

Victor George Hildebrandt, 80

Victor George Hildebrandt, 80, passed away on Oct. 10, 2001, at Brendan House in Kalispell. He was surrounded by his family and died a very peaceful death.

He was born on Aug. 26, 1921, in New York City, to Victor J. and Lousie Hildebrandt. He graduated from Bayside High School, N.Y.

He met Ruth Loeffler from Hicksville, N.Y., and soon after joined the U.S. Army. On Sept. 26, 1943, while on leave, Victor and Ruth were married. They celebrated their 50th anniversary at the Meadow Lake County Club in Columbia Falls.

He returned to New York City after the war and joined the New York City Police Force. He and his wife lived in downtown New York City and had four children. In 1952, they moved to Rosedale, Queens, N.Y., and in 1962, to Lynbrook, Long Island, where their four children graduated high school.

He eventually went to work with his uncle in the Frank Hahn Baker's Cheese Company. He and his wife always felt that education was of the utmost importance so they both worked hard to save enough money to financially send all four children and 10 grandchildren to college. In 1983, he retired.

They moved from New York and built a home in Crystal River, Fla., to be close to their son George, and a year later they built another home in Columbia Falls, to be near their two daughters, Nancy and Doris. They spent their winters in Florida and their summers in Montana.

He was a loving and devoted



husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. His family was always the most important thing in his life. His second love was golf. He was an excellent golfer and spent many of his days at Whitefish Country Club while in Montana, Seven Rivers Country Club in Florida, and Bethpage State Park in New York. He instantly made friends with many people on golf courses with his gift of gab. Many golfers will remember him for his great personality and his great short game. He and his wife were also accomplished bridge players. They made many friends at contract bridge tournaments.

He was a member of the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Hernando, Fla.

He is survived by Ruth, his devoted and loving wife for 58 wonderful years; his brother Herbert Hildebrandt, Baldwinsville, N.Y.; his two sons, Robert Hildebrandt and wife Patti, Oceanside, N.Y., and George Hildebrandt and wife Paula, Crystal River, Fla.; two daughters, Nancy Hildebrandt and husband John Hilgers, Lake Five, and Doris and husband Dan Turner of Martin City; 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

He will be remembered by many for his wonderful personality and his generous heart. His legacy will live on through his children and their families.

His funeral service will be held on Oct. 22, 2001, at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Hernando, with the burial to follow at the Fero Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Beverly Hills, Fla.

In lieu of flowers, the family has suggested that a memorial donation be made to the Salvation Army.

Grace D. Hill, 87

Grace D. Hill, 87, of Solvang, Calif., passed away Aug. 22, 2001, in a Santa Barbara hospital. A memorial service will be held in Lewistown in conjunction with her husband Fred Hill, who preceded her in death in 1998.

She was born in Marion, Kan., on Feb. 12, 1915. Her childhood was spent at Valentine, Mont., with her parents Bill and Della Tremble, brother George and sister, Eva. She attended elementary school at Valentine and attended high school at Roy and Lewistown. She attended college at Billings and received a degree in teaching.

In 1936, she was married to Fred Hill of Winnett. Shortly afterwards they moved to Cut Bank, where her husband worked in oil production for several years. In 1950, her husband became a petroleum consultant and the family moved to numerous locations, ending in Casper, Wyo., where they lived for 21 years. She taught school in Casper many years.

After they retired, she and her husband moved to Woods Bay where they spent 21 summers in their home there. Their winters were spent in Hemet, Calif.

She enjoyed life to the fullest and always saw good in the progressing world. She loved traveling, socializing and especially dancing. Their twice a week dancing at the Bigfork Inn in the summer was definitely a highlight in her and her husband's lives.

In November 2001, she moved to Solvang and moved into a Lutheran home to be near her daughter, Karen Dodson.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Karen and Matt Dodson of Solvang; a son, Jim Hill of Evanston, Wyo.; three grandchildren, Mike McDonnell, Kasey Bowen and Jamie Smith; also five great-grandchildren; sister and brother-in-law Vi and Floyd Hill of Roundup; sister-in-law Helyne Trimble of Bigfork; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She will be missed greatly by her family and friends. She was a devoted mother and wife and leaves fond memories to all.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Fred Hill; her brother George; sister Eva Tremble Rolan of California.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Alzheimer's Society.

Toni Karl Hinderman, 56

Toni Karl Hinderman, 56, of Anchorage, Alaska, died of natural causes in his home on Sunday, Aug. 19, 2001.

He was born on Sept. 27, 1944, in Ishpeming, Mich., to Karl and Nina Hinderman. He grew up in Michigan, Idaho and Montana and graduated from Whitefish High School in 1962.

He earned a bachelor of arts degree from Dartmouth College in 1966 and a master of science degree in economic geology from Stanford University in 1967.

He served in the U.S. Army Infantry in Vietnam from 1968 to 1969 as a sergeant in line of platoons and received the Bronze star for service.

He moved to Alaska in 1970 and lived in Girdwood for many years before moving to Anchorage.

His professional life and his "real life" were nearly inseparable for most of his career. He began his work in mineral exploration geology in the late 1960s in Alaska. His work included helping many of Alaska's native corporations to define and discover resources on their lands and he found this work particularly rewarding.

Though he could be a "crusty old prospector" at times, his kind and generous side was instantly on view the moment children appeared. He volunteered with local schools teaching geology and mineral exploration to students from elementary through high school.

He was a member of the Alaska Miners Association; Northwest Mining Association; the Society of Mining Engineers of AIME; and the Society of Economic Geologists.

He enjoyed rock and ice climbing, camping and skiing.

He is survived by his son Christian Hinderman of Portland; his mother Nina Hinderman of Iron Mountain, Mich.; his brothers, Tim Hinderman of Polson, and Jan Hinderman of Rollinsville, Colo., and their families; and his former wife Lin Hinderman of Girdwood, Alaska.

A celebration of his life will be held at Raven Glacier Lodge on Crow Creek Road in Girdwood, Alaska, at 2 p.m. today.

In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations be made to the E.A. Hinderman Scholarship Fund, c/o Vivian Hull Treasurer, 233 W. 3rd St., Whitefish, MT 59937.

Mae Alice Wilson Hines, 89

Mae Alice Wilson Hines, 89, passed away on Saturday, Oct. 20, 2001, at her residence in Whitefish. She lived a very active and fulfilling life until she was diagnosed with colon cancer, which later took her life.

She was born in Dublin, Ireland, on June 22, 1912. She moved to Bemidji, Minn., as an infant with her mother and father, Margaret and Joseph Wilson. In 1924, the family moved to Whitefish, where Mae later married Robert Hines in 1931. They had two daughters, Margaret Joann and Donna Mae.

She was active in many groups and organizations, including Royal Neighbors and Golden Agers. She enjoyed playing cards, walking and serving and practicing her faith in the Lord. She was a caregiver all her life. She was one of 13 women who became licensed practical nurses under the instruction of Dr. John Simmons in 1954. After retir-

ing from nursing, she worked as a volunteer hospice caregiver.

She was preceded in death by her parents, daughters Joann McDowell and Donna Bastron, husband Robert Hines, and sisters Agnes Wilson, Anna Haines and Margaret Howke.

She is survived by a brother, Joe Wilson; grandchildren, Kathy Torgerson of Verdale, Minn., Brian McDowell and Leon McDowell, both of Whitefish, and Ron Bastron of Marion; 13 great-grandchildren and 11 great-great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be Tuesday from 4 to 8 p.m. with a Christian wake service at 7 p.m. at the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish. A Mass of Christian Burial will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. at St. Charles Catholic Church in Whitefish with the Rev. Charles Roman, celebrant. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Kalispell.

Edna J. Hinman, 98

Edna J. Hinman, 98, of Helena, died on March 24, 2001.

She was born Nov. 27, 1902, in York to Richard and Margaret Lyle McCreanor.

She married Dewey Hinman on May 19, 1923, in Butte.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her brothers William, Richard "Cootie," and Lyle McCreanor; and her sisters Eva Thompson, Marguerite Otten and Myrtle Cole.

She is survived by two daughters; six grandchildren

including a granddaughter in Whitefish; 11 great-grandchildren and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Funeral services will be held at the First Presbyterian Church at 2 p.m. followed by interment in Forestvale Cemetery.

Memorials may be given to the Cooney Convalescent Home, 2555 Broadway, Helena, MT 59601 or to the First Presbyterian Church, 535 N. Ewing, Helena, MT 59601.

Richard E. 'Dick' Hjort, 84

Richard E. "Dick" Hjort, 84, a plumber and pipefitter, died Oct. 25, 2001, at a Great Falls nursing home of complications from Parkinson's Disease.

He was born Dec. 7, 1916, in Havelock, N.D. He married Gladys I. Nelson in New England in 1939, and they lived in Neihart and Monarch before moving to Kalispell in 1971. They moved from Kalispell back to Great Falls in 1995.

From 1981 to 1995, they spent 13 winters in Apache Junction, Ariz. He worked as a plumber and pipefitter for various union shops for 30 years before retiring in 1981. He was a member of the Eagles Club and the Pipe Fitters Union. He

enjoyed reading.

Survivors include his wife, Gladys I. Hjort of Great Falls; a daughter, Lysandra J. Engle of Great Falls; sons Terrence Hjort of Raymond and Lyle E. Hjort of Arlington, Wash.; sisters Rhoda E. Gunderson of Beldenville, Wis., and Ramona E. Jung of New England, N.D.; brothers Dale L. Hjort of Lodi, Calif., and Robert E. Hjort of Sutherlin, Ore.; eight grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service is 2 p.m. Friday at Chapel of Chimes Funeral Home.

Cremation has taken place.

Memorials are suggested to the Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch.

Grace G. Hocking, 84

Grace G. Hocking, 84, of Libby, died on May 26, 2001, at the Libby Care Center from natural causes.

She was born June 19, 1916, in San Francisco.

She is survived by two sons.

Graveside services will be Monday at 1 p.m. at Milnor Lake Cemetery. Visitation will be from 9-11 a.m. on Sunday.

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

Carl E. Hoff, 84

Carl E. Hoff, 84, of Troy, died Oct. 16, 2001, at his home.

He was born July 15, 1917, at Wheeler, Wis., to Thomas and Josephine Christenson Hoff.

He married Joyce Gilligan on Dec. 15, 1993, in Troy.

Survivors include his wife Joyce Hoff of Troy; one son;

stepson Roger Gilligan and wife Eugenia of Troy; two stepdaughters; one sister, and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Private family services will be held.

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

A.A. 'Red' Hoffman, 94

A.A. "Red" Hoffman, 94, passed away at his home on July 28, 2001, in Polson. He was born Feb. 10, 1907 in Greencastle, Ind., to Albert and Maggie Hoffman. He came to Montana in 1928. He was well known for power line contracting throughout Montana. He liked to fish and moved to the Flathead Valley in 1960.

He was preceded in death by a son, Dale, and a brother, Fred.

He is survived by two sons, Jerry Hoffman of Billings, and Larry Hoffman of Butte; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. There will be no services.

Cremation has already taken place under the direction of Grogan Funeral Home and Crematory.

Duane E. Holder, 79

Duane E. Holder, 79, a longtime Tobacco Valley resident, died Thursday, Aug. 9, at Mountain View Manor in Eureka.

He was born at Eureka, on June 4, 1922, to Ed and Connie Holder. The family resided briefly in North Carolina and returned to Eureka where he was raised and educated.

He served with the United States Army during World War II, returning to Montana following his honorable discharge.

He married Ethel Rose James on Feb. 20, 1946 at Polson. He and his wife made their home in Eureka where he and his brother John operated the Kootenai Lumber Company.

In 1967 he was employed by Plum Creek Lumber Company as a saw filer until the time of his retirement.

He enjoyed his family and was a pinochle player extraordinaire.

His wife Ethel preceded him in death in December 1993.

Survivors include a son, Ed Holder and his wife Debbie of Eureka; daughters, Donna Pershall and her husband Glenn of Eureka, and Linda Schwarzbach and her husband David of Big Sandy; brothers, Dale and John Holder, both of Eureka; sisters, Joyce Battest of Eureka, Patricia Keltner of Kalispell, and Kretie Follansbee of Eureka; eight grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. at the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Gerald May officiating. Interment services will follow at Tobacco Valley Cemetery. Visitation will be from 2 to 8 p.m. today at the Nelson and Vial Funeral Home in Eureka.

Lyle Holler

Lyle Edward Holler, 72, died May 10, 2001 at Salt Lake City, Utah, Veterans' Hospital.

He was born Aug. 8, 1928, in Amidon, N.D., to Frank and Albertina Holler.

He is survived by three children, Linda Hawkins, Lila McCumbers, and Lyle Edward Holler Jr.; brother, David Holler; sister, Bertha LaValley; nine grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, May 19, at 3 p.m., at Assembly of God Church, 738 Third Avenue West, Columbia Falls.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorials to Help Hospitalized Veterans, 36585 Penfield Lane, Winchester CA 92596. *HH*

Carl L. Holm, 66

Carl L. Holm, 66, of Columbia Falls, died May 20, 2001 in Great Falls.

He was born Dec. 28, 1934 in Chinook, the son of Carl Oscar and Evelyn Lacy Holm. He married Faye McKenzie on May 24, 1955 in Whitefish.

He is preceded in death by his parents and his brother Cecil Henry.

He is survived by his wife of almost 46 years, Faye Holm of Columbia Falls; two daughters including Carla Jacoby and her children of Kalispell; his sons and daughters-in-law Gene and

Cheri Holm and their family; and Mac and Denise Holm and family, all of Columbia Falls; 10 grandchildren; his four sisters including Leona and Bertha Rossol, both of Kalispell.

Visitation will begin Friday afternoon at the Columbia Mortuary with the funeral to be held Saturday at 11 a.m. at St. Richard's Catholic Church of Columbia Falls. Burial will follow at Woodlawn Cemetery.

Arrangements are under the direction of Columbia Mortuary of Columbia Falls.

Connie Lynn Holmquist, 41

Connie Lynn Holmquist, 41, died Nov. 17, 2001, at Harborview Hospital in Seattle, from a sub-arachnoid hemorrhage from a brain aneurysm.

She was born Feb. 17, 1960.

She is survived by her mother Inga Holmquist; her three children, Steve, Cody and Stacia Holmquist; five grandchildren, Abrielle, Cameron, LaKaya, Zoey and Shayla; two sisters, Carol Harvey and husband Jerry of Iowa and Wanda Byers and husband Mike Byers of Kalispell; several nephews and two nieces.



Connie had numerous friends and acquaintances.

Through Connie's many trials and tribulations, she'll be missed and remembered most for her caring and generous heart.

Through thick and thin, she always loved her children and grandchildren as well as the rest of her family and her friends.

She will be deeply missed.

Cremation has taken place with urn burial in Glacier Memorial Gardens with her son Landon Lee who preceded her in death on Oct. 12, 2000. Also preceding her in death was her dad on Dec. 4, 2000. All will be greatly missed.

Graveside service will be Dec. 13, 2001, at 11 a.m., at Glacier Memorial Gardens with a potluck gathering at the Somers Volunteer Fire Hall at 1 p.m.

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Dorothy Hollensteiner, 98

Dorothy Hollensteiner, 98, passed away on April 6, 2001 at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

She and her twin brother, Don, were born July 20, 1902, in Hankinson, N.D. Their father, Cyrus Burnham Rice, a hardware salesman, died when they were eight. Their mother, Hattie Thacker Rice was a nurse who worked in hospitals in South Dakota and Montana, including the Kalispell Hospital. In 1956, she was selected as Nurse of the Year in Montana.

She graduated from South Dakota State College in 1925 with a degree in home economics and moved to Chicago where she continued her education in dietetics. While in Chicago she met Kalispell native Walter "Holly" Hollensteiner, a graduate of the University of Chicago. They were married in Kalispell Oct. 1, 1930. Walter's parents, Arthur Hollensteiner and Jennie Stahl Hollensteiner were old-time Flathead residents who settled here in the 1880s and 1890s.

Dorothy and Walter lived in Chicago where he held a real estate management position. However, they returned frequently to the Flathead. Following Wal-

ter's retirement in the early 1960s, they spent most of the year at their home in Rollins where they both participated in raising a wide variety of flowers, vegetables and fruits in their garden and orchard. Following Walter's death in 1977, she continued to spend her summers in Rollins, while living in Chicago the remainder of the year. In 1993 she moved to Buffalo Hill Terrace and three years later to the Lutheran Home.

Dorothy and Walter have two sons, Jim, a retired banker and real estate finance executive, and attorney, who resides in Rollins and Barrington Ill., and Walter "Butch", a real estate developer in Bozeman. There are six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren, all of whom love to visit the Flathead.

She is survived by a sister, Darleen Kurtz of Arizona.

She was preceded by her twin brother, Don; a half-brother, Richard Smith; and a granddaughter, Kathy Hollensteiner Conyers.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Northwest Montana Historical Society, P.O. Box 2293, 124 Second Ave. East, Kalispell MT 59903.

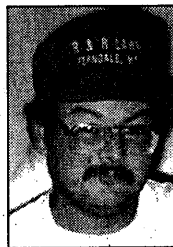
Services will be held in the summer.

John Quincy Hopkins, 35

John Quincy Hopkins, 35, passed away on Dec. 12, 2001, at his home in Bigfork, from natural causes.

John was born on Sept. 20, 1966, in Kalispell, to Milton H. and Elaine Mae Nichols Hopkins. He attended schools in Bigfork, graduating from Bigfork High School in 1984.

John had worked around the country, doing seismographic work. Recently he had returned to the Flathead Valley where he had been doing landscape work during the summer, and had recently been selling Christmas trees at the Christmas tree lot at Tidyman's.



John was an avid outdoorsman who truly loved hunting, fishing and camping. He was known as a very loving person, who easily became a friend and brother to all that knew him. He will be deeply missed by his family and friends.

He is survived by his mother Elaine Hopkins of Bigfork; three brothers, James and his wife Nati Hopkins, Lester Hopkins, Bill and wife Bobbie Hopkins all of Bigfork.

Viewing will be from 2-6 p.m. Sunday at Bigfork Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at the Little Brown Church in Bigfork, with the Rev. Ron Pierce officiating. Burial will follow at Lonepine Cemetery in Bigfork.

Arrangements are under the direction of Bigfork Funeral Home.

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Sherman G. Hopkins, 92

Sherman G. Hopkins, 92, of Libby, died Feb. 21, 2001, at St. Mary's Hospital in Reno, Nev.

He was born Aug. 5, 1908, at Bismark, N.D., to George and Emma Anderson Hopkins. He married Lucy "Peg" Freel on Nov. 25, 1931.

He was preceded in death by his daughter Sally Ann in 1993, and his wife Lucy in September 1995.

Survivors include two

daughters; one son, George "Jack" Sherman Hopkins and his wife, Jeanie, of Libby; and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Services will be Monday at 1 p.m. at the Nelson and Vial Funeral Home Chapel. Visitation will be Sunday from 1-6 p.m.

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

Jeanette F. Hoppe, 91

Jeanette F. Hoppe, 91, of Polson, died from cancer on Nov. 7, 2001, at Evergreen Health & Rehabilitation Center, Polson.



Jeanette was born on Feb. 4, 2001, at East Grand Forks, Minn., to Harry and Lucia King. As a child, she moved with her family to Bonners Ferry, Idaho. She attended schools in Bonners Ferry and graduated from Bonners Ferry High School.

She married James Price in 1928 in Bonners Ferry. They had two children together, a daughter, Billie, and a son, James Allen Price.

James preceded her in death.

Jeanette married Russell Hoppe of Libby, on Aug. 8, 1954, in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Russell preceded her in death in 1985.

Jeanette lived in Libby for 40 years. She loved children and especially enjoyed giving candy to the neighborhood children.

She enjoyed dancing, flowers, music, singing and playing piano. Jeanette loved life!

She was also preceded in death by her parents; two sisters, Val Donna Hopkins and Harriet "Honey" Hugen; son James Allen Price; and a granddaughter, Lisa Price.

She is survived by a daughter, Billie Mercer and her husband Gem of Polson; grandchildren, Tina Rehbein and husband Bill of Lambert, Stan Price and wife Lisa of Wyoming, Scott Price of Helena, Michael Mercer and wife Carole of Yakima, Wash., Gem Renee Mercer of Anchor Bay, Calif., Shan Toussaint and husband Dennis of Florence, John Allen Mercer and wife Tina of Polson, David Mercer and wife Jessica of Polson, step-grandchildren, Jack Mercer of Polson, Toby Mercer of Kalispell; and numerous great-grandchildren.

A graveside funeral service will be held on Friday at 3 p.m. at the Libby City Cemetery in Libby.

Arrangements are by Grogan Funeral Home of Polson.

James E. Horn, 56

James E. Horn, 56, of Fortine, died Oct. 22, 2001, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

He was born at Everett, Wash., on Nov. 7, 1944. He served with the U.S. Army in Germany and was honorably discharged.

Survivors include his wife Barbara of Fortine; two daughters;

a son; his adoptive mother, Pauline Rowan of Arlington, Wash.; a sister; and four grandchildren.

Services with military honors will be today at 3 p.m. at Fortine Cemetery. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. today at the Nelson and Vial Funeral Home in Eureka.

9-20-2001 George William 'Gus' Hossack, 74

Local psychologist and longtime educator George William "Gus" Hossack, 74, died Tuesday of pulmonary fibrosis at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.

Cremation has taken place and funeral arrangements are pending under the direction of Columbia Mortuary.

Hossack was born Feb. 22, 1926, in Glacier National Park, the son of an early park ranger. He grew up in the park and considered it his spiritual home. He attended schools in Kalispell and was a leader, scholar and athlete. Following his graduation from Flathead County High School in 1944 he was accepted into the Navy officer training program at Carroll College. He attended college and naval training at Carroll and the University of Washington until his discharge. He continued his studies at Montana State College at Bozeman.

He married Corrine Moger in 1948. The couple had three children and later divorced.

Following his college graduation in 1950, he began a long teaching career with positions of teacher and administrator at Harrison. In 1953, he completed a master of education in administration and counseling at the University of Maine. In 1955, he was awarded a Fulbright scholarship and spent the following year in Adelaide, South Australia teaching mathematics, physics and science at Adelaide Boys High School. Upon his return in 1956, he accepted a teaching position at Missoula County High School, and later became Dean of Boys at Sentinel High School. In 1960, he became director of guidance for the Billings public schools.

He received a doctorate in education from the University of Wyoming in 1966 and served as director of pupil personal services for Laramie schools. In 1967, he

joined the education and counseling faculty at Montana State University-Bozeman, serving as counseling psychologist at the student counseling center and teaching graduate courses in counseling and testing. He also was psycho-educational consultant for Bozeman and Livingston public school systems and was a field assessment officer for Peace Corps trainees.

In 1978, he accepted a position at the University of Montana in Missoula as chairperson of the masters-in-counseling program. After retiring from the university system he continued his lifelong love of teaching by serving as adjunct professor at Lewis & Clark College in Portland. In 1982, he returned to Montana to serve as psychologist for Pine Hills School in Miles City. He and his wife, Janet, went into private practice together in Great Falls in 1986 as Giant Springs Counseling Associates.

He garnered many honors during his career. He was awarded an NEA scholarship for further psychological study, and was named to Who's Who in the West and Who's Who in Science. He was a member of the National Register of Health Service Providers, American Psychological Association, Montana Sex Offenders Treatment Association, Phi Delta Kappa, Sigma Chi fraternity and Church of Incarnation of Great Falls.

Surviving are his wife; two daughters, Kim Martinson of Burnsville, Minn., and Hillary Brown of Pittford, Vt.; a son, Lance Hossack of Manhattan, Mont.; two step-daughters, Karin Wallen of Great Falls and Ellen Pfalzgraff of Calgary, Alberta; a stepson, Tom Roeder of Canby, Ore.; three brothers, John Hossack of Eureka, Charles Hossack of Columbia Falls and Donald Hossack of Kalispell; and ten grandchildren.

Marla Elizabeth Hossack, 37

Marla Elizabeth Hossack, 37, passed away on May 20, 2001, at Sagle, Idaho.

She was born in Spokane, on Dec. 25, 1963, to John and Tana Hossack. She started school in Orofino, Idaho after having lived first in Grangeville, Idaho, then in Eureka. She finished elementary school in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, and graduated from high school in Hamilton, in 1982. She was an outstanding basketball player, winning all-state honors her junior and senior years.

Her greatest joy was catching more and bigger fish than her father. She loved the outdoors and all birds and animals. She always owned a dog and a cat. She worked at Delta Junction, Alaska, the year after graduation, then went to Houston to study animal groom-

ing. Later she returned to Hamilton to work in real estate.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, William and Clarice Hossack and an infant sister, Sharon Lee Hossack.

She is survived by her parents, John and Tana Hossack; a twin sister, Joni Hudson, brother-in-law Todd Hudson, nieces, Rashae Williams, and Cassandra Hudson, nephew Dawson Williams, all of Hayden Lake, Idaho; two brothers, William and his daughter Tara of Casper, Wyo., and Robert and Rian Hossack of Port Townsend, Wash., and their children, Zachary, Andrew, and Gabrielle Hossack. She also leaves her long time companion Kim Newman of Seattle.

Cremation has taken place and a family memorial is planned in August.

Dorothy P. House, 84

Dorothy P. House, 84, passed away on March 13, 2001 at North Valley Extended Care.

She was born on Sept. 29, 1916, in Dayton, Ohio, to Everett and Nelle Gilbert. She grew up around Dayton.

She married Ronald Dean House and they moved to Richmond, then on to Centerville, Ohio, where she was active in farm life. She also worked as a salesperson for J.C. Penney for many years.

She was very active in the Girl Scouts, where she served as a leader, was a den mother for the Cub Scouts, and was very active in C.A.P.

After retiring from Penney's in 1980, she moved to Columbia Falls, where she and her daughter Beverly operated the Corner on Crafts store until 1987. She moved in with her daughter in 1995 where

she lived for four and a half years before moving into North Valley Extended Care about one year ago.

She loved to do crafts, and there wasn't anything she couldn't do. Some of her craft projects have been seen in two foreign countries. She was also a very avid reader.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a granddaughter and her son-in-law.

She is survived by her son Melvin and his wife, Jenny House, of Richmond, Ind.; and her daughter Beverly Damon of Columbia Falls; seven grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Private family services are going to be held later on this spring.

Arrangements are under the direction of Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory.

John Milton Houseal, 84

John Milton Houseal, 84, died on June 30, 2001, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

He was born on March 14, 1917, in Wolf Point to Amos and Meriam Houseal. He moved to the Flathead in the early 1950s and worked for the Superior and Plum Creek sawmills.

He is survived by his daughters, Roberta "Bobbi" Hall-Vance and her husband, Darryl, Georgie Gasser, all of

Whitefish; Meriam and her husband, Ray Knopp; Ruth Sherwood, all of Kalispell; Beverly Peterson and her fiancée, Ken, of Columbia Falls; son John L. Houseal and his wife, Teresa, of Kalispell; one brother and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Cremation has taken place and no services are scheduled.

Arrangements are under the direction of Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

George W. 'Moose' Howard, 75

George W. "Moose" Howard, 75, passed away at his home on Thursday, March 15, 2001.

He was born in Pueblo, Colo., on Oct. 19, 1925, to Wadleigh and Rose Barta Howard.

He was a World War II veteran in the United States Navy. After leaving the Navy, he worked tunnels in Utah. He then moved to Las Vegas where he worked for Lincoln Welding Works as an operating engineer. He later started his own crane business, Howard Crane Service, Inc. He retired in 1987. At that time he sold his business, bought a motor home and with his future wife, Kathleen Northrop, traveled 44 of the 50 states before settling in the Many Lakes area of Kalispell in 1992.

They were married in Polson, July 1, 1994.

He was a member of the Las Vegas Masonic Lodge #32, York Rite Bodies; Acacia Lodge #39 P.M.; Zella Temple in Las Vegas; Bigfork Masonic Lodge #150, serving as chaplain; Scottish Rite of Freemasonry; Shriners of the Flathead; and the International Union of Operating Engineers.

He enjoyed hunting, RV traveling, ham radio, computers, and his sidekick dog, Goldi.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Rose Mary and Wadleigh Howard; sister May Rose; aunt Hazel and uncle Howard Anderson.

George is survived by his wife



Kathleen of Kalispell; former wife Martha Howard of Las Vegas; sons, Daniel and wife, Diane Howard; James and wife, Linda, George and wife, Jackie, all of Las Vegas; stepson Joseph and wife, Shelley Fedor, of Hot Springs, Ark.; nine grandchildren, Mindy, Alisha, Kim, Brandy, April, Jesse, Josh, Matthew, Nicholas and wife, Amber; two great-grandchildren, Kaitlyn and Brittnee, all of Las Vegas; nephew Greg and wife, Shannon Limberis, and daughter, Amy, of Kalispell; niece Janet Mihelich; and great-nieces and nephews, Denise, Josh and Dennis of Pueblo, Colo., George and wife, Diane Limberis, and daughter, Jill, of Denver; three cousins, Howard, Tom and Bob Anderson; close friends, Gerry and Luther Wachholz, Marj, Mike, Jeff, Lee and Liza Clandfield; several brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law in Connecticut and New York; and many more friends including all his Korner Kitchen buddies.

Those who wish may make memorial contributions to the donor's choice or Shriners Hospital or Crippled Children and Burn Centers, P.O. Box 2472, Spokane, WA 99210.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday at 2 p.m. at the Masonic Lodge #150 in Bigfork. Burial will follow at Lonepine Cemetery. Visitation will be on Tuesday at Johnson Mortuary from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Lucille E. Howard, 92

Lucille E. Howard, 92, died in Oklahoma City on Oct. 20, 2001.

She was born Dec. 30, 1908, in Westhope, N.D., to James M. and Clara H. Baker. She married W. E. "Eddie" Howard on Jan. 1, 1935.

She worked for the Kalispell Mercantile until her retirement in 1981.

She was preceded in death by her husband and one grandson.

She is survived by two sons; two daughters and a son-in-law; a brother and his wife, one nephew, four nieces, six grandchildren and five great-granddaughters.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday at the United Methodist Church in Choteau with burial of ashes in the Choteau cemetery.

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

Robert 'Bob' Vernon Hower, 87

Robert "Bob" Vernon Hower passed quietly into God's arms on Friday, Oct. 12, 2001, at the Montana State Veteran's Home in Columbia Falls. He would have been 88 years old in just a few weeks.

He was born Oct. 31, 1913, in Medora, N.D., grew up in Northern Minnesota, joined the Army and proudly served his country in World War II overseas, but eventually went to Montana, where he would put down roots and raise a large family.

In 1944, he married the one and only love of his life, Eunice Lee Brazzill, and together they brought 12 happy children into this world, and raised them with love and devotion.

He came from a large family of 12 brothers and sisters: (surviving) Dorothy, Archie, Eva, Gladys, Calvin, Bruce and Jessie; and (deceased) Leanore, Verva, Frank, Forest, and Johnny.

He was a man of many skills, including auto mechanic, sawmill and logging work, heavy machine

operator and road construction. And when he wasn't working, he was out enjoying big game hunting or fishing the lakes and rivers of Montana. Though he wasn't born or raised here, Montana truly was his home.

He was preceded in death by two of his children, David and Robert "Bobby," and by his dear wife Eunice.

Survivors include his children: Bonnie Jarvis of Plains, Linda Kochsiek and John Hower of Big Arm, Patsy Rolfing, Lonny Hower, and Brenda Anderson of Missoula, Bill Hower and Janet Gager Smith of Kalispell, Elaine Fraley of Frenchtown, and Pamela Ham-montree of Yakima, Wash. He had 24 delightful grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren. His entire family will miss him dearly.

A graveside service will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 16, at 2 p.m. at the Thompson Falls Cemetery.

Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is in charge of arrangements.

James L. Howerton, 48

James L. Howerton, 48, died in his sleep early morning March 25, 2001, at his home in Kalispell.

He was born on Oct. 1, 1952, in Missoula. He graduated from Hell-gate High School in Missoula in 1971.

In 1973, he started working for the railroad, and worked for Burlington Northern for 27 years. He married Ruth Stolle of Missoula on Oct. 6, 1973. He moved to the Flathead Valley in 1984.

He was a world champion accor-

dian player recording a number of professional tapes, and competed in a number of leading international competitions. He was also an active member of Rocky Mountain Baptist Church in Kalispell.

He is survived by his wife Ruth and daughter Janet.

He will be cremated at the Buffalo Hill Funeral Home, and a memorial service will be held at a later date. He will be greatly missed by his family, his church, and his many friends.

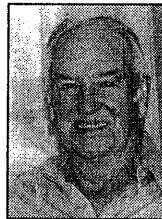
George Hubbard, 87

George Hubbard, 87, passed away Oct. 21, 2001, at his home in Creston where he had been a farmer since 1945.

He was born on Aug. 21, 1914, in Conrad, to James and Anna Hubbard. He graduated from Conrad High School, where he played football, basketball and was on the wrestling team. He then served three years in the South Pacific with the 41st Division during World War II.

He married Mary Austin in Tacoma, Wash., in April of 1945. They lovingly raised four children.

He was a long time member of the Bigfork Lodge #150 AF&AM and a member of the Central Christian Church. He loved God, his family,



friends, animals, fishing and hunting.

He will be remembered as a kind and generous person, who had a loving spirit. He was the ray of sunshine in all of his families' lives. He was full of humor, good hope and love. He will be greatly missed by all.

He was preceded in death by his mother, father, two sisters, a nephew and one granddaughter.

He is survived by his wife Mary; his four children, Jerry, Sharon, Rose and Robert; five grandchildren, one great-grandchild; many cousins, other relatives and close friends.

Memorial services will be held Friday at the Bigfork Lodge #150 at 7 p.m.

Arrangements are under the direction of Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory.

Hazel Kohles Hudson, 86

Hazel Kohles Hudson, 86, passed away on May 1, 2001 while at the North Valley Extended Care in Whitefish.



She was born Sept. 19, 1914 to Emiel J. and Lena Kohles. She was one of eight children raised east of Sunburst. She met and married Charles "Ted" Hudson on Nov. 2, 1931.

They had three children while in Kevin, then moved to Cut Bank where her husband was employed with the Texas Company. They moved to the Essex area where he worked for the Great Northern Railroad and they owned and operated the Pinnacle Bar, cabins and grocery store. Later, she and her husband moved to Whitefish where he retired.

She enjoyed the outdoors. Being an avid hunter, she bagged her game and cut wood with the best of them. She was a lifetime member of the VFW Auxiliary and Women of the Moose, a loving wife, mother, grandmother and truly a friend.

She was preceded in death by her parents, brothers Wilber Kohles, Alfred Kohles, sister Madeline Trettenbach, and husband Ted.

Survivors are Larry and Nora Hudson of Whitefish; Loretta and Spick Fauske of Whitefish, and Dutchie and Jim Porteus of Columbia Falls; eight grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

Cremation has taken place and upon her request no services will be held. The family requests that in lieu of flowers donations be made to North Valley Extended Care, Whitefish.

Flora Marie Huff, 56

Flora Marie Huff, 56, of Columbia Falls went to be with the Lord on Aug. 28, 2001.

She was born on April 15, 1945, in Yakima, Wash. She was very loved and a beautiful homemaker for her four surviving children, husband and friends.

She was always there to lend a hand, a hug, or that extra tear for others, or cry with them. She will be missed.

It pleased her greatly to entertain friends and family at her home and the coffee pot was always on. She could play a mean game of cards. She liked her crossword puzzles and she said that's what kept her smart. She liked to make doll clothes for the children's dolls. She was also close to her nieces.

She is survived by her husband, Ronald Huff; three daughters, Katrina Grimes and her husband Bryan Lane and her children, Jessica, Marcy and Jeremiah; Alicia Huff; and Robin Muchmore and her husband Ryan Muchmore and son Skyler; a son, Richard Grimes and his friend DeeDee; mother-in-law Wilma Wilcox; two grandchildren in Germany; and many other relatives and friends.

Her wake will be Sunday at 2 p.m. at the Devils Corkscrew campground in the South Fork. Those attending will meet at the Huff's home at 10 a.m. A potluck is planned, bring a dish to share if possible.

All flowers and donations can be sent to 366 Salmon Circle, Columbia Falls, MT 59912.

Rae Belle Hughey, 70

Rae Belle Hughey, 70, of Polson, died at her home on Dec. 23, 2001.

She was born Jan. 18, 1931, at Portal N.D., to Stanley and Beulah Town.

She was preceded in death by her parents and long time companion Bill "Willie" Smith.

She is survived by her five children; three brothers including Harvey Town of Polson; nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at the Grogan Funeral Home on Saturday at 2 p.m. with the Rev. Harvey Town officiating. Visitation will be Saturday from 9 a.m. until service time. Cremation will follow services with inurnment to take place on Monday at Lakeview Cemetery at 10 a.m.

Memorials may be made to the local food bank.

Arrangements are under the direction of Grogan Funeral Home, Polson.

Lois Marie Hull, 75

Lois Marie Hull, 75, passed away Monday, July 17, 2001, at North Valley Hospital. She was born March 24, 1924, in Enderlin, N.D., to Walter and Ellen Kaber. The Kaber family moved to Whitefish in 1935. She attended school in Whitefish and graduated from high school in 1944.



She married Charles Hull on June 3, 1948. She worked as a clerk for the Great Northern/Burlington Northern Railroad for over 30 years.

She is survived by her brothers, Marvin, Harvey and Larry Kaber; her sister, Emma Lou Fredrikson; her brother-in-law and sister-in-

law, Albert and Vivian Hull; She had many nieces and nephews that loved her very much.

She was preceded in death by her husband Charlie; her twin brother Louis; and her parents. *

She enjoyed cooking, reading and ceramics. No one loved or spoiled her dogs more than Lois. She was very active in the Retired BN Vets association; Christ Lutheran Church; and the Whitefish Moose Lodge. She also belonged to the LaSalle Grange. She was a board member of BN Credit Union. She liked nothing better than to organize events of any nature especially class reunions.

There will be a celebration of her life 11 a.m. Thursday at Christ Lutheran Church in Whitefish.

Frieda Milda Hummel, 87

Frieda Milda Hummel, 87, went to be with our Lord on May 18, 2001. She had been a resident of Immanuel Lutheran Home for the past 14 months.

She was born June 1, 1913, to Rudolph and Milda Engelbrecht in Elkton, S.D., where she was raised and graduated from high school. She married Lyle C. Hummel on Feb. 10, 1934, in Elkton. They had five children, Marilyn, Shirley, Laurel, Lyle C. Jr. and Jon. When she had all the children in school, she went to work for Equity Supply and worked there for 18 years.

She led a very busy and active life. After her retirement, she and her husband loved to travel. After her husband passed away, she became active in the Retired Senior Volunteer Program for many years, and was an avid bingo player. She was loved by all who knew her, and will be greatly missed.

Frieda was preceded in death by her husband, Lyle Hummel, her parents, three brothers, one sister and one grandson, Steven Hummel.

She is survived by all five of her children, Marilyn Minikus and her husband, Whitey, of Salt Lake City, Utah, Shirley Heil of Kalispell, Laurel Powell of Kalispell, Lyle C. Hummel Jr. and his wife, Linda, of Ellensburg, Wash., and Jon Hummel and his wife, Cynthia, of Lyons, N.Y.; 12 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

Cremation has taken place and memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home with the Rev. Charlie Owens of Horizon Christian Fellowship officiating.

Urn burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

Ida Mary Hunnewell, 89

Ida Mary Hunnewell, 89, passed away of natural causes on Saturday, Oct. 20, 2001, at the Colonial Manor in Whitefish, surrounded by her loving family.

She was born Nov. 12, 1911, in Fergus Falls, Minn., to Edward and Eleanor Barsby. She moved to Zurich, Mont., in 1912, and to the Flathead Valley in 1918. She married William F. Hunnewell on April 28, 1928, and they made their home in Olney. There they raised three children, William James "Jim" Hunnewell, Bessie Ann Ingraham and Elsie Lee Gress.

She was a pillar of the Olney community for more than 60 years. In 1937, she was instrumental in starting the Community Church of Olney. She was active in school functions and the Ladies Fire Department Auxiliary. She worked for American Timber for 15 years and wrote the "Olney News" for the Whitefish Pilot from 1950 to 2000, when she retired at the age of 89.

She will be fondly remembered by many for her community service, her wonderful laugh, thoughtful smile and candid conversation.

She will be greatly missed by many friends and loved ones.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bill Hunnewell, in 1983; two daughters, Alice May and Frances Ella; two brothers, Ralph Barsby and Otto Barsby; three sisters, Viola, Bessie and Alice; one grandson, Jay Hunnewell and a great-granddaughter, Emily Eveland.

She is survived by a son, William "Jim" Hunnewell, and his wife, Marcia; two daughters, Bessie Ann Ingraham and her husband, Walter, and Elsie Lee Gress; 15 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren and eight great-great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. today at the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the Austin Funeral Home. Burial will follow at the Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls. A reception will be held in her memory following services at the Olney Fire Department. The family requests that memorial donations be made to the Olney Fire Department or the donor's choice.

Vivian 'Mickey' Huston, 83

Vivian "Mickey" Huston, 83, of Columbia Falls, passed away in Whitefish on Thursday, November 8, 2001, following a short illness. Mickey was born on Feb. 2, 1918, in Anaconda, to Cecil and Marie Fuller.

She was preceded in death by her husband Richard "Dick" Huston in 1973.

She is survived by her daughter Dian of Columbia Falls; sons Jimmy and his wife Cathy of Salt Lake, Utah, and Richard "Rick" Huston and his wife Karen of Honolulu, Hawaii; 10 grandchildren

including Tanya and Allen Hecker of Portland, Chuck and Kim Higson of Lewiston, Idaho; four great-grandchildren, and nephew Mike Huston and Karen of Columbia Falls.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. at St. Mathews Episcopal Church in Columbia Falls.

Mickey waitressed for many years in the Flathead Valley and was a member of the local order of Eastern Star.

Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is in charge of the arrangements.

Linda Louise Marie Hutchins, 53

Linda Louise Marie Hutchins, 53, passed away on June 15, 2001, at the University of Seattle Medical Center in Seattle, after a courageous battle with cancer.



She was born on Aug. 12, 1947, in New Ulm, Minn., to Gilbert and Phyllis Krohn Schwartz. She moved to Kalispell with her family at an early age. She attended elementary school at St. Matthew's Catholic School and graduated from Flathead High School.

She married her best friend, LeeRoy Hutchins, on July 17, 1965, in Kalispell. Through the years they were constant companions, and enjoyed each other's company as they fished, hunted and camped together every weekend in the summer.

She also loved her sewing crafts.

She cooked at various restaurants until 1987 when she and LeeRoy started Hutch's Appliance

in Whitefish.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Gilbert Schwartz Sr. and Phyllis McCowan.

She is survived by her husband and best friend, LeeRoy, at the family home; her brothers, John Schwartz of Auburn, Wash., Steven Schwartz and Gilbert Schwartz, both of Kalispell; her sister, Judy Schwartz of Spokane, Wash., Pat Kaulitzke of Reno, Nev., and several nieces and nephews.

She was a very special person to many and will be missed by all.

Funeral services will be Friday at 10 a.m. at Johnson Mortuary with the Rev. Vic Langhans of St. Matthew's Catholic Church officiating. Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery.

Visitation will be Thursday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel.

The family suggests memorial gifts be given to the Seattle Cancer Care Alliance: P.O. Box 19023, Seattle, WA 98109-1023.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

William Wesley Hutchinson, 87

William Wesley Hutchinson, 87, passed away Saturday, Aug. 11, 2001.

He was born March 2, 1914, in Whitefish in the family home, located at the family's lumber mill. He was the fourth child of Wesley Orman Hutchinson and Jessie (Zoethout) Hutchinson. He was very proud of his family's pioneer heritage. He and his family enjoyed the Whitefish area and did a lot of hiking, camping and huckleberry picking.

He attended school in Whitefish. He was a member of the United Methodist Church in Whitefish. He was a lifelong learner and an avid reader, mostly about natural sciences, with a great memory for facts.

He lived the majority of his years with his sister, Dorothy, and another sister, Esther and her family, where he helped with the farm and gardening. He had dairy cows and chickens and raised an abundant garden of vegetables and flowers each year. He sold the milk and cream that was not needed for family use. It was a common sight to see him taking eggs and garden produce to customers around town. In the summer, he worked in the hayfields as well as at his home.

He became known for his beautiful, quality gladioli and iris. He spent many hours each winter choosing the stock for the next season. His church benefited from the bouquets of flowers that he provided each week during the summer season. After church, he took the bouquets to shut-ins and

those who appreciated his flowers. He won numerous ribbons at the county fair for his beautiful flowers.

He was truly a gentle spirit who saw the good in everyone. He loved a good laugh and enjoyed visiting with friends and family. In addition to reading, he enjoyed playing board games. He also greatly enjoyed music, bowling, photography and traveling, planning trips to match the places he had visited in the United States and Canada. He was an avid fan of the Whitefish Bulldogs basketball team.

He is preceded in death by his parents, his brother Orman (Hutch) Hutchinson in 1971, Orman's son Ned, and his sister Ester Hutchinson Tveidt on Aug. 10, 2001.

He is survived by his sister, Dorothy Hutchinson of Whitefish; his sister Ruth Hutchinson Guiles of Ocean Shores, Wash., and her children, Kathy and Dan; Esther's children, Karen and Ted; Orman's children, Ann and Joan; and numerous great-nieces and nephews.

Our memories of William are many and treasured. Memorials may be sent to the Whitefish United Methodist Church, Wisconsin Ave. and Glenwood, Whitefish, MT 59937, or to the charity of one's choice.

Memorial services will be held in conjunction with Esther Tveidt's memorial service at 3 p.m. Wednesday at the United Methodist Church, Wisconsin Ave. and Glenwood in Whitefish.

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Howard A. Hurst, 89

Howard A. Hurst, a Kalispell resident since 1947, died Tuesday night, May 29, 2001, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center. He was 89 years old.



He was born in Red Bluff, Calif., on March 14, 1912. The family soon moved to Spokane where he spent his grammar and high school years. He attended the University of Idaho for two years, leaving school to work in placer mining during the Depression.

He joined the Marine Corps in 1937 and was called to active duty in 1940. He married his wife of 61 years, CB Hurst, that same year. Shortly after Pearl Harbor he was sent overseas where he distinguished himself in combat during the invasion of Guam and was awarded the Bronze Star. He was sent overseas three times during World War II where he participated in the fighting and occupation of Guadalcanal, Eniwetok, Kwajalein, Guam, Samoa, and was decorated with the Gold Star in lieu of a second Bronze Star during the invasion of Iwo Jima. He returned in 1945 and later retired from the Marine Corps at the rank of colonel.

In 1946, he moved to Butte and sold Caterpillar earth moving equipment. He was promoted to branch manager and in 1947 opened Westmont Tractor in Kalispell, where he worked with what he termed "some of the finest people in the Pacific Northwest," building the Hungry Horse dam, the railroad and highway systems,

and logging the forests of Montana. He developed close and lasting relationships with many men and women of which he never tired of telling stories.

He retired from Westmont in 1978 but remained active by participating in city government where he sat on the mayor's committee to guide the transition to the city manager format. He helped actively seek qualified candidates for City Council and served as a campaign manager for a candidate seeking state office. He also had, for a time, his own radio talk show.

He dedicated much of his retirement life as a founder and fundraiser for A.L.E.R.T., the helicopter rescue and air ambulance service that Kalispell and Northwestern Montana are privileged to have today. He also supported and assisted the United Way of Kalispell.

He is survived by his wife CB at the Lutheran Home, his son, Jeffrey A. Hurst and daughter-in-law Joanne of Tahoe City, and his grandchildren, Mary and Andrew of San Francisco and Sacramento, Calif.

A memorial service is planned for Thursday at 5 p.m. at the Buffalo Hill Funeral Home with a reception to follow.

In lieu of flowers, remembrances or donations in Howard's name may be made to the A.L.E.R.T. foundation, 310 Sunnyview Lane, Kalispell, MT 59901. Written condolences may be mailed to: CB and Jeff Hurst, 125 Glenwood Drive Apt. 209, Kalispell, MT 59901.

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