

135 April Stephen H. Sabol, 77

Stephen H. Sabol, 77, teacher, musician, and loving husband, father, and grandfather, passed away Oct. 21, 2001. He suffered a severe stroke 14 years ago and spent his last years in the kind and compassionate care of his wife of 54 years, Markie Sabol. He was residing at Immanuel Lutheran Home at the time of his death.

He was born in 1924, in Gebo, Wyo., the son of Stephen and Marguerite Herbert Sabol. He resided in Lewistown for several years, and his family later moved to Butte, where he attended Christian Brothers High School. He enlisted in the Navy in 1944 and served as a SeaBee in the Philippines for two years. Steve and Markie Reynolds Sabol were married in Butte on St. Patrick's Day, 1947.

In 1950, he earned a master of arts degree in humanities at Montana State University, with emphasis on music and art. A teacher of diverse talents, he taught band and art in Pollack, S. D., and at Fairfield, Whitehall, and Wolf Point. The family moved to Kalispell in 1964, where he taught for 23 years at the elementary, high school and college levels. His specialties included band, English, photography, and humor.

He also served as president of the Kalispell chapter of the American Federation of Teachers and as faculty adviser for many student organizations.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and by his son, Stephen D. Sabol, who died in 1997.

He is survived by his wife, Markie; his son, Don Sabol, of Sarasota, Fla.; his daughter, Kathryn and husband, Vern Woodward, of Billings, and his daughter, Chery Sabol of Columbia Falls; his five grandchildren, Treyson and Elizabeth Hopkins of Columbia Falls, Angela Woodward Foss, and Lisa and Daniel Woodward of Billings; and two great-grandchildren, Edward Foss and Taylor Jones, both of Billings.

Visitation will be held today from 3 to 5 p.m. at Buffalo Hill Mortuary in Kalispell. A Mass of Christian burial will be Thursday at 12:10 p.m. at St. Matthew's Catholic Church. Burial with military honors will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Kalispell.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that memorial donations be made to any Flathead High School scholarship fund in his name.

Kermit O. 'Swede' Sagen, 72

Kermit O. "Swede" Sagen, 72, passed away at his home on June 8, 2001. He was born April 13, 1929 in Northwood, N.D., to Thorben and Clara Brekke Sagen.



At the age of three months, the family moved to a homestead north of Kalispell where he attended elementary school at the Stillwater School. There, he was given the lifelong nickname of "Swede."

On Feb. 1, 1951, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and served in Panama. He received an honorable discharge on Oct. 31, 1953 and a 100 percent disability. After being discharged, he returned to Kalispell and married Alberta Parrish in Couer d'Alene, Idaho. They were married for over 40 years until her death in 1994.

He was a life member of the National Rifle Association, the Disabled American Veterans, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the American Legion. He was an avid

fisherman and hunter, and enjoyed many other outdoor activities.

He is preceded in death by his loving wife Alberta; son, Kermit Ted Sagen, and daughter, Monica Rae.

He is survived by three daughters, Cindy Stokes of Marion, Sandra Evans of Shelby, Sharon Sagen of Kalispell; son Ron Sagen of Carson City, Nev.; eight grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

Funeral services and a legacy candle ceremony will be held on Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel with Rev. Bob Nilsen officiating. Burial will be at Glacier Memorial Gardens with the United Veterans of the Flathead participating. Visitation will be at Johnson Mortuary today from 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Memorial contributions in his name may be made to the Disabled American Veterans, P.O. Box 2314, Kalispell, MT 59903.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Edna 'Ethel' Sager, 96

Edna "Ethel" Sager, 96, died on Jan. 8, 2001, at Heritage Place in Kalispell. She was born Mar. 14, 1904, in Pine River, Minn., to Stephen and Elizabeth Shelley.

Visitation will be held from 2-5 p.m. on Wednesday.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Thursday at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home with Rev. Ron Pierce officiating.

Arrangements are under the direction of Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

Roger H. Sakariason, 67

Roger H. Sakariason, 67, died on Dec. 7, 2001, at Brendan House.

He was born Aug. 15, 1934, in Kalispell, to William and Myrtle Sakariason.

He worked for C & C Supply as a parts man for many years.

He was preceded in death by his father William; mother Myrtle; and brother, Marvin

Sakariason.

He is survived by his brother Wayne Sakariason of Kalispell.

Cremation has taken place. At his request no services will be held. Urn burial will take place at C.E. Conrad Cemetery.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is in charge of arrangements

Floyd J. Sampson, 90

Floyd J. Sampson, 90, died Jan. 5, 2001, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

He was born June 20, 1910, in Glendive, to Samuel and Annie Sampson.

He is survived by his wife, Verna Sampson, of Kalispell; three sons including Kenny

and Howard Sampson of Kalispell; one stepson; a brother and a sister.

Cremation has taken place and services will be held at a later date in Glendive.

Arrangements are under the direction of Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

Ronald Bruce Sanborn, 56

Ronald Bruce Sanborn, 56, passed away on Nov. 30, 2001, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell. Ron was born on May 5, 1945, in Marblehead, Mass., to Everett and Ruth Hunkins Sanborn. He lived for many years in his hometown of Marblehead, then resided in New Hampshire and Vermont. He moved to Kalispell in 1995. Ron served in the U.S. Air Force. He loved animals, especially dogs, he had raised golden retrievers, and currently owned two beautiful Australian shepherds. He truly loved nature, and living in the mountains. Ron was a hard worker, who was known for going above and beyond what was required of him on his job. He will be greatly missed by those who knew him and had spent time with him.

He was preceded in death by his

parents.

He is survived by his sister Christine E. and her husband Ralph L. Church of Marblehead; a nephew, David B. Church of Marblehead; a niece Rhonda L. Church Woody of Whitefish.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. on Thursday at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Tim Bartholomew officiating.

His ashes will be taken back to Massachusetts for burial. In lieu of flowers, the family request donations be made in the name of Ron Sanborn in care of Rhonda Woody, 108 Cougar Trail, Whitefish, MT 59937, where it will be used to establish a memorial through the Flathead Parks and Recreation Department at one of the local parks.

Arrangements are under the direction of Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

Dorothy A. Sandell, 103

Dorothy A. Sandell, 103, passed away Jan. 28, 2001, at Lake View Care Center in Bigfork.

She was born June 4, 1897, in Ashland, Wis., one of nine children to John and Barbara Kollauf.

She received her education in Northern Wisconsin and taught in a one room school house on Madeline Island, one of the Apostle Islands in Northern Wisconsin.

She was married to Charles Dane in 1918. He died in 1936. In 1939 she and Guy Martin were married in St. Cloud, Minn. He passed away in 1950. For a number of years, she cooked for the hotels in Glacier National Park. In 1973, she married Dewey J. Sandell in Kalispell. He died in 1993.

She was a member of the Presbyterian church. She enjoyed reading, cooking, travel and gardening.

She was preceded in death by her husbands, and a son, Dudley.

She is survived by a brother, Lawrence Kollauf of Stevens Point, Wis.; niece Lois and her husband, Ernie Spangle, of Iron River, Wis.; daughters-in-law, Virginia Dane of Idaho, and Bertha Sandell of New York; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren

Graveside services will be held

on Thursday at 3 p.m. at C. E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery with the Rev. Glenn Burfeind officiating. Visitation will be at Johnson Mortuary Chapel on Thursday from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

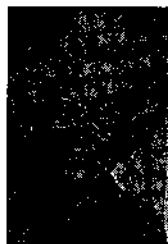
Mildred Nell Barr Sanders, 91

Mildred Nell Barr Sanders, 91, died on Jan. 12, 2001.

Our wonderful and dearly beloved wife, mother, grandmother and sister passed away quietly Friday evening. Her kindness to others and loving support of family will always be remembered. She was admired by all who knew her, not only because she was a woman with charm, but because she truly loved life and chose to see the good in others. She epitomized lifelong learning, and deeply appreciated the earth's beauty. Always the student and the teacher, she deeply cared about others. One could not leave the presence of Mildred Sanders and not be profoundly influenced to be a better person.

The sixth of nine children, she was born Aug. 23, 1909, on the family farm near Belvidere, S.D., to Edward Albert and Lydia Barbara Baughman Barr. She attended schools in and near Belvidere and attended college at the University of South Dakota and the University of Wisconsin. After receiving her teaching certificate, she taught school in western South Dakota. Before getting married, Mildred worked as an interior decorator for a Rapid City furniture store, where she became acquainted with the Sanders family.

On March 16, 1942, in Cheyenne, Wyo., she married Roy Harland Sanders, a Black Hills rancher. They ranched in the Black Hills for almost 31 years, before moving



to Dupuyer, Mont., where they ranched for three years before retiring on the Flathead River near Kalispell. Always education-minded, she was interested in reading geology, family history, politics, community causes and anything that lifted and challenged the mind. She also was involved in Red Cross home nursing for a number of years.

She was an avid gardener, loved nature and accompanying her husband into the Bob Marshall on horseback. She was very dedicated to her church callings, and was a devoted grandmother, mother and a faithful wife. The family would like to thank the staff of both Immanuel Lutheran Home and Harmony House for their support and care of Mildred.

She is survived by her husband, Roy; son Daniel Barr Sanders and his wife, Pat, of Kalispell; daughters Laurel Jeanne and her husband, Gary Kramer of Orem, Utah, and Kathryn Ann and her husband, John Stott, of Hayden Lake, Idaho; 21 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and a sister, Harriet Marsh Connelly of Rapid City, S.D.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 16, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1380 Whitefish Stage Road, Kalispell. Friends are invited to call at the church one hour prior to services. Burial will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. The family requests memorials in Mildred's name to either Immanuel Lutheran Home or hospice.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Jim G. Sanford, 73

Jim G. Sanford, 73, passed away Aug. 2, 2001, at his home in Big Arm, after a long battle with cancer.

He was born July 1, 1928, at St. Joseph Hospital in Polson to Richard Leland Sanford and Ruth Wilson Sanford. He was raised in Charlo where he played on many ball teams as a youth.

He joined the Navy Sea-Bees in the '50s and was stationed in Subic Bay. He returned to Charlo after the death of his parents. He left the reservation to work road construction all over the western states from New Mexico to Alaska for 35 years before retiring to Big Arm in 1990.

He worked hard and played hard. He never missed a pretty lady or turned down a good drink. He always said it was easier to raise boys than girls. "You were never a stranger to Jim." He would give away his shirt until he met and married his friendly bar maid, Evelyn Ann Stephans. They were married on July 8, 1978, in Palmer, Alaska. They had 23 years of good times fishing and hunting. Not only were they spouses but the best of friends to the end.

He belonged to the Royal Order of Moose in Palmer, from 1975 to



1991, when he transferred to Polson. He was a member of the Kalispell Eagles from 1993 to the present. He was a member of the Polson Senior Citizen Center as well as a member on the building and grounds committee. He was a member of the Operating Engineers for 40 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Leland and Ruth Sanford, and one sister, Bertie Sanford.

Survivors include his wife Evelyn of Big Arm; one daughter, Cindy Wilson of Richardson, Texas; 10 stepchildren, Robert Waller, Jimmie Waller, Mike Waller and Diane Clark, all of Las Cruces, N.M., Larry Waller of Kalispell, Dianna Fuller of Oregon, Donna Odom of Big Arm, Denise White of Wasilla, Alaska, and Jerry Wiley of Portland; 20 grandchildren, numerous great-grandchildren; and one brother, Ed Sanford of Moses Lake, Wash.; special friends, Slim Bronson, Kathie and Darcy Maiers and many friends too numerous to mention.

Cremation has taken place under the care of Grogan Funeral Home and Crematory. A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Grogan Funeral Home. A pot luck will follow at the Polson Senior Citizen's Center.

Memorials may be made to Relay for Life and Lake County Hospice.

James Wade Sauerbier, 87

James Wade Sauerbier, 87, passed away May 22, 2001, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

He was born Nov. 8, 1913, in Kalispell, to Samuel and Mabul

Spear Sauerbier. He grew up with four brothers and two sisters. They all attended Helena Flats School.

He was the first employee to be hired by McElroy and Wilken Inc. in 1945, and drove truck delivering cement and gravel. He quickly earned the reputation of being a willing worker and always arriving on time.

On Valentine's Day 1961, he married Minnie Maurer in Coeur d'



Alene, Idaho. They enjoyed fishing and hunting and also going for drives in the country. He was a big fan of country/western music and loved the color brown. His favorite saying for goodbye was "see ya later, alligator."

He was preceded in death by his parents, and wife Minnie in 1985.

He is survived by a very special friend, Caryl Staples; sister Maybelle Maurer; and brother Harold Leslie, all of Kalispell; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Graveside services will be held today at 1 p.m. at Glacier Memorial Gardens in Kalispell.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Milton J. 'Joe' Sausedo, 77

Milton J. "Joe" Sausedo, 77, a Libby resident, died June 26, 2001, at a Libby hospital.

He was born in Sheridan, Wyo., on June 22, 1924, to Pablo and Roxie Stevens Sausedo. He married Edith Nash in 1944 in Miles City.

Survivors include his wife of 56 years, Edith, of Libby; a son, five daughters including Gloria Lee of Kalispell; 14 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and several cousins.

Services will be Saturday at 4 p.m. at Faith Bible Church in Libby with the Rev. Mark Halland officiating. Visitation will be from 5-8 p.m. today at Nelson and Vial Funeral Home and from 10 a.m. to the time of service on Saturday at the church. Graveside services with military honors will be Monday at 2 p.m. at Custer County Cemetery in Miles City under the direction of Stevenson and Sons Funeral Home.

Myrtle Irene Johnson Saverud, 84

Myrtle Irene Johnson Saverud, 84, passed away Aug. 13, 2001, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

She was born Aug. 21, 1916, in Fairdale, N.D., to John and Mary Edwards Johnson.

In 1937, she moved to Kalispell. She married Berger Saverud Feb. 20, 1939, and together they raised a family of three sons.

As a devoted loving wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, it pleased her greatly to entertain her family and friends. The family cabin on Bitterroot Lake was a favorite spot for her to fish and host many get-togethers.

She also enjoyed doing most any craft. Many were lucky enough to receive a crocheted afghan or handmade quilt of her creation. She was quick to travel and enjoyed three trips to Norway as well as frequent visits to Washington and Arizona. The coffee pot was always on at her home and she was usually ready for a game of cards.

Though first and foremost a homemaker, she also worked part-time at Snowline and Montana Evergreen making wreathes, at O'Neil Printers binding books and as a clerk at Saverud Paint Shop.

She was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church; Scandinavian



Fraternity of America; and the Good Neighbor Sewing Club.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Berger in 1988; their infant daughter Beverly; brothers, George Saverud and James Saverud; and sister Della Braaten.

She is survived by three sons, John Saverud and wife Bonnie of Bothell, Wash., with children, Wayne, Brian, Anita, and Allen; Wayne Saverud and wife Sheryl of Kalispell, with children, Sara and Anna; Dale Saverud and wife Georgia of Phoenix, with children, Erik and Kim. She was especially close with her nieces, Emily Miller, Betty Magone, Darlene Moore, Judy Johnson and Jackie Johnson. She also leaves four great-granddaughters; one sister-in-law, Willie Saverud; and several nieces and nephews here as well as in Norway.

Funeral services will be held on Friday at 3 p.m. at Bethlehem Lutheran Church with the Rev. Len Erickson officiating. Burial will be at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. until noon on Friday at Johnson Mortuary Chapel.

The family suggests memorials be given to Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 603 S. Main, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Anthony J. 'Tony' Schumacher, 89

Anthony J. "Tony" Schumacher, 89, of Polson, passed away on Dec. 8, 2001, at Evergreen Health and Rehabilitation Center, in Polson from natural causes. He was born to John and Maggie Brietbach Schumacher at Circle on May 10, 1912. Tony moved to Polson in 1928 where he attended Polson High School and graduated in 1931. Tony married Eula Couture on June 3, 1933.

He enjoyed sports, bowling, golf and was a referee for football and basketball in his early years. Tony was a great fan of University of Montana athletics. He especially enjoyed and supported the Lady Griz basketball team. He and Ernie Retz owned and operated the first bowling alley, Duck Pins, in Polson. He worked at the U.S. Energy Research Atomic in Richland, Wash., during World War II.

He owned and operated Evergreen Fuel Company in Kalispell for several years. He moved to Missoula and worked for Johnson Flying Service as an accountant

and business manager. He then moved to Polson and owned and operated "Schumacher Bookkeeping Service." He was a bookkeeper for the China Garden's restaurant first in Polson and then in Missoula until he retired in 1999.

He was preceded in death by his parents and wife Eula; two sisters, Ella Stucky and Irene Syverson; two brothers, Norbert and Richard Schumacher.

He is survived by two sons, Jon and wife Ione of Missoula; Joe of Polson, two brothers, Frank and wife Merle of Lake Havasu City, Ariz., Eddie and wife Gracie of Polson, two sisters, Evelyn Lumley of Spokane, Wash., Lavina Petruska of Kent, Wash., six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

Cremation has taken place and a memorial service will be planned for this coming summer.

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

Robert H. Scherpenseel, 74

Robert H. Scherpenseel, 74, passed away Nov. 19, 2001, at Brandan House in Kalispell.

Bob was born Sept. 2, 1927, in Colonie, N.Y., to John and Isabel Scherpenseel.

At the age of 17 he enlisted in the Navy to fight in World War II. He was stationed on the USS Damato, and the USS W.L. Lind, where he served as a radar operator just after the technology was first invented.

Upon discharge, a friend told him about the West. He liked the idea of few people, little traffic and wide-open spaces, so he moved to Montana.

In March 1958 he married Shirley Pratt, who had three children. They had a son, Thomas, who was born in October 1958.

In 1963, the family moved to Kalispell, where Robert managed the local cable TV company.

He had a brilliant mind and could tell you anything you wanted to know about electronics, physics, and the universe.

He was actively involved with the Boy Scouts of America, the Kiwanis Club and had served as past Exalted Ruler of the Elks Lodge 725.

He was an avid bowler, but his true passion was fishing.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents, one brother, Jack Scherpenseel, and a son, Thomas Scherpenseel.

He is survived by his wife, Shirley; his children, Wayne and his wife Donna Pratt, Dennis and Dale Pratt, and Susan Pratt; grandchildren, Jeremy, Heather, Jason, Blake, Tera, Gavin, and Shawna; one sister, Joan Markes of Albany, N.Y., and numerous nephews and nieces.

Memorial services will be at 11 am Monday, Nov. 26, at the Elks Lodge in Kalispell.

The family request memorials be made to the Elks Lodge.

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

Rita J. Schmitt, 88

Rita J. Schmitt, 88, went to be with our Lord on Tuesday, Dec. 25, 2001.

Rita was born on Sept. 2, 1913, in Lawrence, Mass., to Laurence and Alice Moroni.

She moved to San Francisco, in 1923. Rita attended Maud Cornwell Business College in San Francisco in 1924.

Rita married M. Jack Schmitt on Jan. 30, 1942, in Stockton, Calif., where they had an insurance and real estate business. She also worked for Roma Wine Company in Lodi, Calif. She was a member of the Omega Nu Sorority in Lodi. Rita worked as a rancher in Mesa, Wash., for several years.

She was a member of the garden club, homemakers club. She was also a Girl Scout leader and assistant leader of the Red Top Riders Horse Club.

She retired to the Flathead Valley in 1970. Rita, an avid collector of antique dolls; was a member of the Treasure State Doll Club in Great Falls; and a collector of antiques.

At Rita's request, there will be no memorial services held. She asked that family and friends visit their respective churches and say a prayer for her.

She wished to be remembered for her kind heart, easy smile, quick wit and sense of humor and "that we keep her dear in our hearts."

She is survived by her husband H. Jack Schmitt; one son Milo and his wife Audrey of Pasco, Wash.; one daughter Gail and her hus-



band Bob of Choteau; six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

She requested that in lieu of flowers, donations be made in her name to each donor's favorite charity.

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

Leroy Louis Scharr, 60

Leroy Louis Scharr, 60, formerly of Vashon Island, Wash., passed away Oct. 9, 2001, at his home in Somers, on beautiful Flathead Lake.

"Long-haired Al" was born in Great Falls, on July 21, 1941, to Marjorie and Roy C. Scharr. He attended schools in Great Falls and college in Missoula.

He joined the Army in the early '60s and was a POW interrogator on the Russian-German border. He later traveled extensively throughout Central and South America. He also traveled extensively throughout Europe and Canada and Alaska.

He married Phyllis Hartfield on Vashon Island on Feb. 29, 1996, and

lived with her until his death.

He had friends throughout the world, spoke four languages fluently, and was an avid reader. Those who knew him best appreciated his wry sense of humor and matter-of-fact way of life. He was a risk taker, enjoying life to its fullest to the very end. His presence will be continually felt by the many who knew him and loved him.

Donations can be made at a later date to a scholarship fund for nurses studying hepatitis at Salish Kootenai College in Pablo.

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

Gladys M. Schlabs, 84

Gladys M. Schlabs, 84, passed away on Feb. 3, 2001, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

She was born May 9, 1916, in Homestead, Mont.

She was raised in Homestead by her grandparents and graduated from Froid High School. In 1938, she married Jacob Schlabs and they farmed west of Homestead. After Jacob's passing, she married John Schlabs in 1950 and they moved to the Flathead Valley. They farmed outside of Bigfork and later moved to Kalispell, where she has resided for the last 47 years.

She was a nurse at Kalispell General Hospital and also at Kalispell Regional Hospital after its relocation. She enjoyed sewing and quilting, both at home and at church, making sure that all her children and grandchildren had a beautiful quilt. She also enjoyed gardening and being with her family. She was a longtime member of



Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Jacob Schlabs; second husband John Schlabs; and one son, Jackie Schlabs.

Gladys is survived by four children, Gordon Schlabs and his wife, Barbara, of Lakeside; Andrea Connor and her husband, Lyle, of Marysville, Wash.; Karen Saurey and her husband, Gary, of Whitefish; and Vicki Jones and her husband, Larry, of Kalispell; nine grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, Feb. 7, at 10 a.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel with Pastor Len Ericksen of Bethlehem Lutheran Church officiating. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be Tuesday, Feb. 6, from noon to 6 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary.

The family requests that memorial contributions in memory of Gladys be sent to Home Options Hospice, 175 Commons Loop, Suite 100, Kalispell, Mont. 59901.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

Marjorie Lee Schroeter, 93

Marjorie Lee Schroeter, of 1800 Golden Ave., Helena, passed away of cancer on June 25, 2001, while resting peacefully in her home.

She was the third child of Ernest James Lee and Margaret Elizabeth Bartell and was born in Siloam Springs, Ark., on Aug. 21, 1907. Her father was a descendent of Richard Henry Lee and Robert E. Lee, one of the First Families of Virginia.

At age 5, after the death of her father, Marjorie completed elementary school, a college preparatory high school and graduated first in her class from Oklahoma College for Women in 1929.

She studied with a Protege of Matthay and received a scholarship to the Chicago Musical College due to a recommendation from Myra Hess, a renowned concert pianist of the early 20th century.

Instead of attending graduate school, Marjorie chose to become a public school music instructor in Boise City, Okla., during the Great Depression. Later, she married Edward C. Schroeter, a Kansas attorney. They lived in Ellinwood, Kan., where their first son, Franklin, was born.

The family then moved to Concordia, Kan., where Marjorie taught private piano and their second son, Quentin, was born.

In 1947 the family moved to Kalispell, where Edward was elected county attorney for three terms while Marjorie developed a large private piano class.

In 1959 the family arrived in Helena, where Edward was chief counsel for the Montana State Unemployment Compensation Commission under the gubernatorial leadership of Aronson, Nutter and Babcock. Edward passed away Jan. 31, 1965.

In Helena, Marjorie established and sustained a piano class over

many years. She has received much commendation, recognition and adulation for her artistic endeavors and professional achievement during her lifetime.

She served as president of Montana State Music Teachers Association and was instrumental in obtaining Ruth Slenczynski in 1973 and Amanda Vick Lethco in 1974 as featured model clinicians. The same association honored her with the coveted "Star Award" for her outstanding contribution to MSMTA in 1998.

She was a very active member of Adah Chapter No. 17, O.E.S., when she and her husband were living in Kalispell. She was a 50-year member of the P.E.O. Sisterhood and a longtime member of Chapter AO of Helena.

For her entire life, she was a member of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Recently, the Community Concert Association honored her for her contributive dedication. In 1988, she was an honored recipient of the "Myrna" award for her lifetime accomplishments in furthering the arts in Montana by the Myrna Loy Center in Helena.

Marjorie is survived by her two sons: Franklin E. Schroeter and his wife, Sunny, of Somers, and Quentin Lee Schroeter of Helena, a grandson, Randolph Keith Schroeter, step-grandchildren Chang Sung & Chang II, and other extended family residing in Oklahoma, California and Florida.

Cremation and a private burial service have already occurred at Sunset Memorial Gardens. There will be a public memorial service on Wednesday, July 18, 2001, at 7:30 p.m. at the First Christian Church, 311 Power St. in Helena with the Rev. Steve Moody officiating. Funeral arrangements are under the care of Hagler-Ander-son Mortuary in Helena.

LeRoy John Schwegel, 64

LeRoy John Schwegel, 64, of Whitefish, entered into rest in Parker, Ariz., on March 13, 2001.

He was born on Dec. 22, 1936, to Mike and Tillie Schwegel in Hines, Minn. He attended high school in Blackduck, Minn., and graduated in 1954. He entered the Air Force in 1955 and was honorably discharged in 1959.

He married Lois Grundmeier on July 1, 1961. They moved to Whitefish, in 1963, where he worked in the timber industry.

He is survived by his wife Lois of Whitefish; three sons, Randy and

wife, Lorri, of Whitefish, Rory and wife, Donda, of Missoula, Ron and wife, Tammie, of Whitefish; five grandsons, Adam, Kyle, Drew, Trevor and Collin; two granddaughters, Julie and Kayla; and one great-granddaughter, Jordan; six brothers, Hank, Ben and George in Minnesota, Albert, Art and Roman of Whitefish; and two sisters, Lillian and Hilda of Minnesota.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday at 2 p.m. at the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish. The Rev. David V. Kauffman will officiate.

Mary Elizabeth 'Betty' Schulte, 78

Mary Elizabeth "Betty" Schulte, 78, died July 5, 2001, at St. Patrick Hospital in Missoula.

She was born Nov. 8, 1922, in Belfast, Northern Ireland, to Alfey and Bridget McDermottroe. She was educated through the Belfast school system until arriving at Butte, in 1947, where she married Jack Schulte on Oct. 23, 1947.

They moved to Anaconda, where she was employed by the Fuller Paint Store, Dr. Lacey, and St. Ann's Hospital until 1978, when they moved to Helena and owned Schulte's Custom Framing. She was also employed by Carroll College and Shodair Hospital until her retirement in 1985 and return to Anaconda.

She was very active in the Anaconda Catholic Community, Daughters of Isabella, VFW Auxiliary, Ladies A.O.H., Soroptimist, and hospice.

She was preceded in death by her parents, sister Nora, and brother Sony.

She is survived by her hus-

band Jack of Anaconda; sons and daughters-in-law, Dan and Kathy of Kalispell, Paul and Cathy of Wolf Creek, and Sean and Kathy of Missoula; a daughter and son-in-law, Marian and Carl of Evansville, Ind.; 14 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives.

Friends may call to pay their respects in the Longfellow Finnegan Funeral Home beginning Wednesday at 4 p.m. The Daughters of Isabella will recite the rosary at 4 p.m. The Ladies A.O.H. will conduct their service at 6:30 p.m., and the parish vigil service will be held at 7 p.m. The funeral Mass will be celebrated Thursday at 1:30 p.m. at Holy Family Church with a reception immediately following. Burial will be in Holy Cross Cemetery in Butte.

Memorials may be made to Mary Knoll Missions or Carroll College Student Fund ASCE.

Charles F. Scott, 73

Charles F. Scott, 73, of Lakeside, passed away Nov. 9, 2001.

He was born Dec. 20, 1927, in Kansas City, Mo., to Charles Norton and Rose Belle Scott. He moved with his family to Southern California when he was a young child.

Charles married Donna Mae Colvin on Nov. 16, 1955.

They lived in Southern California until 1973, when they moved to Lakeside. He loved his children and grandchildren, but had a special passion for golf. He could be found on the golf course whenever time and weather permitted.

Charles will also be remembered for his wonderful sense of humor and love of animals.

He was preceded in death by his

wife Donna in 1994.

He is survived by his four children, Charles H. Scott, Ankeney, Iowa, Carrie E. McCormick, Vancouver, Wash., Carol L. Agen, Helena, and Sam Shiell, Dublin, Calif.; his sister Thressa Young, Oxnard, Calif., several grandchildren, nieces and nephews and dear friend, Helen Stevens of Kalispell.

No funeral will be held per Charles' request.

A memorial and remembrance of Charles will be held Saturday at 1 p.m. at 133 Center Court, Lakeside.

The family suggests memorial donations be sent to Brendan House and Flathead County Humane Society.

Robert LeRoy Scott, 83

Robert LeRoy Scott, 83, passed away at Immanuel Lutheran Home on Thursday, March 29, 2001.

He was born April 29, 1917, in Farrell, Idaho, to Frank E. and Bessie L. Kirby Scott. He grew up in St. Joe, Idaho, and ranched with his father raising cattle.

On Jan. 2, 1942, he married Betty V. Walker. They remained in St. Joe, until 1947, when they moved to the Tri Cities area in Washington. There he worked at the Hanford Project. In 1949 they moved to Kila, where he ranched and logged for more than 25 years. Then in 1974, they moved to Bergman, Ark., and farmed until 1993. He then moved to Paradise, and remained until moving into Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell in 1998.

He was a very hard worker and very honest in his dealings. If he owed a debt, he would deprive himself of everything he could to ensure the debt was paid off as soon as possible.

He went out of his way to help anybody that needed help. He delighted and took pride in having the high school boys help him in the hay fields.

He was survived by his wife Betty; daughter Nancy and husband, Carl Diesen; granddaughter Debra Kay and husband, Robert Howard; one step great-granddaughter, Breanna Howard; two sisters; and several nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions to the Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch, any Christian youth center or camp for the benefit of ill or handicapped children.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday at the Christian Alliance Church at 2 p.m. in Plains. Visitation will be held at the church Thursday from 11 a.m. until service time. Burial will follow at the Plains Cemetery.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Kevin Rene' Sebastian, 31

Kevin Rene' Sebastian, 31, died May 6, 2001, of natural causes after a very brief illness.

He was born Nov. 29, 1969, in Long Beach, Calif., to Bonnie (Hodges) and Jamie Sebastian. He lived in California until his family moved to Crab Orchard, Ky., in the early 1980s. He moved to Kalispell in 1986 with his mother and sister. After his mother's death in 1987, he lived with his uncle and aunt, Dale and Faith Hodges, until he finished his high school education.

He moved to Kentucky in 1988; while in Kentucky he joined the Army. He completed basic training at Fort Knox, Ky., and then went to Fort Hood, Texas. While in Texas, he met and married Selma Voydanoff on April 5, 1990. They were later divorced. He spent a short time in Germany for training before returning to Fort Hood where he was discharged from the Army in 1991 due to health problems. After his discharge, he returned to Kalispell where he lived and worked at various jobs until his death.

He is survived by his fiancée Cynthia Lachenmaier of Kalispell; sons Stephen and Michael of Kalispell; sister Natasha Hyde, her husband and children of Blacksburg, Va.; his grandmother, E. Virginia Ramsfield of Kalispell;

stepfather Jamie Sebastian of Crab Orchard; his stepgrandfather, Frank Sebastian of Las Vegas; uncles and aunts Dale and Faith Hodges, Terry and Emma Hodges, Noella and Bruce Brooks, all of Kalispell; great-uncle and aunt, Lee and Lorraine Hodges of Bigfork, as well as many cousins.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Bonnie Sebastian; step-grandfather Orville Ramsfield; grandfather Wesley Hodges; and great-grandparents Philip and Vivian Wicklund and Frank and Leora Hodges.

He loved the outdoors and had many hobbies including fishing, camping, paintball, reading, music and computers. He loved people and made friends easily. He had many, many friends. His love of life and family will be greatly missed by all.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held at East Haven Baptist Church in Kalispell at 4 p.m. on Thursday. Burial with military honors will follow at Lone Pine Cemetery in Bigfork.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the Diabetes Association, c/o 3203 Third Ave. N., Ste. 203, Billings, MT 59101-1945.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Thomas Vernon Sederstrom, 58

Thomas Vernon Sederstrom, 58, formerly of Kalispell, passed away on April 24, 2001, in San Diego.

He was born on Dec. 20, 1942, in Litchfield, Minn., to Vernon and Tyliss McGraw Sederstrom.

He graduated from high school in Litchfield. He then attended Moorhead State College in Moorhead, Minn. The Vietnam war began, and he served in the U.S. Navy. After he was discharged, he continued his education at the Colorado School of Mines in Golden, Colo.

On Feb. 24, 1968, in Litchfield, he married Carla Bergstrom. Together, they had two sons, Scott and Eric. The couple divorced in January 1991.

When he was younger, he enjoyed the outdoors, fishing, hunting, and camping. Later he became an avid snow skier and took his sons on many ski trips around the country. He was an active member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Kalispell.

As an engineer, he worked for the City of Boulder, Rocky Moun-

tain Engineering in Longmont, Colo., and as a manager for Morrison & Maierle Engineering in Bozeman. He later moved to Kalispell and worked for the Thomas, Dean, & Hoskins Engineering as well as Carver Engineering. For the past four years, he resided in San Diego.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Vernon and Tyliss Sederstrom.

He is survived by his two sons, Scott Sederstrom of Mammoth Lakes, Calif., and Eric Sederstrom of Seattle; two sisters, Rande Sederstrom and her husband, Robert Wellman of Blythe, Calif., and Vicki Pearson and her husband, Dale, of St. Charles, Minn.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be on Saturday at 10 a.m. at Bethlehem Lutheran Church with the Rev. Len Erickson officiating.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Dr. Paul J. Seifert Jr., 83

Dr. Paul J. Seifert Jr., 83, long-time Libby area physician, died June 25, 2001 at his home at Bull Lake.

He was born in Missoula on March 21, 1918, to Paul and Corrine Seifert, he graduated from Carroll College in 1940; he attended the University of Minnesota Medical School, receiving his Doctor of Medicine degree in 1944. He served his residency at Sacred Heart Medical Center in Spokane and later with the U.S. Army Medical Corps during World War II.

He began his medical practice in Libby in 1947, serving the community for over 36 years until retiring from practice in 1983. He delivered literally thousands of babies and touched the lives of countless people.

He had been an avid baseball fan and through his lifetime participated as a player and announcer and coached everything from Little League to the semi-pro town team. He was active in Toastmasters International, Elks, league bowling, Kootenai Winter Sports, Scouting, duplicate bridge and served several terms on the Libby school board. He was past president of the Montana Academy of General Practitioners and served on its national board as well. He had been a charter member of the Lib-

by Knights of Columbus and was the organization's first Grand Knight.

He and his wife Jean had enjoyed their retirement at Bull Lake; they recently celebrated 59 years of marriage. During his retirement he developed new hobbies including gardening, jelly making, picture framing, and actually learned to use a screwdriver and hammer.

He is survived by his wife Jean Stevens Seifert; his children, John and Linda Seifert, Ann Bean and Sue Siegner, all of Spokane, Wash., Steve and Sherry Seifert of Whitefish, and Jim and Jennifer Seifert of Troy; 17 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his grandson Adam in June of 2000.

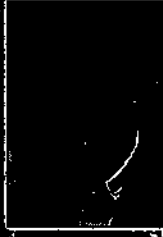
Mass of Resurrection will be celebrated Thursday at 11 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Libby with the Rev. Ray Hannigan as celebrant. Visitation will begin at 3 p.m. today at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Troy followed by parish vigil and rosary at 7 p.m.

Memorials in his memory may be made to the Troy Food Pantry, P.O. Box 945, Troy, MT 59935.

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

John Patrick Shanahan, 45

John Patrick Shanahan, 45, passed away on Nov. 30, 2001, due to an auto accident while enroute to a U.S. Army Reserve drill weekend in Helena.



John was born Nov. 18, 1956, in Great Falls. He was raised in Great Falls, where he attended St. Joseph Catholic Grade School and Great Falls Central School until it closed.

He graduated from CMR High School in Great Falls in 1975. He joined the Navy in 1975, where he was stationed at San Diego, Calif., where he worked as an operating room technician. After his discharge from the Navy, he returned to Montana, where he attended Northern Montana College, receiving his registered nursing degree and then went to work as an operating room nurse at Columbus Hospital.

John received a commission with the U.S. Army Reserves, where he served with the 4225 USARV unit as a major (to date). Maj. Shanahan served in Desert Storm during the Gulf War. He worked for Francis Health Care in Great Falls, specializing in cardio-vascular operating room nursing.

John and his wife moved to Kalispell this past year, where he was a part of the new open heart surgical team at Kalispell Regional Medical Center, impacting all the lives he touched while working here. He shared his great hugs with staff, doctors, patients, families and anyone who was in need of an uplift; he was a whirlwind of

joy to all.

John married Kathy Menghini at Power in 1988. He loved children of all ages and worked in youth ministry at St. Luke's in Great Falls, and at Risen Christ Parish in Kalispell. He was recently installed in the Knights of Columbus as a fourth degree Knight. He enjoyed outdoor activities, including hockey and hunting, and his special pet, Newfie. He used his vacation each fall to go hunting with his brothers-in-law and nephews. He took great pride in his yard work and enjoyed using his John Deere tractor in his yard as well as in many neighbors' yards. John took great pride in his military service and his involvement in the Knights of Columbus. He was also proud of his work as an open heart surgical nurse. His love for his family was apparent in many ways, including his dedicated involvement in the lives of his nieces and nephews.

John is survived by his wife, Kathy, of Kalispell; parents, Jim and Kayna Shanahan, of Great Falls; sisters, Leslie Myers of Helena, Calif., Jamie Pruitt of Great Falls, Kathleen Henderson of Vaughn; a special aunt, "Jayno" Christian, of Anchorage, Alaska, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Vital services will be at 7 pm, Wednesday at Risen Christ Parish. A Mass of Christian burial will be at 10:30 a.m., Thursday at Risen Christ Parish with the Rev. Rudolph Bullman officiating. Burial will follow at C.E. Conrad Cemetery with military honors.

Arrangements are under the direction of Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

Wayne Shanahan, 69

Wayne Shanahan, 68, passed away on Jan. 27, 2001, in Tucson, Ariz., following complications from surgery. He was interred in the Arizona National Memorial Cemetery in Phoenix with full military honors.

He was born in Whitefish, on Dec. 29, 1932. He was raised in Whitefish.

After graduating from high school in 1950, he enlisted in the Navy. He received a fleet appointment to the U.S. Naval Academy, and graduated with the class of 1955. He was commissioned in the United States Air Force, and earned his wings in 1956.

He married, Margaret Wharton in 1958. They were later divorced. To this union, two children were born — Mary and Tom.

After flying large military transports all over the world, he was assigned to Stanford Universi-

ty where he earned his master's degree in industrial engineering in 1963. Shortly after, he joined the Air Force Systems Command installing missiles in silos.

During the Vietnam War, he was assigned to the South East Asian command flying C-130's. He flew special forces troops to remote airfields, and was instrumental in setting up the resupply during the battle of Khe San. He received several air medals and the distinguished Flying Cross for these activities.

After his military service, he returned to live in Whitefish with his family. In 1998, he moved to Tucson.

He is survived by his daughter Mary in San Diego; a son, Tom and his wife, Irena, in New Jersey; a sister, Pat Erickson in Kalispell; a brother, Bill, in Whitefish; and numerous nieces and one nephew.

Lois Pluid Shanor, 73

Lois Pluid Shanor, 73, passed away on April 6, 2001, at home in Kalispell after a long battle with cancer.

She was born April 24, 1927, in Eureka at her grandmother's house, to Percy E. and Ethel D. Pluid. She grew up in and around Eureka, where she attended school and graduated with high honors. On Aug. 17, 1946, she married Charles "Bud" Franklin. They were later divorced. From this union four children were born, Gary, Terry, John and Karla.

In 1966 she married Martin Shanor and they moved to Kalispell, where she lived until her death. She liked gardening, working in her flower beds, crocheting, and arts and crafts. She was an avid reader; Louis L'Amour was her favorite author. Above all, she loved her family.

She is preceded in death by her parents and three brothers.

She is survived by her husband, Martin Shanor, still at the family home in Kalispell; her sister, Jean Moen of Grants Pass, Ore.; three sons, Gary and his wife Bess Franklin of Laurel; Terry and his wife Bonnie Franklin, John and his wife Tina Franklin, all of Kalispell; daughter Karla and her husband Loren Parmer, of Kalispell; step-son Martin Shanor, Jr., of Lovell, Wyo.; grandchildren Shannon and Travis Franklin of

Golden, Colo., Krista Cuka of California, John Lee Todd of Kalispell, Trisha and Josh Parmer of Kalispell; four step-grandchildren, Kent Potter of Laurel, Dirk Potter of Lawrence, Kan., Jenny and Rachel Shanor of Lovell; seven step-great-grandchildren; two sisters-in-law, Cal Pluid of Bonners Ferry, Idaho, and Agnes Pluid of Kalispell; very special friend John Burgess, who she considered one of her children, too, and his wife, Sharon Burgess of Kalispell; numerous nieces and nephews, cousins, and friends.

Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. on Wednesday at Johnson Mortuary with a reception following at the Kalispell Elks Lodge.

Memorials can be made to Home Options Hospice in Kalispell.

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

Jason Shanor, 19

Jason Shanor, 19, passed away Dec. 21, 2001, in San Antonio, Texas. He was born Feb. 12, 1982, and lived 11 years in Kalispell.

He is survived by his mother, Rae Quintero, and step-father, Lou Quintero, and two younger sisters, Jessica and Christina Quintero, all of San Antonio.

He is also survived by his grandfather, Martin Shanor, and his grandmother and grandfather, Gerry and Al Sihrer of Kalispell.

Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association.



William 'Bill' Carl Shaw, 65

William "Bill" Carl Shaw, 65, went to the Lord at Heritage Place on March 12, 2001.

He was born Nov. 3, 1935, to Harry and Dotly Sagen Shaw.

He loved the simple things in life, fishing, camping, picnics, bike riding and family get-togethers. He was a very special person who touched many lives. He is now in God's arms and no longer has to endure the pain and suffering of his life. "We all love you Billy, and will miss you greatly."

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Richard and

Robert; sister Evelyn; and special dad, Royce Wilson.

He is survived by a brother, Merle and wife, Jeanne Shaw; sister Marlene and husband, Glenn Freeman; his true love of his life, Dottie; and his extended family who cared for him and loved him as their own, Maxine and Ed Dickinson and their children, Bob, Rick, Jay, Jim, Margaret, and Martha; and numerous nieces and nephews.

There will be no services.

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

Grace Larson Shea, 77

Grace Larsen Shea, 77, passed away on Wednesday, March 14, 2001, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

She was born on Sept. 1, 1923, in Salt Lake City, to Herbert and Edna Larsen.

She married Eddy Shea in 1957. She moved to Montana in 1989.

She will be remembered for her generosity and warm heart.

Everyone who knew her was a better person because of it. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents.



She is survived by her husband Eddy Shea of Whitefish; children, Nancy Heirner and her husband, Ronn, of Fresno, Calif., Susan Chitwood and her husband, Ralph, of Kalispell, Thomas Nickell and wife, Linda, of San Jose, Calif.; stepchildren, Cathy Corgiat and her husband, Bruce, of Modesto, Calif., Teri Davis and her husband, Jim, of Fresno, Murya Galdurroz and her husband, Manuel, of Oakdale, Calif.; 16 grandchildren including Shea and Dan Ciaramitaro, both of Kalispell; seven great-grandchildren; and six brothers and sisters.

Respecting her wishes, private family services were held.

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

Nancy Sheive, 67

Nancy Sheive, 67, died July 30, 2001, at her home in Kalispell.

She was born Oct. 8, 1933, in Rochester, N.Y., to Harold and Martha DeVoll. She was raised and received her early education in Rochester, graduating from East High School.

She married Gerald Sheive in Corning, N.Y., on Sept. 19, 1958. They moved from New York to Montana in 1977, where the mountains became her home. In 1983, they couple built their home where they have resided since.

She was a very talented lady, making quilts, knitting, painting, and doing various other artistic crafts. She worked as a veterinary assistant, worked in home health care, and did various volunteer work. She was a member of the Webster Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary and also a member of the Mountain Brook Ladies Club.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

She is survived by her husband, Gerald Sheive of Kalispell; four daughters, Kim Miller and her

husband Gene of Webster, N.Y., Lauren Howard of Walworth, N.Y., Dawn Smith of Ontario, N.Y., and Amy Heiden and her husband Joe of Webster; eight grandchildren, Sarah and Kristen Miller of Webster, Rachel and Daniell Howard of Walworth, Michael and Jessica Smith of Ontario, and Amanda and Emily Heiden of Webster; one brother, Richard DeVoll of Deming, N.M.; and one sister, Barbara Hough of Simi Valley, Calif.

Memorial services will be today at 10 a.m. at the Mountain Brook School House, 2349 Foothills Road, Kalispell.

In place of flowers the family prefers memorials be given to the Mountain Brook Memorial Scholarship Fund, c/o Linda Benson, 275 Van Sant Road, Kalispell, MT 59901; or to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 1002, Kalispell, MT 59903-1002; or to the Home Options Hospice, 175 Commons Loop, Ste. 100, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Francis 'Shep' Shephard, 79

Francis "Shep" Shephard, 79, died on May 15, 2001, in Missoula, at St. Patrick's Hospital.

He was born March 24, 1922, in Quartz, to Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Lawrence. He was orphaned and placed in the state orphanage at Twin Bridges and was later adopted by Mr. and Mrs. Don J. Shepard in 1926 of Kalispell. They changed his name to Francis Dale Shepard.

He grew up in Kalispell and graduated from Flathead County High School in 1940. During World War II he was inducted in the Army at Fort Missoula in January of 1942 and served in the Aleutian Island area and Alaska, receiving the Bronze Star medal and other decorations.

Following his discharge he attended the North Idaho Junior College in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho where he met Alice M. Zook and they were married on March 1, 1946, in Kalispell.

He worked for the Federal Aviation Administration as an air traffic controller in the center at Great Falls. He retired in 1976 and the couple moved to McGregor Lake in northwestern Montana. Later they moved to Stevensville.

He was active in the Presbyterian Church and was a charter member of the Sunrise Presbyterian Church of Great Falls. He served as elder in the Sunrise Presbyterian Church of Kalispell and Hamilton First Presbyterian churches. He served in the Glacier Presbytery on a number of special committees. He was a member of the Exchange Club of Great Falls and started the Exchange Club in Kalispell, where he was a charter member and the first full time president and later on became a

district director. He was a member of the Hamilton Lions Club and a past secretary of the club.

He was a licensed radio amateur, receiving his license in 1938. He has served as president in Kalispell and Libby amateur radio clubs. He was a life member of the Society of Wireless Pioneers, a member of the Quarter Century Wireless Association and a member of the Central States VHF/UHF Society. His call was W7HAH.

He was also interested in fishing, hunting and backpacking, making many trips into the Bob Marshall Wilderness area over the years.

He is survived by his wife Alice of Stevensville; daughters, Janis and husband Dave McCleerey of Missoula, Donna and husband Marc Binkley of Port Orchard, Wash., Sharon and husband Bob Bajilargeon of Glasgow; and son Larry and wife Cindy Shepard of Fort Irwin, Calif.; sister Margery Immonen of Butte; and his brother Lowell Shepard of Phoenix; eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

A service to celebrate his life will be held Monday at 11 a.m. at the Hamilton First Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Wayne Wardwell officiating. Interment will follow at the Riverview Cemetery with military honors presented by the Hamilton American Legion and Marine Corps League.

The family suggests memorials to MDH-Hospice of the Bitterroot or to the Deaconess Hospital in Helena.

Arrangements are under the direction of Daly-Leach Chapel of Hamilton.

Leslie 'Les' R. Shirley, 74

Leslie "Les" R. Shirley, 74, died on Jan. 17, 2001 at Heritage Place after a short illness.

He was born on Sept. 9, 1926, in Canon City, Colo., the last leaf on the tree of seven children born to Neal and Stella Moss Shirley.

He was retired from the Brotherhood of Ironworkers after 38 years. He was a veteran, and also a member of the Eagles Club and the Moose Lodge.

He has resided in Kalispell with his wife Margaret since 1976. He made many friends in his travels as an ironworker, but since his retirement, he has touched so many people's lives here in the Flathead Valley. He will be greatly missed by everyone he came in contact with.

He was preceded in death by his

parents, siblings, and stepdaughter, Judy Yates.

He is survived by his wife Margaret; his sister and her husband, Florence and James Jewell; his stepdaughter and her husband, Linda and Arthur Miller; a niece, several nephews, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

A tribute to his life will be held Saturday at 3 p.m. at the Kalispell Eagles Club, 37 First St. W., Kalispell.

The family requests donations be made in his name to the Bald Eagles of the Kalispell Eagles Club or to the Moose Heart of the Moose Lodge, 2158 US 2 E., Kalispell.

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

Leonard 'Donald' Shortell, 62

Leonard "Donald" Shortell, 62, of Whitefish, passed away at Kalispell Regional Medical Center on March 17, 2001.

He was born to Leonard E. and Josephine M. Shortell on April 12, 1938, in Great Falls. He attended schools in Whitefish and graduated in 1956. He was active in high school activities and sports, and he loved football.

He served as a medic in the U.S. Army at Camp Leroy Jackson, La., for three years from 1959 to 1962. He was employed by Burlington Northern Railroad for 44 years, before he retired in 1999.

He was preceded in death by his father, Leonard Sr., and his wife of eight years, Janet Seamon.

He is survived by his mother Josephine; a sister, Roseberg Shortell, both of Whitefish, a broth-

er and sister-in-law, Daniel and Sherry Shortell of Columbia Falls; and numerous relatives throughout Montana, Washington and the country of Northern Ireland.

He was a loving son and brother. He has a sly quick wit with friends and family and will be dearly missed by all.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, at 2:30 p.m. at North Valley Extended Care in Whitefish. The Rev. Darrell Newby will officiate. Inurnment at Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Kalispell.

After the memorial service, friends and relatives are invited to attend a luncheon at the V.F.W. in Whitefish.

Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish is in charge of the arrangements.

Petra Joy Strand Siemens, 68

Petra Joy Strand Siemens, 68, of Trego, died at her home on Feb. 3, 2001. She was born to Melvin F. and Grace E. Strand on June 19, 1932, in Kalispell.

She married Nicolai Siemens on June 11, 1955. She was an elementary school teacher.

Survivors include her husband Nicolai of Trego, two children; two grandchildren; three brothers; two sisters; 21

nieces and nephews and nine in-laws.

Services will be conducted by the Rev. Paul McKibben at the Fortine Community Church on Friday at 11 a.m. Visitation will be Thursday from 1-8 p.m. at the Nelson and Vial Funeral Home in Eureka.

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

Darlene Hoerner Sievers, 53

Darlene Hoerner Sievers, 53, passed away Nov. 1, 2001, at her home near Columbia Falls after a long battle with cancer.

She was born Dec. 4, 1947, in Columbia Falls, to Mike and Genevieve Hoerner. Darlene was raised and educated in Columbia Falls.

She worked as a waitress at the Pines Cafe and Cisko's for many years. She was well known for her speed and caring.

She was married to Ralph Sievers on March 12, 1989, in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

Darlene loved working with wood. She remodeled their house and did all the interior work that made it one of a kind. She also made over 200 picture frames. She loved animals. Her cats and dogs were like her children.

She was preceded in death by



her father and her Uncle Frank.

Darlene is survived by her husband, Ralph at the family home; a son and daughter-in-law, Chuck and Tami Kingery of Columbia Falls; her grandchildren, Josh, Tiffany, and Michael; her stepchildren, Pamela Mommson of Alaska and Kevin Sievers of Nevada; her stepgrandchildren, Kendra and Madison; her sisters, Lucille Role and Diane Konecky of Columbia Falls and Donna Oksness of Great Falls; a brother, Gerald Hoerner of Columbia Falls; and three special aunts, Margaret, Anna, and Helen.

A graveside memorial service is set for Saturday at 2 p.m. at St. Richard's Catholic Cemetery in Columbia Falls. A gathering of friends and family will follow at St. Richard's Catholic Church basement.

The family has suggested that memorials be made to Hospice in lieu of flowers.

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

David Allen Sime, 38

David Allen Sime, 38, passed away on April 3, 2001, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

He was born on May 31, 1962, in Whitefish, to David G. and Frances Sime. He attended schools in Crystal Lake, Marion, Kalispell Junior High and Plains High School, where he graduated in 1980.

He attended Flathead Valley Community College where he received his associate's degree in forestry in 1996. He had spent his summers working as a wild land fire fighter and timber cruiser. He was an outdoors person, who loved being out in nature. He loved hunting, was an avid fisherman, who could catch fish when

no one else could. He loved cooking, reading, and playing music. He could play the banjo, mandolin and guitar.

He will be missed deeply by his family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his maternal and paternal grandparents, and one brother, Darin.

He is survived by his mother, Fran Uken; stepfather Paul Uken; and his father, David Sime.

Memorial services will be held later on this coming summer.

Memorials may be made in his name to the Flathead Valley Community College Forestry Club.

Arrangements are under the direction of Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

Harvey Leroy Simonson, 81

Harvey Leroy Simonson, 81, decorated World War II veteran, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, died Saturday, July 14, 2001, at the Utah Valley Regional Medical Center in Provo, Utah.



He was born Aug. 16, 1919, in Custer, Neb. He later moved to Montana.

He enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps in 1942 where he served honorably until 1945. During his stay in the Marines, he was decorated with the Navy Cross for "extraordinary heroism during action against the enemy."

He also received the Purple Heart.

His first marriage, to Anne Doty Seery was in 1939. They have four children, David Simonson (now deceased), Jo Ann Rens of Anaheim, Calif., Dana Simonson of Olympia, Wash., and Jackie Noice of Kalispell; grandchildren, Jessie Adams of Santee, Calif. David (Dewayne) Simonson of Somers, Susan Pajnick of Kalispell, Shan-

non Rens of Anaheim, John Rens, of Yucaipa, Calif., Tonja Simonson and Dana Simonson Jr., both of San Diego, Autumn O'Brien of Kila, Jess Simonson of Olympia, Nicholas Tweto-Noice, Carly Tweto-Noice, Rachel Tweto-Noice and Sarsten Noice, all of Kalispell; numerous great-grandchildren. He adopted four children in his second marriage, Doran Simonson, Daphne Simonson, Wendy Simonson and Justin Simonson.

His great love was hunting and being close to nature, trekking the greater parts of Montana for elk, deer, antelope and even moose and bear.

He and his son David were partners in Shoreline Construction in Bigfork. After retiring in 1996 he sold his Ferndale home of 35 years and moved to Provo, Utah.

Funeral services will be held today at 11 a.m. at Freedom 2nd Ward Chapel, 888 South 200 West, Provo, Utah. Viewing will be held today at the ward chapel from 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Graveside services on Saturday at 3 p.m. at the Highland Cemetery in Great Falls.

Raymond August Skans, 74

Raymond August Skans, 74, passed away Nov. 3, 2001.

He was born Sept. 16, 1927, to Erick and Anna Skans in Minnewaukan, N.D. In



his early childhood he moved with his family to Bonners Ferry, Idaho, where he lived until his job with the Great Northern Railway brought him to Whitefish.

He met Helene Charlotte Mahnken and they were married in her hometown of Little Neck, N.Y. on Jan. 20, 1954.

He retired from the Burlington Northern as a B & B foreman with over 40 years service on Sept 11, 1987.

Raymond was preceded in death

by his parents; brothers, Amil, Carl, Melvin, Norman; wife Helene; and son, John Raymond.

He is survived by brothers, Clifford of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, Glen of El Monte, Calif.; son Robert; daughter-in-law Vera Skans-Burns; granddaughter Rachel Skans-Means; grandsons, Chris of Phoenix, Johnathan Knopfle of Columbia Falls; and great-granddaughter Savannah Means.

He enjoyed the outdoors, fishing, spending time at his cabin and visiting with his friends at the V.F.W.

"He will be missed by his family so very much since he has touched our lives so deeply."

There will be no services at his request.

Arrangements are under the direction of Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

Everit Paul Sliter, 32

Everit Paul Sliter, 32, passed away on Aug. 15, 2001, outside of Helena as a result of a vehicle accident. He was born on May 5, 1969, in Kalispell to Ever-



it and Nicholi "Paulsrud" Sliter.

He attended Trinity Lutheran School and graduated from Flathead High School in 1987. He graduated from the University of Montana where he was affiliated with Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity.

He married Elaine Johnston in 1997. They are the parents of a daughter, Morgan Elizabeth.

He became interested in politics while in high school. He continued this pursuit in college. During those years he served as an intern for Sen. Conrad Burns and for the Western Petroleum Marketers. In 1994, he was elected to the Montana House of Representatives where he was serving his fourth term. While in the Montana

House, he served as majority whip and most recently as majority leader.

He was an avid outdoorsman. In his younger years he was captain of the Flathead Lake Lodge's sailboat, Questa and the excursion boat the Far West. He loved to hunt and fish and supported Ducks Unlimited and other outdoor causes.

He is survived by his wife Elaine and daughter Morgan of Somers; his parents Everit and Nikki Sliter; and one brother, Justin and wife Jennifer Sliter, all of Kalispell. He had many relatives and friends.

Memorial services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church with the Rev. Darold Reiner officiating.

A scholarship fund has been established in his memory for an upper division political science student at the University of Montana Foundation, P.O. Box 7159, Missoula, MT 59807-7159.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Alice Marie Levens Smail, 77

Alice Marie Levens Smail, 77, passed away April 26, 2001.

She was born in Lewistown, the second child of Opal and Clarence Levens. Both of her parents had to enter tuberculosis sanitariums for treatment of disease acquired living in a sod hut at Jordan while homesteading. Their two daughters went to live with grandparents for the year their parents were hospitalized. She was with her maternal grandparents.

She grew up in Lewistown and graduated from high school there in 1942. She and Don Smail, a classmate, married that summer. Very shortly, he went off to the war in Europe. She often said that they came of age separately. During the war, she drove big grain trucks and worked in the lab of the U.S. gypsum plant in Great Falls. When her first child was born, she moved to Kalispell where her father owned an electrical shop and was the city's electrical inspector.

She worked for the B&B until her husband returned from the Army. Then they relocated to Spokane. There they both worked for Northwest Airlines and he completed a civil engineering degree. They were active in the Millwood Presbyterian Church.

He took on a series of engineering projects in Sanders County and moved the family to Thompson Falls. She operated a commercial laundry and a motel. Many bittersweet memories surround these times — some very special friends, now deceased — special home in an incredibly beautiful location.

Her husband accepted employment with the bridge design department of the Montana highway department and the family moved to Helena. She managed offices of several financial companies (once loaning Charlie Pride money for a guitar). When her husband left the transportation department to consult for World Bank, she was an accountant with Eddy's Bread Company. While in Helena, she occasionally sang with neighbors Harold and Betty Paulsen at local supper clubs.

She and her husband had been among the founders of the Plymouth

Congregational Church in Helena.

Over the next several years they lived in the Maritime Provinces of eastern Canada, Little Rock, Ark., Accra, Ghana, Honolulu, Saigon, Cagayan de Oro in the Republic of the Philippines, and the Sultanate of Oman. The Sultan of Oman declared her an honorary man in order for her to manage a bookstore for which they needed a business manager. She and her husband traveled extensively in Asia, Africa, Australia, and Europe.

Divorced, she returned to her own home in Helena, where she lived until 1998, when she was moved to the Whitefish Manor Senior Citizen apartments; the Colonial Manor; and was a resident at the Brendan House at the time of her death.

Her interests over these years included Credit Women's Breakfast Club, Rebekahs, Plymouth Congregational Church, music, reading, and her children and grandchildren. Often in third world countries, she would have school and a meal in her home for children of the neighborhood.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Clarence and Opal, and a brother, Lawrence Levens.

She is survived by daughters, Donna Maddux of Whitefish, Debra and husband, Lee Thornhill of Belgrade; sons, W. Dean Smail and wife, Jan, of Helena; Daryl and wife, Debbie Smail, of Marion; David and wife, Terri Smail, of Vancouver, Wash.; brother, Harold Levens and family of Bozeman; sister Mabel Levens of Wichita, Kan.; 10 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

She donated her body to the University of Montana Medical School. A gathering of family and friends for celebration of her life will be scheduled in Lewistown later in the summer.

Memorial services are pending at this time, but will be held at the Whitefish First Presbyterian Church.

The family suggests in lieu of flowers that donations in her memory be made to your favorite youth charity.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Dorothy Louise Smith, 76

Dorothy Louise Smith, 76, went to be with her Lord on June 24, 2001, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

She was born on May 8, 1925 in Redington, Neb., to Joseph L. and Norma L. Henry Barden. She attended schools in Gering and Bridgeport, Neb., graduating from high school in 1943. After high school, she attended the Kansas City General Hospital School of Nursing from 1943 until 1946. She took her state board and became a registered nurse. She had a variety of nursing experiences, including the last 19 years prior to her retirement in 1984 as an administrative staff member at the Wyoming state training school for the developmentally disabled.

She married Lester E. Smith on Dec. 11, 1943, in Los Angeles. They

moved to Kalispell from Wyoming in 1991. She was a member of the Christian Center Assembly of God Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her daughter Helen Louise Smith, and an infant sister.

She is survived by her husband Lester E. Smith; sons Dan and his wife Kay Smith, Richard and his wife Ann Lyn Smith, Russell B. Smith; a step-sister, two step-brothers, and two half brothers.

Private family burial will be at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery on Wednesday.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. on Wednesday at Christian Center Assembly of God Church with Rev. Robert Ross officiating.

Arrangements are under the direction of Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

Frances A. Smith, 90

Frances A. Smith, 90, passed away on Oct. 7, 2001, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

She was born on Sept. 18, 1911, in Plainfield, N.J., to John and Josephine Gombas. She was the middle child of five children. She worked for Art-Color Printing for several years, before going to work as a nurse at Roosevelt Hospital for over 25 years. She enjoyed copperwork, crocheting, reading, working crossword puzzles and anagrams. She moved to

Kalispell in December of 2000.

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

She is survived by her daughter Margaret Kopyta of Bigfork, granddaughter Holly Gannon of Bigfork, three great-grandchildren, Jasmin, Liam and Sienna.

Visitation will be today from 1-5 p.m. at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Cremation will follow visitation.

Arrangements are under the direction of Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

Marshall Henry Smith, 83

Marshall Henry Smith, 83, passed away of cancer on Sept. 14, 2001, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

He was born on Jan. 12, 1918, in Yuma, Mich., to Claud and Alma (Smith) Smith. The family moved to Alma, Mich., in 1920, where he received his education, graduating from Alma High School in 1935.

After Pearl Harbor he went to Honolulu and worked with the Civil Service in a ship repair unit. Later he enlisted in the Seabees and was stationed at Camp Perry, Va. While there he met and married Lola Conover of Wolford, N.D., and was soon shipped to Midway Island.

He was a carpenter for most of his working life and spent the last 11 years before retirement working at the aluminum plant. The next 11 years were dedicated to missionary work as he and his wife worked with the Mobile Missionary Assistance Program

which they enjoyed very much.

He loved his family, his church and gardening and hunting. He was one of the men who helped organize the Boy Scout Troop in Evergreen. He was also a member of the Evergreen Missionary Alliance Church.

He was preceded in death by several sisters and is survived by his wife of 52 years, Lola, who lives in the house he built 52 years ago in Evergreen; two sons, Lamont C. Smith of Kalispell, and Steven Scott Smith of Dayton and Butte; two grandsons, Randall Lindsey of Junction City, Ore., and Paul Smith of New York City, N.Y.; two sisters, Gussie Best and Carrie Ann Marr.

Memorial services will be held at 1 p.m. on Tuesday at the Evergreen Missionary Alliance Church in Evergreen with the Rev. Gary Toavs officiating.

Cremation is under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Hope L. Smith, 83

Hope L. Smith, 83, of Libby, died Monday, Jan. 1, 2001, at the Libby Care Center from natural causes. She was born Feb. 26, 1917, in Mountain Park, Okla., to Carl and Pearl Bandy Self. In 1938 she married Lester Davis in Binging, Wash.

She is survived locally by a son, Gerald Davis of Troy.

Private family services will be held. Local arrangements are being handled by Nelson and Vial Funeral Home in Libby.

Roy W. Smith, 76

Roy W. Smith, 76, died peacefully in his sleep on Nov. 6, 2001, after losing his battle with emphysema.

He was the oldest of 10 children born to Riley and Ray Smith in Lawton, Okla. He attended schools there until he joined the Navy. He served proudly in World War II aboard the aircraft carrier USS Saratoga in the South Pacific. He was awarded the Purple Heart.

In 1950, he married Mary Ann Hinshaw. They made their home in Pleasant Hill, Calif., where they raised their five children. He worked and retired from Mare Island Naval Shipyard. They later moved to Corning, Calif., where he enjoyed raising his hogs and tending his garden. In 1989, he moved to Kalispell to be near his grandchildren. He so enjoyed their activities and the pleasure of their company.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Floyd and Gene; his beloved wife Mary Ann; and their daughter, Renee.

He is survived by his brothers and sisters, Don, Ed, Chuck, Bob, Charlene, Barb and Chickie and their spouses and families for whom he was big brother, friend and rock of support; his children, Andy and Gwyn Palchak, Ken and Terry Smith, Glenn Smith, all of Kalispell and Vicky McGiboney of Glendive; and his most precious grandchildren, Michael, David, Daniel Palchak, Christopher Trueblood, Joshua Smith, J.T. and Destiny Smith.

He was a special, warm, loving man who never met anyone he didn't like. He loved the mountains, camping, hunting and fishing. He was very proud of his family and worked hard to take care of them. He will be missed as the foundation in all our lives.

Cremation was provided by Johnson Mortuary. A private family service will be held later in the mountains so he can hunt and fish forever.

Scott Smith, 43

Scott Smith, 43, of Bozeman, passed away July 8, 2001, due to a motor vehicle accident at mile marker 5 on the West Fork Road, off of U.S. 93 just west of Conner.



He was born Sept. 21, 1957, in Fresno, Calif., to Orlan and Bette Ward Smith. When he was 7 years old, his parents passed away due to a motor vehicle accident in Fresno. He and his sister were then raised by his uncle and aunt, Carolyn and Virgil Ward, in Bozeman, and later by Carolyn and Marvin Kaber. He had many surrogate parents while growing up and in his adult life. He graduated from Bozeman High School in 1976 and then attended Montana State University in Bozeman.

He and Stephanie Strong were joined in marriage Nov. 18, 1982, in Hamilton. Their son, Christopher was born to them in Bozeman in 1992.

He loved his family life and he was truly loved by them and all of his close and extended family. He had a very generous and giving spirit, and could never say no to anybody.

He enjoyed spending time with his son, Chris; they had a very strong relationship. "Scott, the hot tub man" as many people affectionately knew him, was the co-founder of Mountain Hot Tub

with Tom Walker, his friend since fifth grade. They started the business together over 20 years ago. His leisure time when he was not operating the business was spent shooting, collecting vintage Land Rovers, hiking, downhill skiing, sailing and reading. Everything he did was with family.

He is survived by his spouse, Stephanie Gayle Strong Smith; son, Christopher Scott Smith, both of Bozeman; sister Robin Haller and spouse Dave, nephews Brian and Eric Haller, all of Seattle, Wash.; "parents" in-law Richard and Sandra Strong; sister-in-law and brother-in-law Leslie and Larry Moore and niece Emily of Los Angeles; "grandparents" in-law Dorothy and Jack Babcock, Sr. of Spokane, Wash.; uncle Bruce Smith and aunt Karen Stumpf, both of Colorado; cousin Roger and Cathy Ward of Colorado Springs, Colo.; uncle Virgil Ward of Belgrade; step-father Marvin Kaber of Columbia Falls; and many wonderful friends.

Please join the family for a celebration of his life at 6 p.m. Monday, at the Bowl in Lindley Park in Bozeman. Dress for the occasion is casual.

The family suggests memorials be sent to: D.A. Davidson, 529 East Main; or P. O. Box 8000, Bozeman, MT 59715, for Christopher's college fund.

Dowling Funeral Home & Crematory in Hamilton is assisting the family with service arrangements.