

Mavis A. Eacock, 77

Mavis A. Eacock, 77, of Apache Junction, Ariz., died on Jan. 7, 2001, of congestive heart failure at Chandler Regional Hospital.

She was born on Dec. 19, 1923, to Richard F. and Hattie Glaspey at Flaxton, N.D. She graduated from Minot State Teachers College in Minot, N.D., in 1943, and later from Northern Montana College in Havre, in 1965.

In October 1944, she married H.R. "Dick" Eacock Jr. They lived in Cut Bank for 30 years until they retired to Kalispell. In 1996, she moved to Apache Junction, until her time of death.

She was preceded in death by

her parents, husband, brother and three sisters.

She is survived by two daughters, Gayle Wiedbusch of Chandler, and Carol Mason of Spokane, four grandsons, six great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Private internment at Glacier Memorial Gardens will be followed by a public memorial service at the First Presbyterian Church at 2 p.m. on Jan. 27 with the Rev. Glen Burfeind officiating.

Contributions may be made to the Presbyterian Woman's Auxiliary of the First Presbyterian Church in Kalispell.

Randy Earley, 28

Randy Earley, 28, died on March 26, 2001 at the University Medical Center in Las Vegas.

He was born on Sept. 21, 1972 in Kalispell.

He lived his whole life in Montana, moving to Wyoming five years ago, and then to Las Vegas where he lived for four years.

He loved cars, was an avid fisherman, and liked to hunt.

He is survived by his wife Janean M. Earley; son Nickolaus

S. Earley and daughter Kiera B. Earley, all of Las Vegas; mother Judy L. Earley; brother Fred D. Earley and wife Donna; niece Tiffany L. Earley and nephew Tyler D. Earley, all of Kalispell.

A memorial service will be held on at 3 p.m. on Friday at Spring Valley Baptist Church, 3135 S. Rainbow Blvd., Las Vegas.

Arrangements are under the direction of Palm Mortuary-Cheyenne in Las Vegas.

Bernice Eastman, 83

Bernice Eastman, 83, passed away on June 14, 2001, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

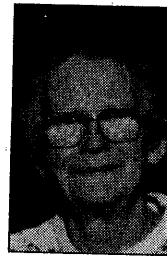
She was born on Columbus Day, Oct. 12, 1917, in Bellevue, Mich., to Gerald and Josephine Burton Walkinshaw. She grew up in Bellevue, attended school there, and graduated from high school there.

On June 6, 1936, she married the love of her life, Milo Eastman. The couple lived in Michigan for several years before moving to Arizona in 1950. While in Arizona, Milo worked as a rancher, farmer, and on a large dairy. She not only maintained the home and mothered their large family, but also joined in all the daily chores on the farms and ranches.

In 1958, the family moved to the Flathead Valley, and began a sawmill operation. She continued to maintain the household as well as being a great cook who fed all the logging crews as they came by. Milo passed away in 1977.

She was a very avid music lover, with a collection of over 3,000 records and tapes of all types of music. She enjoyed reading, flowers, sewing, and quilting. She was a wonderful mother and grandma, and enjoyed all of the family gatherings very much.

She was a member of the Rebekahs, the Ferndale Sewing Circle, and she was an avid Bunco and Bingo player.



She was preceded in death by her husband; her parents; one son, Ivan; three grandsons, Russell, Bobby, and Tim; four brothers; and one sister.

She is survived by children, Glen

Eastman and his wife LaVon of Kalispell, son Leland Eastman and his wife Wynona of Ferndale; daughters, Arlene Eastman of Bigfork, and Ilene Prengel and her husband Jerry of Mesa, Ariz.; son Paul Eastman of Tucson, and Gloria Redmond and her husband Bill of Kalispell; 11 grandchildren; 11 stepgrandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren, two stepgreat-grandchildren, 2 great-great grandchildren; four sisters; one brother; and numerous nieces and nephews.

At her request, cremation will take place. A private memorial service for family and close friends will be held at the home of her son, Leland Eastman at 11 a.m. today.

The family requests that memorial contributions be made to the Parkinson's Foundation, Parkinson's INR Center, Benefits Health Care West, 500 15th Avenue South, Great Falls, MT 59405.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

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Gordon Oscar Eckman, 82

Gordon Oscar Eckman, 82, of Polson, passed away at his home on Sept. 14, 2001, from natural causes.

He was born Aug. 6, 1919, at Kerkhoven, Minn. His parents passed away at an early age and he lived with his sister in Montana. He was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1941 and served during World War II.

He married Clara Bartlett in Polson on Nov. 4, 1950. He worked for the State of Montana as a surveyor for 40 years, living in many areas of western Montana. They lived in Dillon for 35 years before moving to Finley Point where they built their home in 1992. He was a



member of the Methodist church, and the Elks Lodge for 35 years.

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

He is survived by his wife Clara Eckman of Polson; two daughters, Erin Herman of Missoula and Laurie Latimer of Kalispell; a son, Michael Eckman of Salem, Ore.; six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Memorial services will be held on Friday at 1 p.m. in the First United Methodist Church in Polson with Rev. Russ Barber officiating. Private inurnment with military honors will be held at Lakeview Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the hospice of your choice.

Arrangements and cremation are under the direction of Grogan Funeral Home and Crematory in Polson.

Connie Lee Echols, 57

Connie Lee Echols, 57, a Whitefish resident, died following an automobile accident near Shelby, on Wednesday, July 18, 2001.

She was born April 3, 1944, in Standardville, Utah, the daughter of Leonard and Twila Vestal. She was raised in that area and graduated from high school in 1962. She later received a dietary certificate and worked at Glacier View Treatment Center and Pathway Treatment Center in Kalispell.

She married Charles E. Echols in 1963, in Salt Lake City, Utah. They lived in various places before coming to the Flathead Valley in 1983.

She was a member of the Latter-day Saints church. She enjoyed

her family and family activities, quilting, metal detecting, and collecting toy cars; she loved flowers.

She was preceded in death by her father, Leonard Vestal; a brother, Roger Vestal; and a sister, Sharon Stokes.

She is survived by her husband, Charles Echols of Whitefish; a daughter and son-in-law, Kara and Rob James of Columbia Falls; her mother and stepdad, Twila and John Hartzell; three brothers, Larry, John and Jamie; and two sisters, Louise and Janet.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish with the Rev. Larry Lautaret officiating. Burial will follow at the Glacier Memorial Gardens in Kalispell.

Blaine L. Egle, 67

Blaine L. Egle, 67, passed away at Kalispell Regional Medical Center on June 13, 2001.

He was born on Aug. 11, 1933, in Sanborn, Minn., to Elmer and Betty Egle.

He married Mary K. Radakovich in Keewatin, Minn., on Nov., 19, 1955. Together they raised two daughters, Chris and Kathy. He served in the United States Army during the Korean War.

After his discharge, he followed a career as a heavy equipment operator in construction, traveling to Colorado, Montana, and Alaska. He was a member of the International Union of Operating Engineers and worked as a heavy equipment operator in construction for 40 years.

He was an avid fisherman. He had a wonderful sense of humor, and was always willing to lend a helping hand to anyone in need.



He will continue to live in our hearts, be in our prayers, and be remembered for his goodness, kindness, and love of life.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his loving wife of 45 years, Mary; two daughters, Chris and Kathy; four sisters; and two brothers.

Memorial services will be held on Monday at 2 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Vic Langhans of St. Matthew's Catholic Church officiating.

The family requests that memorials be sent to the Kalispell Humane Society, 43 Woodland Park Dr., Kalispell, MT 59901; or to W.I.N.G.S. (A program helping the families of cancer treatment patients with incidental expenses during treatment), c/o Kalispell Regional Medical Center, Department of Radiation Therapy, 310 Sunnyview Lane, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Melvin Dean Ehrlich, 77

Melvin Dean Ehrlich, 77, a Lakeside resident, passed away in Blairmore, Alberta, on Oct. 14, 2001.

He was born June 11, 1934, in Colome, S.D., to August and Mathilda Korth Ehrlich.

He served in the United States Air Force as a mechanic and retired after 20 years. He moved to Lakeside in 1979.

He is survived by his wife, Hedwig Ehrlich of Lakeside; and niece Kim Boe of Sioux Falls, S.D.

Those who wish may make memorial contributions to the Lakeside Q.R.U., P.O. Box 911, Lakeside, MT 59922.

At his request, there will be no services. Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Dale Eldridge, 64

Dale Eldridge, 64, died on Friday, Nov. 30, 2001, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

He was born on Nov. 3,

1937.

Arrangements are pending with Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory.

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Chet Ellingson, 81 B 1910-1990

Chet Ellingson passed away at his home in Kalispell surrounded by his family on Oct. 17, four days after his 81st birthday.

He is survived by his wife, Geri; his children, Greg, Jeff and Kristin; grandchildren Courtney, Kiersta, Lindsey and Camas.

He was preceded in death by his beautiful granddaughter Brandy.

He was born on the Alberta prairie near Daysland on a Scandinavian homestead colony to parents Gothard and Mildred, but those lonely Canadian winters eventually drove the young family to Seattle, where brother Don and sister Gwen were born. After his father was killed in a car accident in 1928, he went to spend the summer with his aunt on Flathead Lake. Soon the match-making aunt introduced his mom to soon-to-be stepfather Carl Boline.

He attended Somers High School. After a stint in the CCC he worked for Somers Lumber and at Harry Hoiland's Grocery. When the Japanese struck Pearl Harbor, he joined the U.S. Army, serving as a hospital unit cook. Being Canadian born he then transferred to the Canadian Air Force where he served out the war commissioned as a navigator/bombardier instructor.

After the war, while gathering supplies in San Francisco for his growing war surplus business, he paid a visit to his brother Don. Don was in the hospital with appendicitis but had a date with a 17-year-old from the nearby Bible Business College. Don asked Chet to cover for him. After that date, one long lunch, and several months of long distance letter writing, Chet redirected all his buying trips to California. Within the year Geraldine



Saathoff married him and the honeymooners took off from sunny California for Montana where they would spend the next 53 years together.

He first supported his family in the construction business. In 1959 he purchased the Agnes Conrad Agency which became the Ellingson Agency for Insurance and Real Estate. He was a founding member of the local Multiple Listing Service and was very proud to have been manager of Flathead Farm Mutual Insurance Company for 39 years, until his very recent retirement.

Ever dedicated to his community, he served on the city council, the state board of the Cancer Society, and was a 48-year member and past president of Kalispell Rotary. He served as president of the Kalispell Golf Association in the early days of Buffalo Hill's expansion, supported the local Youth for Christ organization, and was a four-term elder of the First Presbyterian Church.

He was an avid skier and golfer, treasured goose hunting in Canada with his buddies, and spent a lot of time with family on Bitterroot Lake. He was known to cut vacations short so as not to miss his morning coffee with fine friends at the Legacy. His quiet kindness and depth of character and intelligence will be remembered fondly by all who knew him. His deep faith in God inspires his family and friends to join in his appreciation of the wonder and mystery of life.

Memorial services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at the First Presbyterian Church in Kalispell.

Memorials are suggested to a charity of the donor's choice, or to Hope Unlimited, a Christian youth shelter school for street kids near Sao Paulo, Brazil (founded by Chet's cousin). Hope Unlimited International, 870 Market Street, Suite 764, San Francisco, CA 94102.

James J. Ellman, 77

James J. Ellman, 77, reached the end of his journey, as the sun broke through the clouds at the Lakeview Care Center in Bigfork, Feb. 3, 2001.



He was born Nov. 30, 1923, to John and Barbara Ellman in Brainerd, Minn. One of 12 children, he grew up in a family rich in spirit and full of love. He attended school at Hinsdale and Charlo.

Anxious to become independent, he left school early to work as a welder on the construction of auxiliary aircraft carriers for the U.S. Army in the shipyards at Tacoma, Wash. Life as a welder was temporarily interrupted while he served the U.S. Army from 1943 to 1946. He was assigned to the 269th Field Artillery Battalion in the European Theatre of Operations and earned three citations while participating in the Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe Campaigns. After the war, he returned to Montana and his family.

He was living in Columbia Falls, when he happened to notice the lovely Miss Balich, a teacher at the school. The handwriting was on the chalkboard as they say, and Jim and Margaret were married on Aug. 28, 1948, in St. Benedict's Catholic Church in Roundup. They resided in Columbia Falls where they raised their four children, Doug, Connie, Dennis and Greg.

He worked as an ironworker and was a proud member of Local #598 of Kalispell. His early accomplishments include working on the construction of Hungry Horse Dam and the construction of the Anaconda Aluminum Plant. He stayed on at the aluminum plant for 13 years before accepting the position of business agent for Ironworker Local #598. Three years later he returned to construction work during the building of Libby Dam. He later moved on north to Alaska to work on the construction of the Alaska Pipeline. There were many building and bridge jobs thrown in for good mix and he finally hung up his belt after the completion of the Kalispell Center Mall.

He was an avid sportsman who

enjoyed camping, hunting, fishing and snow and water sports. He competed in bowling, O-Mok-See and golf. He became a national champion at the Billings O-Mok-See in the 1960s and won many ribbons and trophies throughout the years in various events.

He liked to believe he was a member of the Indian Nation and would take his grandchildren on the "Indian trails" by his home on the Flathead River. This also accounts for the fact that he was a diehard Atlanta Braves fan.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Barbara; two sisters, Donna Nadeau and Lorraine Sallee; three brothers, Ray, Pat and Jack Ellman. Also leading the way was his oldest son Doug "Dug" Ellman, journeyman ironworker, award winning journalist, and seminarian who also passed on this last July.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years Margaret; two sons Dennis of Tulsa, Oklahoma and Greg of Columbia Falls; and his daughter, or as Jim referred to her as his "favorite daughter" Connie and her husband Rocky, also of Columbia Falls.

Surviving also are his two brothers, Bud and wife, Mary Lou, and Sam and his wife, Frankie, all of Columbia Falls; his four sisters, Mary Bertino and husband, Louis, of Kalispell, Kate Lundstrom of Columbia Falls, Marge Sklodo and husband, Stan, of Washington state and Francis Gardner and husband, Dale, of California; two sister-in-laws, Mary Ellman of Washington state and Sara McMannus of Kalispell; numerous nieces and nephews, working friends, and golfing buddies. His blessings also were counted in his six grandchildren, Mandy, Jessica and Josh Ramey of Columbia Falls, and Matt, Amy and Ryan Ellman of Tulsa, Okla.; one great-granddaughter, Mandy's daughter Cassandra that was responsible for a certain sparkle in his eye.

He loved God, family, country and life. He slowed down but he never gave up. We will miss him dearly and remember him always as a man born with courage and love who made his mark in this journey of life.

Services will be held Friday at 1:00 at St. Richards Catholic Church.

The family asks memorials be given to St. Richard's Catholic Church Building Fund.

Angela Elwood, 85

Angela Elwood, 85, passed away at Colonial Manor in Deer Lodge on March 17, 2001.

She was born to James and Susan Glynn Mahaney on Dec. 19, 1915, in Kalispell.

She received her education in South Dakota and returned to Kalispell where she held many jobs. She used her bookkeeping skills for Kalispell Coke Company, Wards Credit Department, Buttery Clothing; the treasurer's office; she also worked for lumber and sawmill works as a union secretary and bookkeeper. She was the Flathead County treasurer for four years before retiring. She was also proud of her help with the city library entering books in the new computer index.

She was a member in the Fraternal Order of Eagles since 1946 and served all chairs on the local and state levels. She was a member of the Altar Society and served as president for the Council of Catholic Women. She also was secretary and president of the Democratic Women's Club at both state and local levels.

When she was in her 50s, she had a laryngectomy which led her to attend speech and language pro-



grams at Montana State University where she learned the art of burp talking, known technically as esophageal talking. She went on to demonstrate and teach others this technique and aid them with the ability to communicate in this manner.

She loved word and number puzzles, traveling, hiking, fishing, and rock hounding. While wintering in Arizona, she also enjoyed the spring training baseball games.

She was preceded in death by her second husband, Orlyn Elwood and an infant son, Michael A. Rogers.

She is survived by sons, Patrick and wife, Dalice Rogers, of Deer Lodge, Brian Rogers of Sidney, James Rogers of Polson; sister Gladys Leek of Spokane.; four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday at 11 a.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be held at Johnson Mortuary on Friday from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m.

Friends who wish may make memorial contributions to the Kalispell Eagles Lodge, 37 First St. W., Kalispell, MT 59901; or the charity of their choice.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Ruth Irene Elzig, 71

Ruth Irene Elzig, 71, died Oct. 10, 2001, at Providence Hospital in Anchorage, Alaska.

She was born May 24, 1930, in Kalispell. She graduated from Flathead High School in

1948.

She is survived locally by her daughter Cheryl and husband Steve Houghtaling; and one grandson, all of Kalispell.

At her request, no services were held.

Kenneth F. Endicott, 86

Kenneth F. Endicott, 86, a longtime Libby area businessman, died Oct. 21, 2001, at the Libby Care Center.

Survivors include his wife Laura of Libby; two daughters including Valerie Crabtree of Libby; a son; a brother, eight grandchildren and nine great-

grandchildren.

Services will be today at 2 p.m. at Christ Lutheran Church with the Rev. Donald Belcher of St. Luke's Episcopal Church officiating.

Committal services will be Friday at 2 p.m. at Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell.

Ernest Joel Engberg, 79

Ernest Joel Engberg, 79, of Kalispell, died April 5 of complications from Parkinson's disease.

He grew up in Kalispell and spent much of his adult life as a restaurant operator in Idaho, returning to Kalispell to retire in 1989.

He was born to Oscar and Emma Engberg Nov. 30, 1921, in Union, N.D. He came with his parents to Kalispell as a small child and was educated in local schools, graduating from Flathead County High School.

During World War II, he served as a Navy aviation ordnanceman, a gunner on war planes in the South Pacific. After the war, he was a member of the Montana National Guard for three years.

He worked on construction of the Hungry Horse Dam and later was employed in Alaska for a time. On Feb. 3, 1952, he married Margaret Haines in Kalispell.

In 1959, the couple moved to Nampa, Idaho, where they owned and operated a restaurant and cocktail lounge. They subsequently owned a bar and restaurant in Payette, Idaho.

In 1989, they retired on the 100-year-old farm place of Margaret's grandfather, Lon Haines, east of Kalispell, where Ernie lived until he moved to the Montana Veterans Home last summer.

He was a member of the Elks Club in Kalispell and the American Legion in Idaho.

He and his wife enjoyed hunting and fishing together, and he prospected for gold as a hobby, making two trips to Alaska with friends to stake claims. But his favorite entertainment was his regular card games with local buddies.

He had attended Flathead Valley United Church of Christ since

its inception.

Survivors include his wife of 49 years; two sisters, Gladys Kessler of Portland, and Eleanor Garding of Kalispell; a brother, Allen Engberg of Louisville, Ky.; and several nieces and nephews.

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

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday at Flathead Valley United Church of Christ, with a reception lunch afterward at the church.

The family suggests memorials to the National Parkinson Foundation Inc., Development Department, 1501 N.W. Ninth Ave., Miami, Fla., 33136.

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

Laura C. Endicott, 86

Laura C. Endicott, 86, died early Wednesday morning, Nov. 21, 2001, at St. John's Lutheran Hospital after an eight-month illness.

She was born on March 26, 1915, in Kalispell to Valjean and Charlotte Riley.

She graduated from Libby High School with the class of 1932 and went on to receive her education at Kinnman Business College in Spokane, Wash.

She married Kenneth F. Endicott of Spokane on Aug. 28, 1936 in Kalispell. Laura and Ken celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary this past summer.

The Endicotts moved to Libby from Seattle on Labor Day of 1944 to operate the Libby Creamery. After the creamery closed in 1957, Laura worked in the office at St. John's Hospital for 20 years, retiring in 1977.

Her beloved husband, Kenny, preceded her in death on Oct. 21, 2001.

Laura is survived by three children, daughter Valerie Crabtree and her husband, Dean of Libby, son Steven and his wife Ruth Ann (Abbie) of Bothell, Wash., and daughter Kathleen Verboncoeur and her husband Gary, LaPine Oregon; and eight grandchildren: Darin Crabtree, Seattle, Deanna Crabtree, Spokane, Jonathan Endicott, Clovis, Calif., Joel Endicott,

Lake Forest, Calif., Julia Palmer, Temple City, Calif., Ken Verboncoeur, Murray, Utah, Victor Verboncoeur, Peru, Ind., and Camille Verboncoeur, Boise, Idaho. She is also survived by two sisters, Betty Stockard of Bothell, Wash.; Phyllis Lupo of Helena; and two brothers, Donald Riley of Boise, Idaho, and Richard Riley of Kalispell; and nine great-grandchildren, Madylin, Riley, Raina, Roman, Brenna, Benjamin, Paige, Emily and Claire.

Laura was a 55-year member of St. Luke's Episcopal Church, serving in many capacities. She was one of the original founders of the Libby Food Pantry, serving as its treasurer for many years; the Lincoln County Republican Club; the Libby Women's Club; and the St. John's Hospital Auxiliary.

Burial will take place at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 24, in the family plot at Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell under the direction of Nelson and Vial Funeral Home.

A memorial service will be conducted at 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 30, at St. Luke's Episcopal Church with the Rev. Donald Belcher officiating.

It is suggested by the family that memorials may be given to St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 215 Poplar St., Libby, or to a charity of the donor's choice.

James Sidney Engebritson, 29

James Sidney Engebritson, 29, passed away March 30, 2001, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center with his family at his side.

He was born Aug. 13, 1971, in Kalispell, to Vern and Agnes Engebritson.

He is survived by his parents, Vern and Agnes; his brother and sister-in-law, Vern and Tracy Engebritson; his sister and brother-in-law, Tina and Tracey Ovnicek, Chrissy and Jenny Engebritson; three wonderful nephews, Shane Engebritson, Chance Ovnicek and AJ Ovnicek; two wonderful nieces, Cheyene Ovnicek and Bre Anna Ovnicek; grandparents Aril and Mae Engebritson; aunts and uncles, Vivan Engebritson, Henry and Mary Scott of Eugene, Ore., Glenn Whaley and Rick Rotala, both of Portland; cousins, Mike and Terry Caudill, Anson Rotala, Donna Myers, Larry Morrel, and many



more; and fiancée, Christina Barnes.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Larry and Mae Whaley.

He was a very loved person. He loved his nieces and nephews as if they were his own. They were his pride and joy. He loved to fish, hunt, Snowcat, fix cars, and visiting with his friends. No matter what, he always had a story to tell. No matter where he went he always knew somebody. And almost always, he had a smile on his face. "He would give you the shirt off his back if he knew you needed something and never asked for anything in return.

"You took Jimmy for what he was." A loving son, brother, uncle and friend. He is already deeply missed by everyone. May he rest in peace. "We love you Jimmy."

Cremation has taken place and a memorial service will be held on Thursday at 5:30 p.m. at Calvary Lutheran Church.

The family has asked instead of flowers that donations be made to help with the final cost.

Velma Waggener Houston Engel, 99

Velma Waggener Houston Engel, 99, passed away on Oct. 11, 2001, at the Libby Care Center in Libby.

She was born April 5, 1902, in Eau Galle, Wis., to David and Estella Fuller Greer.

She came to the Flathead Valley as a young girl. She married Raymond Waggener in 1921. They were affiliated with Waggener & Campbell Funeral Home.

She was a house mother for a sorority in Pullman, Wash. She married Clinton Houston and after his death moved to Mesa, Ariz. She then married Earl Engel. After his death she moved to Libby to be near her daughter.

She loved to play bridge and was an avid golfer. She was Kalispell City Champion Golfer in

1953.

She was preceded in death by her three husbands and is survived by a daughter, Stella Ann Jenkins of Libby; one sister, Vera Cusick of Kalispell; one brother, James Greer of Bellingham, Wash.; three grandchildren, Tom Jenkins, Bob Jenkins and JoAnn Matson; nine great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Monday at the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Robert Foote of the United Methodist Church of Libby officiating. Burial will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Hans William Engelke, 82

Hans William Engelke, 82, a Whitefish resident, passed away Nov. 29, 2001, in Whitefish.

He was born Aug. 12, 1919, in Bremen, Germany. He served in the German U-boat service during World War II and the slogan "Westward Ho!" was printed on the side of his U-boat.

He married Margaret on Nov. 25, 1944. They moved to New York in 1951, and started their own business. In 1973, Hans retired and moved with his family to Whitefish.

He was preceded in death by his wife Margaret in 1992.

He is survived by his dear

friend and loving companion, Ida Knutson; a son, John "Joe" Engelke and his wife Patricia; two daughters, Karen Engelke and Jeanie Engelke and her husband Ty Stubblefield; grandchildren, Tim Engelke, Helen Engelke, Ali Wellington, Valoree Knaack, Hunter Stubblefield.

Visitation will be 2 to 5 p.m. today at the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish. Graveside services will be 10 a.m. Monday at the Whitefish Cemetery.

The family suggests that any memorials be made to the Christ Lutheran Church in Whitefish.

"Westward Ho!"

Rev. Ernest LeRoy Enget, 73

Rev. Ernest LeRoy Enget, 73, went to be with his Lord on June 19, 2001, at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

He was a beloved husband, father and grandfather, and will be greatly missed by his family and his many friends across the nation.

He was born in Powers Lake, N.D., to Martin and Anna Enget, a farming couple on Sept. 6, 1927. He and his twin brother were next to the youngest among 10 children.

He married Esther Mae Gould on June 29, 1951. Upon graduation from Lakewood Park Bible School in Devil Lake, N.D., they began 49 years of gospel ministry throughout North Dakota, Montana and Arizona.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and older brother Lester

and a 4-year-old son, Ernest LeRoy Enget Jr.

He is survived by his wife Esther of Hungry Horse; his brothers and sisters; a daughter, Jan McEachran of Mandan, N.D.; a son, Brent Enget of Ellendale, N.D.; as well as their spouses and seven grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 3-5 p.m. on Friday at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. on Saturday at Christian Center Assembly of God Church in Kalispell, with the Rev. Paul Goodman and the Rev. John Weaver officiating. Burial will follow at Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

Arrangements are under the direction of Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

Bessie C. Epler, 80

Bessie C. Epler, 80, passed away on Nov. 3, 2001, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

She was born on Nov. 23, 1920, in Seattle, Wash., to William and Anna Mitchell Caddy. She married Fred Epler in August of 1953 in Seattle. They had moved to the Flathead Valley on Oct. 5 of this year.

She enjoyed drawing, painting and working crossword puzzles. She truly loved her family, they were her pride and joy.

She will be deeply missed by all of them.

She was preceded in death by her

parents, nine brothers and sisters.

She is survived by her husband Fred of Kalispell; son Fred and his wife Cynthia Epler of Whitefish; a daughter Loranne and her husband Ron Schmidt of Olympia, Wash.; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. on Thursday at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Glenn Burfeind officiating. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Arrangements are under the direction of Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

Dr. William P. Erbes, 98

Dr. William P. Erbes, 98, of Whitefish and Huntington Beach, Calif., died June 22, 2001, in Huntington Beach, from complications of a stroke.

He lived his life to the fullest — a dedicated doctor, hardworking rancher and racehorse breeder, sea-loving yachtsman and fisherman, an avid golfer and self-taught pianist.

He was a loving husband, father and grandfather. "Those of us whose lives were touched by him will never be the same."

He is survived by his loving

wife Angelina; son, Douglas of Santa Rosa, Calif.; daughters, Denise of San Antonio, Texas, and Wendy of Huntington Beach; step-daughters, Robin Edwards, Paula Lazicki and Karen Urbano of Huntington Beach, Sherry Muhlstein of Gilbert, Ariz.; and 18 grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the Westminster Memorial Chapel, Westminster Memorial Park, 14801 Beach Blvd., Westminster, Calif. Viewing will be on Tuesday from 4 to 8 p.m.

Viola G. Erie, 97

Viola G. Erie, 97, went home to her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Nov. 17, 2001, at Mountain View Manor in Eureka.

She was born Feb. 4, 1904, in Churchs Ferry, N.D., the daughter of Peter and Laura Burud Jacobson. She was raised on a farm with six brothers and two sisters.

She married Jacob Olson Erie in Devil's Lake, N.D., on Feb. 18, 1926. To this union was born seven children, two that passed away as infants. In 1937, Viola and Jake relocated their family to Eureka, where they spent the remainder of their lives. She was a wonderful mother and grandmother. She loved life and people. She was famous for her beautiful flower and vegetable gardens. Her dill pickles were a favorite to all who knew her. She loved to cook and bake for big family gatherings. She also loved to crochet, dance and play cards. She always had a

smile and kind word for everyone. She was a member of the Holy Cross Lutheran Church and spent her life loving the Lord.

She was preceded in death by her two babies; her husband Jacob, six brothers, one sister and one grandson.

She is survived by her children, Jordis Swanson, Olaf and his wife Marie, all of Kalispell, Ardis Checketts, Star Valley, Wyo., Norman and wife Irene, Oak Harbor, Wash., and Gene and wife Eileen of Kalispell; a sister, Jeanette of Texas; 17 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren, and eight great-great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be Saturday from 11 a.m. until noon. Services will be Saturday at 1 p.m. at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Eureka.

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

Bruce D. Etter, 55

Bruce D. Etter, 55, died with his family at his side at his home in Trego on July 5, 2001, from cancer.

He was born in Minnesota on Feb. 21, 1946. He moved to Montana in 1971, and for the past 13 years has lived and worked in Trego. He was a talented carpenter, builder and writer. He had many interests and a love of life that touched all who knew him. He will be dearly missed.

He is survived by his wife Lani; his parents Wayne and Evelyn

Etter, his sister Jeanne Palmer and nephews Evan and Alan Palmer.

A memorial service will be held at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home in Kalispell at 1 p.m. Sunday, followed by a celebration of his life at the Point of Rocks Restaurant beginning at 3 p.m.

Memorials are suggested to the Wings Foundation at Kalispell Regional Medical Center, 310 Sunnyside Ln., Kalispell, MT 59901.

Arrangements are under the direction of Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

Albert A. Evans, 81

Albert A. Evans, 81, of Kalispell, passed away Dec. 20, 2001.

He was born to William John and Elizabeth Neil Evans in Fairview.

He spent some time working at the Gates Rubber Co. in Denver. After moving to the Flathead, he ranched west of Whitefish for a number of years while working in the timber business. He was a planer for C&C Timber Co. in Olney. After spending some time falling timber he went to work for American Timber Co., ending up a planer set-up man.

After his retirement his greatest pleasure was the many trips to

Alaska until ill health prevented him from going.

He is survived by his wife Norma at the family home; one brother, Harvey Evans of Denver; two sons, Jack and Cherri Evans and Leonard "Butch" and wife Sharon Evans of Seattle; three grandchildren, Shawn, Rick and Tina; and one great-grandson Alex.

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

Graveside services are set for Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Glacier Memorial Gardens. A reception will be held at the Moose Home in Whitefish after the services.

Gordon 'Red' Truman Evenson, 75

Gordon "Red" Truman Evenson, 75, passed away at his Kalispell home on June 24, 2001. He was born in Kalispell on Oct. 12, 1925, to Gus and Matilda Torgerson Evenson.

"Red" was raised in Kalispell and attended Flathead High School. After school, he enlisted in the U.S. Army, where he was involved in the Battle of the Bulge. He received the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart for his efforts and was discharged in 1946. He was proud that he served his country.

He worked at various positions throughout Montana, as a general construction laborer on the Hungry Horse Dam and as a mail carrier in Kalispell. He then worked as school custodian for the Libby School District and at Flathead High School. He moved to Bozeman in 1975, where he was custodian at the Life of Montana. He was also a bus driver for the Bozeman School District. He retired in 1996 and moved back to Kalispell.

He enjoyed woodworking and displayed his art at many craft shows throughout Montana. He held memberships with the Eagles Lodge for many years and the V.F.W. in Bozeman.

He is preceded in death by his parents, step-father Alfred Grina and a brother, Romaine Evenson.

He is survived by his wife, Beverly Evenson; three daughters, Lora Lynn Evenson, Lorna Vollmer, and Tamela Dunn; five sons, Gordon Lynn Evenson, Wallace Rundhaug, David Rundhaug, Arthur Rundhaug, David Dunn; brother Duane Evenson and his wife, Ruby; four grandchildren, Megan Marie Harbaugh, David Dunn, Nathan Dunn and Kaycee Dunn.

Graveside services will be held today at 2 p.m. at Glacier Memorial Gardens with Lay Minister Jerry Schrek officiating. Military

honor provided by the United Veterans of the Flathead. After the service, friends are invited to the Eagles Lounge at 3 p.m. for a reception.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Clarice A. Evans, 82

Clarice A. Evans, 82, died on Jan. 12, 2001, at Colonial Manor in Whitefish.

She was born Sept. 16, 1918, in Iowa to William and Eva Calhoun.

Cremation will take place and memorial services are planned in California.

Arrangements are under the direction of Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

Robert E. 'Bob' Eyre, 38

Robert E. "Bob" Eyre, 38, of Missoula, and formerly of Livingston, died unexpectedly at Livingston Memorial Hospital on April 29, 2001.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. today and from 9-11:30 a.m. Thursday at Franzen-Davis Funeral Home, 118 N. Third St., in Livingston.

Mass of Christian burial will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Livingston with the Rev. Dale Yurkovic officiating. Graveside services and burial will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Glacier Memorial Gardens in Kalispell.

He was born Aug. 26, 1962 in Whitefish, the son of Kenneth E. and Carol J. Newbury Eyre. He spent his early life and attended school in Whitefish. At the age of 13, he moved with his family to Havre and graduated high school in 1981.

His most recent career was driving trucks across country, which

he greatly enjoyed. He married Lisa Hipp of Mt. Angel, Ore., on April 10, 2001.

His hobbies included fishing and cribbage. He also enjoyed cars of all vintages and makes.

Survivors include his wife Lisa Eyre of Missoula; his mother, Carol Newbury Howe and her husband David of Livingston; his father Kenneth Eyre and his wife, Deanna of Whitefish; two brothers, Dale Eyre and his wife Gloria of Jackson Hole, Wyo., and Michael Eyre and his wife, Joleen of Milwaukie, Ore.; two sisters, Marianne Buller and her husband Delmar of Kalispell; and Kay McDonnell and her husband Aaron of Powell, Wyo., and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents.

Memorials may be directed to the charity of the donor's choice.

M. Wm. 'Tex' Ezell, 81

M. Wm. "Tex" Ezell, 81, formerly of Great Falls, passed away May 23, 2001, at a local nursing home of natural causes.

He was born in Beeville, Texas, on March 27, 1920, to Will and Cecilia Mary Kabula Ezell.

He moved to Wisconsin in 1942 where he met and married Olive Millard on May 31, 1943. They moved to Collins where he worked on ranches during the summer and worked five years pumping water for the Great Northern Railroad. They also lived in Belt, Black Eagle, and Great Falls. They had four children and were later divorced.

He moved to Kalispell in 1971 where he taught music, drove a tour bus, taught drivers education, and cooked. He met and married Mildred Barta in 1978 and they have lived in Kalispell since.

At the age of 4, he stood on a soap box to play a viola that was converted into a small bass fiddle for him. He joined his father and uncles as part of the Ezell Brothers Orchestra. At the age of 13 years, he picked cotton all summer to earn \$5 to purchase his first button accordion from a second hand store, and joined an all Mexican band who passed the sombrero for payment. Later in Montana, he played music with well-known saxophone and clarinetist, Jim Jarolimek and several other well-known area musicians including Bill Cane, Frank McKenna, Gene Pike, Gordon Agre, and Ralph and Betty Parsons.

In the 1950s, he traveled with Aunt Jemima as she toured Montana. He was in the first band to be on TV in Great Falls in the 1950s as one of the Gene Pike and The Night Riders.

He joined the musicians union in 1947 and played in several other dance bands around the Great Falls, Black Eagle, and Kalispell areas.

The past many years since retirement, he entertained regularly as a volunteer at many of the Flathead area retirement and nursing homes, and other places including the Senior Citizens Center, Eagles, V.F.W., and the Elks.

Another big area of interest was his outstanding ability as a chef. He was co-owner and operator and chef of numerous restaurants in



the Great Falls area. In Kalispell, he worked at the B & B Restaurant until he retired. He spent over 20 summers at a retreat for the nationally known men's barber shop group, The Buckroosters, near Big Timber as the chief cook and also entertained on his accordion. He also catered meals to many groups which included school children's retreats for several years. He also excelled in home canning, baking, and good home-cooked meals.

Hunting, fishing, and the outdoors was another of his life's loves; along with gardening and raising wild exotic birds.

He was in the Wisconsin National Guard prior to moving to Montana. He was a member of the International Musicians Union; the NRA; and was on the second amendment task force for the NRA; the V.F.W.; Elks; Eagles; Senior Citizens; and the cooks and waiters union.

He was also a member of St. Matthew's Catholic Church. He had a strong love and faith for his God and people. He was a true gentleman's gentleman. He had hobbies and interests too numerous to mention including graduating with honors from N.W. Schools in jet airplane mechanics.

He was preceded in death by his son, William S. "Bill" Ezell, and a sister, Sylvia Pate.

He is survived by his wife Mildred; daughters, Sylvia and her husband Charles Harant of Black Eagle, Mary Ezell Taylor of Kalispell, Tammy Ezell of Black Eagle; stepdaughters Nadine Kainz of Jamestown, N.D., and June Olson of Virginia; sisters, Agnes Harrington of Zackery, La.; Mary Melofsky of Fairfield, Ala.; six granddaughters, 12 great grandchildren, several stepgrandchildren and numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews and friends.

A keepsake floral memories ceremony will be held at Johnson Mortuary today. Vigil services will immediately follow with Deacon Fred Topp officiating. Mass of Christian burial will follow at 2 p.m. at St. Matthew's Catholic Church with the Rev. Vic Langhans as celebrant. Committal services will follow the Mass at Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.