

William 'Bill' A. King, 51

William "Bill" A. King, 51, passed away Feb. 15, 2001, in Missoula, of coronary heart failure.

He was born Feb. 7, 1950, in Havre. He was the son of Wallace and Mary King. He attended grade school in Havre and moved to Whitefish in 1966 where he entered high school. He joined the Job Corp, then went into the Marines where he served 16 months, seven in Vietnam in the motor pool. He worked as a laborer, at the time of his death he was employed at a convenience store



as a clerk and baker.

He is survived by sons, Willy of Des Moines, Wash., and Casey of Pacific, Wash.; daughters, Kelly and Holly of Des Moines and Lucy of Pacific; three grandsons; his mother, Mary, of Whitefish; two uncles, two aunts and many cousins and friends.

He was a loving father and will be missed by all who knew him.

Cremation has taken place. Graveside memorial services will be held May 5 at 2 p.m. in the Glacier Memorial Gardens north of Kalispell.

Lunch will be served at 3 p.m. at the Golden Agers Senior Center in Whitefish, please use the side door.

Edna M. DeShazer Kinney, 85

Edna M. DeShazer Kinney, 85, of Eureka, died Monday, March 12, 2001, at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish from natural causes.

She was born March 27, 1915, in Eureka, to Ed and Nora O'Brien Smith.

She married Olin DeShazer Jan. 7, 1933, in Libby. They made their home in Lincoln County. In 1968, they bought their home in Eureka and she lived there since that time.

Olin preceded her in death in June of 1978. She married Ervin Kinney in February 1979.

She enjoyed playing cards, bingo, gardening and camping.

She was preceded in death by a sister Freda.

Survivors include her husband

Ervin Kinney of Eureka; five sons, William DeShazer and his wife, Betty, and Dan DeShazer and his wife, Iva, all of Libby, Robert DeShazer and his wife, Pat, and Raymond DeShazer and his wife, Mary Ann, all of Eureka, Gerald DeShazer and his wife, Sandi, of Polson; one daughter, Shirley Straley and her husband, Russell, of Grand Coulee, Wash.; one brother, Lester Smith and his wife, Mary, of Ukiah, Calif.; one sister, Audrey Anderson of Salt Lake City; 20 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren.

Cremation has taken place and a memorial service will be held April 14 at 2 p.m. at the Eureka Cemetery.

Ervin L. Kinney, 84

Ervin L. Kinney, 84, a long time Eureka resident, died April 26, 2001 at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

He was born April 24, 1917 at Pinkham Creek near Eureka to Amos and Oran Caldwell Kinney. He married Beatrice Burlingham on Oct. 3, 1940 and she preceded him in death in 1977. He married Edna Smith DeShazer on Feb. 14, 1978 in Eureka.

He is preceded in death by his wife Edna in March 2001; and

by a daughter, Delores, in 1990.

Survivors include one son, Gary Kinney of Libby; a daughter Sharon Peterson and her husband Kenneth of Eureka; brother Albert Kinney of Eureka; son-in-law Robert Hall of Eureka; six grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. at the First Church of God in Eureka.

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

Mary O. Kinney, 72

Mary O. Kinney, 72, of Troy, died Friday, Feb. 2, 2001, at St. John Lutheran Hospital in Libby.

She was born in North Lincoln County at Gateway, on March 14, 1928, to Merton M. and Mandy Clemons Tiffany. She married Archie Kinney March 4, 1946, at Kalispell.

She was preceded in death by her husband Archie in 1983, and nine brothers and sisters.

She is survived by a son, Archie Kinney Jr. of Troy; six daughters, including Betty

Oberdorf of Fortine, and Nattie Huntsman of Eureka; special friend Dallas Haaby of Troy; four sisters, including Laurie Reynolds of Eureka, Edna Grob of Rexford, and Edith Breitenstein of the Yaak; two brothers, including Peanuts Tiffany of Eureka; 20 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. today and until noon Monday at the Nelson and Vial Funeral Home in Libby. Private interment will be at a later date.

Clifton E. "Cliff" Kirkland, 68

Clifton E. "Cliff" Kirkland, 68, passed away on Monday, Aug. 27, 2001, at his home in Kalispell.

He was born Aug. 25, 1933, in Chinook, to Thomas and Geneva Verley Kirkland. He attended school in Hot Springs, and Lone Pine.

He entered the U.S. Navy on Sept. 13, 1950, and was honorably discharged on June 22, 1954, at which time he moved to the Flathead Valley. On June 18, 1983, he married Patricia Peterson.

After retiring from Plum Creek in 1993, he worked his small cattle ranch where he took great pride raising registered Black Angus cattle in the Birch Grove area.

He enjoyed family potluck dinners and spending time with friends. He spent many hours in the outdoors, fishing, hunting and camping.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his wife of 18

years, Patricia Kirkland, of Kalispell; two sons, Curtis Kirkland of Fontana, Calif., and Clinton Kirkland of Columbia Falls; three daughters, Wanda Kienas of Hot Springs, Tina Shields of Kenwood, Wash., and Janett Kirkland of Portland; four stepchildren, Debra Trninich of Colorado, Shelly Peirson of Kalispell, Missy Sweeney of Columbia Falls, Randy McClanahan of Anaconda; six sisters, Ilea Watkins, Florence Wells, Marles Reynolds, Merietta Roberts, Janice Holme, Althea Hemmer; two uncles, Archie Kirkland and Everett Verley; five grandchildren and 13 stepgrandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews; and other family members who are special.

"He will be missed by all of us."

There will be a memorial service at a later date.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

Ruth Marlene Kizer, 67

Ruth Marlene Kizer, 67, passed away at her home on Aug. 13, 2001, with her loving family surrounding her.

She was born on Jan. 13, 1934, in Hamburg, Minn., to Ernest F. and Ruth Raedeke Buckentin. She moved with her family to Montana when she was 9 years old. They lived on a ranch in Lewistown, where she also attended school.

She married Ronald W. Kizer on Aug. 12, 1953. They have been married for 48 years. They farmed in Lewistown, before moving to the Flathead Valley in 1961, where they have farmed and ranched. They retired from ranching and sold the ranch in 2000.

She worked as the secretary for Trinity Lutheran Church for 11 years.

She loved hiking, and the highlight of her summer was camping at Apgar with her friends. She truly enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren, cross country skiing, biking, gardening and truly loved helping other people.

She was preceded in death by her father in 1979.

She is survived by her husband Ron Kizer of Columbia Falls; two sons, Randy W. and his wife Trina Kizer of Colorado Springs, Colo., Rory W. and Joann Kizer of Columbia Falls; two daughters, Reva M. Wells and her husband Charlie of Atkins, Ark., and Rona M. Dubay and her husband Dan of Columbia Falls; her mother, Ruth Naomie Buckentin; one brother, one sister, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be today from 5-8 p.m. at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. on Thursday at Trinity Lutheran Church with the Rev. Darold Reinert officiating. Burial will follow at Trinity Lutheran Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family request memorials in her name be given to the Trinity Lutheran Church.

Arrangements are under the direction of Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

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Marie E. Kitzmiller, 87

Marie E. Kitzmiller, 87, passed away at Lake View Care Center in Bigfork on Aug. 3, 2001.

She was born Nov. 13, 1913, in Ferndale, to Chipley and Jessie Chinnock Rolston. She was raised and grew up in the Ferndale area. She enjoyed gardening, her flowers, and sewing.

She was preceded in death by her husband Lonnie in 1968, and a son, Ruddy, in 1987.

She is survived by two daughters, Dolores and husband Buck Buchanan, Ricky and husband Jerry Sass, both of Ferndale; two sons, Karl and wife Imelda Kitzmiller of Forks, Wash., Robert and wife Carol

Kitzmiller of Ferndale; 13 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren, and several great-great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be held on Monday at 10 a.m. at Glacier Memorial Gardens with the Rev. Ron Pierce officiating. Visitation will be held today from 1 until 5 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary.

Memorial contributions may be made in her name to the Bigfork QRU, 810 Grand Avenue, Bigfork, MT. 59911, Attn. Vern Childers.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Elisha Y. Khoma

Elisha Y. Khoma, the infant son of Yaroslav I. and Lyudmila O. Makcimova Khoma, died on Friday, Aug. 17, 2001, at the Community Medical Center in Missoula.

He was born on July 25, 2001, at the Community Medical Center in Missoula.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Melvin Kjelsrud, 77

Melvin Kjelsrud, 77, passed away March 5, 2001, at his home in Lakeside, of natural causes.

He was born to Matt and Marie Kjelsrud Sept. 3, 1923, in Great Falls. He attended schools in Great Falls and served his country in the Army during World War II.

On Feb. 13, 1946, he married Lois Harris in Kalispell. He went to work as a service station attendant at Don Ledger's Texaco station in Great Falls upon his discharge from the service, eventually purchasing and operating it until 1959. He then worked construction as an operating engineer. He then went to work for the Great Falls school district as a janitor eventually becoming first engineer at North Junior High where he worked until his retirement July 1, 1979. He and Lois



retired to their cabin in Sun River Canyon until moving to Lakeside in 1983.

He enjoyed fishing, camping, hunting and anything to do with the outdoors. He was always ready to take someone fishing down to Lake Mary Ronan. They bought a computer and he became quite proficient at operating it. One of his joys in life was "surfing the net" and sending and receiving e-mail.

He is survived by his wife Lois; sons, Tom and his wife, Ruth, of Laurel, Chuck of Great Falls, Jack "Mick" and his wife, Nancy, of Somers; nine grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren; brothers, Bob and his wife, Phyllis, of Lincoln, and Matt and his wife, Lois, of Great Falls; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents Matt and Marie Kjelsrud.

He requested there be no funeral and cremation has taken place. His ashes will be scattered over his beloved Sun River Canyon.

Dennis L. Kleingartner, 53

Dennis L. Kleingartner, 53, died Oct. 28, 2001, during a day of fishing with his good friend and fishing buddy, Dave Young, when their canoe overturned on Clearwater Lake.



He was born May 9, 1948, in Springfield, Ore., to Leonard and Claire Marshall Kleingartner. He grew up in Springfield and graduated from Southern Oregon College.

After graduation, he joined the United States Air Force and became a pilot. During his tour of duty in Vietnam, he flew many missions evacuating refugees. After his honorable discharge, he began a career as a pilot, first with Hughs Air West, then Republic Airlines, and currently with Northwest Airlines based in Minneapolis.

He met Penny Lynch through his father who had served with her father in World War II. They were married on Jan. 1, 1989, in Lake Tahoe, Nev. They built a cabin on Flathead Lake where they would spend their summers and would winter in Phoenix.

He loved fishing, especially fly fishing and it was his goal to drift every river in Montana. When he was not fishing, he enjoyed flying his Cessna 170 to remote fishing areas and to visit family and friends. He was always involved in a "project" and was a great handyman willing to lend a hand

to anyone needing something fixed.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Claire, in 1978.

He is survived by his wife, Penny Kleingartner; his son, Mike Kleingartner of Phoenix; daughter Mindy Kleingartner of Tucson; stepson Jeff Patrick of Kirkland, Wash.; father Leonard Kleingartner and his wife Evelyn of Springfield; two brothers, Chris Kleingartner of Blaine, Wash., and Myron Kleingartner and his wife Candi and their daughters, Paige and Logan of Kennewick, Wash.; three sisters-in-law, Florene Patrick and her husband Chuck of Billings, Colleen Tipp of Billings, and Jodi Harden and her husband Skip of Missoula; and numerous nieces, nephews, and extended family.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday at the Eidsvold Lutheran Church with the Rev. Wayne Pris officiating. Burial will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery with full military honors by the United Veterans of the Flathead. Visitation will be held from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. today at Johnson Mortuary Chapel in Kalispell.

In lieu of flowers, the family wishes that memorial contributions be made to the Lakeside Quick Response Unit, P.O. Box 911, Lakeside, MT 59922; or to the Missoula County Search and Rescue, 200 West Broadway, Missoula, MT 59802.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Noel 'Gus' Kline, 77

Noel "Gus" Kline, 77, passed away on Saturday, Dec. 22, 2001, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

He was born Jan. 10, 1924, in Fort Wayne, Ind., the son of George and Frances (Lopshire) Kline.

He received his early education in Fort Wayne, attending Southside High School. After graduation, he moved to Detroit, Mich., where he received a certificate in aeronautical drafting.

He was inducted into the U.S. Army in January 1943, but was discharged after a bout of rheumatic fever.

He married Rita Moritz on May 27, 1950, in Fort Wayne. In 1954, he graduated from International Correspondence School in architectural design. For 26 years, he worked for Systems Engineering in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., as a supervisor in graphics design services.

After his retirement in 1986, he

and Rita moved to Tennessee. It took much persistence, but the family finally got them to move to Kalispell in 1995.

He had a life-long love of woodworking, only rivaled by the love of his family and the enjoyment he got out of his daily visits to Syke's.

He was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his wife, Rita, of Kalispell; and two sons, Gregory Kline and his wife, Sherry, of Columbia Falls, and Jeffrey Kline and his wife, Lesley, of Kalispell.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 26, at Northridge Lutheran Church, with pastor Dan Haskett officiating. The family suggests memorial gifts be made to Northridge Lutheran Church Building Fund, 323 Northridge Drive, Kalispell, 9901.

Cremation and arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

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Robert V. Kline, 74

Robert V. Kline, 74, died on May 3, 2001 in Spokane, Wash. He was born on Oct. 1, 1926 in Heron.

He lived and worked in the Flathead area most of his life. He is survived by his wife

and three children.

A graveside service will be held on Tuesday at 1 p.m. at the cemetery in Heron.

Arrangements are under the direction of Spokane Cremation and Burial Service.

Erwin W. Kloock, 75

Erwin W. Kloock, 75, passed away July 28, 2001, at the age of 75 at Kalispell Regional Medical Center to be with his Lord.

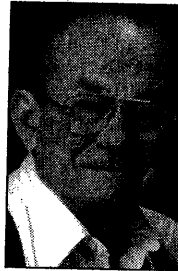
He was born on Jan. 20, 1926, on the Island of Rugen, Germany, to Walter and Pauline (Altmann) Kloock. He will be greatly missed by many family and friends as he lived most of his life in the Flathead Valley.

At the age of 2, in 1928, he came with his parents to Somers, where his father worked for the Somers Lumber Company. They lived north of Somers where the Ramada Inn, most recently called the White Oak Inn, was located. The house is still standing on the east side of U.S. 93, on Highway 82 between the highway and the backwater.

He obtained his education at Somers school for nine years, then went three years to Flathead High School. He was drafted in his senior year, and served in the U.S. Infantry. After his discharge, he worked at the Somers Garage until he married Joyce Eckelberry in 1946. He then hauled fuel for the Farmers Union and worked in local sawmills.

He was sawmill foreman at Superior Buildings Company for 16 years, at which time he went to work for Anaconda Aluminum Company. In 1978, he broke his back in an industrial accident and had been unable to work since that time.

He lived at Lake Blaine and then lived 42 years in the Bad Rock area where he and his wife, Joyce, raised Arabian horses for 26 years. They showed horses for



those years, and have many trophies to show for it. In 1990, they sold the ranch and moved back to Flathead Lake in Bigfork.

He helped organize Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Rocky Mountain Saddle Club and the Bad Rock Fire Department, all in Columbia Falls. He was a life-long member of the Lutheran faith. He loved hunting and fishing and working with his horses.

He will be missed by all who knew him and experienced his thoughtfulness, wit and strength of character. May he rest in peace with his Lord.

He was preceded in death by his parents and relatives in Germany and Argentina, and his father-in-law and mother-in-law, James and Pearl Eckelberry.

He is survived by his loving wife of 54 years, Joyce Kloock at the family home in Bigfork; one son, Delbert Kloock and his friend, Joannette Carpenter, of Kalispell; one daughter, Idonna Kloock Harhe and her husband, Randy, of Fort Worth, Texas; three granddaughters and their husbands, Tina and Jonathan Saucke and Shell and Chad Watterud, all of St. Paul, Minn., and Ann and Shaun Love of Spokane, Wash.; three great-grandchildren, Brooke Lynn Saucke, Tyler Stephen Watterud and Jared Watterud; one brother, Arnold and his wife, Dawn, of West Palm Beach, Fla.; one former daughter-in-law, Linda Kloock; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday at 2 p.m. at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Columbia Falls with the Rev. Terry Forke officiating. Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery. Visitation will be Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Marian Louise Knapton, 76

Marian Louise Knapton, 76, a longtime Whitefish resident, passed away on Sept. 11, 2001, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell of natural causes.

She was born June 16, 1925, in Whitefish, the daughter of William and Marian Knapton.

She attended schools in Whitefish.

She taught herself to type with one finger and helped her pastor, the Rev. Robert Laird with his typing and also each month wrote a column in the church newsletter "Listening with Louise."

She and her mother entered the Immanuel Lutheran Home in 1971.

She enjoyed selling magazine subscriptions, watching soap operas, Lawrence Welk program, and listening to her records. She especially enjoyed flying to Seattle to visit her niece Kay Knapton.

She was also a member of the

Catholic Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother Kenneth and his wife Marjory; and by special friend Bob Landwehr.

She is survived by a brother, Marvin and wife Irene Knapton of Florence, Ore.; five nieces, Jean and husband Cliff Sedivy of Columbia Falls, Patti and husband Sandy Sanderson of Kalispell, Mary Gelenaw of Everett, Wash., Kay Knapton in Seattle, Karen Knapton in Jacksonville, Fla., nephew Bill Knapton of Florence, Ore.; and many grandnieces and grandnephews.

Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. today at the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish.

A Mass of Christian burial will be at 11 a.m. on Friday at St. Charles Catholic Church in Whitefish. Burial will follow at the Whitefish Cemetery.

Paul Lothair Kohnstamm, 78

Paul Lothair Kohnstamm, 78, died Jan. 10, 2001, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

He was born on Nov. 14, 1922, in New York City, to Lothair and Madeline Peck Kohnstamm.

He is survived locally by one son, Daniel Kohnstamm and

his wife, Betsy, and two grandchildren, Mary and Carl, all of Whitefish.

No local services are planned. Cremation is planned and the family will hold memorial services at a later date.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Douglas J. 'Doug' Knapton, 61

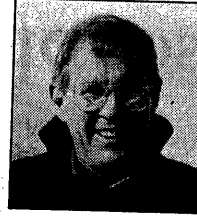
Douglas J. "Doug" Knapton, 61, passed away Feb. 21, 2001, at Blacktail Ski Resort in Lakeside.

He was born Jan. 24, 1940, in Whitefish, to John and Merle Graham Knapton. His father passed away when he was six months old, and he and his two brothers were raised by his loving and devoted mother. He attended schools in Whitefish, where he graduated from Whitefish High School in 1958. During high school, he participated in all sports, receiving a scholarship to Montana State University for track.

He transferred to the University of Montana, where he entered the ROTC program; he graduated in 1963. After graduation, he entered the Army, applied and was assigned to helicopter flight school at Fort Rucker, Ala. He received his pilot's rating, and his rank as captain. His first tour of duty was in Korea, followed by a tour of duty in Vietnam as a medical evacuation pilot. He received the Bronze Star, the Air Medal and the Distinguished Flying Cross as well as others.

Following his discharge from active duty, he continued to fly for the Montana Air National Guard and later the Washington National Guard, retiring from duty in 1978. He was employed by the Federal Aviation Administration as an air traffic controller, where he worked in several cities in Montana, Idaho and Washington. His final assignment was in Missoula as supervisor of the control tower.

In 1965, he and Leona "Nonie" Parker were united in marriage in



San Antonio, Texas. To this union were born two wonderful daughters, and his precious grandson Teague.

The family treasured time spent on the family farm in Yellow Bay and more recently at the newly constructed home on Flathead Lake.

An important aspect of his life was his belief in Jesus Christ and his involvement with Horizon Christian Fellowship. His last day was spent as he would have wished, gliding down the ski slopes on a beautiful day with good friends. He loved the outdoors, skiing, golfing, hiking, and growing cherries.

He is survived by his wife Nonie; daughters, Pamela Knapton, Amy Swanson and her husband, Don; grandson Teague Knapton, all of Spokane; brothers, Richard and his wife, Lois Knapton, of West Palm Beach, Fla., Roger and his wife, Gail Knapton, of Polson; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. on Wednesday at the Bigfork Chapel Assembly of God Church with the Rev. Charlie Owens officiating. Burial will follow at Bigfork Community Cemetery.

Memorials may be sent to Horizon Christian Fellowship, P.O. Box 2078, Bigfork, MT 59911.

Arrangements are under the direction of Bigfork Funeral Home.

Helen Jane Knuppenburg, 80

Helen Jane Knuppenburg, 80, died on Jan. 5, 2001, at her home in Kalispell.

She was born on Dec. 8, 1920, in Wallace, Idaho, to Joseph Benjamin and Ruth Newbury.

She is survived locally by her daughter Darle Wilcox of Kalispell.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

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Alfred J. 'Al' Krause, 85

Alfred J. "Al" Krause, 85, of Lewistown, died early Monday, March 19, at Central Montana Medical Center of natural causes.

He was born June 20, 1915, in Kalispell, the son of Adolf and Wanda Flatt Krause. He received his education in Kalispell and then began with the Army Corps of Engineers working in Alaska during World War II. He worked on the Going-to-the-Sun and AlCan highways.

On Nov. 9, 1944, he was united in marriage to Alberta M. Kreiger in Lewistown. He operated the Kaiser-Standard Oil dealership in Harlowton until moving to Lewistown in 1951. He then worked for Kaiser-Fraser dealership and then Fergusson Equipment which later became Horning Implement.

After his retirement in 1977, they continued to make their home in Lewistown. His wife preceded him in death in 1998. He then entered the Central Montana Skilled Nursing Center.

He was an avid hunter. He was a member of the Eagles and Moose lodges, Columbia Sheep Association, fair board, 4-H and FFA, all of Lewistown.

He is survived by one son, James "Butch" of Burlington, Wyo.; three daughters, Linda Walter of Aurora, Colo., Marjorie Krause of Denver, and Lisa Jean Linhart of Utica; one sister, Erna Tetrault of Kalispell; seven grandchildren, Russell Linhart, Brandi Goodman, Mardi Linhart, Kati and James Krause, Rochelle Gréayer and Kendra Walter; two great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his wife, he was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Bruno and Harry; and two sisters, Johanna and Gertha.

Funeral services were already held. Interment followed in the Lewistown City Cemetery.

Cloyd Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Friends may make memorials to the Fergus County 4-H Scholarship Fund or the Central Montana Foundation and they may be left at the funeral home.

Astrid Koppang

Astrid Koppang, 84, a long-time resident of Columbia Falls died Feb. 3, 2001, at her home in Oregon City, Ore.

She was born Oct. 23, 1916, in Kalispell.

She was a member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church and served as city librarian. She worked as a bookkeeper and grocery clerk at B & B Grocery.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Karen Malany.

She is survived by her husband of 62 years, Orion Koppang, former employee of Anaconda Aluminum Company, and a son, Ron Koppang all from Oregon City, Ore.; grandchildren include Dr. Drew Malany of Helena, Steven Malany, Riona Koppang and Shanin Prusia of Portland, Ore.; and five great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held Feb. 10, at West Linn Lutheran Church, West Linn, Ore.

Randall Durnell Krantz, 78

Randall Durnell Krantz, 78, died on June 5, 2001, at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.

He was born March 7, 1923, in Devils Lake, N.D., to Eugene

and Sadie Olsen Krantz.

No services are planned at this time. Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Edward Clair Krebsbach, 80

Edward Clair Krebsbach, 80, of Polson, passed away from cancer on Nov. 19, 2001, surrounded by his family at home.



Clair was born March 26, 1921, in Rugby, N.D., to Ed and Harriet Cruden Krebsbach. He lived in tiny Vida, Mont., for the first few years of his life where his father, a banker, enjoyed tinkering with radio broadcasting in the family's living room. Ed Krebsbach established radio station KGCX, the second licensed station in Montana. He moved the family to Wolf Point in the '30s, where Clair, as a teenager, worked as a part-time announcer. When Ed Krebsbach took a position in state government, the family moved to Helena where Clair graduated high school in 1939. He then attended Carroll College, and later transferred to Lamar Radio College in Port Arthur, Texas.

He enlisted in the U.S. Navy in December of 1941, and served as a first class radioman. He married Wilma Poth in Baltimore, Md., on May 29, 1943, a beautiful Texan he had met on a blind date two years earlier.

Radio station KGCX was relocated in Sidney in the '40s. After his discharge from the military in 1946, Clair moved his growing family to Williston, N.D., to begin covering the Montana-North Dakota broadcast region. KGCX Radio broadcast from both locations. Clair, brother Keith and their father eventually put radio stations in Plentywood and Wolf Point. The three helped bring the first television station to the upper Missouri Valley.

Clair's boundless energy and outgoing personality made him perfect for the job of putting the station on the air in the morning, selling advertising during the day and broadcasting news and sports at night. In his long career he interviewed diverse personalities such as Jack Dempsey, Joe Louis, Harry Truman, Richard Nixon and Pope Paul IV.

When Clair retired in 1974, he used the opportunity to take the trip of a life time. He shipped a

motorhome to Europe where he traveled with Wilma and their three youngest children for nearly a year. They explored Europe, Greece, Turkey and the Holy Land. After they returned to the United States they settled permanently on Flathead Lake where the family had previously spent summers since the 1950s.

Never content to be retired for long, Clair helped engineer and build Polson's first radio station KERR for longtime friend Andy Anderson. The station went on the air in 1976, and he served as general manager several times in the station's history. Many remember his wonderfully distinctive radio voice as well as his beautiful singing voice which contributed to the music ministry at Immaculate Conception Church in Polson. Clair also worked in public relations for the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribe, and for the Polson Chamber of Commerce.

He was a tireless caretaker to his wife of 55 years who preceded him in death in 1998.

He is survived by two sisters, Alicia Aldrich of Santa Barbara, Calif., and Kathleen Donlan of Santa Fe, N.M.; his devoted daughters Suzanne Krebsbach and husband Dr. Alex Moore of Charleston, S.C., Pamela and Dr. Armando Da Silva of Leiria "Fatima," Portugal, Toni and Buck Young of Polson, Mary and Bruce Burk of Lolo, Jennifer and Rich Forbis of Polson, and Sara and Dr. Jon Torgerson of Whitefish, sons Curt Krebsbach of Kalispell, and Chris Krebsbach of Polson.

He is also lovingly remembered as "Grampie" by Alexandra Moore, Sara Dahlen, Rafe and Santiago Da Silva, Vanessa Hayward, Charity Brehl, Catherine and Marguerite Thordarson, Issac Ward, Madeline and MacKenzie Forbis, Alexander, Elizabeth, and Emily English, and Aaron Torgerson. He is also great Grampie to Spencer, Hailey, and Elliot Dahlen. Rosary will be recited on Friday at 1 p.m. in the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, followed by the mass at 1:30 p.m. Inurnment will be held at Lakeview Cemetery with military honors.

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

Annie Krueger, 93

Annie Krueger, 93, passed away on December 23, 2001, at the Kalispell Regional Medical Center. She was born Nov. 1, 1908, in Brushia, S. D., to Umphry and Mary Stefaniuk Brayko.



The family farmed in Scobey, before moving to Kalispell in 1945. In 1956, Ann attended the Lutheran Bible Institute in Minneapolis. Ann then returned to Kalispell where she was a seamstress and very dedicated to her work and customers. She was a devoted Bethlehem Lutheran Church member. Ann was preceded in death by

her parents; her husband, Oscar, and her son: Lornee.

She is survived by her daughters, Bonnie Herbold and husband Merv of Kalispell; and Zelda Drake and husband Dana of Arlington, Texas; three brothers, two sisters, seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday at the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with Herb Knutson of Bethlehem Lutheran Church officiating.

Burial will be in C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

The family suggests memorial gifts be given to the charity of the donor's choice.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Mary Emmeline Kroon, 87

Mary Emmeline Kroon, 87, died May 22, 2001.

She was born Aug. 4, 1913, in Amsterdam, The Netherlands. Her father, Trudus Teves, was a native of Holland. Her mother, Ada Knowles, was from Yorkshire, England. She was the younger of two daughters. She grew up in the city of Amsterdam and was raised in an artistic environment. Well-known painters, musicians, philosophers and actors were regularly guests at their home. Important celebrations were graced by skits, plays, music and laughter performed by family members who had theater in their blood.

Dancing was a gift she was born with. After her training as a ballet dancer, she joined the Royal Dutch Ballet Company and set up her own ballet school. She also obtained a degree in early childhood education.

She married Pieter Jacob Kroon in December of 1939. He died at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell in 1998. Together they had three children, Ada Hermance in 1941, Dory Everdina in 1943, and Emmeline Mary in 1951.

In 1949 they immigrated to the U.S. and settled in Swarthmore, Pa., where her husband was an engineer at Scott Paper Company in Philadelphia. In 1989, they moved to Whitefish, to be near their oldest child, Ada. After the death of her husband and her daughter's move to Washington, D.C., she moved to Idaho to be near her youngest child, Emmeline.

She lived at SunBridge Care and Rehabilitation for Twin Falls,

a nursing home in Twin Falls, Idaho, for the past few years. She passed away quickly after a short illness. Two of her children were at her side.

Her children will remember her for her commitment to family and friends, her creativity, wise counsel and her sense of humor. She had a gift for parenting and was able to be strong and flexible, delighting in her children's abilities and adventures. She was always active in pursuing subjects of interest and in charity-related activities. She was an avid reader, a seeker of truth and found solace and peace in the wisdom of the Bible. She and her husband were baptized into Christ at Whitefish Presbyterian Church when they were in their 80s.

She will be remembered by her three children, Ada Hermance Casazza residing in Washington, D.C., Dory Everdina Gardenier, residing in Grave, The Netherlands, and Emmeline Litke Kevan in Twin Falls, Idaho. She will also be remembered fondly by her seven grandchildren, Christopher Pieter Casazza of Seattle, Claire Marie Lan Dessor and Danielle Jean Hurd, both of Boise, Idaho, Pieter Willem Gardenier of Nijmegen, The Netherlands, Katherine Emmeline Litke, James Timothy Litke, and Kristine Elizabeth Litke of Twin Falls, Idaho.

A memorial service will be held on Wednesday at noon at Whitefish Presbyterian Church. A light lunch will be served following services. All are invited.

Arrangements are under the direction of White Mortuary of Twin Falls, Idaho.

Richard M. Kutz, 64

Richard M. Kutz, 64, died July 5, 2001, at St. John's Lutheran Hospital in Libby from cancer. He was born July 10, 1936, in Vineland, N.J., to Clarence and Irene Thornborough Kutz.

He served in the U.S. Army from 1959-1961. He married Doris Cox in August of 1961 and they made their home in Libby.

Survivors include his wife Doris of Libby; one daughter

and her husband; a son and his wife; two brothers, two sisters including Kathy Nelson and her husband Dave of Libby; and two grandchildren.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. at the Assembly of God Church in Libby. Visitation will be Wednesday from 1-8 p.m. at the funeral home. Local arrangements are by Nelson and Vial Funeral Home in Libby.

Memorials may be sent to 21 Wards Rd., Libby, MT 59923.

Walter F. Kvapil, 76

Walter F. Kvapil, 76, of Libby, died Aug. 22, 2001, at St. John's Lutheran Hospital from natural causes.

He was born July 21, 1925, at Bloomer, Wis., to Stephen and Pauline Snider Kvapil.

He married Ardith Larson on June 22, 1950, at Cadott, Wis. He worked as a sawyer for 32 years, retiring in 1987.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, Donna.

Survivors include his wife Ardith Kvapil of Libby; two daughters and one son-in-law; one son and his wife; two

brothers including Steve Kvapil and his wife Janie of Libby; two sisters, three grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Services will be at 3 p.m. at the Three Lakes Community Bible Church on Monday. Interment will be Monday at 9 a.m. at the Conrad Cemetery in Kalispell. Visitation will be Sunday from 1-5 p.m. at the Nelson and Vial Funeral Home in Libby.

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