, Idaho; two granddaughters, Laurie Libby and her husband, Bruce, and great-grandsons, Brett and Blake and great-granddaughters, Ellie and Andrea of Hayden Lake, Idaho, Linda Kheriaty and her husband, George, and great-granddaughters, Abby and Mary of Port Angeles, Wash. She was the second child of five children and is also survived by Marybeth Montgomery of Whitefish; and many nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Services will be conducted by Rev. Max Kaser of the First Baptist Church on Saturday at 2 p.m. at the Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Burial will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Memorials may be sent to Shodair Children's Hospital, 840 Helena Ave., Helena MT 59601.

## Robert Jacob Sutton, 84

Robert Jacob Sutton, 84, passed away March 3, 2000, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

He was born July 17, 1915, at the ranch in Whitlash, Mont., to Frank and Elizabeth Bond Sutton, attended by an Indian neighbor woman.

On March 26, 1941, he was married to Marjorie Wickum. They had five children, Kathleen Carlson, Frank, Jim, Pauline Cleveland and Wally. They moved the family from Whitlash to Kalispell, in May of 1961. Marjorie passed away on July 4, 1961, from cancer.

On Dec. 22, 1964, he married Evelyn Forsyth Buffington. They had three children, Alice Malmanger, Mike and Edith Elder. Evelyn also blessed the family with three stepchildren, Marie Monroe, Doug Buffington, and Lee Ann Buffington. He was significant in the life of Roger M. Stair, who was like a son to him and whose birthday they shared.

He had a farm north of Kalispell where he raised horses, cattle, hogs, sheep and kids. He was a 40-year leader of 4-H clubs in Whitlash and Kalispell, and a lifetime member of the Montana Stockgrower's Association. He was a founding member and national president of the Targhee Sheep Association; a charter member of the Northwest Montana Pork Producer's council; a member of the



Flathead Wool Growers; and a longtime member of the Montana State Grange. He was chosen Conservation Farmer of the Year in Toole County for his innovative farming methods. An example of this is that he was the first person to have a totally automatic, totally confined hog barn in Montana.

He was always a driving force in any project that he was involved in, from building a new church in Whitlash, to establishing, building and governing the Darrell E. Fenner 4-H youth camp at Ferndale. He not only built projects, he built lives and personalities. His children, grandchildren and many of the people of this valley, are examples of this. His kids were raised with chores to do, animals to care for and love instead of TV and Nintendo games.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Isabelle Sutton, Francis Marquardt and Bawnie Robinson; his first wife, Marjorie; and his grandson, Jacob Clay Sutton.

He is survived by his wife Evelyn at the family home; all of the children; seven grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Memorial services will be held at 11:30 a.m. Monday at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. There will be no graveside services.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Whitlash Presbyterian Church or the Darrell Fenner Loon Lake 4-H Camp. Arrangements and cremation are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

## Shannon Elizabeth Sword, 38

Shannon Elizabeth Sword, 38, of Whitefish, died Feb. 29, 2000, in Seattle, following a long illness.

She was born May 12, 1961, in Medford, Ore. She graduated from Whitefish High School in 1979.

She lived in Washington, D.C., for 14 years where she worked as a professional nanny. She was instrumental in starting the Association for Nannies, a support organization for nannies which also supports many charitable organizations. She graciously volunteered her time to Special Olympics, caring for the homeless and hospital support organizations.

She had renal failure in 1996, and moved back to the Flathead for medical care. She touched the lives of all who knew her.

She is survived by her parents, Phil and Kathleen Sword of Columbia Falls; brothers, Kevin Sword of Richland, Wash., Chris Sword of Dillingham, Alaska, and Steve Sword of Sumner, Wash.; her maternal grandmother, Dorothy Doddridge of Klamath Falls, Ore.; and by many other family members and friends.

Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Christ Lutheran Church in Whitefish with the Rev. John Bent officiating.

## Frank B. Sweeney, 77

Frank B. Sweeney, 77, passed away on Aug. 31, 2000, in Lonepine.

He was born on April 20, 1923, to Fanny and James Sweeney. He attended Lonepine High School, graduating in 1941. He helped his dad run the ranch that had been homesteaded years before. He was the youngest of five children. He spent his time running cattle, haying and helping any neighbor in need. He pulled many newborn calves and was also the neighborhood barber.

He married Shirley Andrews on Feb. 27, 1946. They were soulmates for 53 years. They had two children, Ken and Cheryl.

He worked for the Forest Service and spent many seasons gathering Christmas trees. In 1965, he and his wife purchased the Hub Supply Grocery store in Lonepine. They worked hard and served the community for many years. The coffee was always on and a customer appreciation day was

always held during the Christmas holidays.

He loved to travel and he was a wonderful dancer. He was a loving and providing husband, a firm yet gentle support to his children. "We were so blessed to be a part of his life. He was the best of the best."

He is survived by his wife, Shirley of Lonepine; one son, Ken, of Lonepine; and one daughter, Cheryl and Todd Stillwell of KallsPELL; Cella, his sister of California; five maternal grandchildren, Craig, Cole, and Chris Sweeney, Shamar and Tasha Stillwell; two stepgrandchildren and two stepgreat-grandchildren.

"We miss him dearly — yet we know we will see him again — through God's grace, comfort, and final plan. And I can say to him 'yes Dad, I'm still checking the oil in my car.'"

A family memorial is planned. Cremation is under the direction of Coffelt Bunch Funeral Service.

## Mary Bruyer Swennes, 72

Mary Bruyer Swennes, 72, of Troy, died on July 30, 2000.

She was born on Feb. 16, 1928, in KallsPELL, to Elmer and Clara Bruyer. She was raised and educated in

KallsPELL, and moved to Libby with her husband, Richard Swennes, in 1951.

She was active in her church, in the community and with her loving family. She will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

She and her husband had been



married for 53 years.

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

Survivors include her husband Richard; son Jay Swennes; and daughter and son-in-law Linda and Rick Erickson; grandchildren Jenelle and Arlona Swennes, Laura, Kevin and Michael Johnson, Nicky Willis; great-granddaughter Ashley; two sisters, Erma Bibb Swennes and Josephine Walter of KallsPELL; and one brother, John Bruyer of St. Paul, Minn.

Services were conducted at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Troy. Burial was in Troy Cemetery.

### Edith C. Swing, 95

Edith C. Swing, 95, longtime Eureka educator, died Oct. 4, 2000, at Mountain View Manor in Eureka.

She was born Dec. 8, 1904, at Sioux City, Iowa, to Amelia and August Spute.

She married Amel J. Swing on June 16, 1926. She taught in the Tobacco Valley for 25 years, and in the Eureka grade school for 24 years. Following her retirement in 1962, she continued to work as a substitute teacher for an additional 11 years.

She was preceded in death by her husband Amel in 1977.

She is survived by her son John Swing and his wife, Beverly, of Libby; a daughter, nine grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

Services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. at the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Jerry May and the Rev. Carl Pershall officiating. Interment services will follow at Tobacco Valley Cemetery. Friends may call at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Libby from 10:55 a.m. today and from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday. Memorials may be made to Mountain View Manor.

### Jamie Syverson, 36

Jamie Syverson, 36, passed away at his home in Kallispell, on Sept. 27, 2000.

He was born March 1, 1964, in St. Paul, Minn., to Mr. and Mrs. Syverson. He graduated from Fullerton High School in Fullerton, Calif., and then went to college for a year.

After college, he decided that he wanted to travel throughout the world. His travels took him to Nepal, where he spent three months hiking and backpacking and camping. He also was instrumental in helping to establish an orphanage in Honduras. To supplement his living, he bartended at the various places his travels took him. He finally found his home in Kallispell where he became a successful entrepreneur with Holt Stage Enterprises, which included auto and truck sales and real estate development.

He loved to cook and entertain his friends. His best times were

hosting Jeopardy parties where everyone told him that he was the expert and should get on the show. His other loves included cooking, the great outdoors, snow and water skiing, and snowmobiling. He also enjoyed raising livestock.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Trent Syverson, and his grandparents.

He is survived by his parents, Ken and Patrice Ahrens of Palm Springs, Calif., and many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Funeral services will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Richard Whittet of the Kallispell Foursquare Church officiating. Burial will follow at Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Visitation will be Tuesday from 11 a.m. to time of service at Johnson Mortuary Chapel.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.