

24 May 01 George W. Isaacson, 79

George W. Isaacson, 79, of Eureka, died Thursday at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

He was born Feb. 22, 1922, at Lake Norden, S.D., to John and Sarah Isaacson. He was raised and educated at Lake Norden.

He served in the U.S. Army during World War II with the 345th Engineers Company in the European Theater until his honorable discharge in 1946.

He married Marjorie Riley in 1951.

For many years he worked in construction as a mechanic. He worked on numerous major construction projects throughout the United States. He came to Eureka in 1967 during the Libby Dam Project, working on the Flathead Tunnel railroad relocation project. Following its completion he worked on the Alaska Pipeline before his retirement.

He enjoyed the Montana outdoors especially hunting and fishing as well as traveling. An avid snowmobiler, he, along with the late Jerry Syth, co-founded the Ten Lakes Snowmobile Club. He also was a member of the Can-Am Search & Rescue; the Veterans of

Foreign Wars; the American Legion; and locals 302, 370, and 400 of the Operating Engineers Union.

He was preceded in death by a son, Douglas Isaacson in 1983, as well as six brothers and four sisters.

He is survived by his wife Marjorie of Eureka; a son, John Isaacson and his wife Josie of Eagle River, Alaska; a daughter, Patricia Sorensen and her husband Jerry of Bigfork; two sisters, Evelyn VanHoose of Farmington, Mich., and Bernice Gustafson of Bryant, S.D.; eight grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and very special friends, Rose and Joe O'Conner of Eureka; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church in Eureka with the Rev. Henry Steinhoff as celebrant. Interment services with military honors will be at Tobacco Valley Cemetery. Friends may call at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Eureka from 5 to 8 p.m. Monday.

Memorials may be made to the Ten Lakes Snowmobile Club or to a charity of the donor's choice.

## Vera M. 'Babe' Ivers, 77

Vera M. "Babe" Ivers, 77, of Eureka passed away on Oct. 26, 2001, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center from complications related to an infection.

She was born on June 24, 1924, in Pateros, Wash., to Virgilio and Esther Peterson Ambrogini. Her father worked for the railroad and her family lived in Essex, Nyack, Pinnacle, and Coram, as well as Bonners Ferry and Sandpoint, Idaho. She graduated from Sandpoint High School.

On Dec. 7, 1948, she married John P. Ivers in Kalispell and they had three children, Linda, Donna and Donald. They lived in Whitefish until September of 1971 when they moved to Alaska to run a sawmill with John's brother, Harold Ivers, and his wife, Elsie. She returned to Whitefish in January of 1972 after her husband passed away suddenly from a heart attack. She then moved her home onto her brother-in-law Robert Ivers Sr. and sister Evelyn's land (the sisters had married brothers) near Barnaby Lake just outside Fortine, where she continued to live up to her passing.

She was a homemaker and caregiver her entire life and will be remembered as a kind, generous and patient person. She raised her granddaughter until she started school. Her mother, Esther, moved in with her, and she lovingly and unselfishly cared for her for nearly 20 years until she passed on at the age of 94 in 1992. She learned the art of embroidery and crocheting from her mother. Many hours were spent creating beautiful tablecloths, bedspreads, collies and pillowcases. She and her sisters loved tending to their flowers and over the years their yards became a beautiful landscape.

Throughout her years, she enjoyed others as they helped her. She was blessed by living next to her sisters, Evelyn and Dorothy. They provided tremendous companionship to each other. All have received loving support from their special neighbor, Shirley Parra. Another important person in her life was her friend, Ben Halverson, who could fix anything and helped keep the place running. She loved her children and grandchildren and was an important constant in their lives. She will be greatly missed by all.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John, her parents, her stepfather Charlie Hilliker, her stepmother Nellie Ambrogini, her brother Melvin Ambrogini, and her friend, Ben Halverson.

She is survived by her daughters, Linda Miller of Spokane, Wash., Donna and her husband David Jones of Kalispell; her son, Donald and his wife Mariana Ivers of Sacramento, Calif.; her grandchildren, Jina Aleferas of Spokane, and Logan and Miranda Jones, both of Kalispell; and her great-grandchildren, Christopher, Cassandra and Cameron Aleferas, all of Spokane; five sisters, Evelyn Ivers and Dorothy Buckmaster at the family home, Mary Ellen Connelly of Tacoma, Wash., Helen Bravo of Valley Springs, Calif., and Charlotte Palmer of Sandpoint, Idaho.

Visitation will be held today from noon to 8 p.m. at the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish.

Services will be held on Thursday at 1 p.m. at the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish. Rev. Robert Ivers Jr. will officiate. Burial will follow at Whitefish Cemetery in Whitefish.

Arrangements are under the direction of Austin Funeral Home.