

Jennie Paola, 89

Jennie Paola, 89, passed away on Nov. 12, 2001, at the Brendan House in Kalispell. She was born on Jan. 30, 1912, in Plains, to Everett and Gertrude Deboer Siderius.

Jennie was number nine of 14 children born to Everett and Gertrude. The family moved to Kalispell about three years after Jennie was born. She attended grade school at Demersville and graduated from Flathead County High School in 1929. She went on to graduate from Normal school in Dillon with her teaching certificate. Jennie taught at various schools around the valley before meeting and marrying John Paola on April 11, 1936, in Missoula.

Jennie enjoyed oil painting and was a keen gardener. She and John loved to travel around the county visiting family after their retirement. She was very active in the Bigfork community.

Jennie was preceded in death by five brothers and six sisters.

She is survived by her husband of 65 years, John of Kalispell; two daughters, Theora "Teddy" Granmo and husband Lauren of Kalispell, and Shirley Schmidt and husband Mark of Whitefish; three grandchildren, John Granmo of Kent, Wash., Bryon Granmo and wife Adele of San Diego, and Cynthia Granmo of Whitefish; one great-granddaughter, Tyfanie Granmo of Kent, Wash.; two sisters, Theora Cavens and husband Bill of Whidbey Island, Wash.; and Bess Hagle of Anaheim, Calif.; a special niece, Margaret Engberg of Kalispell, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held Thursday at 2 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary with Rev. Ron Pierce officiating. Burial will follow at the Glacier Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be Wednesday at Johnson Mortuary from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. The family suggests memorial gifts be given in Jennie's name to the charity of their choice.

Violet Opal Paolini, 86

Violet Opal Paolini, 86, was born to William Alfred and Mary Bessie Bandy DeShazer on Nov. 10, 1914 in Ynona, Okla., and entered into rest on Feb. 8, 2001, in Anacortes, Wash.

She moved with her family at an early age from Oklahoma to Rexford. She entered into marriage with Danny Joseph Paolini on Oct. 20, 1934, in Kalispell. They lived in Rexford, Whitefish, and Great Falls. In 1968, they moved to Bellingham, Wash., and settled in Mount Vernon, Wash., in 1982.

She was a member of the Women of the Moose in Montana. She is best remembered as a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, a talented artist as a painter, and an avid bingo player.

She is survived by her loving family, daughters Betty Lou Deist



of Kalispell, and Cheryl Ann Boorman and her husband, Jack, of Anacortes; grandchildren, Rhea Hendricks and her husband, Tod, of Anacortes, Travis Boorman and his fiancée, Joanne Thompson, of Aloha, Ore., Debbie Urban and husband, Rudy, of Bigfork, Dia Hadley, Kim Phillips and her husband, Jay, all of Spokane, and D.J. Paolini and his wife, Theresa, of Kalispell; nine great-grandchildren; brothers, Jack DeShazer of Libby and Don DeShazer of Oregon; a sister, Louise Hoges of Libby; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband Danny Paolini on Aug. 6, 1993; a son, Danny Keith Paolini in 1982; brothers, Tom and Ray DeShazer; and son-in-law Robert Deist.

There will be a memorial service in Kalispell at a later date.

Full cremation and arrangements were conducted under the care of Hawthorne Funeral Home and Memorial Park, Mount Vernon.

Patricia A. Park, 60

Patricia A. Park, 60, passed away on Thursday, Sept. 27, 2001, at her home in Ferndale, with her family at her bedside.



She was born on April 29, 1941, in Carson City, Nev., to Fredrick and Dorothy Freeman Denner. She grew up in South Lake Tahoe, Calif., where she graduated from South Lake Tahoe High School in 1959.

She married Fred Park on April 14, 1963, in Zephyr Cove, Nev. She moved to Montana in 1967.

She loved the outdoors. She enjoyed gardening, picking huckleberries, painting, prospecting for sapphires and truly loved animals.

She was a voracious reader who enjoyed reading just about anything and everything. She loved

her family and truly enjoyed spending time with her granddaughters. She will be truly missed by all her family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband Fred; and a daughter, Cynthia Ann Park.

She is survived by daughter Lisa and her husband Ken Campbell of Ferndale; son Leonard and his wife Kristie Park of Ferndale; two granddaughters, Karlee Patricia Park and Emilee Ann Park; one brother, Fred and Irene Denner of Dan Creek, Alaska.

A celebration of her life will be held on Monday at the Swan River Hall.

The family request donations be made to the Wings Foundation, 310 Sunnyview Lane, Kalispell, MT 59901.

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

Clista Parker, 96

Clista Parker, 96, of Bigfork, died Thursday, Nov. 8, 2001, at the Lake View Care Center in Bigfork.

She was born on Sept. 17, 1905, in Flathead County to Vieda and Burt Killingbeck. After her mother's death she was raised by her grandmother, Laura Tyson. She received her education in the Kalispell area and graduated from Kalispell General Hospital School of Nursing in 1927.

Clista married John E. Parker in Kalispell on June 4, 1928. In the '30s they moved to Great Falls, where she worked as a registered nurse at the Columbus Hospital for 30 years. After her husband's death in 1995,

she moved to the Flathead Valley to be closer to her daughter.

She was preceded in death by her parents and sister Doris Tourtellote.

She is survived by her daughter, Elsie Louise Jimmerson and her husband Roy of Columbia Falls, five grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

A graveside service for family and friends will be held on Monday at 2 p.m. at Fairview Cemetery in Kalispell.

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

Fred W. Parker, 83

Fred W. Parker, 83, took his last bicycle ride Sept. 26 when he laid it aside for the last time.

He was born Feb. 7, 1918, in Gary, Ind.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Rex, and a sister Irene.

He is survived by his sister Marjorie of Denver; wife Diane of Kalispell; sons, Jim of Kalispell, William of Ringoes, N.J., Robert of Orange, Calif.; daughters, Patricia of Telluride, Colo., and Kathleen of Corona, Calif.; stepsons, Chris of Eugene Ore., Curt of Incline Village, Nev. and numerous grandchildren.

He was a Golden Gloves boxer in his youth, having the distinction of being knocked out by Tony Zale.

He married Bernadette Liddell in 1941, and enlisted in the Army that year to become a captain in Patton's tank corps, living through the Battle of the Bulge and receiving two Bronze Stars and a Purple Heart during his service

He earned a degree in accounting, and worked in the automotive industry. In 1969, he married Diane Von Delius, retired, and came to Kalispell. He taught accounting at Flathead Valley Community College. He and his wife traveled for 10 years in a motor home, then returned to the Valley where he built a house outside of Bigfork, later moving to Evergreen. From there he rode his bicycle to Sykes every morning for seven years, rain, snow and ice notwithstanding. He put at least 3,000 miles a year on his bicycle.

He loved reading, crossword puzzles and woodworking. He had a great sense of humor and will be missed by all who knew him. His wishes were for cremation; his ashes to be scattered in his beloved Montana, and according to his wishes, there will be no funeral. A celebration of his life will be held at the scattering of the ashes.

Mildred Christine Parker, 88

Mildred Christine Parker, 88, passed away on Feb. 6, 2001, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

She was born Jan. 27, 1913, in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., to John and Agnes Walters Steve.

She lived a varied and full life before the ravages of Alzheimer's disease took its final toll.

She always had a quick and clever spirit that enabled her to make fast friends and lasting impressions. She wielded her Electrolux vacuum with an early morning song, sung at the top of

her lungs to impress anyone who still might be asleep. The same uncanny tenacity was wielded at card playing and she belonged to pinochle and canasta card clubs.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 43 years, Coyle Parker, and son, Don Parker.

She is survived by three daughters, Cheryl, Joanne, and Wanda.

Memorial services will be held at a later date this year.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Roger Lee Parker, 62

Roger Lee Parker, 62, of Fortine, was taken from us and called to the Lord on Feb. 13, 2001.

He was born at home in Kalispell, on Sept. 19, 1938, to Orville and Florence Parker.

He married Evelyn Wartick in 1959. They had three children and were later divorced.

In 1971, he met and married his best friend and soul mate, Delores "Charlie" King.

He spent his early childhood in Kalispell and at the age of 13 moved to Graves Creek with his family, who operated a lumber camp. He worked in the lumber camp when not in school, and continued to work in the lumber industry during his entire life. He operated a Heil boom for many years and later operated skidder and drove truck. He also took part in building the Trego tunnel, in which he was seriously injured. He later worked on the construction of Montana 37 during the building of Libby Dam.

He was an avid fisherman until he discovered his aptitude for golf. He was very outgoing, a natural born storyteller and a comedian who could make a stranger smile. He said what he meant and meant what he said. He loved to entertain by playing his harmonica. He had

an amazing work ethic which was greatly admired by his family. He enjoyed creating yard creatures and he always whistled while he worked.

He is survived by his wife, Delores King; his parents of Kalispell; four daughters, Sheri Britton, Deb Holder and Shelley Parker, all of Eureka, and Tamara Winkler of Rodeo, N.M.; one son, Dennis Parker of Fortine; 10 grandchildren, Wendy Allen, Paul and Joshua Britton, Jeremy and Abbie Holder, Zachary Winkler, Bryce and Mycal Parker, Daryl Lemer and Destini Parker; three great-granddaughters; sisters Billie Nelson and Betty Wise of Kalispell, and Chrystal Schoenrock of Alaska; brother Bobby Parker of Bigfork; and mother-in-law Lila King of Kalispell; many nieces and nephews and friends too numerous to count. He also leaves his beloved dog, Buddy.

He will be greatly missed by those who loved him.

The family would like to encourage anyone who has memories of him to share them with his family at the celebration of his life which will be held on Feb. 24, 2001, at 1 p.m. at the Fortine Community Church.

Alice J. Parkison, 87

Alice J. Parkison, 87, went home to be with the Lord on Friday, Sept. 7, 2001.

She was born on Jan. 12, 1914, in Alberton to Charles Van Alstine and Mabel Mary Rice Van Alstine. Upon the death of her mother and younger sister in 1918, she resided primarily with her grandparents, William and Hannah Josephine Van Alstine, at the family homestead in McGinnis Meadows. She also lived and attended school in Harlowton, and other towns around Montana when she stayed with her father who worked for the Milwaukee Railroad.

In 1931, she married Homer Davis. They later divorced and she lived and worked in Kalispell and surrounding areas for several years.

She married Bert Parkison in 1952. They lived for many happy years in McGinnis Meadows where she drove the school bus for the children who attended school at Happy's Inn and Manicke. She was a member and supporter of the Manicke church for many years. Most will remember her for the love she had for horses, rabbits, goats, and her beloved pet dogs. She enjoyed reading, grow-

ing plants, and the solitude of her mountain home. She moved to Kalispell in 1998 and has resided at Brendan House since 1999.

She is survived by her five children, including four sons, Irwin Davis and his wife Dottie of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, Allen Davis and his wife Dorothy of Hot Springs, Tom Davis of Kalispell, and Larry Parkison and his wife Shelly of Kalispell; one daughter, Jeanette Halvorson and her husband Ron of Libby; one stepson, Dewey Parkison of Kalispell; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband Bert Parkison in 1981; three stepdaughters, Donna Harp, Vaeda Cole, and Sharon Bunyea all of Kalispell; and her grandson David Parkison six weeks ago, July 25, 2001.

Funeral services will be held on Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Nathan Bemis officiating. Graveside services will follow at the Libby City Cemetery in Libby at 3 p.m.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

David Elliott Parkison, 24

David Elliott Parkison, 24, went home to walk on streets of gold with the Lord July 25, 2001.

He was born March 25, 1977, in Kalispell to Larry and Shelly

Parkison. He attended school at Evergreen and graduated from Flathead High School.

He later earned a degree from Wyoming Tech in custom car body and paint. He was currently employed by WCS & T Construction.

He loved cars and was happiest when he was driving and fixing them. He especially loved racing and was an avid stock car racer. He also enjoyed bowling with friends, watching NASCAR, mud bogging and gopher hunting.

He will be remembered for his generous spirit and how he loved



to surprise friends and family by plowing snow for them in the winter.

He was a long time faithful member of Bible Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Pam and expected baby in February; parents, Larry and Shelly Parkison; brother Jonathan Parkison; sister Marleen Probert and husband Dale; grandmother, Alice Parkison; grandparents Bob and Thelma Rales; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

Funeral services will be held Monday at 2 p.m. at the First Nazarene Church, 1295 Whitefish Stage Road. Graveside services follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions are made to the missionary fund at Bible Baptist Church, 2648 US 2 E., Kalispell.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Kirk Edward Parkison, 44

Kirk Edward Parkison, 44, of Rexburg, Idaho, and former resident of Kalispell and Jackson, Wyo., died Dec. 1, 2001, in Island Park, Idaho.



He was born July 5, 1957, in Moses Lake, Wash., to Annalee Mayhew and Harvey D. "Dewey" Parkison. He was raised in Reno, Nev., where he graduated from high school, then moved to Montana and has spent many years enjoying "The Big Sky." He met Mairilyn Louise Shoemaker in 1986, who has been the steadfast love of his life. They were married Sept. 27, 1986, in Kalispell. He became an instant father of three, and considers his family most important, as he has lost his mother and siblings, and held on to those close to him. He loved his father "Dewey." His second love was his friends and the outdoors. Whenever possible he would be hunting, fishing, camping and snowmobiling. Kirk was an entrepreneur who could sell anything to anybody. His last busi-

ness was KP Custom Canopy Service. He will be missed by his friends and family who loved him.

He is survived by his wife, Mairilyn, of Rexburg; and children, Cindy M. Barnett of Ogden, Utah, Kris M. Barnett of Menan, Idaho, and Jerel Y. Smith of Tacoma, Wash.; his father, Harvey D. "Dewey" Parkison of Kalispell; and stepsisters, Karen Goery of Elko, Nev., and Gail Hunt of Spokane, Wash.; also four grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his mother, Annalee Mayhew Parkison, an older brother, Mark Dwane Parkison, and sisters, Tracy Parkison Loomis and Teri Lorraine Parkison.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Burton Church (Burton is a small farming area west and south of Rexburg). The family will receive friends this evening from 7-8:30 p.m. at the Flamm Funeral Home in Rexburg. Interment will be in the Glacier Memorial Gardens in Kalispell at 3 p.m. on Thursday.

James Milton Parks, 83

James Milton Parks, 83, died on Tuesday, June 12, at his summer residence at Lake McDonald.

He was born in 1918, in Baird, Texas, and spent his youth in Texas and Washington, D.C. He received his bachelor's degree at Dartmouth College in Hanover, N.H., in 1939. At Dartmouth he was named all American on the unbeaten Ivy League Football team of 1938.

He joined the Navy in 1942 and reached the rank of Lieutenant Commander in NATS and was stationed in North Africa.

His first assignment after the war was to Ethiopia for TWA in management contracts. He was transferred to Saudi Arabia to set up Saudi Arabian Airlines for Ibn Saud, the King of Arabia.

In 1948 he joined Mobil International Oil Company as president and general manager in Beirut, Lebanon, Cairo, Egypt, The Belgian Congo (living there when it became Zaire), Ghana, Casablan-



ca, Morocco and Mexico City. He ended his career with six years in Houston. In 1982 the Parks retired to La Jolla, Calif.

Survivors include his wife, Elin of 57 years; a daughter, Dana

Wright of North Pomfret, Vt.; and four grandchildren, Kevin, Eric and Julia Wright and Michael Parks, all of Berkeley, Calif.; and two brothers, Robert and David.

He was preceded in death by his son Robert in 1994.

A graveside service is planned in July at the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery, where he will be buried next to his son.

He will be missed by all that knew him. He was noted for his honesty and integrity in business and his kindness and good humor socially. He was a loving husband, father, father-in-law and grandfather.

Park Phillips 'Monty' Parratt, 56

Park Phillips "Monty" Parratt, 56, died July 11, 2001, as a result of injuries received in a car crash near the west entrance to Glacier National Park.

He was born July 28, 1944, in San Luis Obispo, Calif., to Grace and Lloyd Parratt. Monty was preceded in death by his father.

He married Laurel Jean Lundgren of West Glacier in 1967. They made their home in Marysville, Wash.

He was a retired health and physical education instructor, having taught and coached football, wrestling, cross-country, and track for 30 years in Marysville.

He graduated from Whitworth College with a bachelor's degree in biology and physical education, later receiving his master's degree.

He had a deep love for the teaching profession and was well-respected by students and peers alike. Along with his spectacular smile, he was well-known among



family and friends for his reverent regard for Glacier National Park, where he spent many of his boyhood summers fishing, hiking, and mountain climbing with his brother, Mark.

As a young man, he was employed by the National Park Service as a blister rust foreman. In later years, he enjoyed sharing the park with family and friends.

He is survived by his wife, Laurel, of Marysville; daughter, Kimberly Schneider and son-in-law, Russ, of Whitefish; daughter, Kristin Parratt of Marysville; his mother, Grace S. Parratt, of Spring Valley, Calif.; parents-in-law, Everett and Margaret Lundgren of West Glacier; brothers Mark Parratt of Placentia, Calif., and Smith Parratt of Houghton, Mich., as well as numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, countless friends.

Cremation has taken place and a memorial service will be held on Saturday at 1 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church in Whitefish. Memorials are suggested to The Glacier Fund, P. O. Box 128, West Glacier, MT, 59936.

Russell J. Peak, 88

Russell J. Peak, 88, died on May 13, 2001, Mother's Day, a fitting day to return to his beloved wife Edna, and his own mother and family.

He was born in Kaysville, Utah on June 13, 1912. In 1928, he moved to Pasadena, Calif., where he met and married Edna Gertrude Ledyard in 1935. After working for some time in the painting trade he became supervisor of the painting department at Cal Tech.

He then decided to make a career of the hobby he had pursued for years, making fishing rods. He began in 1939 in his home, then established a fishing tackle store at 21 N. Allen Ave., where over 50 years of business he became world-renowned as a custom rod maker. He started using bamboo and eventually made fiberglass, graphite, and boron rods to the exact casting and fishing tastes of his customers. At one point, he was six years behind in

orders, his rods were so sought after. Due to ill health, his store was closed in 1990.

He spent the last two and a half years in Bigfork being cared for by his family and three wonderful caregivers.

He was a kind, caring, compassionate and generous man; devoted to God, his wife, family and friends. He gave life-long service through his church, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

He is survived by three daughters and a son and their families, Virginia and Robert Reed of Bigfork, Garry and Deanna Martin of Mansfield, Texas, Cheryl and Larry Taylor of Sacramento, Calif., and David Peak of Bigfork; 15 grandchildren and 32 great-grandchildren.

A graveside service will be held on Monday at 1 p.m. at Live Oak Memorial Park, 200 E. Duarte Rd., Monrovia, Calif.

Roland H. Pedersen, 63

Roland H. Pedersen, 63, of Polson, passed away on Feb. 28, 2001, at St. Patrick Hospital in Missoula, from cancer.

He was born on July 6, 1937, in Kalispell, to Harold and Mary Pedersen. He grew up and attended schools in Lonepine. He graduated from Hot Springs High School in 1955.

He attended the University of Montana and graduated in 1959 with a bachelor of science in business administration. While at the university he became a member of the Delta Sigma Phi fraternity. He received his certified public accountant certificate in 1962.

He married Kitty Emerson on June 1, 1963, in Upper Montclair, N.J.

He ranched with his father in the Lonepine area until 1976. He moved to Polson in 1976 and started his CPA business, which he continued to operate until his illness.

He was a member of Kiwanis Club and was elected to the Polson City Council for three terms. He resigned from that position after

he moved out of the city limits. He continued to serve the community on the city-county planning board.

He loved jazz music, especially Duke Ellington. He also enjoyed watching NASCAR racing.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his wife Kitty of Polson; one son, Eric and his wife, Shalimar, of College Place, Wash.; a daughter, Trudy Lynn Pedersen of Polson; and several cousins.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday at 11 a.m. at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Polson with the Rev. Paul Rowold and Joan Christiansen officiating. Cremation has taken place and a graveside inurnment will take place on Memorial Day weekend. A time will be announced for the graveside service.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial may be made to the Mission Valley Animal Shelter, 239 N. Reservoir Rd., Polson, MT 59860.

Arrangements are under the direction of Grogan Funeral Home and Crematory.

Iva Perry

Iva Perry, 92, former Columbia Falls teacher, died in Baker on April 24, 2001.

She was born Dec. 17, 1908, in Lead, S.D., to Sam and Louise (Lambert) Baird. She attended schools in the Ismay area, completing her high school and college education in Fresno, Calif.

She married John "Jack" Perry July 3, 1929, in Miles City and began to parent his children, Ramona, Rowena "Sissy," and LeRoy "Spike."

She retired from teaching after 40 years, and moved to Marmouth, N.D., in 1980. Her teaching career included one-room schools near Roundup, Ekalaka, Rudyard, Havre, Big Sandy and Dupuyer. Her last 16 years of teaching were in Thompson Falls. She was a past matron of several Eastern Star chapters including Estella Pomeroy Chapter 68, Columbia Falls.

She was preceded in death by her husband in May 1980; daughter, Sissy Goodman in 1979, and a son, Spike Perry in 1988; four brothers and three sisters.

She is survived by her daughter, Ramona Elmore of Great Falls.

Funeral service were conducted in Baker with burial in the I.O.O.F. Cemetery in Ekalaka. HH

Robert 'Bob' C. Peters, 72

Robert "Bob" C. Peters, 72, passed away on Thursday, Aug. 23, 2001, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

He was born on May 1, 1929, in Columbia Falls, to Arthur and Mary Taddie Peters. He grew up and lived in the Flathead Valley his entire life. He attended Bad Rock School through the eighth grade, then graduated from Flathead County High School in 1948.

On Jan. 11, 1951, he married Carlene Widdowson. He worked at Pacific Fruit and Produce for 35 years before the Kalispell Center Mall opened and Pacific Fruit and Produce closed. He worked for three years at Garrett Freightways before retiring in 1988.

He enjoyed spending time with his family and friends fishing, camping, huckleberry picking and riding his Honda 90. He was a man who lived life to the fullest. He truly was a friend to everyone and never met a stranger. If he met you once, you were his friend for life. Even the animals considered



him a friend. He loved the deer, raccoons and birds that visited him daily in his yard.

He was preceded in death by his parents; five brothers, Alfred, Gene, Bud, Dick, and Jerry; and one sister, Margaret Bleskin.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Carlene Peters of Kalispell; two sons, Gary Peters of Bigfork, and Douglas Peters of Kalispell; one daughter, Roberta Diegel and her husband Jerry of Kalispell; one brother, Jack Peters and his wife Marie of Kalispell; seven grandchildren, Stacey Deshaw, Heather Owens, Jake Peters, Cari Peters, Arin Peters, Jeremy Diegel, and Jamie Diegel; four great-grandchildren; four sisters-in-law, Dolores Peters, Betty and Duane Bitney and Ruth Poston of Kalispell, and Kathy Peters of Troy; also any nephews, nieces and cousins.

Funeral services will be held on Monday at 11 a.m. at Northridge Lutheran Church. Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery. A reception will follow the burial at Northridge Lutheran Church. Visitation will be at the church on Monday, one hour prior to the service.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Carl Albert Peterson, 61

Carl Albert Peterson, 61, passed away at his Kalispell home on June 28, 2001. He was born Dec. 24, 1939, in Lewis town to Albert and Ula Quantell Peterson.



When he was 19, his family moved to Whitefish where he worked for a time at Eastman Mill in Bigfork. In 1962, he went to work for American Timber on the green chain. After a couple of years, he began running a loader and loaded logs until American Timber went out of business in 2000.

On July 10, 1980, he married Helen Ann Littlebritches Walkinstick. He enjoyed riding his

Harley named "Harvey" and grabbing the tails on his dogs (his kids). He was very fond of the outdoors and liked to hunt and fish.

He cared for hundreds of birds and even a family of foxes that lived in the area of his home. He often said, "You can learn a lot from a dog, when you love someone, greet them by wagging your whole body," which he did on many occasions.

He is survived locally by his wife Helen Ann; son Glen and his daughter Carla, along with his two granddaughters Leslie and Sara; and his great-grandson Ethan; nephew Art Tveit.

No services are scheduled at this time.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Diane Marsh Peterson, 57

Diane Marsh Peterson, 57, passed away Dec. 7, 2001, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center. She was born April 19, 1944, in Butte to William and Elvera Bugni Marsh.

Diane grew up in Butte, where she attended school and graduated from Butte High School. She later attended Montana Tech. She married her husband, Curtis, in 1965 following his graduation from Montana Tech.

They lived in numerous locations, including Wyoming; Oklahoma; Texas; Dubai, United Arab Emirates; Tunis, Tunisia; and, most recently, Quito, Ecuador. They recently established a residence in Bigfork. She was involved in many organizations, including The Petroleum Wives Club and Damas International Women's Group and served with volunteer groups in Quito.

Diane is survived by her hus-

band, Curtis Peterson; daughters Rhonda Peterson, Stacy Ballew and her husband, David, and Shelly Peterson and her fiancé, Shane Anderson; sister, Darlene Keith and her husband, Paul "Sandy," of Butte; grandson Kyle Ballew; second aunt Mary Bugni of Butte; brother-in-law Darrell Peterson and his wife, Hazel, of Colorado; sister-in-law Ardith Haga and her husband, Hurley, of Washington; and numerous nieces and nephews. Diane will be fondly remembered by her many friends in Montana, Texas and throughout the world.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church in Ferndale, with the Rev. Carolyn S. Kuhr officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the American Diabetes Association. Bigfork Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Evelyn May Peterson, 52

Evelyn May Peterson, 52, of Troy, died on March 28, 2001, at St. John's Lutheran Hospital in Libby from natural causes.

She was born Dec. 5, 1948, at Bismark, N.D., to Wilbert and Irene Schmitkens Stieger. She married James Peterson on Feb. 17, 1968.

Survivors include her husband James Peterson of Troy; five daughters including Nancy Peterson and her husband, Ken Davenport, Peggy Tallmadge and her husband, Ryan,

Jamie Kelley and her husband, Duane, and Amanda Peterson, all of Troy; four brothers including Terry Stieger and his wife, Tammie, and Butch Stieger and his wife, Joleen, all of Troy; one sister and 11 grandchildren.

Graveside services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. at the Troy Cemetery in Troy. Visitation will be from 1-8 p.m. today.

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

Gwendolyn Charlotte Peterson, 65

Gwendolyn Charlotte Peterson, 65, of Whitefish, died Nov. 23, 2001, at Brendan House in Kalispell after a long illness with cancer.

She was born March 27, 1936, near Forest Lake, Minn., the daughter of Carl and Martha Anderson.

She married Eldon Peterson in 1956, and they moved to Whitefish in 1964.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Donald.

She is survived by three sons, Dean and wife Donna

Davis Peterson, and Duane Peterson, all of Whitefish, and Darrel and wife Janice Peterson of Kalispell; two daughters, Cindy and husband Darryl Weldele of Whitefish, and Karen and Rod Lowitz of Marion; a brother, three sisters and seven grandchildren.

Memorial services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at the United Methodist Church in Whitefish with the Rev. Deborah Schmidt officiating.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Methodist Church Altar Fund.

Rodney Peterson, 83

Rodney Peterson, 83, passed away on July 29, 2001, at home where he wanted to be.

Born in Kalispell on March 23, 1918, he grew up at the ranch in Pleasant Valley. He enjoyed sharing the memories of Pleasant Valley and was always lending out his copy of "Where the Green Grass Grows," a history of Pleasant Valley.

The family moved to Kalispell and then to Charlo, continuing to farm and ranch. He quit high school after his sophomore year to drive a cattle herd to buyers in the Big Hole. He then traveled about picking up jobs where he could. Traveling by freight train he worked on ranches and farms around Chester and the Sweet Grass Hills.

The start of World War II found him heading to California for work at North American Aviation in Los Angeles. It was in California that he met and married Loaine Sauve on July 17, 1943.

Returning to Montana after the war, he drove freight truck and sawed logs until starting work for the ACM Company. He stayed on after Champion International took over, retiring in 1982.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 57 years, Loaine, on Aug. 16, 2000, his parents and brothers, Donald and Willard.

He is survived by his son, Joe Peterson and wife Cathy, and granddaughters Jessica, Amanda and Katy, all of Butte; sister Betty Rose of Kalispell; brother-in-law Bill Sauve and sister-in-law Ella Nelson of Virginia, Minn.; sister-in-law Dorothy Peterson of Libby; and several nieces, nephews and a life time of friends.

Services will be held on Saturday at 2 p.m. at the Our Saviors

Lutheran Church in Bonner. There will be a reception following at the church. The family suggests that memorials be made in his name to the charity of the donor's choice.

Arrangements are under the direction of Garden City Funeral Home and Crematory.

Margaret Virginia Sparks Peterson, 83

Margaret Virginia Sparks Peterson, 83, died of natural causes Aug. 13, 2001, at a Great Falls hospital.

A memorial service is at 11 a.m. on Thursday at United Methodist Church in Inverness, with burial in the Inverness Cemetery.

Survivors include children James Peterson of Galesburg, Ill, Loween Peterson of Billings, Janice Lincoln of Kalispell, and Robert Peterson of Staten Island, N.Y.; a foster daughter, Janet Dancer Walsh of Malta; a brother, Edward Sparks of Sacramento, Calif.; four grandchildren and one

great-grandson.

Her husband, Ralph O. Peterson, died in 1989.

Additional survivors include a daughter-in-law, Diane Peterson of Galesburg, and a son-in-law, Art Lincoln of Kalispell.

She also was preceded in death by her parents, a sister, Wilma Loween Abel, and three infant siblings.

Memorials are suggested to the Intermountain Children's Home in Helena or a charity of the donor's choice.

Arrangements are under the direction of Rockman Funeral Chapel of Chester.

Russell O. Pettinato, 79

Russell O. Pettinato, 79, resident of Bartlesville, Okla., died Oct. 7, 2001, at a local medical complex.

A prayer service will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday in the Colonial Chapel of the Neekamp Funeral Home. The funeral mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. on Friday in the sanctuary of the community of St. James with the Rev. William Skeehan as the celebrant. Final committal rites will be on the family plot of the Memorial Park Cemetery.

Services and cremation are under the direction of the Neekamp Funeral Home.

He was born in Whitefish, on June 23, 1922, the son of Carmelo and Raffaella Greco Pettinato. He served in the armed forces in Central Europe from 1942 until February 1946. He graduated from the University of Montana with a degree in business administration in 1950.

He and Helen Gladoski were united in marriage June 11, 1949. They resided in Spokane, and California before moving to Bartlesville in 1972.

He was employed as an internal

auditor with the Phillips Petroleum Company until his retirement.

He enjoyed fine food, family and friends. He was a wine maker, was skilled in fly fishing and loved the mountains of Montana, and was active in his church.

He was a member of St. James Church; Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks; a volunteer at the Concern Center; and delivered Meals on Wheels.

A memorial in his name has been established for the Jane Phillips Hospice and those who wish to contribute in his memory may do so in care of their office, 219 N. Virginia, Bartlesville, OK 74003, or the United Parkinson Foundation, 360 W. Superior St., Chicago, IL 60610.

He is survived by his wife, Helen of Bartlesville; two sons, Virgil Philip Pettinato of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Lawrence Eugene Pettinato of Belleview, Fla.; three grandchildren Logan, Kelsey and Jordan; three brothers, Dr. Frank Pettinato of Missoula, Virgil L. Pettinato of Sacramento, Calif., and Rudy Pettinato of Annandale, Va.

20 April 07 Sarah Pfaff, 90

Sarah Pfaff, 90, of Lewistown, died Friday afternoon in a local nursing home of natural causes.

She was born May 10, 1910, on the homestead southeast of Eureka, S.D., the daughter of Jacob and Eva Huffman Kirschenman.

She received her schooling in South Dakota and then was united in marriage to Fred Pfaff in Mount City, S.D. They moved to Valley City, N.D., where her husband worked on a ranch. They later moved to Yakima, Wash., where he worked in the logging business. They lived in Spokane during World War II and they both worked at the Navy Depot and Supply at Trentwood, Wash.

They both enjoyed bowling and following the war, they moved to

Whitefish and purchased a bowling alley. She operated the lunch counter at the bowling alley until they sold the business and retired in Whitefish. They continued living in Whitefish until her husband's death. She entered the nursing home in Lewistown in the mid-1980s.

She is survived by two brothers, Emil Kirschenman of Fort Mead, S.D., and Albert Kirschenman of Eureka, S.D.; three sisters, Alma Aman and Ruth Kappas, both of Eureka, S.D., and Mathilda Poland of Yakima; and several nieces and nephews.

Graveside services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. in the Whitefish Cemetery. The Cloyd Funeral Home of Lewistown is in charge of arrangements.

Michael Carmine Piazza, 45

Michael Carmine Piazza, 45, passed away on March 1, 2001 as the result of an auto accident. He was born on April 5, 1955 in Rochester, N.Y. to Giuseppe and Virginia Piazza. He moved with his family to southern California when he was 6 months old. He attended schools in southern California, graduating from Glendora High School in 1973. He married Holly Mora McDonald on April 6, 1979 in San Dimas, Calif. They moved to Montana in 1983.



"Mondo" as his friends and family knew him, was an avid musician, who at the age of 12 bought his first drum set. He loved music, it had become one of the most important things in his life. He was also known for his love of the 1940s and 1950s, clothing, hats, movies, anything that had to do

with that time period, he loved and lived it. He loved fishing, whether it was fly fishing, ice fishing or just plain fishing, he loved doing it. He was also an antique lover, he especially enjoyed collecting antique radios. He married Lynn Simon on Nov. 5, 2000 at their home in Hungry Horse.

He was preceded in death by his father Giuseppe, and his uncle Mike, who he had been named after.

He is survived by his wife Lynn; step-children Brette, Devin and Brooke; three sons, Sammy Angelo Piazza and his wife Jennifer Lynn, Giuseppe Robert Piazza and Gino Carmine Piazza; his mother, Virginia Piazza; and three brothers, Barry, Dave and Phil.

A memorial celebration of his life will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Cremation has already taken place. A reception will follow the services at the Elks Lodge in Kalispell.

Arrangements are under the direction of Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

Betty Ann Pichette, 82

Betty Ann Pichette, 82, died in her sleep May 31, 2001, in the Cooney Convalescent Home in Helena, following a long illness resulting from a stroke.

She was born Dec. 16, 1918, in Great Falls, to William Morgan Johnson and Blanche "Tuda" McCormack Johnson. She attended Great Falls schools, graduating from Great Falls High School in 1936 as the elected class secretary. She worked for a number of years for Wendt Advertising.

On May 9, 1944, she married Charles E. Pichette, also of Great Falls. They lived in Chief Mountain and Turner, and Eastport, Idaho during his career with the U.S. Customs Service.

After his death in 1958, she moved her family back to Great Falls, and began working for the Great Falls Public Schools. She retired in 1989 after many years as the counseling department secre-

tary at Great Falls High School.

She was happiest surrounded by her family and "extended family" of students and staff at GFHS, and lifetime friends. She especially treasured summer months at her cabin on Flathead Lake.

Survivors include her sons, David Pichette and daughter-in-law Toni Cross of Seattle, Mike Pichette and daughter-in-law Alicia and granddaughters Anne, Blythe and Claire, all of Helena; her niece, Virginia Dundas and family of Helena; nephews, Dick Burk and Walt Deighton and their families; and several grandnieces and nephews.

Cremation has taken place.

Memorials can be made to the Betty Pichette Memorial Student Activity Fund at Great Falls High School.

A remembrance gathering will be held from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on June 12 at the Club Cigar, 208 Central Ave., Great Falls.

Evelyn Marie Pierson, 76

Evelyn Marie Pierson, 76, passed away on June 27, 2001, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

She was born on Sept. 7, 1924, in Joplin to Martin and Nellie Dahler. She attended schools in Joplin, graduating from Joplin High School in 1942.

She married Clyde Pierson on July 3, 1953, in Sandpoint, Idaho. She had worked for Glacier Dairy for seven years, and worked as the bookkeeper for Clyde Pierson Trucking until 1978, then worked for Western States Insurance until she retired in 1990.

She was a member of Calvary Lutheran Church, Evergreen Fireman's Ladies Auxiliary, Helena Flats Ladies Group and the Montana Log Truckers Association.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband.

She is survived by three sons, Lloyd and his wife, Eileen Pierson; Tracy Pierson; and Layne and

his wife, Shelly Pierson, all of Kalispell; two daughters, Joy and her husband, Bert Baldauf, of Somers, and Lynne and her husband, Ron Gibson, of San Antonio, Texas; eight grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren; one brother, Lloyd Dahler and his wife, Betty, of Atlanta, Ga.; numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. until noon on Saturday at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 5 p.m. on Saturday at Calvary Lutheran Church in Evergreen with the Rev. Bob Nilsen officiating.

Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens in Kalispell, with a reception after the service at the Evergreen Fire Hall.

The family has requested memorials in her name be given to Calvary Lutheran Church.

Arrangements are under the direction of Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

Harrell W. Pluid Sr., 81

Harrell W. Pluid Sr., 81, a lifetime resident of the Tobacco Valley, died Thursday, Aug. 23, at his home near Eureka.

He was born at Eureka on Sept. 6, 1919, to Frank and Harriet Pluid and was raised and educated there. He worked as a ranch hand and then was employed in logging in 1940.

He served with the U.S. Army Medical Corps during World War II, serving in the Pacific and participating in several major campaigns. He was honorably discharged in 1945 and was the recipient of three Bronze battle stars for his service.

He married Helen McLaughlin in 1945. He was employed in several area lumber mills before owning and operating his own sawmill for many years. In 1972 he left the lumber industry and began ranching and raising cattle which he continued to do until ill health forced his retirement in 1998.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Janice Lee Pluid, and several brothers and sisters.

Survivors include his wife Helen of Eureka; daughters, Harriet Fournier and her husband Ray of Twin Bridges, Carol Ziegler and her husband John of Douglas, Wyo., Audrey Rickman and her husband Marvin of Billings, Roberta Robock and her husband Jim of Eureka, and Grace Jensen and her husband Karl of Wasilla, Alaska; sons, Charles "Chuck" Pluid and wife Beverly of Belgrade, Harrell "Mike" Pluid Jr. of Anchor Point, Alaska, Frank Pluid of Palmer, Alaska, Jack Pluid and his wife Sue of Eureka, and Percy Pluid and his wife Dolly of Kalispell; two brothers, Winston and Jim Pluid, both of Eureka; 32 grandchildren and 31 great-grandchildren.

Services will be Monday, 11 a.m., at the First Baptist Church; interment with military honors will be at Tobacco Valley Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. today at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Eureka.

Jarrett Troy Plunkett, 20

Jarrett Troy Plunkett, 20, died in a drowning accident on June 26, 2001. He was born on Oct. 6, 1980, in Hutchinson, Kans., to Cammie Wilson. He moved with his mother to Kalispell in 1989.

He had a huge zest for life and loved the outdoors where he spent a lot of his time fishing, hunting and camping with family and friends.

He was always there to give, love and listen. He always had a smile. He came from a very close-knit family that will miss him very much.

"We realize you were only on loan from God to put some happiness in our lives, and our lives are

so special because they were touched by you."

He is survived by his mother and step-father, Larry and Cammie Wilson; one brother, Damon; his grandparents, Keith and Illeanne Petz; his fiancé, Sarah; and a son, Tyler.

Graveside services will be held on Thursday, July 5, at 2 p.m. at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Visitation will be held at Johnson Mortuary on Tuesday, July 3, from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. and on Thursday from 9 a.m. until noon.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Carolyn M. Poindexter, 89

Carolyn M. Poindexter, 89, passed away on Sept. 15, 2001, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

She was born on May 26, 1912, in Baltimore, Md., to Walter and Elsie Carroll Sherwood.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and a brother.

She is survived by her husband, W.L. Poindexter Sr., of Bigfork; daughter Nancy Meek of Ferndale;

son W.L. Poindexter Jr. of Waco, Texas; sister Constance Cugle of Richmond, Va.; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses on Montana 35 in Bigfork.

Arrangements are under the direction of Bigfork Funeral Home.

Lorraine Marie Pope, 67

Lorraine Marie Pope, 67, passed away peacefully of natural causes on Oct. 3, 2001, at Brendan House in Kalispell with her children in attendance.

She was born in Great Falls to Frank and Emma Tonkovich. She married Patrick Raymond Curdy of Great Falls and was mother to Richard Raymond Curdy of Portland, and Christine Marie Curdy of Phoenix. She was grandmother to David Patrick Ogle of Tempe, Ariz., and Sarah Elizabeth Ogle of Portland.

She moved to Aberdeen, Wash., with Christine in 1964, and completed her education in the insurance field. She later moved to Seattle, Wash., where she worked as

an insurance underwriter for Hurley, Atkins, and Stewart.

A free spirit with eclectic tastes, she was a student of astrology, mythology and a holistic lifestyle. She especially loved nature, especially a walk on the beach on a stormy day and a drive through the country. She also enjoyed music, dancing and her friends.

After her retirement, she moved to Montana to be near her family and enjoy the slower pace it has to offer. Private family services have been held and her ashes were scattered at Avalanche Gorge in Glacier National Park.

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

Amelia Mae Postlethwaite, 54

Amelia Mae Postlethwaite, 54, passed away at her home in Kalispell, on July 16, 2001.

She was born Feb. 7, 1947, in Langdon, N.D., to Herb and Marion Mortimer Jarvis. She lived in North Dakota until she was 13 years old and the family moved to Cut Bank.

She lived in Cut Bank until she married Bert Postlethwaite at a Baptist Church in 1966. She and Bert then moved to Libby, to Torrence, Calif., in the early '70s where they lived for a couple years before returning to Libby, and eventually moving to the Flathead Valley in 1977. In 1979, she and Bert divorced.

She met Maynard Bolster and in 1982, had a daughter Tami.

She was very active in her children's lives and their sport activities such as Jr. ROTC, Pee Wee baseball, softball and as a Scout Master for the girl scouts. She had worked at High Country Linen for the past 10 years. In addition to her children and grandchildren, she enjoyed baseball, softball, and especially reading Danielle Steele books. She



will be dearly missed by all of her family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her son, Robert Postlethwaite in 1991.

She is survived by four children, daughter Teresa Brown and her husband Richard of Kalispell, daughter Shannon Lewis of Gig Harbor, Wash.; son Dale Postlethwaite of Kalispell; and daughter Tammi Postlethwaite of Kalispell; three grandchildren, Brittney Brown, Skyler Brown, and Aaron Murphy; her mother Marion Kuster of Columbia Falls; her father Herb Jarvis of Spokane; her brother, Bill Jarvis of Spokane; her sister, Darlene Moyer of Kalispell; a niece, Lyndsi Moyer of Kalispell; three aunts, Carol Brandvold of Cut Bank, Elaine Logan and her husband Chet of Devils Lake, N.D., and Inez Moore of Cando, N.D.; one uncle, Charlie Mortimer and his wife Wilma of Tioga, N.D.; and numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday at 10 a.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel with burial to follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell. Visitation will be held on Friday, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Gordon L. Postlewait, 75

Gordon L. Postlewait, 75, died of lung complications due to COPD at Brendan House in Kalispell on Friday, Oct. 26, 2001.



He was born in Great Falls, on Oct. 14, 1926, to Herbert and Clara Postlewait. He received his high school education in Oilmont, and graduated from the Colorado School of Mines.

He was a veteran of World War II, a Mason and former general manager of Loffland Bros. Drilling Co., of Calgary, Canada. He enjoyed golf and working crossword puzzles. He was a beloved husband, father, grandfather and revered friend to many.

He was preceded in death by his parents and is survived by his wife, Shirley of Bigfork; daughters, Diane Eagleson and her son Michael and daughter Jennifer of

Bozeman, and Karen Keen and her son Jordon of Calgary; son John Postlewait, his wife Heather and their son Grayson of Bigfork; sister Doris and her husband Robert Shennum; aunt Hazel and her husband Charlie Ladner; cousin Jerry Agen, all of Bigfork; and sister-in-law Joan Christensen of Polson.

Services will be conducted at the United Methodist Church in Bigfork on Monday, at 2 p.m. The family invites family and friends to join them for a reception following.

Memorials, in lieu of flowers, may be made in Gordon's name to the Bigfork QRU, 810 Grand Ave., Bigfork, MT 59911.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Roger Lee Poston, 72

Roger Lee Poston, 72, passed away Friday, July 6, 2001, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

He was born Sept. 7, 1928, in Kalispell, to Herbert and Alice Kinshella Poston. He attended school in Flathead Valley until he joined the U.S. Marine Corps on Sept. 12, 1945. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps until Sept. 11, 1949.

He married Ruth Widdowson on Dec. 15, 1946. After leaving the Marines, he worked several years for his uncle, Howard Poston, who was a contractor. After working for his uncle, he worked several years for another contractor from Missoula. He then went to work for Westmont Tractor in Kalispell, owned by Howard A. Hurst, as a mechanic and then later became shop foreman.

In 1973, he and his son Ray started their own contracting business. Much of their work was putting in sewer and water lines



in Mission Village, Country Way, Country Way South, Fairway Boulevard, and part of Village Greens. When his son went back to teaching school, Roger retired except for a few small jobs.

He and his wife have enjoyed fishing and rock hounding for many years and have accumulated quite a collection of beautiful and interesting rocks and some fossils.

He was preceded in death by his parents Herbert and Alice and a brother, Richard John Poston.

He is survived by his wife Ruth of Kalispell; son Ray and wife Karen Poston of Elma, Wash.; daughter Patricia Ruth and husband Gary of Dillon; sisters, Claire and husband Ralph O'Quinn of Snohomish, Wash., and Lesley Reid of East Helena; five grandchildren, Amanda Poston of Rancho Cordova, Calif., Jeff and wife Michelle Poston of Shelton, Wash., Sarah, Lydia, and Luke Mild of Dillon; great-grandson Brycen Poston of Shelton; as well as nieces and nephews.

Private urn burial will be held at Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

J. Gene Pound, 72

J. Gene Pound, 72, passed away on Dec. 1, 2001, at his home in Somers. He was born Oct. 20, 1929, in Eureka, the third of eight children born to Janoka R. and Mazie Feurhelm Pound.



He received his early education in Kalispell. He began working at a very young age. Gene married Delores Fontaine on July 2, 1949, in Kalispell and they resided in Somers most of their married lives. From this union five children were born.

In 1951, he worked in a warehouse named Kalispell Grocery, then for Western Montana Grocery and later American Strevell. In 1976, American Strevell moved to Reserve Drive and he continued to work there until 1979. Gene also worked with his brothers in the woods for a season. In 1980, he went to work for Glacier Wholesalers, later becoming a stockholder and retiring in the fall of 1996.

Gene and Delores spent many hours together camping, picking huckleberries, cutting Christmas trees and gathering firewood. His greatest pride were his children and grandchildren. He was very outgoing and made many friends through his business dealings over the years. He enjoyed working with the public and helping in any way he could. He will be remembered mostly for his quick wit and wonderful sense of

humor.

Gene was preceded in death by his wife Delores in 1987; his parents; one infant brother, Junior; and a son-in-law, Farley Ward.

He is survived by three daughters, Jeannine "Jeanni" Ward, Louise Keller and her husband, Lonnie, and Rusty Gibbs and her husband, Jerry, all of Kalispell; two sons, Michael Pound and his wife, Jennifer, of Somers and Jimmy Pound and his wife, Heide, of Kalispell; 13 grandchildren, Chris, Nicki and Kyla; Lynette, Lisa and Leslie; Jennifer, Sena, Jeremy and Ashley; and Joshua, Courtney and Jesse; four great-grandchildren, Kassi, Korey, Taelyn and Farley Michael; three sisters, Doris James of Milton Free-water, Ore., June Beltson-Elliott and her husband, Will, of Columbia Falls, and Naomi Goodwin and her husband, Jay, of Somers; two brothers, Jim Pound and his wife, Cindy, of Somers and Jerry Pound and his wife, Shirley, of Arkansas; two sisters-in-law, Doris Roberts of Kalispell and Yvonne Bursaw of Minot, N.D.; and his mother-in-law, Ethel Fontaine of Minot, N.D.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday 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 the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday at Johnson Mortuary and for one hour prior to services at the church.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Jacqueline M. Powell, 74

Jacqueline M. Powell, 74, died Wednesday, Sept. 5, 2001, at St. John Lutheran Hospital in Libby. She was born Nov. 27, 1926, in Sandpoint, Idaho, to George and Nora Doyle Cottrell.

Her family moved to Montana when she was 4 years old. She attended school at Jennings, Mont. She then moved back to Sandpoint and met and married Don Powell. They moved back to Libby, where they raised their 12 children.

She loved fishing, camping and volunteer work. She attended Libby Christian Church.

She was preceded in death by her mother; father; a sister, Georgia Parker; a brother, Melvin Cot-

trell; and her husband, Don.

Survivors include her children, Donald Powell, Sandra Dempe-wolf, Billy Powell, Debbie Stubbs, Cindy James and Danny Powell, all of Libby, Becky Sharp of Kalispell, Sharon Bedwell of Billings, Steven Powell of Portland, Ore., and Mark Powell of St. Helens, Wash.; sisters Bethene Candee, Jody Collier and Jerrie Fletcher, all of Libby; a brother, Darrell Cottrell of Columbia Falls; 48 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. at the Libby Christian Church.

Nelson & Vial Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

Ruby J. Presnell, 65

Ruby J. Presnell, 65, died Feb. 10, 2001 at her home in Eureka. She was born June 18, 1935 in Elgin, N.D., to Carl and Emma Heim Eisenbarth. She married Roger Presnell on Nov. 26, 1988.

Survivors include her husband, Roger Presnell of Eureka; two sons including Rob Langbecker of Kalispell; a daughter, Renee Kitchen and husband Steve of Kalispell;

one sister and her husband; five grandchildren and numerous step-children and step-grandchildren.

Services will be Thursday at 4 p.m. at the First Church of God in Eureka. Visitation will be from 1-8 p.m. on Wednesday at Nelson and Vial Funeral Home in Eureka.

Memorials may be given to the Eureka Christian Center Four Square Church.

Margaret Wolfe Price, 43

Margaret Wolfe Price, 43, former Flathead resident, died Aug. 25, 2001, at a Little Rock Hospital following a stroke and heart attack.

She and her husband Ed moved to Arkansas from Columbia Falls three years ago.

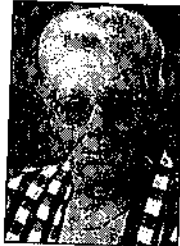
Survivors include her husband Ed; two daughters

including Addie Wolfe; brothers, Jeff, Dave, Mark, Scott and Philip, all of Columbia Falls; sister Elizabeth and husband John Bolles of West Glacier; two sisters-in-law and one son-in-law.

Funeral services were conducted at the Pottsville, Ark., cemetery in August.

Sharon Rae Prichard, 57

Sharon Rae Prichard, 57, died on July 7, 2001 at her home in Columbia Falls. She was born Oct. 2, 1943, in Glendive, Mont., to Ray and Eileen (Orr) Zable.



She lived her life in the Flathead Valley and graduated from Columbia Falls High School.

Sharon will be missed by all who knew her. She was a loving wife, mother and grandmother.

She was preceded in death by her father, Ray Zable.

She is survived by her husband, Ken Prichard of Columbia Falls;

her mother, Eileen Hering of Columbia Falls; her children, Cory Armstrong of Nampa, Idaho, and Chuck Mitsch, Kathy Prichard, Rachel Meyer and Dominic Prichard, all of Columbia Falls; two stepsons, Dean Prichard of Columbia Falls and Dan Prichard of Carlin, Nev.; four stepdaughters, Bonnie Carter of Mesa, Ariz.; Becky Phillips of Whitehall, Mont.; Barb Speer and Bette Lou DeRue, both of Columbia Falls; three siblings, Ginette Danielson of Cameno Island, Wash., and Sandy Parker and Ronnie Zable, both of Columbia Falls; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. at the Columbia Mortuary.

Patricia Pulaski, 62

Patricia Pulaski, 62, passed away Sunday morning, July 29, 2001, at North Valley Extended Care in Whitefish.

She was born Aug. 12, 1938, in Cortez, Colo., the daughter of Jeffrey B. and Myrtle J. Southcotte. She met and later married Vern Pulaski on Nov. 16, 1958, in Dove Creek, Colo. They then moved to Nevada where he worked in the mines as a mechanic until coming to Columbia Falls in 1969. Vern then worked as a millwright until his retirement in 1972 for L.P. Plum Creek and Stoltz. Later, they owned and operated the Tackle Box Fishing Shop. She later worked for the postal service until failing health forced her to retire in 1994.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers, a sister

and her husband of 33 years, Vern, on June 3, 1990.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Anita and Oscar Caudill of Columbia Falls; her sons Ernest Pulaski of Yuma, Ariz., and Michael Pulaski of Spokane, Wash.; her brother Don. W. Southcotte of Redmond, Ore.; her sister Mary Jane Duff of Brewster, N.Y.; and her grandson Jonathan Pulaski of Columbia Falls (son of Anita Caudill).

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 1 at First Baptist Church in Columbia Falls, with the Rev. Jerry Buchanan presiding.

Memorials may be given in her name to the First Baptist Church of Columbia Falls. Columbia Mortuary of Columbia Falls is in charge of arrangements.

Bruce Elmoyn Pyles, 74

Bruce Elmoyn Pyles, 74, of Union, Ore., died Jan. 10, at Grande Ronde Hospital.

He was born Dec. 21, 1926, to Edward E. and Cuba L. Pyles in Goodland, Kan. Growing up in the Smoky Hill River country, he graduated from high school in 1945.

He was later drafted into the Army where he served in the last mounted cavalry division at Fort Riley, Kan.

In the early '50s, he and a friend took a trip that landed him in Kalispell. In May 1953, he went to work for the U.S. Forest Service. He worked as part of the trail crew in the Bob Marshall Wilderness at Big Prairie. "Just as far back in the hills as I can get." The next year he was promoted to full string packer for Big Prairie Ranger District. "My chest stuck out like the knee cap on a sparrow." One summer he and another packer packed a new lookout building to the top of Jumbo Mountain in the Bob Marshall. This included the camp and all supplies for the construction crew. All told, it was 142 mule loads packed to the top of the mountain.

On May 29, 1957, he married Joyce McNeil Henderson, a widow with a two-year-old son. They lived in a two story log home on the Big Prairie Ranger Station for two more summers. Having a family, and more on the way, in 1959 he went to work on the Glacier View District where he could get permanent employment.

His family now grown to five children, in 1967, he, Joyce and family left the Flathead, transferring to the Umpqua National Forest and a career in timber-sales management. He worked there until the spring of 1972 when he



transferred to the Union district on the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest. He retired from timber management in 1983.

His years spent in the Flathead were some of the best in his life. "I was sorry I had to leave the Flathead National Forest but my career was much better because of it." His career lasted from 1953 to 1983 and spanned three national forests, two regions, and six ranger districts. "The first 15 years were the best years. Those days we were a proud outfit with a can-do attitude."

He enjoyed hunting elk, and hunting dogs. For 20 years he was licensed and enjoyed training and racing horses. He enjoyed spending time with his family, especially the big family gatherings for Sunday dinner, and pestering his wife.

Survivors include his wife Joyce of Union; children, Larry Henderson and Laurie Pein, both of Columbia Falls, Carole Briggs of Union, Marie Hougesen of Vancouver, Wash., and Nancy Wright of Moore, Okla.; a foster son, Ratfler D. Morris of Union; 10 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Preceding him in death was a son, Russel Pyles, and a brother, Hal Pyles.

Contributions may be made to the Bruce E. Pyles Memorial Fund in care of Loveland Funeral Chapel or at the Union Wallowa Baker Federal Credit Union.