

## J. Kenneth Aaberge, 76

J. Kenneth Aaberge, 76, lost his battle with cancer on April 6, 2001. He was born March 15, 1925 to Ludwig and Anna Aaberge, Norwegian immigrants who homesteaded southeast of Shelby in 1909. He was the youngest of seven brothers and sisters.

He entered the U. S. Army June 23, 1945, just a month after marrying Ethel Stratton from Whitlash on May 24, 1945. When he was honorably discharged from the Army, he returned to the old homestead to farm with his two brothers, Lewis and Oliver Aaberge. They bought an old D-4 Army surplus Caterpillar which they ran 24 hours a day breaking up the grassland for farming. He left the farm in 1966 to pursue other interests. He managed the Laas Bar in Chester for two years and then became an operating engineer, working heavy construction for



such companies as Peter Keiwit Construction. He retired in 1986.

He moved his family to Libby where he enjoyed his retirement hunting, fishing, and knife making. He was proud to say that he had knives in Norway, Africa, and in most of the states in the U. S.

He was an avid hunter and fisherman, spending much of his time enjoying the great out-of-doors. He was a member of the American Legion in Libby, and was a member of the Montana Bow Hunters Association for many years.

He is survived by his wife Ethel, his sons Claude, Jay, and daughters Helen Cady her husband Darell, and Wanda; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at St. Olaf Lutheran Church in Ledger on Thursday at 2 p.m. The arrangements will be handled by Whitted Funeral Home of Shelby. There will be a reception lunch at the church following the service.

Local arrangements are under the direction of Buffalo Hill Funer-

## Willadene 'Toots' Ackley, 65

Willadene "Toots" Ackley, 65, passed away on May 9, 2001, at her home in Kalispell.

She was born on Aug. 22, 1935, in Penora, Iowa, to Clarence and Frances Reynolds Miller. She loved the outdoors, fishing, camping and flower gardening were things she truly enjoyed. She also loved crocheting, reading her Bible, and especially enjoyed playing Nintendo. She played her grandchildren, and her grandchildren's friends, more often than not defeating them at their Nintendo games. She will be deeply missed by all her family and friends.

She is survived by her husband Norm Ackley; children and their spouses, John and Trish Panique, Yvonne and Daniel Meyer, Donna and Jim Barkley and Barbra and

Craig Bieber; stepchildren and their spouses, Violet and Gale Henderson, Shirley Rose, Donna and Mitch Duffy and Rhonda and Chad Headley; two sisters, Vivian Knight and Marles Moore; and one brother, Sandy Miller. She was very devoted to her 25 grandchildren.

Visitation will be held from 6-8 p.m. on Friday at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. on Saturday at Glacier Memorial Gardens with Jim Barkley officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family request memorials in her name to the Home Options Hospice, 175 Commons Loop, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Arrangements are under the direction of Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

## Garrett Charles Adam, 2

Garrett Charles Adam, 2, died on Aug. 10, 2001, at Denver Children's Hospital in Denver.

He was born Jan. 20, 1999, in Denver to Charles Eric "Chuck" and Wendelyn J. "Wendy" Schmauch Adam. He was diagnosed with hydrocephalus before he was born and following numerous surgeries and countless struggles, he went home to be with Jesus Friday morning.

He was a happy boy with a sweet personality. He touched many peoples' lives and enjoyed them very much as well as music and baths.

He was preceded in death by great-grandfathers Charles Adam and Jim Schmauch.

He is survived by his parents, Chuck and Wendy Adam; a sister, Jordan Elizabeth Adam of Gillette,

Wyo.; grandparents Conrad and Linda Adam, Jim Schmauch Jr., all of Kalispell and Lynette Taylor of Boise, Idaho; great-grandparents Mildred Adam of Malta, Blanche Walker of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and Jeanne Schmauch of Kalispell; and two great-aunts.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. on Wednesday at New Life Wesleyan Church in Gillette with Rev. Dan Morgan officiating. Interment will follow at Mount Pisgah Cemetery in Gillette. Visitation will be from 9-11 a.m. on Wednesday at Wilson Funeral Home in Gillette.

A memorial has been established to benefit the Hydrocephalus Association. Donations may be sent in care of Wilson Funeral Home, P.O. Box 734, Gillette, WY 82717.

## Arlene Adkins, 64

Arlene Adkins, 64, passed away on April 29, 2001 in Mesa, Ariz. She was born May 26, 1936 in Columbia Falls. She lived for many years in the Kalispell area.

She lived the last few years in Payson, Ariz. She was self-employed as a housekeeper.

She is survived by her husband, Barry Adkins of Payson; three sons, Barry Adkins Jr. of Gilbert,

Ariz., Floyd Adkins of Soldotna, Alaska, and Mark Adkins of Phoenix; three daughters, Luella Bachman of Washington, LaRae Adkins of Texas and Mollie Kukes of Alaska; 15 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Private memorial services will be held.

Arrangements are under the direction of Tempe Mortuary.

## Eldon 'Stubbs' Wayne Agan, 75

Eldon "Stubbs" Wayne Agan, 75, passed away in the early morning hours of July 20, 2001. He died comfortably in his own bed, surrounded by family, memories, and music.

He was born Aug. 13, 1925, in Lucas, Iowa, to Lemeul E. and Glaydes Boston Agan. He grew up in the farmlands of Iowa with a strong work ethic. While still in his teens he embarked on an adventure to see America while hopping freight trains and living a hobo's lifestyle. When World War II broke out he immediately volunteered to fight for the country that he so strongly believed in. He served proudly in the U.S. Navy in the Pacific Ocean.

After the war he returned to Iowa where he fell in love with Barbara Dell Farrell They married and had two sons, Ken and Don. In about 1956, he moved his family to Modesto, Calif., where he lived until coming to Montana 10 years ago.

He worked as a printer for many years in Modesto. He also raised cattle and horses with his

good friend Mary.

He was a good man who worked hard and provided well for his family. He was a Democrat and a Dodger fan.

The family would like to express their gratitude to the Hospice program that helped allow him to die with dignity.

He was preceded in death by his lovely wife Barbara Dell who died five years ago.

He is survived by two sons, Ken Agan, Don and wife Cheryl Agan of Kalispell; brother Kenneth and his children, Jim, Kenneth, and Judy Agan of Modesto, Calif.; three granddaughters, Kari, Cassidy, and Rachel; as well as numerous friends.

Graveside services will be held on Monday at 3 p.m. at C. E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

The family requests memorial contributions may be made to Hospice, 175 Commons Loop Ste. 10D, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

## Francis M. 'Sprout' Agee, 93

Francis M. "Sprout" Agee, 93, died at Big Sky Care Center in Helena, on March 23, 2001.

He was born in Wright County, Missouri, Nov. 5, 1907, to Marion and Ada Agee. He graduated from Faucett, Mo., high school. He and Beatrice Dillon were married Aug. 23, 1936, in St. Joseph, Mo.

He was a farm implement dealer in Platte City, Mo., from 1944 to 1966. He retired and moved to Kalispell in 1980. He and his wife had lived in Helena since 1998.

He was an avid outdoorsman who loved fly fishing for bass and eagerly awaited each November when quail season began. He

enjoyed all athletic events, particularly those of his grandchildren.

He was a member of the Platte City Christian Church and Platte City Lions Club.

He is survived by his wife Beatrice, and son, Michael Agee, of Helena; sisters, Lucille Johnson of St. Joseph, Delpha Noble and Altha McClanahan, both of Faucett; grandchildren, Michael A., Timothy R., and Shannon R. Agee, all of Helena.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Charles Agee.

There are no public services planned. Retz Funeral Home of Helena is in charge of arrangements.

## Ada Marie Agen, 93

Ada Marie Agen, 93, passed away on March 3, 2001 at the Brendan House with her son by her side. She was born on Nov. 5, 1907 in Kevin the second child to Albert and Anna Leistico Goeddert; pioneer ranching and oil family in north Toole County area.

She attended schools in Kevin, Kalispell and Great Falls. Upon completion of her schooling she worked as a cashier in the Kevin State Bank. On Aug. 22, 1929, she married John H. Agen, drilling superintendent for Ohio Oil Company, in Conrad. They were married 57 years when her husband passed away on June 23, 1986. They made their first home in Kevin where they developed the J.H. Agen Oil Company which drilled and produced oil over many years in the Kevin-Sunburst and Pondera Oil Fields. In 1951, they built a home in Shelby which remained the primary family residence until her later years. When her health declined she moved to the family summer home on Flathead Lake to be near her family and son.

She and her husband had two sons, John R. Agen born April 17, 1931 and passed away on April 9, 1983, and Jerry L. Agen born March 17, 1939.

Throughout her life, she was a loving and caring person to whom family and home were everything.

She was a member of the Community United Methodist Church in Shelby and the Order of the Eastern Star, Shelby Chapter. Following her husband's love of trap shooting, she joined him in the sport to become women's champion for two years running.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John H., her eldest son, John R., her parents, and a sister, Clara Agnes Goeddert Postlewait.

She is survived by her youngest son, Jerry L. of Bigfork; two grandchildren, Mark L. Agen and family of Helena and John R. Agen and family of Gresham, Ore.; her brother, Albert H. Goeddert; her sister, Hazel L. Ladner; her niece, Doris L. Shennum and nephew, Gordon L., Postlewait, all of the Bigfork area.

Memorial services will be on Wednesday at 2 p.m. at the Community United Methodist Church of Bigfork with Rev. Jan Witman officiating.

Visitation will be today at Johnson Mortuary from noon until 6 p.m. There will be a private family burial in the family plot in Mountain View Cemetery in Shelby. Memorials may be made to the Brendan House, 350 Conway Drive, Kalispell, MT 59901 in appreciation for their loving, compassionate care.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary.

## Wilbur 'Will' Aikin, 76

Wilbur "Will" Aikin, 76, died at his home on Monday, July 16, 2001.

He was born in Butte, in 1925, to Wilbur and Mary Aikin.

He and his wife, LaVonne, married in 1952 and spent their lives together in Butte, Port Arthur, Ontario, and Hamilton, before settling in Kalispell in 1969.

He was a proud graduate of the School of Mines in Butte and a golden Silver B. His professional work covered a variety of engineering fields, including copper mining, exploration geology, and environmental protection.

He served his country in both World War II (Army infantry) and Korea (Air Force).

He was a member of the Christ Church Episcopal; past master of Kalispell Lodge #42 A.F. & A.M.; Scottish Rite; Algeria Shrine; and past patron of Adah Chapter #17, O.E.S.

He was an avid participant in life and some of his most abiding interests and pursuits included being outdoors enjoying God's natural creation (particularly fishing and gardening), reading history, playing the piano, and enjoying lively conversation over a good meal.

He is survived by his wife LaVonne; daughters, Maria and Becky; and precious granddaughter Jessica.

His parents and beloved grandson Jason preceded him in death.

A memorial service will be held today at 11 a.m. at Christ Church Episcopal.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials to Christ Church Episcopal Foundation, American Heart Association, or the charity of the donors choice.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

## Millie F. Albrecht, 90

Millie F. Albrecht, 90, joined her Savior on April 22, 2001, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

She was born on Oct. 25, 1910, to Henry and Sophie Henstorf in rural Menahga, Minn. On Jan. 8, 1936, she married Arthur Albrecht at Toad Lake, Minn. In 1950, they moved to Columbia Falls, where she lived until she entered the nursing home.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Arthur, in 1991, her parents, a sister and two brothers.

She is survived by her children, John Albrecht and wife, Margaret, of Powell, Wyo., and Toni Lowitz and husband, Bud, of Kalispell; six grandchildren, Wayne Stevens and wife, Debbie, of Wyndmer, N.D., Robin Erickson and husband, Irv, of Columbia Falls, Christa Secord and husband, Jeffrey, of Fallon, Nev., Kel-

ly Thumm and husband, Mick, of Kalispell, Carla Albrecht of Phoenix, and Brian Albrecht and wife, Shauna, of Havre; six great-grandchildren, RuthAnne, Laramie, and Patrick Stevens and Bryan, Amanda and Vincent Erickson; and a brother, Albert Henstorf of Menahga.

She will be remembered for always putting her family first and for being the greatest grandmother to her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be held today from 1-8 p.m. at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. Services will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. The Rev. Terry Forke of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church will officiate. Internment will follow at Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

## Lloyd L. 'Ole' Aldrich, 82

Lloyd L. "Ole" Aldrich, 82, passed away peacefully on Thursday, March 29, 2001, in the home in Columbia Falls where he had resided for the past 42 years.



He was born on April 10, 1918, in McClusky, N.D., to Leslie and Claire Aldrich. As a young man, he worked in Glacier National Park as a power plant operator at Many Glacier and on the construction of the Lake McDonald Lodge.

In August 1942, he married his sweetheart Edna Mae Solberg in Kelso, Wash. He served in the Army in both Italy and Okinawa, Japan, between 1942 and 1945.

After a brief stint in the silver mines of Wallace, Idaho, and several years working in an aluminum plant in Longview, Wash., he returned to Montana in 1955 to work in the new Anaconda Aluminum smelter in Columbia Falls.

His interest in and involvement in community affairs led him to service on the city council and two terms as the mayor of Columbia Falls.

He loved fishing, hunting and hiking and enjoyed many years of these wonderful pleasures with his wife and five children.

Since retirement from the aluminum plant in 1978, he has pursued his passion for gardening often beginning so early in the season that patches of snow still covered the ground. He was well known in the area as the "Iris Man" because of his huge and spectacular iris garden which displayed 135 varieties of bearded iris. His flowers have brightened

the lives and gardens of countless patrons who visited him at the Kalispell Farmers Market where he sold plants and craft items from his little yellow pickup for many years. His delightful sense of humor and wonderful ability to tell stories will be greatly missed and his intelligence, integrity and friendliness will long be remembered by all those who knew and loved him.

He was preceded in death by his parents; six brothers; a son, Alan; and one granddaughter.

He is survived by his wife Edna of Columbia Falls; sons, David and wife, Val, of Columbia Falls; Glen and wife, Beverly, of Villarrica, Chile; Danny and wife, Cathe, of Kalispell; and daughter JoAnn and husband, Don Kimbrough, of Billings; grandchildren include Barbara Wagner, Cyndi Ryan, Aaron Aldrich, Becky and Ali Kimbrough and Mathew and Jenny Aldrich; and great-grandchildren, Jessica Grant, Alex Avalos and Devon Aldrich.

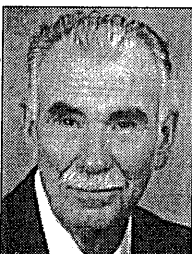
The genuine concern, kind wishes and generous support offered by friends, various businesses and Home Options/Hospice is deeply appreciated by the Aldrich family. Those who wish to may make memorial contributions to the charity of your choice, or to Home Options/Hospice at 175 Commons Loop, Suite 100, Kalispell, MT.

Memorial services will be at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at the United Methodist Church in Columbia Falls with the Rev. David Jones presiding. A private family graveside service will take place earlier at Glacier Memorial Gardens in Kalispell.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Edmund George Allen, 72

Edmund George Allen, 72, died at home on Sept. 12, 2001, surrounded by his family and close friends after battling lung cancer.



He was born in Fort Benton, on March 3, 1929, to Edwin Charles Allen and Hazel Ivy Shively Allen.

He attended schools in Fort Benton; Long Beach Calif., and Great Falls, until age 16, at which time he was forced to quit school to run the family farm after his father's death.

He married Helen Cosetta Hammer on July 30, 1949, in Great Falls, where they lived until 1960. While in Great Falls, he worked for the Anaconda Smelter and the Glacier and Petrolane Gas Companies.

In July 1960, he moved the family to Havre, where he became manager/owner of the Petrolane Gas Plant. Over the years, his brother-in-law, Jim Hammer, and his son, Brian, assisted him in this business.

After retiring from the propane business in 1987, he worked part-time for Tillman Motors and the Duck Inn until he and his wife relocated to the Flathead Valley in 1996 to assist their daughter, Sharon, and her family in operating the Bayview Resort and Marina in Bigfork.

His farming childhood resurfaced in his love for gardening and the great outdoors.

He was an avid hunter and fisherman and chose careers that kept him outdoors and moving about on both the plains and mountains of Montana. His love of woodwork-

ing resulted in many family heirlooms being created and passed down to his children and grandchildren.

He always saw God in his surroundings and was a life-long Methodist, being very active in churches in Great Falls and Havre. At the time of his death, he was a member of the Epworth United Methodist Church of Kalispell.

He and his wife raised three children, stressing the importance of a college education since his education was cut short.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Helen Allen of Kalispell; his daughter, Debbi and son-in-law Kim Kirby and grandson, Josh of Havre; his daughter, Sharon Young and grandchildren, Kendra of Grinnell, Iowa, Lauren and husband Jake Hardwick of Carlsbad, Calif., Jaime of LaCrescenta, Calif., Sarah of Bigfork, and their father, David Young of Lake Arrowhead, Calif., his son, Brian and daughter-in-law Mary Kim Allen, and grandchildren, Lindsey and Nicholas of Boise, Idaho; his sister, Eloise Tomlinson of Las Vegas; brother V. Dale Allen and his wife Dot of Casper, Wyo.; and numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brothers, R. "Billy" Allen and C. Marion Allen.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday at the Epworth United Methodist Church, 329 Second Ave. E., Kalispell.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to Home Options Hospice, 1280 Burns Way, Kalispell, MT 59901 or to Epworth United Methodist Church.

Cremation is under the direction of Johnson Mortuary.

## Richard L. Allenberg, 60

Richard L. Allenberg, 60, a long-time Troy resident, died May 15, 2001.

He was born April 8, 1941, in Moyie Springs, Idaho, to Frank and Lila Billingsley Allenberg.

He married Rose Raan on Sept. 3, 1969 in Troy. They made their home in Troy. He worked for the Burlington Northern Railroad for 15 years.

Survivors include his wife Rose Allenberg of Troy; one son, two daughters, his mother, two sisters, and five grandchildren.

Services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. at the Church of God in Troy. Interment will be at the Boyd Cemetery in the Yaak.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nelson and Vial Funeral Home in Libby.

## Arthur H. Anderson, 80

Arthur H. Anderson, 80, died Oct. 30, 2001, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

He was born on June 18, 1921, in Veblen, S.D., to Elling and Elena Anderson. He lived his early years in South Dakota and Circle.

In 1936, his family moved to Lakeside. In 1941, he moved to Seattle and in July of 1942 entered the U.S. Army where he served in Africa and Italy.

Upon his discharge, he returned to Montana where he spent the remainder of his life.

He worked for the Montana Highway Department, at various construction jobs and spent seven years at the Libby Dam.

In 1947, he married Jeannine Panerio and they had one son,

Robert.

He was preceded in death by his wife Jeannine; son Robert; his parents; and four brothers, Emil, Lloyd, Lorange and Edwin, who died in infancy.

He is survived by his loving companion, Nina Jones; his granddaughter Angelique Esqueda of Stockton, Calif.; brothers, Leonard and wife Leata, and Elmer of Kalispell; sisters, Christina Tranberg of Lakeside, Josephine Wolf of Hillsboro, Ore., Tilly Sprinkel and husband Dean of Yuma, Ariz., and Helen Stevens of Kalispell; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Cremation has taken place.

There will be a memorial service at 4 p.m. the Sons of Norway Hall on Nov. 10, 2001.

## Bertha Wright Anderson, 82

Bertha Wright Anderson, 82, of St. Anthony, died July 28, 2001, at her home.

She was born Dec. 25, 1918, at Rexburg, the daughter of Frances Eliza Roylance and Hugh Alexander Wright. She attended local schools and graduated from Madison High School. She married Harold Marvin Anderson on Sept. 29, 1937, in the Salt Lake LDS Temple. He died Feb. 21, 1991. They lived at Rigby, Idaho, and from 1962 to 1989 they lived in Kalispell. Since 1991, she had lived in St. Anthony.

She was an active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and served as a primary and Sunday school teacher, ward and stake Relief Society president and as a faithful visiting teacher. She and her husband served a church mission in Peoria, Ill, in 1983. She was a member of the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers where she served in many leadership positions including



chairman.

Many people have benefited from the many quilts and the useful handcrafts she made. Mostly she will be remembered for her loving and compassionate caring of and for her family and friends.

She is survived by her children, Lennis R. and wife Myrna Anderson of West Valley, Utah, Frances L. McCarrel of St. Anthony, Judith M. and husband Lynn Mergenthaler of Kalispell, Nova A. and husband Aaron Harrop of Wasilla, Alaska; a sister, Ruth Moedl of Rexburg; a brother, Hugh A. Wright of St. Anthony; 18 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her husband, parents, brothers Karl Wright and Frances Wright, sisters Stella Redford and Emma Grover.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday at the St. Anthony LDS 2nd Ward Chapel. The family will receive friends today from 6-7:30 p.m. at the Flamm Funeral Home in Rexburg and Wednesday at the church in St. Anthony from 1-1:45 p.m. prior to services. Interment will be in the Rexburg Cemetery.

## Betty L. Anderson, 67

Betty L. Anderson, 67, died Nov. 26, 2001, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

She was born in January of 1934.

She is survived by her hus-



band Oscar Anderson; a son, William Walker; daughter Karen Whalen of West Glacier; sisters Eileen Guillory of Denton, Texas, and Helen Vlakovits of Jasper, Fla.; two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral mass will be held at 2 p.m. today at St. Richard's Catholic Church in Columbia Falls.

## Douglas C. Anderson, 48

Douglas C. Anderson, 48, of Helena, died peacefully on March 11, 2001, surrounded by family and loved ones at St. Peter's Hospital.

He was born in Helena, to Ralph and Valerie Linderman Anderson on Oct. 22, 1952. He graduated from Helena High School in 1970 and then went to the University of Montana where he received his bachelor of science degree in psychology. In 1987, he received his juris doctorate from the University of Montana Law School.

Prior to going into private practice for himself, he was a public defender for the City of Missoula. He was also a Realtor for the state of Washington and was licensed to practice law in the U.S. Supreme Court.

Golf, skiing, rafting, outdoor activities, and rugby were hobbies that he enjoyed. He was known among friends as a great music aficionado. He was also chairman of the Missoula Art Foundation; the Montana Bar Association; a member of the Montana State Medical Board; a member of the Moose; and also of VISTA.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Valerie Linderman.

Survivors include his father Ralph and his wife, JoAnn, of



Helena; partner Suzy Ossit and her daughters, Angela, Gabrielle, and Sophia, all of Kalispell; brothers, Dugan Anderson and wife, Terry Lane, of Kalispell, David Anderson and wife, Janel, of Helena, and Rick Hazen and wife, Kristi, of Issaquah, Wash.; sisters, JuDee Gilmer and husband, Michael, of Helena, JoDee Anderson of Kalispell, Kathleen Broussard and husband, Keith, of Helena, Maribeth Stevens of Corpus Christi, Texas, and MegAnn Hazen of Boise, Idaho; nieces and nephews, Patience Anderson, Ebony Borders, D.J. and Brooke Anderson, Lane Anderson, Maloree and Nolan McCormick, and Kory Broussard; great-nieces and great-nephews, Nicole and Saige Stanger and Grayson Carkeek.

"You will be truly missed by everyone who knew you."

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. today at St. John's Lutheran Church, 1000 Helena Ave., Helena. A gathering of friends and family will be held at the Eagles Lodge #16, 801 N. Fee, Helena, immediately following the service.

Memorials are suggested to the American Liver Foundation, 75 Maiden Lane, Suite 603, New York, NY 10038.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Retz Funeral Home.

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## Joan Ann Anderson, 64

Joan Ann Anderson, 64, passed away June 19, 2001, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.



She was born Aug. 9, 1936, in Kalispell, to Neil and Edith Scammahorn. Her early years were spent in Somers. The family moved to Kalispell in 1942.

She married Ronald E. Anderson in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, in 1953. She worked as a secretary for the IBEW Local #768 until her retirement.

Her summers were busy camping with her family and if she got her way, a challenging game of Trivia. She endured the fishing and hunting stories the family told and sometimes she could top them all with her own. She was an avid reader, an accomplished homemaker and flower gardener.

She was a safe harbor for her family and a champion of children and the elderly. She had a wonderful sense of subtle humor and a

gentle, caring soul. She was tall in stature and taller in the lives she touched.

She is survived by her husband Ronald of Kalispell; two sons, Roger and his wife Kathleen, and John and his wife Jana; six grandchildren, Ivan and Erik Anderson, Vanessa and Molly Holycross, Shelley Major, and Erin Erb; two great-granddaughters, Samantha Crowley and Alixandra Major, all of Kalispell; brother-in-law, Gene Anderson of Bothell, Wash.

Graveside services will be held on Saturday at 11 a.m. at Glacier Memorial Gardens. There will be a reception following the service at 750 Green Ridge Dr., Kalispell. Visitation will be held at Johnson Mortuary today from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m.

The family requests that memorial contributions in her name be sent to the organization of your choice.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

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## Marian Jane Anderson, 92

Marian Jane Anderson, 92, of Helena, passed away Oct. 16, 2001.

She was born on Jan. 10, 1909, in Marshall, Minn., to Oscar and Mary Krook. She graduated from high school in Marshall, and then went to Macalester College and completed her degree in 1930.

On Nov. 4, 1936, she married Leroy Anderson in Marshall.

She worked as a public school teacher and in the administration department of her alma mater, Macalester College in St. Paul, Minn., until her retirement. After retirement, she resided in Kalispell, Bozeman, and Helena.

She was a life long member of the Presbyterian Church where she was active in women's programs and the choir. She was a past member of the Eastern Star. She enjoyed playing piano, singing, needlework and bridge.

She is survived by her daughter

Jane Weaver and her husband Jim of Helena; three grandchildren, Robin Aaseby and her husband Jeff of Spokane, Jim Aker and his wife Sonja of Cleburne, Texas, and Karen Campo and her husband Mark of Marshall; she is also survived by four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Leroy Anderson on Feb. 6, 1960; her parents, Oscar and Mary Krook; two brothers, Alfred and Robert Krook; and a sister, Elizabeth Vandercook.

A memorial service will be held at a later date and will be announced when arrangements have been completed.

Memorials in her name may be made to The Farm in the Dell Foundation, 1208 Poplar, Helena, MT 59601.

Arrangements are under the direction of Retz Funeral Home.

## Royden E. 'Eddie' Anderson, 78

After a long battle with poor health since 1982, Royden E. "Eddie" Anderson, 78, was received into the arms of our loving God on Dec. 10, 2001. He passed away from congestive heart failure at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.



Eddie was born April 17, 1923, in Kalispell, to Johan and Mary Hellen Anderson. He was raised on the family ranch near Somers and attended Somers public grade and high schools.

In 1943, at the age of 18, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy in Butte. He was honorably discharged on Dec. 31, 1945. He had served on the hospital ship USS Comfort which survived a kamikaze attack in the South Pacific Theater. He also served on the USS Dobbin. He was a 2nd class machinist mate. His tour of duty took him to all the islands in the South Pacific.

After his discharge, Eddie worked for REA, climbing poles. He then later piled lumber at the mill in Somers, then moved to Wisconsin and worked at a factory where he met Virginia Elizabeth Puent. He later married her in Kalispell on May 18, 1951, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church. There were two children born of this union.

Eddie then went to work for Burlington Northern Railroad at

the tie treating plant in Somers and eventually retired as a hyster operator in 1982 because of health problems.

Eddie held memberships in the V.F.W. Post #2252 in Kalispell, and the local AFL-CIO Union.

He enjoyed hunting and fishing, cattle and horses.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Eva Cyr.

Eddie is survived by his loving wife Virginia of Somers; daughters, Dianne M. VanAuken and husband Richard and their three children, Michelle, Michael, and Mary, and Nancy N. Anderson and her fiancé Steven Kastella and her two children, Jennifer and Christopher; one sister, Hellen Ebert of Somers; many nephews, grandnephews, a niece, grandniece and a great-grandson, all of Somers.

Mass of Christian burial will be held on Saturday at 10 a.m. at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Somers with the Rev. Richard H. Sodja as celebrant. Burial will follow at the Lone Pine Cemetery in Bigfork. Visitation will be Friday from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary with a rosary service to follow visitation at 5 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel.

Memorial contributions may be made in Eddie's name to the V.F.W. Post #2252, 111 Main St., Lakeside, MT 59922, or the charity of your choice.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

## Harry W. Armstrong, 76

Harry W. Armstrong, 76, passed away Dec. 5, 2001, at his home in Butte.

He was born Aug. 21, 1925, to Harry and Edna Armstrong in Conrad. He grew up and attended schools there and spent most of his life in the jukebox business in Conrad, Whitefish and Butte.

He is survived by his longtime companion Charlotte Carlson of Butte; daughter Dreena Armstrong of Walnut Creek, Calif.; son and daughter-in-law, Dave and Mary Armstrong of Whitefish; sisters and brothers-in-law, Doris

and Frank Bailey of Kennewick, Wash., and Mary and Larry Abel of Polson. Also surviving are his brother and sister-in-law, Jim and Ruth Armstrong of Sequim, Wash.; four grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, John.

It was his wish that he be cremated and his ashes interred next to his brother in Conrad. Interment will in the spring.

Arrangements are under the direction of Wayrynen-Richards Funeral Home in Butte.

## Marion Van de Mark Arnsberg, 97

Marion Van de Mark Arnsberg, 97, died Jan. 3, 2001, at Chehalen Health and Rehabilitation Center in Newberg.

She was born April 7, 1903, in Anamoose, N.D., the youngest of six girls born to Fred James Cravath and Emma Wilburta Murray Cravath.

The family moved by covered wagon from North Dakota to Montana in 1907 when she was 4 years old. She was educated in Montana and Boston University Theological School, preparing for Christian service. In 1922, she was married to Rev. Martin E. Van de Mark.

They served in several pastorates in Montana, including Geraldine, Valier, Helena, Miles City, Missoula, Bozeman and Kalispell. They started the Wesley Foundation for college students. After her husband's death in 1955, she joined the staff of the American University in Beirut, Lebanon. She served in the school of nursing from 1955 through 1958.



She was dean of women at Rocky Mountain College from 1961-63, and dean of women at University of Portland, 1963-70.

She was a member of Eastern Star, and a member of P.E.O. for over 50 years.

She loved to travel and visited around 200 countries.

She was a member of the United Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by five sisters, her second husband, Max Arnsberg, and a granddaughter, Ruth Johnstone.

Survivors include a daughter, Vava Johnstone and son-in-law James Johnstone of Hillsboro; a granddaughter, Naomi Mimnaugh of Portland, and several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service for family and friends will be held at a later date with the Rev. Hugh Herbert of the Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell.

Memorial gifts may be sent to the First Methodist Church of Missoula.

Omega Funeral Service is in charge of arrangements.

## Clair Artz, 87

Clair Artz, 87, a Rollins resident, passed away Sept. 12, 2001, at St. Patrick's Hospital in Missoula.

He was born on Dec. 7, 1913, in the Wolf Creek area in McCone County. He attended schools in Wolf Point.

He migrated to the Fairview area where he married Beulah Barr in 1936. They farmed in that area for many years and raised four daughters. They later farmed near Chinook, then settled in Rollins in 1972.

He is survived by his wife Beu-

lah; daughter Marge Post of Overton, Nev., Gloria Gross and husband Ron of Fairview, Claire Falkenhagen and husband Clint of Anchorage, Alaska, and Phila Engmann and husband Doug of Overton; 16 grandchildren, 34 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by son-in-law Wallie Post and grandsons, Rick and Lee Gardner.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday at the Presbyterian Church in Dayton.

## David L. Astle, 57

David L. Astle, 57, passed away on Nov. 20, 2001, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center after a valiant struggle with cancer.

David was born Sept. 15, 1944, in Anaconda, to John P. and Isabelle Deschamps Astle.

David graduated from Anaconda Central in 1962, Carroll College in 1966, and the University of Montana Law School in 1970. In 1969, he married Mary Carol Dolan in Helena.

He was a member of the National Guard, and a clerk in the office of Tom Kearney, Clerk of the Supreme Court. Upon graduation from law school, he was law clerk for Montana Supreme Court Justice Gene Daly. He then became staff attorney for the Montana Public Service Commission until 1972, when he moved to Kalispell, and went into private law practice. He and his brother, Bill, formed the Astle Law Firm in 1974.

He was a member of the Montana Bar Association and the Northwest Montana Bar Association. He was a charter member of the Edward J. Gallagher Division of the Ancient Order of Hibernians of Kalispell, serving as president in 1994-1995.

As a member of St. Matthew's Catholic Church, he served on the parent-teacher association and as parish council president. He was a long-time auctioneer for St. Matthew's School auction fund raiser.

He also coached Pee Wee baseball for five years.



David's greatest love was his family and friends. At every gathering, his storytelling was the center of attraction as he charmed everyone with his wit and humor. His favorite pastime was fishing, followed closely by golfing and racquetball. He especially enjoyed fishing at Ashley Lake where he and Mary Carol had a summer home.

Some of his favorite hours were on the lake, in a boat during summer, on the ice during winter. Not only would he catch his limit of salmon every day, but he smoked them to perfection using his special recipe. He and Mary moved to the lake permanently in 2000.

David was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Paul.

He is survived by his wife Mary Carol of Kalispell; one daughter, Johanna Astle of Albuquerque, N. M.; two sons, Dan Astle and his wife Danchen and John Paul Astle, all of Denver; sister Mary Denise Thompson and her husband Howard of Anaconda; three brothers, Bill Astle and his wife Joyce of Kalispell, John Astle and his wife Gayle of Butte, and Robert Astle of Naselle, Wash.; father-in-law Philip Dolan of Helena; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

At David's request his remains have been cremated. A Mass of the Resurrection will be on Friday at 11 a.m. at St. Matthew's Catholic Church with the Rev. Bernard Sullivan celebrant.

The family suggests memorials be made to F.A.C.E. or to the AOH Scholarship Fund, both in care of St. Matthew's School, 602 S. Main St., Kalispell, MT 59901.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

## Lois Colleen Ault, 67

Lois Colleen Ault lost her 12-year battle with cancer on Sunday, Dec. 16, 2001, surrounded by her loving family at her Richland, Wash., home. She has now gone to a much better home, an eternal one with her Lord Jesus. Despite her physical weakness, she remained positive and cheerful to the end, going about the activities she was able to accomplish without unhappiness or complaint.



Lois was born Feb. 9, 1934, to Leta Leslie Redd and Garrison Berry Redd, on the family farm, a short distance from Sidney, Fremont County, Iowa. When she was two, the family moved from Iowa to Montana, staying briefly in the Missoula area and then moving north to the Echo Lake area near Bigfork. Another move was soon made to the final destination, a ranch two miles south of Swan Lake. Lois grew to maturity there in a log house without running water, electricity or indoor plumbing, and scant insulation. She attended the elementary school in the village of Swan Lake. She attended one year of high school in Kalispell, followed by three years in the Bigfork High School, from which she graduated in 1951, second in her class.

She preferred working outdoors with her father rather than doing housework. By age 11 she was helping in his sawmill and skidding logs with the huge, gasoline-powered Caterpillar tractor. Her mother wasn't too keen on the tractor-driving, but laid down only one rule: "Stay away from the house with that thing." Haying was the principle summertime activity on the Redd farm. Horseback riding was a recreational pastime as well as a means of transportation to school.

Following high school, Lois went to Spokane where she worked part time in a medical office, while attending secretarial school. It was in Spokane that she was baptized into her Lord Jesus at the Nora Avenue Church of Christ, now called Northside. It was at the Nora Avenue Church where she met her future husband, Thomas Ault. She and Tom were married there on Aug. 2, 1952. A move to Richland followed immediately, where Tom had accepted employment with the General Electric Co. Affiliation with the Richland Church of Christ and establishing a home in a two-bedroom prefab followed their arrival.

Lois worked for the General

Electric Co. for four years. Her first job was as a secretary in downtown Richland, followed by a transfer to a research organization at the old 100F Area. She worked there as a laboratory technician in a radiobiology group. She prepared tissue samples for analysis and performed radioactivity-counting operations.

Following her work at GE, she became a full-time homemaker and joined in many church activities while caring for her home and the children that would shortly arrive. Lois was capable of learning and doing most anything of interest, becoming an accomplished cook, seamstress, quilter, and sometimes a gardener. When possible the family traveled to the Montana ranch, where they visited with family and friends. Lois loved to put on old clothes and pitch hay bales with her father. She also enjoyed travel and backpacking in the Montana mountains. In recent years she became interested in genealogy and compiled an extensive family tree, consisting of some 20,000 persons. She was the caregiver for her mother-in-law, Selma Ault, in the final years of Selma's life. Until her own health became too fragile, she scheduled much time at the Montana ranch, assisting her sister and family in caring for their aging parents.

Lois was a gentle, caring, forgiving wife, mother and friend, and will be greatly missed by all that knew her. She is survived by her husband, Thomas Ault, Richland, Wash.; daughter, Shannon McConnell, Richland; son, Donn Ault, Richland; granddaughters Laurie Dermer and Rebekah McConnell, both of Richland. She is also survived by her father, Garrison Berry Redd III, at the Swan Lake ranch; a sister, Louise Robinson, of Phoenix, Ariz.; and many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her mother, Leta Leslie Redd.

The family wishes to express its deepest appreciation to all that have visited, prayed and assisted in this time of need. A special thanks is extended to the Tri-Cities Chaplaincy Hospice, which provided such tender care during Lois' final days.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m., Friday at the Richland Church of Christ, 933 Thayer Drive, Richland, Wash.

You may express your thoughts and memories in the online guest book at [www.einansfuneral-home.com](http://www.einansfuneral-home.com), under the obituary section.