

Mable Marie Bigley Kaiser, 89

Mable Marie Bigley Kaiser, 89, passed away at Kalispell Regional Medical Center on Oct. 16, 2001.

She was born Aug. 26, 1912, in Anamoose, N.D., to David Erving and Lydia Deede Blair.

When she was 13 months old, her parents, one brother and one sister moved to Ambrose, N.D., and lived there until she was 8 years old. Her father died on Sept. 17, 1920. She attended school at Alkabo, N.D., and graduated from the eighth grade there. She then started working at a grocery store.

She met Clarence Bigley and was married to him on Sept. 8, 1939. They lived at Colgan, N.D., where he taught school. Twins were born to them on June 10, 1941, a son David and a daughter, Donna. They then moved to Crosby to farm and another son, Jay, was born on Feb. 14, 1946. All of her children were born in Williston, N.D.

The family moved to Kalispell on Aug. 26, 1951, where her husband taught at Bad Rock School for one year, then to Forest Park School for nine more years. She was employed doing housework for the same couple for 45 years. Her husband passed away in 1973. She married Arnold "Bud" Kaiser on March 18, 1989. He preceded her in death on Nov. 27, 1994.

She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Kalispell. She also made and entered many cakes, cookies and canned goods at the Northwest Montana fairs and won numerous first, second and third place ribbons for her efforts.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers, one sister in 1996, and both husbands, Clarence Bigley and Bud Kaiser.

She is survived by one daughter, Donna Harding and husband Roy of Kalispell; two sons, David Bigley and wife Sherry of Kalispell, and Jay Bigley and wife Ann of Great Falls; six grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and a number of nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held on Friday at 2 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Robert Reasner officiating. Interment will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Visitation is today from noon until 6 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel.

Memorial contributions may be made in her name to the First Presbyterian Church, 540 S. Main, Kalispell, MT 59903.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Cremation.

Bertha Kaltschmidt, 96

Bertha Kaltschmidt, 96, passed away on Friday, March 16, 2001, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

She was born on Sept. 21, 1904, in the Bronx, N.Y., to Henry and Martha Goppich Stamer. She was the fifth of six children. When she was 2 years old the family moved to Carlstadt, N.J., a rural farming community of small truck farms. She resided there for 89 years until moving to Kalispell in 1996.

She completed her education with graduation from the eighth grade in Carlstadt. She remained at home helping with the household and caring for her younger sister until she was 17 years old. At that time, she began to work as a weaver in a silk mill where she was employed for about eight years.

She met William Kaltschmidt at a local dance and married him in 1929. For a short time they shared a two-family home with her sister and her husband.

They spent wonderful summers in a rented cabin on Lake Hopat-



cong in New Jersey, swimming, canoeing, and enjoying the sun. They also vacationed in Bermuda and Hawaii.

She has been busy with handicrafts through the years. She has enjoyed knitting and crocheting and made many doilies, afghans and sweaters for the family.

She was a member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Ladies Aid group of the Presbyterian Church. She was a lifelong member of the First Presbyterian Church of Carlsdadt.

She was preceded in death by her husband William in 1977; and is survived by a son, Don Kaltschmidt Sr. and his wife, Birthe, of Kalispell; granddaughter Karole Sommerfield and her husband, Dale, of Kalispell; grandsons, Don Kaltschmidt Jr. and his wife, Debbie, of Whitefish, Kenneth K. Kaltschmidt and his wife, Kara, of Seattle; and seven great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday at 2 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary with the Rev. Glenn Burfiend of the First Presbyterian Church officiating. Burial will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

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Edith D. Kamrud, 93

Edith D. Kamrud, 93, of Columbia Falls, went to be with the Lord on May 22, 2001, at the North Valley Extended Care in Whitefish where she had resided for the past two and a half years.



She was born Feb. 14, 1908, in Bemidji, Minn. She was raised from the age of three by her adoptive parents, Nels and Clara Willett. She graduated from Frohn School in Minnesota.

She was married to Arthur E. Kamrud on March 20, 1929, in Bemidji. They moved to Hinsdale, in 1943, and farmed there until moving to Columbia Falls in 1948.

She worked for a while at Todd's Restaurant and then for 32 years at Jack's Pharmacy.

Baking and entertaining her friends were among her favorite pastimes. Her kitchen, with its coffee pot and cold water buns, was always open to anyone who stopped by.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Arthur

in 1986; a brother, Egnar; and a sister, Edla; a grandchild; and a great-grandchild.

She is survived by a daughter, Darleene Dukleth and her husband, Ernest of Richland, Wash., and their children, Rod of Newport, Ore., Kurt and his wife, Mary of Fontana, Calif., Ellen and her husband Derek Sandall, and Beth Mallory, all of Richland; a son, Robert and his wife, Barbara Kamrud, and their children, Keith and his wife, Jane, Robert and his wife Jonet, all of Columbia Falls, and Brett and his wife Tammi of Round Rock, Texas; a daughter, Judy Williams and her husband, David Weldele of Whitefish and her daughter, Marla of Longmont, Colo., and a son, Nels of Santa Cruz, Calif.; a son, Bill Kamrud of Columbia Falls; nine grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren;

A visitation will be held today from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. Funeral service is today at 3 p.m. at Our Saviors Lutheran Church in Columbia Falls. The Rev. Thomas Gopp will officiate. Burial will follow in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Evelyn Mary Karnes, 72

Evelyn Mary Karnes, 72, of Columbia Falls, passed away at her home on March 24, 2001, after a lengthy illness.

She was born on Aug. 25, 1928, in Green Bay, Wis., to Francis Van den Brock.

She married Carl Karnes in 1967.

She was preceded in death by her daughter Patricia Schroth; son-in-law James Schroth; son Thomas J. Baker; and a grandchild, Charles Baker, III.

She is survived by her husband Carl E. Karnes; three sons, Charles Baker, Robert Baker, and Michael Baker and his wife, Karina; one daughter, Betty Baker; three sisters, Betty Kuske and her husband, Robert, Jan Anderson, and Rose Nichols and her husband, Norman; 11 grandchildren, Michelle Baker, Mary Baker, Pat-



ty Schroth, Rosemary Soto, Amy Schroth, Lisa Erb, Leah Hancock, Jennifer Hancock, Sheila Leland and her husband, Shane, Shelly Baker, and Kayla

Wiley; and nine great-grandchildren.

At Evelyn's request no services will be held.

The family asks that any donations be made to Home Options Hospice; 175 Commons Loop, Suite 100, Kalispell, MT 59901.

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

Emil August Karstens, 87

Emil August Karstens, 87, beloved husband, father, grandfather, and friend, went home to be with our Lord Nov. 24, 2001, in Kalispell.



Emil was born Feb. 5, 1914, in Elkton, S.D., to John and Christina Winters Karstens.

In 1934, Emil married his true love, Dorothy Falon. They had just celebrated their 67th wedding anniversary.

Emil received his master's degree in 1946 from the University of South Dakota. He was a gifted teacher who touched his student's lives through his kind, patient spirit of teaching.

In 1956, he moved to Boulder, Colo., with his family and owned and operated a liquor store. While on vacation to Montana, he fell in love with the Flathead Valley and the call of teaching brought him to the valley.

From 1967 to 1970, Emil was the Title III program director for the rural schools. He brought the fine arts, band programs and girls' basketball to the schools. He loved music and was the band director for the rural schools and brought music and creativity to his many students.

In 1971, he became principal of Somers Elementary School and was instrumental in organizing both the band and the girls' bas-

ketball programs. He retired in 1980 and resided on the shores of Flathead Lake where he enjoyed fishing, woodworking, and being with family and friends. He was a member of the Eagles Lodge where he loved to dance every Saturday night.

"Emil will always be remembered in our hearts for his patience of Job, humor in story telling, kind caring spirit, and unconditional love."

Emil is survived by his beloved wife Dorothy of Kalispell; daughter Kathy Christopherson and husband Craig of Kalispell; sons, Kit Karstens and wife Linda of Pueblo, Colo., Kaylord Karstens of Kalispell, Kyle Karstens and wife Wanda of Polson; six grandchildren, Kade Karstens and wife Holly of Missoula, Kalen, Kelsey and Kyla Karstens of Polson, Chanel and Chelsea Christopherson of Kalispell.

Visitation for Emil will be held on Thursday from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Funeral services will be held on Friday at 11 a.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Wayne Pris officiating. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens in Kalispell.

The family requests memorial contributions be sent to the Somers School Band Program, 31 School Addition Road, Somers, MT 59932.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Caroline C. Kasselder, 83

Caroline C. Kasselder, 83, of Kalispell, died of natural causes on March 11, 2001, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

She was born on Feb. 20, 1918, in Twete, to Chris-



tine and Christian Hayen. She received her early education in Hogeland, and graduated with the largest class that ever graduated from Hogeland, a class of 13.

She married Richard Kasselder of Harlem in December of 1936. They lived in Hogeland, until 1953, when they moved to Columbia Falls.

She worked at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls for 20 years.

She enjoyed making quilts for all the children and grandchildren. She was an excellent seamstress and made most of her own clothing. After her husband died

on Nov. 15, 1986, she moved to Kalispell.

She was preceded in death by her parents, four brothers, two sisters and one infant daughter, Judy.

She is survived by daughters, Letha Dudley of Kalispell, Phyllis Riley of Columbia Falls; and one son, Dale Kasselder of Mississippi; grandchildren, Judy Clark of Kalispell, Launa Running of Maple Valley, Wash., James Garvin of North Pole, Alaska, Kenny Kasselder of Alaska, and Christina; 10 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. today at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. The Rev. John Weber will officiate. Burial will follow at Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

Ethel Underwood Keck, 90

Ethel Underwood Keck, 90, went home to be with the Lord on Thursday, Nov. 1, 2001, with her loving family at her side.

She was born in Redding, England on Sept. 5, 1911, to John and Gertrude Underwood. The family immigrated to the United States and settled in Great Falls.

She met and married George Keck in Great Falls and moved to the Flathead Valley where they continued to live and raise their family.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband George; her sons, George Jr. and John; and



three grandsons.

She is survived by her children, Ethel and Orval Prichard of Columbia Falls, Robert and Jean Keck of Everett, Wash., Helen and Wayne Gryde of Polson, Joseph Keck of San Francisco, Calif., Trudy and Bob Seliger of Hungry Horse, Linda and Ed Bucher of Kalispell, and Doris and Scott King of Phoenix; and many loving grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren, as well as many other relatives.

"Mom and Grandma has blessed us with many wonderful lasting memories."

There will be a gathering for friends and family today from 2-5 p.m. at Linda Bucher's home at 3552 Autumn Court, Kalispell, behind the Lighthouse on Hwy. 93.

William Joseph Keefe Jr., 79

William Joseph Keefe Jr., 79, of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, died Friday, Aug. 3, 2001, at Kootenai Medical Center.

He was born Jan. 24, 1922, in Opheim, to William and Zilla Brown Keefe. He grew up in Kalispell and graduated from Flathead High School.

He served 25 years in the U.S. Navy as a naval aviator and retired as an LCDR in 1965. During his military career he obtained two college degrees.

After retiring he moved to Montana and taught school in Polson and Missoula. After the death of his first wife, Alma, he moved to Encinitas, Calif., where he became a semi-pro tennis player and taught tennis lessons for Bobby Riggs.

He married Joan Thornycroft on March 2, 1997, in Hayden, Ida-

ho, and they made their home in Coeur d'Alene.

He is survived by his wife Joan of Coeur d'Alene; sons, Ronald Keefe of Vista, Calif., Kevin Keefe and Donald Keefe of Idaho Falls, Idaho; stepdaughters, Libby Barnes of Beaufort, S.C., and Roseann Carlson of Virginia Beach, Va.; a sister, Kathryn Emmert of Kalispell; 12 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, John Keefe, and a daughter, Willa Jo Keefe.

A graveside memorial with military honors will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Forest Cemetery in Coeur d'Alene. A reception will follow at the Yates Hayden Gathering Center. Yates Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Cynthia Marie Keeney, 45

Cynthia Marie Keeney, 45, of Columbia Falls died on Feb. 28, 2001 of cancer.

She went to school at the Hickman Elementary School in Hickman, Calif., and Hughson High School in Hughson, Calif.

She will be missed by her family and many friends. "We hope everyone was as lucky as we were to be blessed with all the love Cindy had."

She is survived by one son, Chadrick M. Keeney of Waterford, Calif.; a stepson, Kevin Keeney of Waco, Texas; one daughter, Michelle D. Rice and her husband, Joey, of Columbia Falls; one granddaughter, Mykenzie Lynn Rice of Columbia Falls; her mother and father, Alta "Butch" and Robert Stewart of Columbia Falls; four brothers, Dennis D. Fuson of

Ceres, Calif., Darrell W. "Mike" Fuson of Conifer, Colo.; Terry L. Fuson of Salem, Ore., and Steven O. Stewart and his wife, Sue, of Salida, Calif.; two sisters, Judith D. Fuson of Seattle, Wash., and Cheryl L. Henson and her husband, Robert D., of Columbia Falls; eight nephews; six nieces and her boyfriend, Anthony "Tony" Goen of Columbia Falls.

A memorial service will be held on Wednesday, March 7, at 1 p.m. at the Fellowship Alliance Church in Columbia Falls. The Rev. Harley Bennet will officiate.

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

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Caitlin Kehoe, 18

Caitlin Kehoe, 18, of Naples, Fla., died on July 14, 2001, on her birthday, as a result of an auto accident.

She was an honor student, and graduated from Naples High School on June 1. She was a generous and loving person. She loved music, especially classical and rock. She loved playing her cello. She was an avid animal rights advocate, involved with PETA. She was getting ready to attend

the University of South Florida at Tampa.

She is survived locally by her father, John Kehoe and his family, Kathy Leahy and Rachel Nakanishi of Whitefish; aunts Jennifer Kehoe of Kalispell, and Kelly Kehoe of Coram.

A memorial service was held July 19 in Naples. A memorial of her life and accomplishments can be found at geocities.com/lightsonforcait.

Celeste Marie Keiser, 41

Celeste Marie Keiser, 41, passed away on Nov. 25, 2001, at Fairview University Hospital in Minneapolis.

She was born Sept. 28, 1960, in Wolf Point, to Raymond George and Ardis Rae Runs Through Keiser. Celeste received her education in Glasgow, Seattle and Kalispell.

After graduation she continued her education in Minnesota, becoming a licensed practical nurse and working in that field for a number of years. She married David Gregg and to this union was born a daughter, Brandy. They were later divorced. In later years she had a son, Raymond.

Celeste was a member of the Sioux-Assiniboiné Tribe of Fort Peck and was very active in tribal politics. She loved her Indian culture and was a loyal participant in all Native American activities. She strived to better the life of the Native Americans, especially the children.

Celeste enjoyed bead work and other ceremonial dress handcrafts

and attending all powwows. She was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She will be missed by her family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents and grandparents.

She is survived by her daughter Brandy Gregg of Reno; a son Raymond Keiser of River Falls, Wis.; her stepfather Brian Holgren and wife Rosemary of Kalispell; three brothers, Wilbur Keiser and wife Sarah of Billings, Raymond Keiser of Whitefish, and Cory Holgren and wife Trish of LaGrange Park, Ill.; two sisters, Georgia of Missoula and Karen Ortiz and husband Phillip of Mesa, Ariz.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held on Monday at 2 p.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Stake Center on Whitefish Stage Road with Bishop Kelly Galloway officiating. Burial will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

C. Everett Kelch, 83

C. Everett Kelch, 83, a longtime resident of Whitefish, passed away at North Valley Hospital Thursday morning, Feb. 8, 2001, after a short illness with cancer.

He was born Aug. 18, 1917, at Sidney, the son of Delaskie and Alice Kelch. In 1927, he moved to the Flathead and resided in the Whitefish area other than a short period when he lived in Seattle during World War II.

In 1936, he married Edna Dukleth and from this union they had six children. He farmed and logged in the Bissell community while raising his family.

He worked for Woods & Dempsey; Montana State Forestry Department; American Timber; and several other companies while living in the Bissell community.

He and his wife separated in 1969 at which time he moved into Whitefish.

After a serious logging accident in 1966, and radical cancer surgery in 1969, he started writing poetry which he had published. He was a local celebrity bringing laughter to many with his homespun style. He entertained many children at local schools and others at many functions.

He was a 4-H leader; school board trustee; grange member; and a member of the Moose Lodge in Whitefish. He was a charter member of the Art and Craft Club

of the Flathead and enjoyed making crafts from wood which he sold at the Farmers' Market.

In 1972, he married Remina "Tiny" Shira and they have been constant companions since.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters; one brother; and a son.

He is survived by his wife Remina Kelch; daughters, Ellen and Dave Creighton of Kalispell with five children, 16 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren, Sherri and Gerald Madsen of Kalispell, with two children and one grandchild; sons, Dean and Evelyn Kelch of Whitefish, with four children and five grandchildren, Lloyd and Marcia Kelch of Kalispell, with three children and seven grandchildren, and Bob Kelch with four children and four grandchildren; numerous nieces, nephews, and other family members.

Memorial services will be Monday at 1 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Whitefish with the Rev. David Kauffman and the Rev. Gene Speer officiating. He was cremated with graveside services to be held at a later date.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations may be sent in his name to Wings of Hospice, 1280 Burns Way, Kalispell.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish.

Betty Ann Keller, 61

Betty Ann Keller, 61, passed away June 27, 2001, at her home in Somers. She was born Aug. 24, 1939 to Harold and Emma Wetmore in Whitefish.



She worked for several years at the county hospital. She worked in home health care for several years, and delivered the Nickel Shopper for four and a half years. She was also a member of the Eagles for 31 years.

She groomed dogs for some

time but her real passions were her birds and breeding horses.

She was preceded in death by her mother Emma Hill, her brother Homer Wetmore and her son, Andy Veigel.

She is survived by her husband Francis Keller; her son Flint Anderson; her daughter and son-in-law Pam and Ray Neukirch and close family friend, Jim Rom.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary on Thursday. There will be a graveside service held at 11 a.m. Friday at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

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Caroline Margaret Mary Pringle Kelly, 83, passed away of natural causes at home on Sept. 22, 2001.

She was born in Dublin, Ireland, on May 13, 1918, to Thomas and Margaret Mary Collins Pringle.

Some of her earliest memories were of hiding under the kitchen table with her mother while bombs and gunfire went off in Dublin, during the "troubles" in Ireland. She left school at the customary age of fourteen and took a secretarial course. She would tell that she was happy to leave school as academics weren't her strongest points.

Because of her delicate health, her father often took her on trips to the country or the seashore and when she would return to school she would be behind on her studies, and her teachers would push her and call her a "featherhead!" But her favorite nun saw her unique talents, and each year, on the last day of school, she took her to all of the classes to stand up on a box and sing Gilbert and Sullivan, and entertain the students and teachers. As a child she became bored after a few months of conventional piano lessons and taught herself to play naturally by ear.

After her schooling, she did secretarial work at the O'Dea Company, and a few years later worked as a saleswoman in Findlater's, an upscale specialty food store. In the evenings, she did theater.

She began her singing and acting career in Dublin at many of its famous theaters, such as the Peacock, the Gaiety and the Abbey. She especially enjoyed musical comedy, and had a wonderful voice. She was an avid reader, a self-educated woman, and a charming Irish conversationalist and storyteller.

She met her husband Bill during World War II in Belfast, where he was a civilian officer in a select group for Allied Commander General Eisenhower. They married in England on March 31, 1945. Their marriage was blessed in the Catholic church in about 1961.

She worked in theater when they first moved to San Francisco after the war, and while she had several television opportunities to display her talents, she withdrew from the limelight to become a mother. Later, she would resume some theater work.

She and her husband raised their two children in Southern California. In 1958, the family made what turned out to be a brief move to Ireland. They returned to the beach in Southern California, living mostly in Redondo Beach, and later in Oceanside, when her husband retired.

She loved working as a saleswoman in The Broadway and Joseph Magnin department stores. She also did secretarial work for W.T. Grant Company and Dr. James Hodge, in Redondo Beach.

She had beautiful taste in decorating, gardening and dressing,



putting simple classic things together in lovely ways. Over the years she was known for her memorable "Irish Parties." She was a wonderful cook and always put on a great feast. She'd play the piano and sing on and on with all the relations and a gang of Irish friends, till the wee hours of the morning. One of the last great parties was on the occasion of her 80th birthday. And to everyone's amazement and delight she sang and played piano so well and so long. It was as if to show herself that she still had it, and to show the rest of us what we'd miss.

In about 1975, when their children were raised and her husband was retired, they moved to Toronto, Ontario, near her sister and cousin. While there, she enjoyed doing volunteer work at the Princess Margaret Cancer Hospital. Later, they came back out West, spending a year in Kalispell near their daughter's family and finally settling back in Canada, in nearby Lethbridge, Alberta, living for many years in the Park Tower Apartments. She always had a love of language, and in Alberta she joined some university writing groups and got quite serious with her writing. She had a number of her poems and short stories published. She was especially proud when two of her stories were chosen to be read on a national CBC radio program.

She always kept her Irish citizenship, and after many years in Canada, she acquired Canadian citizenship, too.

In 1999, the year after her husband's death, she left Alberta and returned to Kalispell, to live with her daughter and her family. And that move also made it easier for her to spend time with her son in California.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Tom and Maggie Pringle; by her husband William L. Kelly, and an infant daughter, Marie Gerarda Kelly.

She is survived by her two brothers, Bobby Pringle of Malibu Beach, Calif., and Tommy Pringle of West Los Angeles; her sister and dearest friend, Marie Pringle of Toronto; one son, Coleman Kelly and his wife Cindy of Westchester, Calif., and Cindy's twin sister, Sandy Acker, also of Westchester; one daughter, Beverly Rauthe and her husband Doug of Kalispell; and three grandchildren, Rebecca Rauthe of Spokane, Wash., Carson Rauthe and Erika Rauthe, both of Missoula; and by nieces and nephews, cousins and many friends.

"The music and poetry she created and shared enriched our hearts. Her graceful strength and unique wisdom and character inspired our lives."

The rosary will be recited at 5 p.m. today at Johnson's Mortuary Chapel. Mass of the Christian burial will be celebrated by Rev. Victor Langhans at St. Matthew's Catholic Church, Kalispell, on Wednesday at 2 p.m. Burial will follow at the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

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Kenneth H. Keller, 76

Kenneth H. Keller, 76, died Aug. 21, 2001, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

He was born Aug. 26, 1924, in Kalispell, to Herman and Cleta Keller. He attended elementary school in Half Moon and Columbia Falls, graduating from Columbia Falls High School.

He worked construction in the Puget Sound area before entering the service. In May of 1944, he entered the Navy serving as a radarman Third Class aboard U.S.S. Cecil and fought in the battle of Iwo Jima. He was honorably discharged on May 21, 1946.

Upon discharge he returned to the Flathead Valley. He was employed at Monarch Lumber before accepting a career with Great Northern Railway and Burlington Northern in 1950 as a brakeman and conductor and retired in 1987.

In addition to his career on the railroad he sought many business adventures with his partner, Pete Viano.

In the fall of 1946 he met and married his wife Ruth. They were married on June 15, 1947, in Wenatchee, Wash. They had three children, Lyndal, Judy and Bob.

In retirement, he traveled south



during the winter. He enjoyed gardening, dancing, walking every day with his faithful dog Bo and spending time at his lake home with family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Herman and Cleta Keller and his wife, Ruth.

He is survived by two daughters, Lyndal Sundt and husband Mel and their two sons, Tye and Todd; and Judy Fosbery and husband Terry and their three daughters, Lyndsey and husband Brian and Kelly and Jamie; one son, Robert and wife Jo and their sons, Jeff and Kenny Jr., all of Kalispell; one brother; also stepgranddaughters, Niki and Amy Elletson; and a number of nieces and nephews; also his special friend "Peg" who was a special part of his life. "Thanks Peg we all love you!"

Funeral services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Glenn Burfeind officiating. Burial will follow at Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Visitation will be today from noon to 6 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel.

The family suggests memorials be sent to the charity of your choice.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

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James Edward 'Jim' Kelley, 70

James Edward "Jim" Kelley, 70, died peacefully at his home on Jan. 19, 2001.

He moved to Bennington, Vt., four months ago to live with his daughter, Dr. Colleen Kelley, and to be cared for by her.

He was a resident of Fairbanks, Alaska, where he lived for 26 years. While there, he worked on the Alaskan Pipeline and drove a cab. Prior to that, he lived for many years in Whitefish where he taught high school physics and chemistry.

He is survived by his mother, Gertrude Kelley, 91, of Wayne, Pa.; his sister, Mary Ellen O'Dwyer of Wayne; his former wife Sandra Andrews Lochen Kelley of Concord, Calif.; his daughter Susannah Marcianna Kelley and her

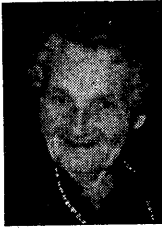
four children, Hunter, Trina Katherine, Claire and Devon Garrett of Bellingham, Wash.; his daughter Colleen Elisabeth Kelley and her three children, Kita, Elio and Nicholas Mendolia; his son James Andrews Kelley and his three children Laura, Katie, and Morgan Kelley of Fargo, N.D.; his daughter, Rebecca Jeanne Kelley Taalbi, and her three children, Malika, Karima, and Tayeb Taalbi of West Allis, Wis.; and his son, Brian Edward Kelley, of Great Falls.

A funeral mass was held in January in Vermont. After cremation, he had asked to have his ashes scattered near the South Fork of the Flathead River in western Montana where he once hunted, logged and picked huckleberries.

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Mirilla Keller, 94

Mirilla Keller, 94, passed away on July 9, 2001, at the Heritage Place in Kalispell. She was born on May 25, 1907, in Pleasanton, Neb., to William P. and Nannie Pearl Rhine.



She was the tenth of 11 children. At about 8 years old, the family moved to Kalispell and bought a place on McMannamy Draw. When she was 14, she met the love of her life, Edward J. Keller, and when she turned 18, they were married in Kalispell in October of 1925. She was a very hard worker, and in addition to taking care of the home and her family, she also helped on the farm, cutting wood, hauling water from the spring, baling hay, and milking cows. On Sundays, she loved preparing big meals for all of her family to come and enjoy. She always had room for anyone who stopped by.

Her husband was injured in 1954, and she took on many of the farm responsibilities until they moved closer to Kalispell. She also worked as a waitress at a local restaurant, at Equity Farm Supply and at the Cherry Warehouse. She lived in Evergreen for a time, and was always willing to help take care of friends who needed her. After suffering a stroke, she eventually moved to the Heritage Place where she has since resided. "A very special thank you to the nurs-

es and staff at Heritage Place for all the love and care you gave to Mirilla. Also, to her granddaughters, Linda and Louise, thank you for the love you showed Grandma. She appreciated all you did."

She enjoyed playing the organ and being a homemaker. She was a great cook and could make a complete dinner out of almost nothing. She was a member of the Eagles Lodge in Kalispell for over 20 years, and was a member of a Baptist church. She had a special spirit, and never complained about anything. She will be dearly missed.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Edward J. Keller; two sons, Harold and Floyd; her parents; and nine brothers and sisters.

She is survived by her son, Charles Keller and his wife Viola of Kalispell; one daughter, Betty McDowell and her husband Bud of Whitefish; a brother, Charles "Bud" Rhine of Kalispell; 15 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; 16 great-great-grandchildren; one daughter-in-law, Lee Keller; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday at Johnson Mortuary Chapel, with burial to follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. A reception will follow the burial at the Eagles Lodge in Kalispell. Visitation will be today at Johnson Mortuary from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Vela V. Kelley, 70

Vela V. Kelley, 70, died Jan. 2, 2001, at her home in Libby.

She was born in Battle Ground, Wash., on July 24, 1930, to Martin and Gladys Adams.

She married Arnold Kelley in 1948, at Toledo, Ore. She was employed for many years by the Libby Care Center.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister.

Survivors include her husband Arnold; a daughter; two

sons, Darald Kelley and his wife, Peggy, and Douglas Kelley and his wife, Marilyn, all of Libby; seven grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Services will be Monday at 2 p.m. at the Nelson and Vial Funeral Home Chapel. Visitation will be from 1-8 p.m. on Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the Libby Volunteer Ambulance, Box 777, Libby, MT 59923.

Emory Ohms Kemp, 79

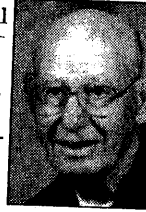
Emory Ohms Kemp, 79, passed away on Dec. 28, 2001, at his home in Columbia Falls.

He was born April 11, 1922, in Harlan, Iowa, to Paul and Cecilla Ohms Kemp.

At the age of 16, Emory came to Montana on a freight train to see the world. He returned back to Iowa later and enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1942, where he served on the USS Cincinnati CL-6 in the North Atlantic. He was honorably discharged in 1945 at the end of the war. He then moved permanently to Montana and worked on ranches around the Great Falls and Miles City areas.

He married LaVern M. Robertson on April 13, 1957, in Great Falls. Emory then became a union carpenter. He worked for the unions for over 50 years before retiring and moving to Columbia Falls.

He enjoyed puttering around his land, maintaining and doing upkeep to it. He liked to garden



and was an avid woodworker in his spare time.

He is survived by his wife LaVern of Columbia Falls; son Dick Kemp and wife Lori and their children, Kristen and Kacey of Vacaville, Calif.; daughters, Cindy Bell and daughter Lisa of Columbia Falls, Brenda McLamb and husband Bradford and daughter Sarah of North Carolina, Gwen Shay and husband Tim and children, Laura, Brynn, and Aaron of Columbia Falls; sister Arla Baird of Kansas City, Mo.; brother Paul Kemp and wife Betty of Bozeman; and Gene Kemp of Iowa.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday at 1 p.m. at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Columbia Falls with the Rev. Terry Forke officiating. Burial will follow at the Fairview Cemetery.

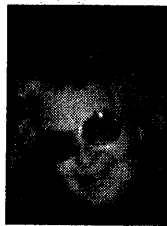
Memorial contributions may be made in Emory's name to Our Redeemer Lutheran Church Building Fund, 640 Seventh Street West, Columbia Falls, MT. 59912.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Bertha Kenady, 83

Bertha Kenady, 83, formerly of Kalispell, went to be with the Lord Dec. 5, 2001, at the Mountain View Care Center in Eureka.

She was the only child of William and Carrie Baish, born on Oct. 20, 1918, in Rockport, Ill. Bertha came to Kalispell, in 1927,



with her uncle Frank Knapp and lived on the family farm at Batavia with her uncle Richard Knapp, aunt Louise "Weezy", and cousins, Robert, Richard, Henry, and Betty.

In 1937, she married Henry Sievers and they had one child, Joan, in 1939. Bertha moved to Portland, in 1941, to work in the shipyards; to Pendleton, Ore., to work in Pendleton Woolen Mills; to Dallas, Ore., to work at a furniture factory; and to Gallup, N.M.

She returned to Kalispell in 1955, and in 1956, she married Chester Kenady. Around 1990 she went to the Mountain View Care

Center in Eureka, where she loved the place as her home and loved the residents and employees. She lived there until her time of death.

Bertha was preceded in death by Chester Kenady in 1972, and by one granddaughter, Pamela Yuhasz on April 7, 2000.

She is survived by her daughter Joan Strong of Kalispell; five grandchildren, Robert Parker and wife Sandy, Daniel Parker and wife Jeanne, Michael Parker and wife BuLee, Sandra Burby and husband Scott, and Justin Strong; 10 great-grandchildren, Christopher and Shane Parker, Kyle and Leah Parker, Joshua, Lindsey, and Shannon Parker, Carrie Yuhasz, and Emily and Bradley Burby; five cousins, Betty Van der Vlught of Rocklin, Calif., Henry Knapp of Milwaukie, Ore., Robert Knapp of Riverside, Calif., and Richard Knapp of Lewistown.

No services are planned at this time.

Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

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Elizabeth L. 'Betty' Kendall, 61

Elizabeth L. "Betty" Kendall, 61, a Libby resident for the past 32 years, died Thursday evening, July 12, 2001, at St. John Lutheran Hospital in Libby.

She was born at Sagola, Mich., on Sept. 17, 1939, to Edward and Olive Probst.

Local survivors include two sons, Bob Kendall and his wife, Julie, of Libby, and Craig

Kendall and his wife, Deb, of Kalispell.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at the Nelson and Vial Funeral Home Chapel. Private inurnment and burial will be in the City of Libby Cemetery. A reception will follow at the American Legion Club. Memorials may be made to "Wings," 310 Sunnyview Lane, Kalispell, Mont. 59901.

Debra 'Debby' R. Kenoyer, 45

Debra "Debby" R. Kenoyer, 45, died of cancer on Nov. 12, 2001, at her home in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

She was born April 6, 1956, in Kalispell, to Ted R. and Ruth Gates Kirkpatrick.

She married Glen F. Kenoyer on Aug. 24, 1973, in Moscow, Idaho.

She is survived by her husband Glen; a son, a daughter, three grandchildren and four sisters including Dyane Day of

Kalispell, and two brothers.

She was preceded in death by her father and one brother.

Funeral mass will be held at St. Thomas Catholic Church in Coeur d'Alene, on Friday at 11 a.m.

Memorials can be made to Hospice of North Idaho, 9493 N. Government Way, Hayden, ID 83835.

Arrangements are under the direction of English Funeral Chapel.

Flora M. Kensler, 76

Flora M. Kensler, 76, a long-time resident of Troy, died Dec. 10, 2001, at St. John Lutheran Hospital in Libby.

She was born at Whitefish on June 16, 1926, to John Sagen and Irene McFarland Sagen. She married Roger M. Kensler on April 8, 1946.

She was preceded in death by her parents, an infant daughter; a brother-in-law, and niece.

Survivors include her husband Roger; her children Gwenn Kensler and Andrea Kensler Chiaverini and husband Frank; two sisters Ann Kensler and husband Jerry, all of Troy; two grandsons, two

nieces and a nephew.

Services will be today at 2:30 p.m. at the Troy United Methodist Church with the Rev. Ben Nardi officiating; interment services will follow at Troy Cemetery. Visitation is from 10 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. today at the church.

Memorials may be made to the Shriner's Hospital for Crippled Children, P.O. Box 2471, Spokane, WA 99210; or St. John Lutheran Hospital, 350 Louisiana Ave., Libby, MT 59923.

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

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Ernest M. 'Ernie' Ketterling, 84

Ernest M. "Ernie" Ketterling, 84, a resident of the Montana Veterans Home for three years, succumbed on May 6, 2001, after a lengthy illness.

He was born to Martin and Magdalena Ketterling on Aug. 12, 1916, in Heil, N. D. Before moving to Columbia Falls, in 1967, he and his wife, Muriel, of 55 years resided in Hardin where he was a barber for 22 years. He then opened Ernie's Barber Shop in Columbia Falls, which he owned and operated for 17 years until his retirement. After retirement, he continued to go to the Montana Veterans Home and cut hair once a week for 10 years.

A veteran of World War II, he joined the Army on June 6, 1941, and was discharged on Nov. 1, 1945. He was a member of the 4th Cavalry, Troop B, and 125th Cavalry. He received the Bronze Star for meritorious service and heroic achievement in connection with military operations during the period of June 15, 1944, to May 8, 1945. In addition, he received the European African Middle Eastern Theater Service Medal; the American Defense Service Medal; the

American Theater Service Medal; and the Good Conduct Medal.

He enjoyed camping and fishing, especially on Lake Koocanusa, Flathead Lake, and Lake McDonald. For many years, he and his wife were square dancers with the Columbia Falls Fas'n8ters.

He is survived by his wife, Muriel of Columbia Falls; daughters, Sherlyn Claridge and her husband Peter of La Canada, Calif., and Charlotte Ketterling of Spokane; three grandchildren, Jenny Stern and her husband Bill of Pasadena, Calif., Daniel Claridge of Eagle Rock, Calif., and Kate Claridge of La Canada; and one sister, Martha Pederson of Sherwood, Ore.

Services will be conducted on Friday at 11 a.m. at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, 640 7th St. W., in Columbia Falls. Burial will follow with military honors at the Montana Veterans Home Cemetery with the Rev. Terry Forke officiating.

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

Muriel Ensminger Ketterling, 79

Muriel Ensminger Ketterling, age 79, passed away July 11, 2001, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center due to injuries sustained in an automobile accident. Muriel was born Jan. 16, 1922 in Beulah, N.D. to Oscar and Tillie Ensminger.

Muriel graduated with her first grade elementary certificate from State Teacher's College in Dickinson, N.D., on July 24, 1942. She graduated from Eastern Montana College in Billings with her B.S. Degree in elementary education on June 4, 1967.

She started teaching fifth-through eighth-grades in a two-room country school in August of 1952. Muriel taught for 34 years, 17 in Montana. She retired from school teaching in June of 1984.

Muriel married Ernest Ketterling on January 7, 1946. He preceded her in death on May 6, 2001. They had been married for 55 years.

Muriel and Ernie square-danced for many years with the Columbia Falls Fas'n 8ters. She was very active in Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Columbia Falls, the Klothes Kloset, tying quilts and her sewing club. She

volunteered with the Columbia Falls Chamber of Commerce during the summer. Muriel also loved playing cards on Monday nights at the senior citizen center and teaching cribbage to elementary school children.

She is survived by her daughters, Sherlyn Claridge and her husband Peter of La Canada, Calif.; Charlotte Ketterling of Spokane, Wash.; grandchildren, Jenny Stern and her husband Bill of Montrose, Calif.; Daniel Claridge of Eagle Rock, Calif., Kate Claridge of La Canada, Calif., one great-granddaughter, Carolyne Stern of Montrose, Calif.; two brothers, Dennis and Lester Ensminger, both of Elgin, N.D.; two sisters, Eunice Bond of Almont, N.D., and Nyla Thatcher of Imperial Beach, Calif.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, July 14, 2001, at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church with the Rev. Terry Forke officiating. She was buried next to her husband, Ernest, at the Montana Veterans Home Cemetery in Columbia Falls, Mont. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home cared for the family.

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Naomi Kiefer, 89

Naomi Kiefer, 89, passed away on Saturday, July 7, 2001, at Lake View Care Center in Bigfork. Arrangements are pending with Bigfork Funeral Home.

George 'Ben' Kimes, 82

George "Ben" Kimes, 82, passed away on Oct. 12, 2001, at Evergreen Health Care in Missoula.

He was born June 9, 1919, in Spirit Lake, Idaho, to George B. and Beryl Hamilton Kimes. He moved to Kila at the age of 12 with his father and siblings after the death of his mother when he was only 4.

In 1940, he married Clarice Stein in Kalispell, and they moved to Kalispell. He served in the United States Army from 1944 to 1945 in the South Pacific Theater.

After his discharge he returned home to his wife, and worked as a logger, a truck salesman and a mechanic. He owned his own equipment, and called his business Kimes Log Trucks. He was a very hard worker who was well respected in his community.

He was a member of the Lakeside Community Chapel, and he served on the Lakeside School Board during the 1950s and 1960s. He also volunteered with the Lakeside Volunteer Fire Department.

He enjoyed the outdoors — fishing, huckleberry picking, playing pinochle and camping with his family. He was a wonderful family man with a wonderful smile, good sense of humor, and was an overall fine gentleman. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends beyond measure.

He was preceded in death by two sons, Fred and Gary Kimes; two brothers, Glenn and Marshall Kimes; and two sisters, Hope Freeman and Pat Kimes.

He is survived by his loving wife of 61 years, Clarice Kimes of Lakeside; two children, George Kimes and his wife Donna of Vacaville, Calif., and Sandra Ramos and her husband Mike of Missoula; 10 grandchildren, Fred, Lynn, Brett, Kevin, Mark, Jeff, Ben, and Erik Kimes; and Tayna and Nicole Kidd; nine great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held on Tuesday at 1 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. John Ulrich officiating. Burial will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Visitation will be Monday from 2-6 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary.

The family requests memorial contributions be made in Ben's name to the Lakeside Q.R.U., P.O. Box 911 Lakeside, MT 59922 or to the Lakeside Community Chapel P.O. Box 162, Lakeside, MT 59922.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

John Kincaid, 75

John Kincaid, 75, died on Sunday, March 4, 2001, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center. He was born on Jan. 12, 1926, in Wenatchee, Wash., to Joseph Franklin and Erma (Bowman) Kincaid.

A private family memorial service will be held later.

Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

George Joseph King, 75

George Joseph King, 75, died on Sept. 12, 2001, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

He was born Oct. 5, 1925, in Boston to Manuel Joseph and

Eva Cabral King.

Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

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