

Beryl Alvin Wagner, 92

Beryl Alvin Wagner, 92, passed away at Brendan House in Kalispell, on Nov. 14, 2000.

He was born on Sept. 4, 1908, in Montford, to Alvin C. and Florence Seek Wagner. Born in a small community just east of Kalispell, he was raised and lived his entire life in the Flathead Valley. He met a young lady in Kalispell, Virginia Romon Schultz, and would pick her up with his horse and wagon for their dates. On March 3, 1936, they were married in Kalispell.

He apprenticed as a blacksmith, following in his father's occupation. He eventually worked as an operating engineer with heavy construction, working on such projects as the Hungry Horse Dam and roads.

He retired in 1970 and began to enjoy 30 good years of retirement. He loved to spend time outdoors, especially hunting and fishing. He never went out without bringing his wife back a bouquet of some sport. He was known for his wonderful smoked fish. He was also good at tinkering, making everything from his own screws to tying his own flies. He continued to tie flies and make ice-fishing jigs until his death.

He was a long-time member of the First Baptist Church in Columbia Falls. He was also a 50 year member of the Local 400

Operating Engineer's Union.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one sister, Gertrude Wurst; one brother, Marvin Wagner; and two daughters, Donna Copenhaver and Patricia McHale.

He is survived by his loving wife of 64 years, Virginia Wagner of Kalispell; one daughter, Berylene Taylor and her husband, Forest, of Kalispell; one son, Beryl G. Wagner and his wife, Janie, of Columbia Falls; seven grandchildren, Steven Bronson and his wife, Cynthia, of Colorado Springs, Colo., Gordon Bronson and his wife, Peggy, of Longview, Wash., Terry Denzer and her husband, Allen, of Brady, Linda Russell and her husband, Gary, of Kalispell, Rita Wagonarr and her husband, Paul, of Hardin, Jim Wagner and his wife, Nicole, of Kent, Wash., and David Wagner, also of Kent; 12 great-grandchildren, and seven great-great-grandchildren; and a special nephew, Carl Wurst.

Funeral services will be Friday at 2 p.m. at the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Jerry Buchanan of the First Baptist Church, Columbia Falls, officiating. Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery. Visitation will be today from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

George William Wagner, 89

George William Wagner, 89, died Feb. 23, 2000.

He was born Feb. 24, 1910, in Letcher, S.D., the only son of Thomas William and Panzie Balding Wagner. When he was one year old, the family homesteaded at Ronan. His grandparents and great-grandparents had moved to Montana in 1899, and settled into the Lower Valley in Kalispell. He spent time as a child visiting with them. The family then moved back to South Dakota where he went to school and helped farm.

In 1933, George, then 23, moved his mother, grandmother and two of his sisters back to his grandmother's farm in the Lower Valley. His father and the rest of the family came later that same year. He threshed with steam engines and farmed the tillable ground on his grandmother's farm.

He worked at the Somers saw mill — any job to help with the family finances. In 1935, he built a small house in town and worked in a grocery store. While working there he met his wife, Hazel Thelma Guy. They were married June 6, 1936.

After their marriage they purchased property in the Lower Valley where they farmed until 1963. They then went to Libby, where they owned and operated a mobile home sales and truck stop. After they sold the business, he ran a rock crusher and also drove for Union Oil. For a period of time, they operated a race

track. In the spring of 1981, they retired and moved back to the Lower Valley where they lived until their deaths.

He was preceded in death by his wife Hazel in 1988, and daughter, Virginia Kintzmiller in 1974. He was also preceded in death by his parents and sister, Marie Lawrence.

He continued to live at his home, 101 Wagner Lane, until Feb. 23. One day before his 90th birthday, he left his earthly home for a grand birthday party with his Lord and his Savior.

He is survived by his son, Robert R. Wagner of Kalispell; daughter and son-in-law, Georgia and David Branscome of Kalispell; 10 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren, three great-great-grandchildren; sisters and family, Ruth and Keller Johnson of Idaho, Doretta and Guy Nees, Darlene and Joe Laurin, Lois Nail, and Bonnie Clover, all of Kalispell; and many nieces, nephews and friends.

A memorial service will be held at Kalispell Church of The Nazarene, 1295 Whitefish Stage Rd. on Monday at 1 p.m. with the Rev. Ross Lougheed and the Rev. Guy Nees officiating.

A memorial fund in his memory has been set up for the music ministry of the local Church of the Nazarene.

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

Marvin L. Wagner, 82

Marvin L. Wagner, 82, died Aug. 10, 2000, at the Brendan House in Kalispell.

He was born May 6, 1912, in Creston, to Alvin and Florence Seek

Wagner.

No services are scheduled at this time. Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Clifford O. Wagnild, 80

Clifford O. Wagnild, 80, died at Kalispell Regional Medical Center Nov. 30, 2000, as a result of a massive stroke.

He was born in Outlook, on June 1, 1920, to Christ and Elline Odland Wagnild. After his father's death, he and his mother and brothers moved to his grandfather's farm near Coulee, N.D.

In 1938, he graduated from Kenmare High in North Dakota with honors. He continued his education at Minot Business College.

He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II from 1941-45.

On Aug. 20, 1950, he married Phyllis Isachsen in Wolf Point.

He was employed in banks in the following towns: Minot, Havre, Lewistown, and Wolf Point.

In 1966, he and his brother, Ed, started Wagnild Farm and Auto Supply on Center Street in Kalispell. He left the business after 10 years.

He then was employed as Flathead County Deputy Assessor, retiring in 1985.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years; a son, Mark Wagnild of

Kalispell; daughters and sons-in-law, Kristi Wagnild of Kennewick, Wash., Judi and John Ficken of Kalispell, Ruth and Rev. John Allen of Great Falls; grandchildren, Brian Gorton, Julie, Cindy and Jimmy Allen; brothers Ed Wagnild of Kalispell, and Oliver Wagnild of Wolf Point; 19 nieces and nephews.

He was a dedicated member of the Lutheran Church, serving as a Sunday school teacher, deacon and choir member. He was a soloist for many funerals and weddings.

He sang with the Flathead Valleyaires and was a member of the Wolf Point Kiwanis, and the Kalispell Lions Clubs. He was also a Boy Scout leader in Wolf Point.

Cremation has taken place and burial will be held at a later date.

Memorial services will be held on Monday at 10 a.m. at Bethlehem Lutheran Church with the Rev. Doug Nemitz officiating.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, memorials be sent to Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 603 S. Main St., Kalispell, MT 59901.

Pastor Joseph E. Wagnon, 80

Pastor Joseph E. Wagnon, 80, passed away April 26, 2000, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center, and he has now gone to be with his Lord in Heaven.

He was born Nov. 24, 1919 in Pine Bluff, Ark., to Joseph Earl and Hattie Beatrice Erwin Wagnon. He received his early education in Pine Bluff in Bradford County where he graduated from high school and then went to business school.

He joined the Army in 1944 where he was a cook in the 757th Tank Battalion serving in the Asiatic Pacific and the Philippine Theater. He was given an honorable discharge in 1946.

When he returned home, he married and had three children, William Joseph, David E., and Hattie Pauline. He later divorced and married Nancy Kinshella on Nov. 1, 1974, at First Christian Church in Caldwell, Idaho, and gained five children, Leo, Brian, Kathy, Vicki and Cindy.

He wanted to join the ministry and went to N. W. Christian College for four years in Eugene, Ore., and then one year at the University of Oregon.

He began preaching as the minister at the Allison Park Christian Church in Eugene. He was a minister for 45 years serving in various areas, Eugene, Irving, and Colburg, Ore.; Boise, and Weiser, Idaho; Whitefish and Conrad, where he ministered in the First Christian Church Disciples of Christ from 1982 until retiring in 1996.

After retiring he moved to Kalispell where he lived until the time of his passing. Preaching was his life.

He enjoyed sports with his children, watching them participate and would hunt and fish with his



boys. He also enjoyed fishing trips to the ocean with his family.

He was a member of the Whitefish Masonic Lodge for 20 years.

Also the Lions Club; the VFW; the Eastern Star; the Kiwanis Club; and he was a member of the Columbia Falls First Christian Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one uncle and is now survived by his wife of 25 years, Nancy Wagnon at the family home in Kalispell; four sons, William Joseph Wagnon and wife, Pam, of Eugene, David E. Wagnon and wife, Barbara, of Meridian, Idaho, Leo W. Hovey and his wife, Melinda, of Kalispell, Brian P. Hovey and wife, Mirian, of Wabashaw, Minn.; four daughters, Hattie Pauline Wagnon of Hawaii, Kathy A. Hovey of Missoula, Vicki L. Frisbee and husband, Ted, and Cindy L. Ruths and husband, Gary, all of Boise; a mother-in-law, Vivian Managhan of Kalispell; 18 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and eight cousins in Pine Bluff.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday at the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with Duane Hull officiating. Burial will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday at Johnson Mortuary Chapel prior to service.

The family suggests memorials be given to the Montana Heart Association, c/o Lavonne Aikin, 623 2nd Ave. East, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Lyndsey Mae Walker

Lyndsey Mae Walker died on Thursday, Nov. 16, 2000, at Community Medical Center in Missoula.

She was born Nov. 12, 2000, in Missoula, to Joshua and Laura Walker.

She is survived by her parents, Joshua and Laura Walker of Kalispell; grand-

parents including Harold and Tina Walker of Kalispell; great-grandparents; and several aunts and uncles.

A funeral service will be held on Wednesday at Garden City Funeral Home. Interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Cemetery.

George A. Walton, 73

George A. Walton, 73, of Columbia Falls, died peacefully on Thursday evening, Feb. 10, 2000, at the Montana Veterans Home.

He was born Aug. 16, 1926, in Puyallup, Wash., the son of Jack and Sally Walton. He convinced his parents to allow him to enlist in the Navy one year prior to the required age, and he served his country during World War II in the Pacific.

He came to the Columbia Falls area after his discharge from the Navy and began a long love affair with the mountains of Montana. He worked for a time at Stoltze Lumber and later at The Blue Moon night Club and Rex's Night Club; and in the late 50s he became the owner and operator of the Paul Bunyan Night Club. He operated it until ill health forced him to retire and sell the bar in 1989.

He will be remembered lovingly for his sense of humor, his generosity and friendly personality.

His family would like to express their gratefulness to the many friends that made his life so very spe-



cial.

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

He is survived by his brother, Frank "Babe" Walton of Las Vegas, Nev.; daughters, Marjorie "Babe" Walton of Helena, Mary Lou Grigg and her husband, Floyd, of Columbia Falls; granddaughters, Nicolle Arneson and husband, Monti, and their children, Bryce and Blake Arneson, all of Columbia Falls; granddaughter Tara Harvey and her husband, Russ, and their children, Justin and McKenna, of Columbia Falls; grandson Mike Grigg and his wife, Kim, and their daughter, Abbey, of Tonopah, Nev.; and grandson Jason Herman and his fiancée, Karla, and children, Cassandra, Shay and Amanda, all of Kalispell.

Friends may pay their respects beginning Monday morning at the Columbia Mortuary. Funeral services will be Tuesday 10 a.m. at the Columbia Mortuary. Military honors and graveside service will follow at the Woodlawn Cemetery of Columbia Falls.

Memorials may be given to the Montana Veteran's Home of Columbia Falls or to the North Valley Extended Care Unit of Whitefish.

Ann Tait Wandesforde, 83

Ann Tait Wandesforde, 83, passed away on Aug. 6, 2000, of natural causes at Riverside Health Care Center.

She was born Aug. 12, 1916, in Seattle, where she lived until 1961. Her parents emigrated from Scotland in their early 20s, and although she never returned to the "auld hame," she was very fond of bagpipes and proud of her Scottish heritage. She had happy memories of Highland games in Seattle with her extended family.

She was married to Harold Wandesforde in 1939, and they moved to Las Vegas in 1961, where they lived until they moved to Missoula in 1995 to be with family.

She was prominent in Las Vegas society in the 1960s and 70s. She was president of the Home of the Good Shepherd auxiliary, and president of the Southern Nevada Memorial Hospital auxiliary where she had over 2000 hours of community service. She was a member of the Mesquite Club and Las Vegas Country Club. She and her husband, who was president of the Title Insurance and Trust Company, entertained lavishly and extensively and she loved living in Las Vegas during the Howard Hughes era.

She enjoyed league bowling, gardening, and was in the same bridge club for over 30 years. She lived on the Sahara Nevada golf course and had many parties over the years when well-known golfers would come by during golf tourna-

ments.

She will be remembered for her hard work and dedication as a wife, mother and volunteer. She had a lively spirit and a great many friends. She had beautiful red hair and a fun, spunky personality to match. Everyone whose life she touched will miss her.

After moving to Missoula, she lived in the Mountain Villa Apartments. In failing health, she was moved to the Missoula Hospice home for several months where she was lovingly nursed back to health and discharged. She eventually lived in Riverside Health Care Center for six months where she enjoyed the staff who took excellent care of her.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 60 years, Harold Wandesforde, her sister, Margaret Cowan, and two infant brothers.

She is survived by her daughters and sons-in-law, Carol and John Gordon of Missoula, Barbara and Robert Ford of Boise, Idaho, ex-son-in-law, Harry Lattin of Kalispell; grandsons Brandon Hayes-Lattin of Portland, Ore., Brent Lattin of Kalispell, Jon Ford of Boise, and Robert Ford of Alaska; and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements were handled by Garden City Funeral Home. Cremation has taken place and no services are planned. The family requests memorials be sent to Partners Hospice, 500 N. Higgins, Suite 201, Missoula, MT 59802.

Dolores Ann "Dot" Ward, 71, passed away peacefully late Wednesday morning, May 24, at Heritage House in Kalispell.



She was a fixture at school athletics scoring benches for years, and Bigfork's 1995 Citizen of the Year.

The mother of seven children, all educated in the Bigfork school system, she was a loving, steadfast supporter of all youngsters in the community. In later years, even as ill health kept her in almost constant discomfort and pain, she continued to serve her "kidlets" by keeping score at junior and senior high school boys and girls basketball games, and by substitute teaching in all grades.

Earlier, she had been a 4-H cooking instructor and was proud that her group garnered several awards. She also taught religious education on and off for 15 years at St. Catherine's Catholic Church in Bigfork. She took joy in teaching the children of former students.

She was a long-time member of St. Catherine's Parish, having helped raise funds to build the then-new church. She served as president of the Altar Society in 1955-1956, and continued to be active in the parish until 1975.

She was well-known for a keen wit, and was particularly adept with figures and numbers, which served her well at the scoring books, and in various clerking and bookkeeping jobs as a single parent. These attributes also helped make her a formidable, and often successful, bridge partner. She was always frugal with her resources and took great pride in being able to help pay for her children's education and weddings. She often said she was especially blessed to have such loving sons and daughters, their spouses and grandchildren.

"A person could ask for no more," she wrote a few weeks before her death, adding that from the age of four, she'd never met a stranger, always loved youngsters and had taken everyone she met to heart.

She was born March 23, 1929, in Lorain, Ohio, to Steven A. Mozer and Marie E. Novak. At age three she moved with her family to Pontiac, Ill., where she attended St. Mary's School and Pontiac Township High School. She then attended Northwestern University until her father's death in 1946.

Polio also struck her in 1946. After much work with the help of her mother, she learned to walk and to use her arms again. But 35 years later, post-polio syndrome would come back to haunt her and contributed much to her later poor health, eventually leaving her wheel-chair bound. Even this, however, didn't keep her down; she could often be seen speeding around various parking lots aboard her electric cart — shopping, getting her hair done, or heading into the gym to record a

game.

In 1949, she married a young North Dakota man, William P. Ward, in Pontiac. The couple moved to Kalispell in 1950, then to Bigfork in 1954, and finally to Woods Bay in 1956, where she remained until recent weeks. They divorced in 1975. Basically a homemaker prior to that, she then worked for the Lakeside School District, then the Flathead County Road Department until becoming more seriously ill in 1987.

For many years, to help make ends meet when the family was still young, "Mrs. Ward's Pies" were a much sought-after dessert in local restaurants. More than one fresh apple or rhubarb whole pie found itself being transported north across the border by Canadian visitors.

In more recent years, she realized a life-long dream to be a writer by becoming a columnist in the weekly Bigfork paper.

She is survived by two sisters, Patricia and Sandra and their families of Washington and California, respectively; seven children, Terry and L. D. Gross, Michael and Carol Ward, and Mary Ward of Bigfork, William and Yvonne Ward of Vancouver, Wash., Shawn and Linda Ward of Dillon, Kathy and Mike Cole of Kodiak Island, Alaska, Robert and Tamara Ward of Butte; 12 grandchildren and one great-grandchild; and her former spouse, Bill, of Bigfork and Arizona.

A vigil will be held today at 7 p.m. at St. Catherine's Catholic Church in Bigfork. Mass of the Resurrection is planned for 2 p.m. Saturday. Burial will follow at Lone Pine Cemetery.

At her request, the family asks that in lieu of flowers, donations be given to either the Bigfork Quick Response Unit or to the Flathead Bank of Bigfork for a memorial scholarship to be set up in her name.

Dora D. Warkins, 86, passed away Saturday, March 18, 2000, at Immanuel Lutheran Home.

She was born Sept. 5, 1913, in Napoleon, N.D., to Jacob and Kathryn Paris. Her parents were farmers who immigrated from a German village in Russia. There were 14 children and one adopted child in her family. She was the middle of the six children who survived to adulthood.

After completing school she babysat and worked on the family farm. She moved to Coalwood, Mont., in 1933, to live with her sister. There she worked in a restaurant and a hotel in Broadus.



She met her husband, Charles, while working on her sister's ranch. She married Charles Warkins on June 2, 1934.

Her housekeeping earned her the nickname "White Tornado." She and her husband raised two children. In 1945, the family moved to the Flathead Valley and in 1949, to a ranch at Pine Grove where they lived for 12 years.

In 1961, they relocated to Evergreen, and Charles worked for the Montana Department of Fish and Game. He passed away in January 1974.

She then traveled to Texas and California to visit family. She enjoyed gardening, canning, making quilts, baking, and belonged to the Pine Grove Ladies Club.

In 1957, she joined the Kalispell Seventh Day Adventist Church

where her son-in-law was the pastor for the last eight years.

She moved into the Immanuel Lutheran Home on March 8, 1999. She was preceded in death by her husband Charles; her parents; one grandchild; and 13 of her brothers and sisters.

She is survived by daughter Genevieve Schulze and husband, Gerald, of Columbia Falls; son Lyman Warkins and wife, Myrna, of Kalispell; sister Lydia Raschkow of Broadus; five grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

A visitation will be held Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m. at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Funeral services will be Friday at 2 p.m. at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home with the Rev. Gerald Schulze officiating. Burial will follow at C.E. Conrad Ceme-

Robert D. Warren, 60

Robert D. Warren, 60, died at his home in Hungry Horse on Monday, Sept. 25, 2000.

He was born Aug. 29, 1940, in Chickasha, Okla., to Naomi and Wallace A. Warren. He was in the appliance business for over 25

years. He was preceded in death by his father, Wallace.

He is survived by his wife Georgia, two sons, a daughter, his mother, and three sisters.

A private service for family was held on Sept. 28.

Earl E. Weed, 66, went to be with the Lord on Dec. 25, 2000, Jesus' birthday in Bigfork.

He was born June 12, 1934, in Kalispell, to Earl S. and Evelyn Klabo Weed. He and his brother Kenneth Weed were inseparable. They went to grade school and Flathead High School together. They were very active in many different fields, like National Guard, and sports. They both worked together at Plum Creek for 44 years.

He met Lynn McKinley in 1968, and on June 12, 1969, they wed. This was a very joyous and wonderful thing but also a challenging time. He had three children from a previous marriage and she had four children from a previous marriage. The reason why this was a very joyous and wonderful time is because of all the love that grew from this marriage.

He was a very loving and caring, family-oriented man, a loving father to all seven children, and a great friend to many. He loved with all his heart and would help all.

Having so many children, there was a revolving door at the home for all his kids' friends. His wife was the apple of his eye and she was his dearest love. He loved to go fishing and camping and have wonderful family get-togethers.

In December 1998, he retired from Plum Creek and he and his wife traveled the state of Montana. His family and friends will miss him



dearly. He will be gravely missed by all because of his love for all.

He was preceded in death by his father and mother, Earl and Evelyn Weed; sister Karen Weed O'Hare; stepsister Lucille Dickenson; and stepmother, Selma Weed.

He is survived by his wife, Lynn Weed of Bigfork; children, La Dawn G. and husband, Donald Black, of Missoula, Daniel and wife, Debbie Weed, of Polson, Randy and wife, Patti Weed, of Columbia Falls, Lorna and husband, Steve Avery, of Post Falls, Idaho, Della Davis of Newman Lake, Wash., Danene and husband, Bob Thornton, of Spokane, and Kari and Shawn Hollopeter of Creston; brother Kenneth and wife, Patricia Weed, of Whitefish; step-sisters, Lois Frances and husband, Woody, of Lincoln, Barbara Eystad and husband, Jim, of Kalispell; 18 grandchildren; several nieces and nephews, and cousins; and all of his Plum Creek family.

Funeral services will be held on today at 2 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary with the Rev. Ron Pierce officiating. Burial will follow at the Glacier Memorial Gardens. The family suggests memorials be given to Home Options/Hospice, 175 Commons Loop, Ste. 100, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

This paid obituary is being run a second time at the request of the family.

Elmer Ulysses Weed, 88

Elmer Ulysses Weed, 88, died at Lakeview Care Center in Bigfork, on Jan. 12, 2000.



He was born Aug. 29, 1911, in Bigfork, to Frank and Anna Weed. He is believed to be the oldest native-born resident in Bigfork. He attended school in Bigfork, and worked with his parents at the family-owned Fisherman's Home Restaurant on Main Street in Bigfork, until 1933.

He married Lois Irene Butterfield on Aug. 27, 1933, in Polson. They lived in Bigfork, working at land clearing, road construction, carpentry and caretaking for the Milburn Estate on Swan Lake. In September 1942, they moved to Tacoma, Wash., where he worked in the shipyards during World War II until October 1945.

Upon returning to Bigfork, he worked for Pacific Power and farmed until returning to caretake at Swan Lake in the fall of 1949, for the Milburn and Widner families until 1960, when the summer home was sold to Superior Builders of Columbia Falls.

He then went to work for Superior Builders as millwright and continued as caretaker until he and his wife

built their own home on the Swan River in Ferndale, in 1965. He retired from Superior Builders in November 1976.

He loved life and enjoyed hunting, boat racing with his son, fishing and camping. He was a strong and courageous man with a gentle and loving spirit who was loved and respected by all who came in contact with him.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Ernest and Earl Weed; and one infant son.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 66 years, Lois, of Lakeview Care Center in Bigfork; son Herb Weed and wife Trudy of Lewiston, Idaho; daughter Darlene Eickert of Bigfork; four grandchildren, Herb Weed Jr. and wife Pam of Dufur, Ore., Darla Weed of Lewiston, Jodi Thoeny and husband Dustin of Kalispell, and Jeff Eickert of Bigfork; seven great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews; and special family friend and companion Velma Bennett of Bigfork.

A memorial service will be at 3 p.m. Saturday at the Community United Methodist Church in Bigfork, with the Rev. Ron Pierce officiating.

The family suggests memorials may be made to the Bigfork QRU or charity of their choice.

Arrangements are by Bigfork Funeral Home.

Lois Irene Weed, 85

Lois Irene Weed, 85, passed away at Lake View Care Center in Bigfork on Oct. 23, 2000, where she had resided since May 3, 1988, due to Alzheimer's disease.



She was born March 28, 1915, in Ronan, to Ted and Bernice Butterfield. Her family moved to Bigfork in 1923 where she was raised on the family farm with her six sisters and one brother. She attended Bigfork schools through the ninth grade.

On the day of her eighth grade graduation, she met her beloved husband of 67 years, Elmer U. Weed. They dated for two and a half years and were wed on Aug. 27, 1933, in Polson. They continued to live in Bigfork for four years until the fall of 1937 when they took a caretaker job for Eugene Milburn at his private summer home on Swan Lake. While living there, they started their family. After losing one infant son, she gave birth to son, Herbert Weed in 1940. In September 1942, they moved to Tacoma, Wash., where her husband worked in the Seattle/Tacoma shipyards. They returned to Kalispell in time to give birth to their daughter, Darlene, in January 1946.

In 1947, they bought the Ripke Ranch near Bigfork (now Croskrey/Pierce place), but returned to the Swan Lake summer home in 1949 where she worked as cook and caretaker.

In 1965, she and her husband moved to their own place on the Swan River in Ferndale where they worked together to build their home, retire and enjoy the fishing and camping they both

loved.

She was best known as an excellent cook and homemaker, always able to provide a meal for anyone at anytime. She took great pride in her family and home, garden and flowers. She was an accomplished maker of crocheted afghans and doilies, and textile painted and embroidered linens. She will be remembered always for the warmth of her smile sparkling brown eyes, and generosity of spirit.

She has been missed by her family for the last ten years, with Alzheimer's robbing her of her memory and speech.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her beloved Elmer in January 2000; one brother, Fred Butterfield; three sisters, Helen Bjork, Connie Knudsen, and Frances Evans; and one infant son.

She is survived by her son, Herb Weed and wife Trudy, of Lewiston, Idaho; daughter, Darlene Dobrocke and husband Mike of Bigfork; four grandchildren, Herb Weed, Jr. of Dufur, Ore., Darla Weed of Lewiston, Idaho, Jodi Thoeny of Kalispell, and Jeff Eickert of Bigfork; seven great-grandchildren; sisters Lucille Evans of Oxnard, Calif., Dorothy Potts of Alberta, Canada, and Mary Jane Matthias of Everett, Wash., and numerous nieces and nephews.

Graveside services will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. at Lone Pine Cemetery in Bigfork with Rev. Ron Pierce officiating. A celebration of life will immediately follow at the home of LouAnn and Rick Baird, 1175 Holt Dr. Memorials can be made to the Lake View Care Center Resident Memorial Fund, 1050 Grand Dr., Bigfork, MT 59911 or Bigfork QRU, Grand Dr., Bigfork, MT 59911.

Marjorie Joyce Weed, 91

Marjorie Joyce Weed, 91, passed away at the home she loved, after a brief illness on Nov. 29, 2000, with her family close by her side.



She was born Feb. 5, 1909, in Canton, S. D., to Charles L. and Pearl Cummings Kundert.

She graduated from high school in Harrisburg, S. D., in 1927. She also attended the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks where she belonged to Chi Omega Sorority and Glee Club. She also sang the lead in numerous operettas.

She met Dr. Vernon A. Weed in Red Lake Falls, Minn., where she was a switchboard operator at her parent's telephone exchange when the new doctor came to town. They were married at her parent's home on June 21, 1936.

In 1941, they moved with their daughter, Karen, to Kalispell, where they lived for a brief time prior to World War II. At that time, Dr. Weed volunteered to serve in the U.S. Army Medical Corps. When he was subsequently ordered to serve in the European Theatre, she and her daughter moved to Red Lake Falls for a brief time before settling in Bigfork for the duration of the war where they lived with Dr. Weed's mother, Marie Weed and his grandmother, Carrie Gehres. Four generations under one roof!

After the war, her husband resumed his medical practice in Kalispell where their son Alvern was born.

She was a long-standing member of Eastern Star and Daughters of the Nile, having held offices in both organizations. She had also been a member of and held offices in local and state medical auxiliaries. She enjoyed playing bridge, having belonged to the same club for over 40 years.

Her greatest joys were her family and friends. She spent many happy and fulfilling years entertaining them in her home, where she had lived since 1947. She was very proud of her independence and her abilities to continue living and caring for herself in her home in later years.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Dr. Vernon Weed in 1964; her sister, Marcia Hunt; and a brother, Dwight Kundert.

She is survived by one daughter, Karen Tipp of Missoula; one son, Alvern and his wife, Barbara Weed, recently of Great Falls; one sister, Gwendolyn Pushing of Olivia, Minn.; sisters-in-law, Carrie Wade of Bigfork, and Rene Weed of Seattle; six grandchildren, Lynda Butler and her husband, Robert, Bryan Tipp and his wife, Lori, Ron Tipp and his wife, Mary Chris, all of Missoula, Katelyn, Alexandra Marjorie Marie and Kelsey Weed, all of Great Falls; six great-grandchildren, Elizabeth, Madalyn Joyce, and Wade Butler, Caleb and Carly Tipp and Natalie Tipp, all of Missoula; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday at 2 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church in Kalispell. Burial will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

The family suggests memorials be given in her memory to Shriner's Hospital for Children, Spokane Unit, P.O. Box 2472, Spokane, WA 99201-2492; or The Western Montana Scottish Rite Speech and Language Clinic, University of Montana, c/o Lynda Butler, 2360 River Road, Missoula, MT 59801.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

This paid obituary is being run a second time at the request of the family.

LaMora 'Morrie' Editha Weinrich, 92

LaMora "Morrie" Editha Weinrich, 92, died on Wednesday, Jan. 5, 2000, at her home in Kalispell.

She was born on Nov. 21, 1907, in Plains, to Wilbur and Editha Bemis. She was married to Elmer B. Weinrich on Dec. 15, 1951, at the Black Bear Hotel in Plains. They were sealed together for eternity at the LDS Temple in Idaho Falls, Idaho, in September of 1960. She had made her home in Thompson Falls, Missoula, Roseburg, Ore., Medford, Ore., Havre, and various other locations throughout Montana and Oregon.

She was preceded in death by her two children, Jack Popham and Joyce Miller, and one great-granddaughter, Jolene Miller.

She is survived by her loving and devoted husband Elmer; two grandsons, Jay and Nancy Miller of Coos Bay, Ore., and Joe Miller of



Springville, Vt.; great-grandchildren, Jeffrey, Jennifer, Michael, Angelia, Cindy, Elizabeth, Jeremy, Hope and Aaron; 12 great-great-grandchildren.

It has been the privilege and honor of her great-grandson Jeffrey Miller and his wife Megan and their children to have been able to care for her in the last months of her earthly journey.

She was a faithful member of the LDS Church for over 40 years. She was generous and loving and gave all she had to those she loved the most. We love you Morrie. You will be greatly missed until we can all be together again.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Church of Latter Day Saints on Whitefish Stage Road. Burial and dedication of the grave will be at 3 p.m. Saturday at the Oddfellows Fraternal Cemetery in Thompson Falls.

Arrangements are under the direction of Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

Mona Jelleff Weller, 50

Mona Jelleff Weller, 50, passed away at home on Oct. 15, 2000, after a long fight against cancer.

She was born on May 10, 1950, to Audrey and Percy Jelleff in Bigfork. She lived in Bigfork until graduating from high school and going out to start her own life.

She worked as a waitress, an auction clerk, a meat cutter, a salesperson, and then as a floral designer and wedding consultant for Zauners.

On Sept. 15, 1983, she married Gary Weller at the Faith Covenant Presbyterian Church in Kalispell. Most of all, she was a wife and mother. She enjoyed square danc-



ing, bowling, and was active with the Flathead Arts and Crafts.

She was preceded in death by her daughter Holly and her grandmother.

She is survived by her husband Gary Weller of Kalispell; four children, Shannon Nielsen of Wadena, Minn., Angelique Chavez and Shane Nielsen, both of Kalispell, and Rae Jon Barron and her husband, Clint, of Whitefish; four stepchildren, Rita Leisberg of Salinas, Calif., Darla Weller of Great Falls, Norman Weller of Olney, and Marica Morsette and her husband, Kavin, of Kalispell; her parents, Audrey and Percy Jelleff of Bigfork; two brothers, Rocky Jelleff and his wife, Linda, of Kalispell; and Randy Jelleff and his wife, Wendy, of Beaverton, Ore.; 14

grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held today at 2 p.m. at First Covenant Presbyterian Church at 611 3rd Ave. E., Kalispell, MT.

Burial will be at Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery. A reception will follow at the church for family and friends.

The family suggests memorials be sent to American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 1002, Kalispell, MT 59903-1002; Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children, P.O. Box 2472, Spokane, WA 99210 or Home Health Options/Hospice, 1280 Burns Way, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Emma Louise Wendt, 96

Emma Louise Wendt, 96, died of natural causes on July 30, 2000. She was at home where she was being cared for by her daughter for the past nine and a half years. She was surrounded by her family, friends, and the arms of her Lord when she passed.

She was born on Nov. 28, 1903, in Prosser, Wash., to Charles and Stella Beehn.

On Aug. 9, 1935, she married Clyde E. Wendt in St. Louis, Mo. They moved to Washington state where he worked at Hanford. During that same time, they owned and operated a riding stable, called the Y, located in the Tri-Cities. In 1947, her husband moved them to Spokane, where he worked for the Great Northern Railroad. They later transferred to Whitefish, only to be bumped to Havre for six years before returning to Whitefish where they bought their home on Nov. 5, 1954.

After the passing of her husband, she moved next door to live with her daughter and son-in-law, Mary and Jerry Newbury. During this time she helped her daughter run her daycare business. Her job

was to add the "grand" to each day. She became "grand" ma to everyone. She gave so much love. With all of this, she was still very involved with her children, and grandchildren while finding time for her friends and neighbors also. She brought so much to our lives; she is greatly missed.

She was preceded in death by her husband, one brother, four daughters and one son.

Survivors include her daughter, Mary Newbury of Whitefish, Florence Long of Vancouver, Wash.; Don Harthrong of Victorville, Calif.; 15 grandchildren, 30 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday at the Assembly of God Church in Whitefish. A reception will follow at the church. Cremation is under the direction of Austin Funeral Home and Crematory of Whitefish.

Please join us while the Rev. John Weaver leads us to say goodbye to mom, grandma, great-grandma, great-great-grandma, friend, Emma Louise Wendt.

She is resting in the arms of the Lord.

Rev. Ralph Mervin Werner Sr., 84, of Columbia Falls, went to be with the Lord on Sept. 20, 2000, at his home.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday at 2 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Columbia Falls, with the Rev. Gordon Dexter and the Rev. Jerry Buchanan officiating. Interment will follow in the Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls. Columbia Mortuary is entrusted with arrangements. Visitation will be today from 1 to 8 p.m. at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

He was born on March 23, 1916, in Mohnnton, Pa., the son of Winfield Scott F. and Laura K. Epler Werner. He was raised and educated in the Mohnnton area. He quit high school to help at home with expenses during the depression.

He graduated from the National Bible Institute in New York City, in 1940, and the Missionary Medical Course in 1941. While at college, he sang and played various instruments, traveling with a quartet to help pay for college. In Ohio, at the home of one of the other quartet members, he met Ethel Fredrick. They were married on Sept. 7, 1940, in Lorain, Ohio. They pastored a small church in Pennsylvania for two years. He was ordained in Lorain, on Dec. 7, 1943.

They moved to Kalispell, in 1944, and began holding services in the school houses at Lasalle,



Marion, Flathead Mine, and the Creston Gospel Chapel. In 1945, they moved to Columbia Falls to start the First Baptist Church.

He performed about 200 weddings, 400 funerals, and 200 baptisms in his career as a pastor. He also had a radio program on KGEZ for 35 years and provided morning and evening devotions on that station. He retired in 1981, and provided pulpit supply and Bible conferences. Retirement gave more time to camp, fish, hunt, and ride the Amtrak to visit family. His hearty voice, laugh, and baritone playing will be missed.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Ethel, in 1997; his parents; and one brother, Alton.

He is survived by two daughters, Barbara Dodge and husband, Donald, of Dupuyer, and Marlene Nichols and husband, Kenneth, of El Cajon, Calif.; three sons, Ralph Werner Jr. and wife, Sandy, and David Werner and wife, JoAnn, all of Hermiston, Ore., and Timothy Werner and wife, Diane, of Glendive; three sisters, Naomi Piper, Eleanor Fisher and Margaret Gehman and her husband, Willard; sister-in-law Grace Werner; and two brothers, Victor Werner and his wife, Erna, and Robert Werner and his wife, Colleen; 12 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family suggests memorials to Gospel Literature Service, 1300 North Meacham, Schaumburg, Ill., 60173-4806, or to the First Baptist Church, 819 Ninth Street W., Columbia Falls, MT 59912.