

## Gary Charles Naethe Sr., 69

Gary Charles Naethe Sr., 69, went to be with the Lord on Feb. 16, 2001, at the Brendan House in Kalispell.

He was born March 31, 1931, to Max Paul and Vivian Loretta Bauska Naethe in Kalispell.

He served in the U.S. Navy from 1950 to 1954 on the U.S.S. Leyte CVA32 during the Korean War. He met and married his wife, Lena Slade, on April 6, 1953.

He was preceded in death by his father Max and his stepmother Anna Naethe; and three brothers, Richard, Gordan and Robert Naethe.

He is survived by his wife Lena



at the family home in Kila; one daughter, Violet Rhodes; two sons, Gary Naethe Jr. and David Naethe; his mother Vivian Thompson; 10 grandchildren and four great-

grandchildren.

Cremation has taken place and there are no services scheduled at this time.

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

## Robert John 'Rob' Neal, 18

Robert John "Rob" Neal, 18, of Ririe, Idaho, died June 25, 2001, at his home.

He was born Aug. 9, 1982, in Kalispell to Robert LaVane Neal and

Leann Lynn Bergman Neal. He spent his early years in Montana, where he attended Whitehall Elementary School. The family moved to the Idaho Falls and Ririe area 11 years ago and he attended Hillview Elementary, Ririe Elementary, Sandcreek Middle School, and graduated with honors from Hillcrest High School this year.

He was a member of Christ Com-



munity Church. He enjoyed sports, hunting, camping, football, cross country, wrestling, and track.

He is survived by his parents, Robert and Leann Neal of Ririe; sisters Crystal Ann Neal and Nicole Daley Neal, both of Ririe; and grandmother Betty Neal of Idaho Falls, Idaho.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, John Neal, and John and Dorothy Bergman.

Memorial services will be at 3 p.m. Thursday at the Christ Community Church, 5742 S. Fifth W., with Rev. Dave Gibson officiating.

The family will visit with friends following the memorial service at the church.

Arrangements are under the direction of Wood Funeral Home of Idaho Falls.

## Gene Nedved, 65

Gene Nedved, 65, of Coram, died Oct. 17, 2001.

He was born on March 25, 1936 and raised in Mahanomen, Min. He moved to Montana in the late 1950s. He met and married Valerie Olson of Charlo with whom he had four children, Jim, Mike, Rand and Joy.

In the late 1970s they parted ways, he then moved to Martin City. He met and married the love of his life, Eileen Goeres Kolodejchuk, on Jan. 20, 1979. They had a very special relationship as they joined two families and became one with his four children and her seven children, Allen, Arlen, Ann, Ardell, Ryan, Glenn and Annette. They never separated the kids as yours and mine. It was always "our kids." There was nothing more important than celebrating his children or grandchildren's accomplishments. Together they had 28 grandchildren and many wonderful friends.

He worked for the city of Columbia Falls and retired in June of 1996. He loved being sur-

rounded by family and friends sharing laughter. He also loved to travel, fish, garden, and spend time in his wood shop. He had the best raspberry patch in Coram.

His sassy sense of humor and his loving embrace will be deeply missed by all.

He was preceded in death by his wife Eileen; his parents, Ludvig and Maurine Nedved; his brother Earl; and grandson, Jacob Dean Davis.

He is survived by his brother David Nedved, all 11 of his children and their spouses, 28 grandchildren, many nieces and nephews and his special friend Cathy Flynn.

Visitation will be today from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. A vigil service will be recited today at 4 p.m. at the Columbia Mortuary. A Mass of the Christian burial will be held on Monday, at 10 a.m. at St. Richard's Catholic Church in Columbia Falls. The Rev. Joe Pat Moran will officiate. Burial will follow in St. Richard's Catholic Cemetery.

## Fern C. Nelson, 88

Fern C. Nelson, 88, of Whitefish, passed away on April 25, 2001, at the North Valley Extended Care of natural causes.

She was born March 11, 1913, on a homestead near Glasgow, the daughter of Henery J. and Clara A. Diest. When she was a small child, the family moved to Kalispell where she attended school and graduated from Flat-head County High School in 1930.

She was united in marriage to Raymond R. Nelson on July 16, 1930. To this union were born three children, Betty, Jerry R., and Dallas J.C. Nelson.

During World War II, she spent many hours working at the canteen set up at the Great Northern Railroad station where she made and gave sandwiches, fruit and drinks to the boys on the troop trains.

She had worked at Lincoln Cleaners, Whitefish Safeway grocery and at the B&B Grocery in Kalispell. She enjoyed the time spent working for and visiting with customers. After retirement, she and her husband enjoyed fishing and traveling and spent their winters in Texas.

She was a member and past

matron of Vista Chapter #44 of the order of Easter Star in Whitefish.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband Raymond Nelson; granddaughter Sarah; three brothers; and a sister.

She is survived by a daughter, Betty and husband Charles Baldwin of Whitefish; two sons, Jerry R. and wife Sarah Nelson, Dallas J.C. and wife Marilyn Nelson, all of Kalispell; sister Ellen Boorman and a brother, Raymond Diest, both of Whitefish; three sisters-in-law, Isabell Diest, Betty Lou Diest, and Joan Diest, all of Kalispell; 13 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren; seven great-great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. On the day she died, she was blessed with the birth of her great-granddaughter, Victoria.

Memorial services will be at 1 p.m. on Saturday at the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish with the Rev. John Johnson officiating. There will be a gathering of friends and family after the service at the Whitefish Senior Citizens Center and all are invited to attend.

The family suggests that memorials be made to the Shrine Hospital for Children in Spokane.

## Gerald Nelson, 60

Gerald Nelson, 60, died on Nov. 28, 2001, after a difficult struggle with cancer.

"Jerry" was born to Phil and Venita Havlik Nelson in Billings, on July 17, 1941. The family moved to Kalispell, in 1943, where his father was a teacher and later an administrator. He graduated from Flathead High School in 1959, and went on to attend Rocky Mountain College in Billings where he earned a bachelor's degree in education.

While in Billings, he met Mary Crowe, to whom he was married from 1960 to 1983. They moved to Columbia Falls for Jerry's first teaching assignment at Columbia Falls Junior High School in the English department. While there he was also highly involved in and supportive of the band program. Don Lawrence referred to him as his "right hand man" ... always faithful to help and assist in any way he was needed.

He never missed a Columbian rehearsal, and was especially thrilled to participate during the years when his own children were involved in the program. He was a "friend to community music" in other ways as well ... an active member of the community band, brass sextet, polka band, and choir member at the Columbia Falls United Methodist Church.

During these family years in Columbia Falls, some of Jerry's hobbies included hunting, fishing, and restoring classic vehicles. His summers were spent working for the Forest Service and later Glacier National Park. In 1983, the summer job at Glacier turned into a full-time position at the communications center there. He became



known as the "Voice of Glacier," and what a voice he had. He was a source of endless information about his beloved park. He later became fee and film coordinator for Glacier Park, working with filming crews on various commercials, catalog projects, and movies which included Beethoven and Forest Gump, among others.

His fee coordinating took him to many of America's national parks where he made a positive impression on those he worked with, judging from the many cards and letters received during his illness. He will be sorely missed by all who knew and loved him.

Gerald was preceded in death by his father Phil Nelson.

He is survived by his mother, Venita Nelson; his sister, Linda Rickard, both of Kalispell; his son, John Nelson and his wife Heidi of Libby; two daughters, Joan Kuemerle and her husband Bill of San Antonio, Texas, and Jackie Ashcraft and her husband Kelly of Clovis, N.M.; nieces, nephews, and 10 adoring grandchildren who will dearly miss their "Grandpa Jerry."

Funeral services will be held on Monday at 11 a.m. at Epworth United Methodist Church with the Rev. Glenn Woodson officiating. Burial will take place at Glacier Memorial Gardens at 10 a.m. Monday morning. Visitation will be held on Saturday at Johnson Mortuary from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The family suggests that memorial gifts be given to either Home Options Hospice, 175 Commons Loop Suite 100, Kalispell, MT 59901 or to the Flathead Community Band, c/o Treasurer Doug Hetrick, Whitefish Credit Union, 234 East Montana St., Kalispell, MT 59901.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

## John H. Nelson, 82

John H. Nelson, 82, of Troy, died Aug. 15, 2001, at St. John Lutheran Hospital in Libby.

He was born in Rexford on Dec. 4, 1918, to Ben and Clara Nelson and was raised and educated in the Tobacco Valley.

He married Margaret Cook on March 4, 1940, in Bonners Ferry, Idaho.

He was preceded in death by his wife in November of 1981.

He is survived by two sons including Lewis Nelson of Troy; one daughter; brother Fred "Nip" Nelson of Libby; sisters, Daisy Smith and Faith Betty Lasher, both of Kalispell; eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. at Milnor Lake Cemetery. Visitation will be from 1-8 p.m. on Friday at the Nelson and Vial Funeral Home.

## 13 July Gladyce Stacy Nelson, 81

Gladyce Stacy Nelson, 81, a longtime Lincoln County resident, died Wednesday afternoon at St. John Lutheran Hospital in Libby.

She was born at Eureka, on July 24, 1919, to Sylvester and Emma Roberts Stacy and was raised and educated in the Tobacco Valley, attending school both at Pinkham Creek and in Eureka.

During World War II she worked in the shipyards at Portland until returning to Montana. She remained in Lincoln County, moving to Libby in 1970 where she and her husband Otto made their home.

She was a member of the V.F.W. Auxiliary.

She was preceded in death by

three sons, five brothers and two sisters.

Surviving are her husband Otto of Libby; sons, Ronald B. Queen of Ferndale, Wash., Vern J. Medford of Portland; daughters, Hazel "Linde" Giesecke of Mt. Shasta, Calif., Judy Wagner of Kalispell, Teri Nelson of Troy, and Kathy Kelley of Libby; a brother, Dean Stacy of Columbia Falls; a sister, Cle Ella Young of White City, Ore.; 12 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren.

Services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. at the City of Libby Cemetery. Visitation will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Friday and until noon Saturday at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Libby.

## Larry 'Jay' Nelson Sr., 47

Larry "Jay" Nelson Sr., 47, went to be with his Lord on Oct. 10, 2001.

He was born on July 9, 1954, in Chillicothe, Mo., to Royce J. Nelson and Maxine Nelson.

He had many friends that were very close to him. Some of them were known to Jay as his "Bros." They included Rusty Shaner, Clint Shaddon, Gary Russell, Steve Larkey and John Waller. To many of his other friends he was known simply as Uncle Jay or "Jaybird."

His lifelong way of life was being in the woods. As long as he was in the woods doing anything he was happy. He enjoyed hunting and anything to do with nature.

He loved everybody. His family meant everything to him as did he mean everything to the family. "Our love for Jay will forever be with us. We miss you son and brother. God is taking care of you now."

He was preceded in death by his father, Royce J. Nelson; one brother,

John R. Nelson; and a niece, Lisa M. Smith.

He is survived by his lifelong companion, Doreen Marques, and four children, Jason, Jeff, Jeremy Jay and Larry Jay Nelson Jr.; his mother, Maxine Nelson Dickinson and stepfather Ed Dickinson; two sisters, Margaret Nelson and Martha Shelley and husband Steve; three brothers, Bob Nelson and wife Judy, Rick Nelson and Jim Nelson and wife Ivy; six nieces, eight nephews and 14 great-nieces and nephews.

Cremation has taken place.

Graveside services will be at the Lone Pine Cemetery behind the Little Brown Church in Bigfork at 2 p.m. on Monday and a gathering of family and friends at the Eagles Club in Kalispell in the basement at 3 p.m.

Arrangements are under the direction of Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

## LeRoy A. Nelson, 72

LeRoy A. Nelson, 72, of Whitefish, died at his home on Oct. 31, 2001.

He was born Oct. 23, 1929, in Wolf Point, the son of Edgar and Amelia O. Hamer Nelson.

He moved to the Whitefish area in 1936 where he spent the rest of his life. He farmed on the family farm east of town all of his adult life.

He thoroughly enjoyed fishing with friends and family and will be remembered for his love of children as well as his simple outlook on life. He accepted life as it came and was a very generous man.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his sister Jeannine Caputo.

He is survived by his nieces,

Deanna Maloney of Portland, Cindy Stearns of Oregon City, Ore., Penny Parsons of Miles City; brother-in-law Joe Caputo of Ronan; aunt Elinor Severson of Phoenix; his cousins, Garth and Beverly Jacobi, Greg and Sandy Jacobi, all of Whitefish; his special friend and relative, Jarret Jacobi, also of Whitefish; along with numerous cousins and legions of friends.

Funeral services will be conducted at the Austin Funeral Home of Whitefish today at 11 a.m. Burial will follow in the Woodlawn Cemetery of Columbia Falls and a reception will be served at the Columbia Falls Senior Citizens Center immediately after the committal service.

## Paula A. Nelson, 42

Paula A. Nelson, 42, died Thursday evening, Feb. 8, 2001, at her home in Florence.

Born Dec. 8, 1958, in Havre, Paula graduated from Whitefish High School in 1976. She attended the University of Montana and Montana State University. She was a member of the VFW Women's Auxiliary, Montana State Nurses Association, Sigma Theta Tau and Psi Chi.

She married Mark T. Nelson on July 30, 1983.

She is survived by her husband Mark T. Nelson; son Marc A. McKee; daughter Jennifer M. Nelson; sisters Cindy Fredericks and Pam Green; her mother Helen Green Clark; stepfather Jack Clark; her grandparents, numerous aunts, uncles and cousins and several close friends.

Her first passion was her children. She could listen to Jennifer talk about her day and plans, never becoming bored. She could sit quietly with Marc and wait for him to share his experiences and life with her. She cherished these moments with her children. She loved all of her "adopted" children, the friends of her children. They all held a spe-

cial place in her heart.

Her second passion was learning; she never tired of gaining new knowledge. Her work as a nurse and teacher was very rewarding. She came home elated about one small thing each day.

She was special in her quick "comebacks," her drive and constant planning. She was a forward thinker — she was always moving ahead. She refused to allow obstacles to slow her down.

She was able to touch people in ways difficult for many people.

"Paula, we love and will miss your wit, compassion and companionship."

She enjoyed camping, horseback riding, golf, walks and sitting in the middle of a lake fishing. She could sit for hours and wait for the "big one."

Visitation was held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 10, at Garden City Funeral Home, 1705 W. Broadway.

Services were held at 1 p.m. Monday, Feb. 12, at First United Methodist Church, 300 E. Main St.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Breast Cancer Research Network, or Hospice.

## Ruby Mae Nichols, 88

Ruby Mae Nichols, 88, died on Feb. 16, 2001 at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish. She was born on Nov. 7, 1912 in Ashford, Ala., to David Russell Lofton and Dosia Lofton.

In 1931, she married Birl F. Adams, Sr. Following his death in 1968, she married Fred Nichols.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her first husband, Birl Sr., her husband Fred, a son, Jefferson Davis Adams, a granddaughter, Patricia Lynn Bitke, sisters Grace Saddler, Ethelyn Taylor and Carol Conley, and a broth-

er, Joe Lofton.

She is survived by her son, Birl F. Adams Jr. and his wife, Dianna of Whitefish; a brother and sister-in-law; two grandsons, one granddaughter, and two great-grandsons.

Visitation will be from 1-8 p.m. today at the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish.

Services will be held in the chapel at Austin Funeral Home at 11 a.m. on Wednesday. Internment will follow at Conrad Cemetery in Kalispell.

Arrangements are under the direction of Austin Funeral Home.

## Sophie Anna Hunt Nellis, 71

Sophie Anna Hunt Nellis, 71, a longtime Libby resident, died Sept. 13, 2001, at the Nampa Care Center, Nampa, Idaho.

She was born Dec. 17, 1929, in Kalispell, to Jack and Anna Cada Fantozzi Hunt. She married Marvin B. Nellis on June 7, 1946, in Libby. They made their home in Libby until 1999.

She was preceded in death by her husband Marvin in February of 2000, granddaughter Leanne Zook and a sister, Delores Hardy.

She is survived by her three children including Linda Zook and her husband George of Polson; a sister; a brother, Albert Fantozzi of Libby; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at the Libby Christian Church with interment services following in the City of Libby Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. on Sunday at the Nelson and Vial Funeral Home.

## Shirley Jean Nick, 63

Shirley Jean Nick, 63, of Fruitland, Idaho, passed away June 7, 2001, at a Boise, Idaho, hospital.

She was born Aug. 25, 1937, in Kalispell, to Jake and Elsie Heuscher.

She is survived by her husband Edwin of Fruitland; a daughter, Lori Bales of Garden City, Idaho; and a son, Craig Burns of Fruitland; three stepchildren, Dennis Nick of Fruitland, Mike Nick of Seeley Lake, and Sheryl Frank of Kalispell; 18 grandchildren and

six great-grandchildren; two brothers, Stan and Chuck Heuscher of Kalispell; and a sister, Doris Ingram of Bigfork.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Denise Windgate.

A memorial gathering will be held on Saturday from 1-4 p.m. at 113 N. Kansas in Fruitland. Friends are invited to bring a potluck dish.

Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Cloverdale Funeral Home, Boise.

## Roger W. Nielsen, 76

Roger W. Nielsen, 76, a Whitefish resident, passed away on May 23, 2001, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center of natural causes.

He was born March 15, 1925, in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, the son of J. Henry and Katherine Nielsen. He received his education at the laboratory school at Iowa State Teachers College in Cedar Falls and graduated from high school there in 1944.

He entered the U.S. Army Air Corps and was trained as a tail gunner on B-29 bombers. He was on a bombing mission over Japan when the atomic bomb was dropped. He had a camera with him and took pictures of the mushroom cloud, not knowing what he was seeing.

After his discharge, he attended Iowa State Teachers College and received his bachelor of arts degree and then his master's at the University of Denver.

He went to work for J.C. Penney Company and worked in stores in Denver, Aurora and Greeley, Colo., and then finally moved to Whitefish. After leaving Penneys he sold real estate for several years.



He met and married Ida C. Nowasell on Oct. 24, 1953, in Denver.

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

He is survived by his wife, Ida at the family home in Whitefish; three daughters, Carol Nielsen in Spokane, Leslie Nielsen in Midland, Texas, and Lisa and husband Walt Finch in Seattle; two sons, Brad and wife Jennie Nielsen in San Diego, and Curt and wife Tammi Nielsen of Anchorage, Alaska; six grandchildren, Jesse Donahue of Whitefish, Kyle Chad and Amber Nielsen in San Diego, Matthew and Nicole Bradshaw in Midland, Texas; brother Merlin and wife Caryl Nielsen; and a sister Jean Welch, all of Cedar Falls.

Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. today at the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish. Graveside funeral services will be at 2 p.m. on Saturday at the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell with the Rev. John Bent officiating. Military honors will be provided by the United Veterans of the Flathead Valley.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that memorials be made to the Whitefish V.F.W. Auxiliary or to the charity of the donor's choice.

Arrangements are under the direction of Austin Funeral Home.

Dorthe Mae Noble, 76, of Libby, died Nov. 17, 2001, at St. John's Lutheran Hospital from natural causes.

She was born Aug. 17, 1925, in Harlem to Bert and Helen Marcinkowski Doubek.

She was preceded in death by her husband Harvey "Mike" Noble in 1951, four brothers, Velven, Karel, Paul, Clayton, one sister, Betty Doubek, and one grandson, Alex Noble.

Survivors include three sons, Michael Noble and wife Patti, David Noble and wife Becky and Chris Noble and wife Teri, all of Libby; five daughters, Susan Berry and husband Lou, Mary Geer and husband Pat, Joan Drake and husband Ken, Ellen Mills and husband Eric, all of Libby, and

Benita Thom of Whitefish; three brothers including Donald Doubek and wife Doris and Ronald Doubek; two sisters Genevieve Mejie and husband Clayton, Anne Pescatore; mother-in-law Myrtle Clark, all of Libby; and 20 grandchildren.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Libby. Committal is at 4 p.m. at the Tobacco Valley Cemetery in Eureka. Visitation will be today from 1-7 p.m. at the funeral home with rosary at 7 p.m.

Arrangements are by the Nelson and Vial Funeral Home in Libby. Memorials may be made to St. Joseph Catholic Church or the Libby Volunteer Ambulance.

## Mary Genevieve 'Gen' Chevalier Noffsinger, 89

Mary Genevieve "Gen" Chevalier Noffsinger, 89, of Whitefish, passed away on May 1, 2001, at the North Valley Extended Care in Whitefish.

She was born in Helena, on Jan. 5, 1912, to Phillip and Catherine Chevalier and was raised on the family ranch at Canyon Creek. She graduated from St. Vincent Academy in Helena.

She married George W. Noffsinger in 1935. They lived in Glacier Park while he worked on his father's ranch, the Park Saddle Horse Co. Later they moved to Havre.

Her husband died in 1955 and she went to work for Great Northern. When she retired she settled in Whitefish.

She loved to travel, cook and paint china. However football was undeniably her greatest passion. She also loved to be with family and friends.

She was a member of CCW, Women of the Moose and the V.F.W. Auxiliary 276.

She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, five brothers, five sisters, two grandchildren and a daughter-in-law.

Survivors include her two sons and daughters-in-law, Jim and Becky Noffsinger of Whitefish, and George and Delores Noffsinger of Havre; her daughter, Mary Little in Florida, and her daughter and son-in-law, Helen and Jack Clark of Whitefish; two sisters, Lolly Russel of Helena, and Phyllis and her husband, Bud Meaney of Denver; eight grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She will be greatly missed by all who knew her, especially Buffy, her spaniel.

A vigil will held on Monday at 7 p.m. at St. Charles Catholic Church in Whitefish. Services will be held on Tuesday at 10 a.m. at St. Charles. The Rev. Charles W. Strom will officiate. A luncheon will follow at the V.F.W. in Whitefish. Inurnment will be in Havre at a later date.

The family asks that memorials made in her name to the Flathead Humane Society or to a charity of the giver's choice.

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

## Robert S. Noland, 78

Robert S. Noland, 78, of Trego, died on April 9, 2001, at his home in Trego.

He was born on Jan. 4, 1923, in Madoc, to Robert and Emma Noland.

A memorial service will be

held on Friday at 4 p.m. at the Fortine Community Church in Fortine. The Rev. Paul McKibben will officiate.

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

## Pauline C. Nommensen, 71

Pauline C. Nommensen, 71, died at her home in Washington, D.C., on May 23, 2001.

She was born May 28, 1930, in Kalispell, the only child of Paul C. and Odessa Ostroy Nommensen,

She worked in the Kalispell school system as secretary,

treasurer and registrar at Central School, and for the Federal Bureau of Investigation for 35 years, retiring in 1986.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

She is survived locally by four cousins. Inurnment was at Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

## Carl E. Nordin, 85

Carl E. Nordin, 85, formerly of Libby, died Sept. 21, 2001, at his residence of Buffalo Hill Terrace, Kalispell.

He was born Dec. 9, 1915, in Cass Lake, Minn.

He attended grade school in Cass Lake, then in 1928 moved with his family to Libby where he graduated from high school in 1933.

Immediately upon graduation, he started work at J. Neils Lumber Company as a bookkeeper and secretary, a job which he held for 45 years.

He married Francze Eaton on June 19, 1939, and they had three children.

The couple moved from their home in Libby to a residence at

Savage Lake near Troy in 1965 where they lived until 1990. At that time they moved to Treasure Manor in Libby where they lived until August 2000 when they moved to Buffalo Terrace.

Survivors include his wife, Francze; son Wesley and wife Lura and their three sons and three great-grandchildren; son Wendell and his wife Sue and their two sons; and a daughter, Nona and her husband Jerry Challinor.

A memorial service will be held today at 2 p.m. at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home, 1890 U.S. 93 N., Kalispell.

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

## LaVone A. Hellman-Nordquist, 88

LaVone A. Hellman-Nordquist, former Kalispell resident, 88, passed away in Mesa, Ariz., Sunday, Jan. 7, 2001.

She was born in Palatka, Fla., on Sept. 1, 1912, to Herman and Edith (Rein) Krause. She moved to the Flathead Valley as a small child and attended schools in both Polson and Kalispell. She graduated from Flathead County High School in 1931.

She married Fred Hellman in 1932 and they resided in Kalispell, where they once owned Arctic Lockers. They were very active in square dancing where they made many lifelong friends.

She completed her education in accounting and was employed as a bookkeeper and tax preparer. She was a long time member of Trinity Lutheran Church and of the Eagles SFA in Kalispell.

Her husband, Fred Hellman, died while hunting in 1972, and she married Harry Nordquist in 1974. They enjoyed traveling in their motor home, rockhounding and spending winters at their place in Quartsite, Ariz., until Harry's death in 1990.

She was a very talented seamstress and well known for her

ceramics. She loved all kinds of crafts and spent many happy hours making gifts for her family and friends.

She is survived by daughters, Joanne Johnson and husband, Rod, of Yakima, Wash.; Mary June Jankowiak and husband, Ken, of Titusville, Fla.; sons, Don Hellman and wife, Patti, of Lakeside, Robert Hellman and wife, Linda, of Howell, Mich.; sisters, Adeline Herrin and husband, George, of Kalispell, Jean Taisarsky of Newington, Conn., Colleen Schafer and husband, Stan, of Bothell, Wash.; brother Fred and wife, Minnie Krause, of Whitefish; grandchildren, Susan Hellman Matter and husband, Jim, of Warsaw, Poland, Jill Kaufman and husband, Mark, of Kalispell, Steven Hellman of Columbus, Ohio, Debra Weaver and husband, Shane, of Bothell, Mark and Larry Johnson of Spokane; and her great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at Johnson Mortuary Chapel on Tuesday at 10 a.m. with the Rev. Len Ericksen officiating. Burial will be at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary.



## Zella M. Nordtome, 79

Zella M. Nordtome, 79, passed away on Thursday, July 5, 2001, at the Brendan House in Kalispell.

She was born on Oct. 13, 1921, in Minot, N.D., to Les and Dessie Kauffman.

When she was 5 years old, the family moved to Kalispell. She attended Kalispell public schools, graduating in 1939.

On Oct. 15, 1939, she married Kenneth Nordtome. To this union two children were born, Jim and Joan.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Les and Dessie Kauffman, and a sister Flossie.

She is survived by one son, Jim Nordtome and his wife Barbara of

Kalispell; one daughter, Joan Dykstra and her husband Ted of Kalispell; four grandsons; one granddaughter; eight great-grandchildren; one sister, Eloise Young and her husband Charles of Salem, Ore.; and many relatives and friends.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday at Central Bible Church with the Rev. Ron Youde officiating. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be on Monday from 12 noon until 6 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

## Helen Frances Schwenke Norman, 79

Helen Frances Schwenke Norman, 79, died on Aug. 15, 2001, at a nursing home in Eureka from cancer.

She was born in Spring Lake, Minn., and was raised in the Culbertson area. She married Vern Bailey in Malta in 1939. They were divorced in 1944. She married Luther Norman on April 7, 1945.

She is survived by three daughters; three sons including Lester Norman of Columbia Falls; four sisters;

two brothers; 14 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Luther F. Norman, and daughter Barbara Jean Norman, two grandchildren, and one sister.

Funeral services will be Aug. 20, 2001, at 2 p.m. at Malta Lutheran Church. Burial will be in the Malta Cemetery. Visitation will be one hour prior to the funeral service at the Malta Lutheran Church, 316 S. Third Ave. W., Malta.

## Douglas Anthony Norton, 41

Douglas Anthony Norton, 41, passed away on Nov. 27, 2001, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

Doug was born on Oct. 19, 1960, in Jacksonville, Fla. He attended schools in Jacksonville, where he graduated from Jacksonville High School in 1978.

He moved to Dallas, Texas, where he worked as an accountant for several years. He moved to Kalispell in September to be near his brother. Doug enjoyed swim-

ming in the sea, taking long walks and traveling.

He is survived by his brother Bob Norton of Kalispell.

Private family services were held at 1:30 p.m. on Nov. 28, 2001 at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home with the Rev. Steve Snipstead officiating. Cremation followed the service.

Arrangements are under the direction of Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

## Evart Dwight Norvell, 67

Evart Dwight Norvell, 67, passed away on June 1, 2001, at Kalispell Regional Hospital.

He was born on March 30, 1934, at his grandparent's home in Lower Valley, near Kalispell. His parents were Ray and Blanche Hartman Norvell.

He served in the Army and was stationed in Germany.

In 1958 he met and married Sue Burdick in Lakeside. They moved to the Hartman Ranch in Somers where he lived for the rest of his life.

He was a lifetime member of the Somers Volunteer Fire Department.

He made numerous trips on the wagon train in Dixon including the Bicentennial Wagon ride. He also packed many times in the Bob Marshal. He loved fishing and camping with his grandchildren.

He and his father owned and

operated Kalispell Upholstery, then started a gravel and backhoe service in the Somers and Lakeside area.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Bill Norvell; and his identical twin brother Ernest Norvell.

He is survived by daughter Maryann Moorhead of Boise, Idaho; son James Norvell of Somers, and daughter Sheila Wininger of Somers; 10 grandchildren, Rachael Moorhead, Rilee Moorhead, of Boise, Idaho, Joshua Beaumont, Matthew Beaumont, Alicia Norvell of Somers, and Ryan Wininger, Marisa Wininger, Caleb Wininger, James Wininger, and Jordan Wininger of Somers; brothers, Jack Norvell, Orrie Norvell; and sister Donna Wehrman; and many nieces, nephews and relatives.

No services are planned.

## Jack E. Norvell, 82

Jack E. Norvell, 82, passed away June 8, 2001.

He was born in Kansas City, Mo., April 1, 1919. He and his brother Bill came to the Flathead about 1933 and graduated from Flathead County High School.

Friends and family enjoyed his guitar music and singing.

He obtained a teaching degree at Havre and returned to Missouri. He worked on the gas pipelines across America.

He married Rose Cunningham

in 1961, in Kansas City, Mo.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brothers, Bill Norvell, Ernie Norvell, Evart Norvell and Pete Lee.

He is survived by wife Rose; son Brian and his wife Suzanne of Missouri; grandson James Norvell; brothers, Charles Lee and Orrie Norvell; sister-in-law Eva Norvell; sister Donna Wehrman; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial services have already been held.

## Janet Norton, 63

Janet Norton, 63, of Proctor, died June 8, 2001, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center of injuries resulting from a traffic accident.

She was born in Peoria, Ill., Sept. 3, 1937, youngest daughter of Ingram and Mildred P. Norton.

She was immensely proud of her children. The great loves of her life were horses and art. She was a level 2 Parelli equestrian with her beloved thoroughbred mare, Tess. Her art has been featured in local galleries and is sought by collectors in the U.S. and Canada.

Surviving are two daughters,

Kelli Koon of Seattle, and Shannon Thompson of Kirkland, Wash.; one son, Rick Thompson of St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands; one son-in-law, Rich Koon; two sisters, Jean Rusciolleli of Clovis, N.M., and Gwen Peterson of Big Timber; two brothers, Harry Norton of Elma, N.Y.; and Thomas Norton of Salt Lake City.

A celebration of her life will be held at the P and M Ranch Arena, 175 Hellman Lane, (off Columbia Stage Road), Columbia Falls today at 2 p.m. For questions or directions please call 849-5027 or 862-1331.

## Gail S. Nussbaum, 62

Gail S. Nussbaum, 62, passed away on Feb. 3, 2001, in Somers. She was born on June 24, 1938, in Chester to Arthur and Lucille Lyders Kammerzell.



She attended schools in Chester, graduating from Chester High School in 1956. She attended the University of Montana at Missoula, graduating in 1960. She married Walter Nussbaum in the fall of 1960.

She taught elementary school in Billings for several years. In 1969, she moved to Whitefish where she worked as a bookkeeper.

She was very instrumental in the fund-raising effort for the building of North Valley Hospital. She was always involved in fund-raising and charity work in the Flathead Valley. She had over 1700 hours as a volunteer at Kalispell Regional Medical Center since 1994. Later she moved to Havre where she worked for the Mon-

tana Workman's Compensation. In 1985, she retired and returned to the Flathead Valley where she once again became very involved in charity work. She truly loved her volunteer work.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

She is survived by her children and their spouses, daughter Jamie and Charles Holt of Atlanta, Ga.; two sons, Mike and Lynette Nussbaum of Leigh, Neb., Wes and Kimberly Nussbaum of Billings; five grandchildren; two brothers, Gordon Kammerzell and John Kammerzell, both of Chester; two sisters, Linda Aasheim of Tacoma, Wash., and Kay Warner of Havre; numerous nieces and nephews.

A celebration of her life will be held at 1 p.m. on Thursday at Northridge Lutheran Church with the Rev. Dan Heskett officiating.

Memorials can be made to Caring Hands, 860 N. Meridian Rd. B1, Kalispell.

Arrangements are under the direction of Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

## Daniel M. Nygren, 22

Daniel M. Nygren, 22, passed away on May 19, 2001, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

He was born on Sept. 10, 1978, in Forest Lake, Minn., to Mitch and Paula Fischer Nygren.

He grew up in the Greaney and Gheen areas of Minnesota. At the age of 3, he began fishing, which he loved to do his entire life.

He met Melissa Zakrajshek in Minnesota and on April 27, 2000, they were married in Sisseton, S.D. In July of 2000, they moved to Kalispell where he worked as a prep-cook for the Bulldog as well as for Bianchi catering.

He loved to be outdoors, fishing, hunting, rafting, hiking, or just driving around exploring.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, Emil Fischer.

He is survived by his wife,

Melissa Nygren of Kalispell; one son, Tyler Nygren of Minnesota; his mother, Paula Freyholtz and her husband Gene of Gheen; father Mitch Nygren and his wife Anita of Harris, Minn.; two step-sisters, Darla Leslie and her husband Dave of Deering, Minn., Shawna Rosenlund and her husband Justin of Gheen; four half brothers, Christopher, Matthew, Ryan, and Aaron; maternal grandmother, Mary Fischer of Gheen; paternal grandmother, Rhoda Nygren; special aunt and uncle, Irene and Dennis Udovich of Gheen; and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

There will be no local services. A memorial service will be held in Minnesota at a later date.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.