

## Judy E. Rains Wheeler, 55

Judy E. Rains Wheeler, 55, passed away at St. Patricks Hospital in Missoula, on June 13, 2001.

She was born on Oct. 8, 1945, in Denver, to Elmer and Josephine Licata Rains.

She grew up in the Denver area where she graduated from Aurora Central High School in 1963, and Hollywood Beauty College in 1964.

She remained in Denver until she married Vernon Wheeler on June 5, 1971, in Kalispell. After their marriage, the couple returned to Denver until 1979, at which time they returned to Kalispell.

She volunteered her time and leadership for many different organizations, including Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, and the Evergreen School District. She served as an election judge in Evergreen for many years. She was a member, former president, treasurer, and secretary of TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly).

Her true love was working with children, and she worked at the Kid Kare for Kalispell Regional Medical Center for the past 12 years.

When not working or volunteering, she enjoyed crocheting blankets for her grandchildren and reading. She was a friend to everyone she met. Her family will



always remember her for her loving, selfless attitude, and the way she always considered others before herself.

Her parents preceded her in death.

She is survived by her husband Vernon Wheeler of Kalispell; four children, David Wheeler of Parker, Colo., Dawn Wood and her husband Riley of Kalispell, Dennis Wheeler and his wife Kimberly of Portsmouth, Va., and Dana Harding and her husband Thomas of Kalispell; eight grandchildren, Christopher, Tabitha and Ian Wheeler, Darian and Mason Wood, Jasyn Wheeler, Rodney Harding, and James Wheeler; three brothers, Skeeter, Brace and Clay Rains; one sister, Cheryl Halpin; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held on Sunday at 3 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Larry Lautaret of the Whitefish Church of God officiating. Visitation will be today from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary and a memorial reception will be held on Monday at 10 a.m. at the Salvation Army Church.

Memorials can be made to W.I.N.G.S. c/o Kalispell Regional Medical Center, Dept. of Radiation Therapy, 310 Sunnyview Ln., Kalispell, MT 59901 or to the Girl Scouts of America.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

## Harry C. Wheeler, 84

Harry C. Wheeler passed away on June 29 in Whitefish. He was 84 years old.

Harry Wheeler was born in Fremont, Neb., on July 9, 1916, to Harry C. and Viletta Clark Wheeler. He attended schools in Cincinnati, Ohio, and graduated from Hardin High School in Hardin, Mont., in 1934. From 1934 to 1937, he was a member of the Civilian Conservation Corps at various sites in Montana. He began his hospital career as an orderly at Kalispell General Hospital in 1937, followed by a position as credit manager at the Great Falls Deaconess Hospital from 1937 to 1945.

On Dec. 24, 1938, he married Katherine (Kay) Sweeney at the Epworth Methodist Church in Kalispell. He was the administrator of the Billings Deaconess Hospital from 1945 to 1955, and the administrator of the Spokane Deaconess Hospital from 1955 until his retirement in 1982, at which time he and his wife, Kay, moved to Kalispell.

He was a member of the Ashlar Masonic Lodge, a member of Lions International and a life member and diplomat for the American College of Hospital Administrators. He was a president and treasurer of the Montana Hospital Association, founder and president of the Upper Midwest Hospital Conference, president of the board of Washington State Hospi-



tal Association and chairman of the Spokane Hospital Council.

Camping, fishing, traveling, carpentry and automotive restoration were just a few of the activities he enjoyed. He restored from memory and spare parts a 1922 Model T Ford, which was his pride and joy.

His parents, his sisters Ruth Baldwin and Jean Fitzwater, and his daughter Barbara Schustrom preceded him in death.

He is survived by his wife, Kay; his son, H. Clark Wheeler, Clark's wife Jennifer and their children Harry, Joe and Andrea; his son Scott and Scott's wife Jane and their sons James and Geoffrey; his son-in-law Bill Schustrom and his children, Bill and Paula Schustrom, Katie and George Hauserman and Chris Schustrom; and six great-grandchildren. Extended family includes Vern and Judy Nelson and their daughters Kim, Darcy and Kristen.

Friends and family are invited to an informal remembrance celebration at the Avalanche Campground amphitheater in Glacier National Park on Tuesday, July 3, at 5 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that any donation go to the North Valley Hospital Foundation, 6575 Hwy. 93 S., Whitefish, MT 59937.

## Lida Jane Mulliner Wheeler, 85

Lida Jane Mulliner Wheeler, 85, passed away on Feb. 19, 2001, in Provo, Utah after a valiant fight to overcome the effects of cancer and a stroke.



She was born on Mar. 13, 1915, in Venice, Sevier County, Utah, to Samuel R. and Louie Delona Jackson Mulliner, the sixth of 11 children.

A few months after her birth, the family moved to southern Idaho. Her parents farmed near Shoshone, and she received all her formal education there, graduating from Shoshone High School in 1933. The hard physical work on the farm gave her a love of labor, and she worked hard all her life.

On June 4, 1932, she married William Edwin Wheeler in Mountain Home, Idaho. They were married for 60 years before he passed away on Mar. 11, 1993. He was a civil engineer with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, and they were transferred to many projects in the western United States during his career.

Each of their four children were born in a different state. In 1945, they moved to Kalispell to work on Hungry Horse Dam, and Kalispell was their permanent home from then until their move to Provo in 1989. From 1952 to 1956, the family lived in Tehran, Iran, where Bill was head of the water resources division of the Point Four project, a precursor to USAID. She was instrumental in starting the first Girl Scout troop in Iran during that time. Upon returning to the United States, he retired from the U.S. government. He shortly thereafter went to Kandahar, Afghanistan with the Morrison-Knudsen Company, leaving the family in Kalispell because of the difficult living and schooling circumstances in Afghanistan. She, ever an adventurous person, made a round-the-world trip in 1958 to see him, visiting Hawaii, Japan, Hong Kong, and Thailand before meeting him in India. After spending several weeks with him in Afghanistan, she continued her trip, visiting friends in Iran and England before returning to Kalispell.

She was an active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints all of her life. She served in many positions, but most often worked with children and youth. She was active in the

PTA, and served for three years as state president of the Montana PTA in the 1970s after having also served as the state treasurer. She also worked with Girl Scouts for a number of years.

She was a homemaker who loved to cook, sew, clean house, garden, and do all the other activities involved in maintaining a home. She enjoyed knitting, and knit an afghan for each of her children and grandchildren.

In 1989, due to Bill's poor health, she and her husband gave up their beloved home in Kalispell and moved to Provo to be near their daughter, Gloria. In 1992, they moved into Gloria's home. She and her daughter were visiting teaching companions, traveling companions, and the closest of friends during the years after her husband's passing. She was always physically active, doing all of the cooking, cleaning, laundry, mending, and some yard work until her final illness.

She was preceded in death by her husband; her parents; and six siblings, Edward K. Mulliner, Cleo Mulliner Peak, Royal Mulliner, Ora Mulliner Carothers, Delona Mulliner Finch, and Myrtle Mulliner Hansen; and beloved son-in-law, Cecil Saunders.

She is survived by three daughters, one son, and one daughter-in-law, Shirley Ann Huggins, Seattle, Lida Jane Saunders, North Ogden, Utah, Gloria Eileen Wheeler, Provo, and Gerald Edwin Wheeler and wife, Melanie, of Salt Lake City; three sisters; one brother; and two sisters-in-law, Lola Austin, Iva Wixson, Alice Rae Born, Ralph Mulliner and wife, Pauline, and Mary Wheeler; 12 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren, and two great-great grandchildren.

The family thanks all who were so helpful to her during her illness, including wonderful health care professionals, members of the extended family, ward members, and other friends.

Funeral services will be held on Friday at 11 a.m. in the Pioneer First Ward Chapel, 376 North 700 West, Provo, Utah. Friends may call at Berg Mortuary, 185 East Center Street in Provo, on Thursday evening from 6-8 p.m., and also on Friday at the chapel one hour prior to services. Interment will be at the Mountain View Cemetery, Mountain Home, Idaho on Saturday at 11 a.m.

Services are under the direction of Berg Mortuary.

## Norman George Wick, 72

Norman George Wick, 72, died on Aug. 5, 2001, in Sun City West, Ariz., of a heart attack.

He was born Feb. 25, 1929, in Detroit, Mich., where he graduated from high school in 1946. He attended St. Olaf College and Wayne University. In 1951, he graduated from Luther College, an institution that would bestow upon him a distinguished alumnus award and an honorary doctoral degree.

On June 19, 1954, he married Edith Osmundson. He graduated from Luther Theological Seminary in 1955, and was ordained at St. Olaf Lutheran Church in Detroit.

He began his parish ministry at Malta which was a multiple parish including Malta/Dodson/Loring and Whitewater. In 1959, he accepted a call to Faith Lutheran Church in Great Falls. In 1968, he was called to become assistant to the district president, Rocky Mountain District of the American Lutheran Church. He held this position for five years when he was elected bishop in 1973. He was bishop until 1991 when he retired.

Following retirement he and his wife moved to Arizona where he served as contract or interim in the following parishes: Prince of Peace, Phoenix, Love of Christ, Mesa, and Lord of Life, Sun City West.

He was devoted to his family and Lord with great warmth, gentleness and strength of faith. He had a pastoral heart in every aspect of his life and ministry. He will be remembered with much affection by his family, colleagues, parishioners and friends.

He was taken suddenly by a heart attack and was also suffering from Alzheimer's. He claimed the victory over death which is God's gift to him in Jesus Christ. His memory will continue to enrich the lives of his family and a host of people everywhere who experienced his love, proclamation and living of the Good News of our Lord and Savior.

He is survived by his wife Edie;

three children, Karen of Las Vegas, David and wife Carrie of Whitefish, Jenny and husband Craig of Henderson, Nev.; six grandchildren, two great-grandchildren; and two brothers, Carl and David.

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

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. on Friday at Lord of Life Lutheran Church in Sun City West. A memorial will be held in Montana at a later date.

Memorial donations can be sent to 18822 Ginger Dr., Sun City West, AZ 85375; or to Luther Seminary Scholarship or Alzheimer's Research Foundation.

## Dixie A. Wicka, 69

Dixie A. Wicka, 69, died March 28, 2001, at her home in Libby, from natural causes.

She was born on Dec. 11, 1931, in Libby, to Frank and Ruth Porter Hendrickson. She married Henry Wicka on Oct. 5, 1951, in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband Hank; a brother, Ed Hendrickson; and a sister, Vera Fenske.

She is survived by three

sons, Monte Wicka and his wife, Leta, of Ronan, Mark Wicka and his wife, Karen of Libby, and Matt Wicka and his wife, Serena, of Libby; one brother; one sister, Mary Albert of Kalispell; and two grandchildren.

Services will be Saturday at 3:30 p.m. at the Nelson and Vial Funeral Home Chapel. Visitation will be from 1-8 p.m. today. Interment will be at the City of Libby Cemetery.

## Hildagarde Mary Wiedow, 92

Hildagarde Mary Wiedow, 92, died May 27, 2001, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

She was born Oct. 16, 1908, in Lone Tree, N.D., to Lorenze and Mary Denne Schultz

As per her wishes, there will

be no services when she is buried at Conrad Memorial Cemetery. There are no local survivors.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

## Richard John Wiherski, 64

Richard John Wiherski, 64, passed away on May 14, 2001, in Kingman, Ariz., after a brief illness.

He was born May 1, 1937, in Little Falls, Minn., to Christ and Viola Wiherski. He was raised in Little Falls and graduated from high school there.

He enlisted in the Army National Guard in 1955, and, in January of 1957, transferred to the U.S. Marine Corps where he proudly served his country until his honorable discharge in May of 1963. He was stationed at Camp Pendleton, Calif., in Korea and Vietnam, and on several Navy ships. He was an expert marksman and, while overseas, was a gunner on USMC helicopters.

After his tour of duty, he traveled to many states and Canada to hunt and fish. He fell in love with Montana and spent many happy years hunting and hiking in the mountains with his horse Chico. In 1966, he moved to Missoula with his first wife, Carol, and their baby, Michael.

He worked as an A-rate mechanic in pulp mills in Little Falls and Missoula.

In the 1970s, he owned and operated the Wiherski Bakery in Kalispell with his brother, Jerome. Later, he owned and operated bakeries in Darby and Kalispell with his wife, Emily, whom he married on Aug. 10, 1990. Poor health forced him to retire in 1992.

During his last few years, he enjoyed repairing fishing reels and building custom fishing rods.

He is survived by his wife, Emily, of Columbia Falls; son Michael and family of Kalispell; and daughter Kathryn Conery and

family of Spring Lake Park, Minn.; a brother Jerome and wife Debbie of Wolf Creek; a sister, Mary Hansmann and husband Ray, of Becker, Minn.; and a brother John, of Little Falls.

A wake for family and friends will be held at St. Richard's Catholic Church, Columbia Falls, at 7 p.m. on Thursday. Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated at St. Richard's Church, Columbia Falls, at 11 a.m. on Friday with the Rev. Joseph P. Moran officiating. Graveside services, with military honors, will follow at St. Richard's Catholic cemetery.

Should friends desire, memorials may be made in his name to the American Diabetes Association or to a charity of the donor's choice.

## Elma C. Wilcox, 76

Elma C. Wilcox, 76, of Whitefish, died Oct. 17, 2001. She was born March 27, 1925, in Alzwood, Minn. She is survived

by a brother in Minnesota, and two sons, Ron Huff of Columbia Falls and Dan Huff of Troy.

## Lawrence 'Larry' Wilkerson, 79

Lawrence "Larry" Wilkerson, 79, died March 18, 2001.

He was born April 26, 1921, in West Frankford, Ill., to Lawrence and Minni Wilkerson. He moved to Wallace, Idaho, in 1936, and went to work in the mines at age 15. He was the fifth of six children.

He married Wanda Gilseth in 1941. Two children, Paul "Rod" Wilkerson and Terrine Trexler were born from that marriage.

He married Evelyn McAllister in 1951, and Kay Wilkerson, Norma Apple, Karla Klingler, Lornia Bell, Paula West, Jeremy Wilkerson were the children of this marriage, along with 23 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchild-

dren.

He worked construction all his life and lived in many different states. He moved back to Montana in 1977 and retired.

He is survived by Evelyn at the family home; a brother, Jim Wilkerson of Wallace; and sister, Geniva McKelvy of Post Falls, Idaho.

Cremation has taken place and burial will be in Post Falls, Idaho.

Arrangements are under the direction of Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

## Darlene Marie Williams, 74

Darlene Marie Williams, 74, passed away Aug. 24, 2001, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

She was born Aug. 11, 1927, in Fortine, to Carl and Bessie Kampe.

She married Robert T. Williams on May 13, 1946, in Missoula. She helped manage the family orchard in Finley Point until they sold it in 1990. She and her husband have spent the last 10 years going to Mexico for the winter. She loved to travel, garden, make crafts, and fish while they were camping.



She was preceded in death by her parents, brother Paul and three sisters, Virginia "Gini" McBride, Ruth Wilhelm, and Pearl Miller.

She is survived by her husband Bob of Lakeside; a son, Mike Williams of Seeley Lake; and two daughters, Diane Smith of Tucson, Ariz., and Jo Luke of Columbia Falls; seven grandchildren, Tim, Daun, Josh, Chris, Nate, Janet and Jon; three great-grandchildren, Jesse, Tyler, and Antonia.

Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home with Rev. Ken Mottram officiating.

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

## Dennis Williams, 58

Dennis Williams, 58, died Nov. 14, 2001, at the Brendan House in Kalispell.

He was born Oct. 5, 1943, in Newberry, Mich., to Lawrence and Rosamond Payne Williams.

No services are scheduled at this time.

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

## John C. 'Stub' Williams, 70

John C. "Stub" Williams, 70, passed away April 7, 2001, at his home in Kalispell, of a long-term lung illness, with his wife and family at his side.

He was born on Feb. 8, 1931, in Kremlin, to Coleman and Sarah Brumbaugh Williams.

He grew up in the Kremlin area, and graduated from high school there.

After graduation, he joined the U.S. Army and served in Korea during the Korean Conflict. After returning home from his time in the Army, he farmed in the Kremlin area for many years.

On Dec. 29, 1962, he married Barbara "Bobbie" Blouin in Coeur d' Alene, Idaho.

In 1987, he retired from farming due to his illness and moved to Kalispell with his wife and family. His greatest enjoyment in life were farming, his wife Barbara, his five daughters, grandchildren,



family and friends. He loved spending time with each and every one of them.

He is survived by his wife Barbara of Kalispell; five daughters, Sharon Barlow of Havre, Kathy Barlow of Tacoma, Wash., Barbara Jean Daughenbough and her husband, Doug, of Corvallis, Amy Williams of Hohokus, N.J., and Nicole Mann and her husband, Marty, of Kalispell; 11 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; two sisters, Mildred Woepfel of Lynnwood, Wash., and Bessie Doll of Missoula; three brothers, Emery Williams of Ocean Park, Wash., Lyle Williams and Carl Williams, both of Kremlin; and his special friends Kevin and Addy Reid.

Funeral services will be held on Friday at 10 a.m. at Johnson Mortuary with the Rev. Ron Pierce officiating. Burial will follow at C. E. Conrad Cemetery. Visitation will be held Thursday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

## Minnie Williams, 92

Minnie Williams, 92, passed away Friday, May 18, 2001, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

She was born Dec. 14, 1908, in Harlan, Iowa, to Eli and Anna Nielsen, the fourth of seven children. Her mother died giving birth to twins.

Her foster mother and she homesteaded outside of Harrison, Nebraska. They later moved to Greybull, Wyo., and owned and operated the Meade Hotel for two years.

She was married to S.S. Williams on July 5, 1932, in Red Lodge.

She worked at the Carbon County Memorial Hospital for 30 years. After she retired, they moved to Lovell, Wyo., where she was very active in the Senior Center.

She moved to Columbia Falls, in 1999, to be near her daughter.

She enjoyed quilting, crocheting, and knitting.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; six brothers and sisters; a daughter, Nita Bronkema; and a niece.

She is survived by two daughters,



Norma Schanck of Anchorage, Alaska, and Sally Martinus of Columbia Falls; seven grandchildren, Gwen and Deanne Walker of Lovell, Nolan

Schank of Sumner, Wash., Jay Schanck of Gilbert, Ariz., Karl Schank of Anchorage, Alaska, Sam Martinus of Jonestown, Pa., and Sonja Nelson of Homer, Alaska; seven great grandchildren, Casey and Thomas Green, Stacey and Christy Walker, Dusty Schanck, and Zachary and Jakob Nelson; and one niece.

A memorial service will be held Tuesday at 4:30 p.m. at Our Saviors Lutheran Church in Columbia Falls. The Rev. Thomas Gopp will officiate. Inurnment will take place at a later date in Lovell.

The family has suggested that memorials be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is in charge of arrangements.

## Shirley A. Williams, 65

Shirley A. Williams, 65, of Libby, died Sept. 16, 2001, at the Libby Care Center from natural causes.

She was born Jan. 16, 1936, at Martinsville, Va., the daughter of Eugene and Iva Rosella Burkes Williams.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Vic.

She is survived by one son; two daughters including Bren-

da Miller and her husband Russ of Kalispell; one stepson, Bill Farnsworth and his wife Tina of Libby; eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Visitation will be today from 1-8 p.m. Graveside services will be Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. at the City of Libby Cemetery.

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

## Elizabeth Martyn Williamson, 90

Elizabeth Martyn Williamson, 90, passed away at Immanuel Lutheran Home on Aug. 8, 2001.

She was born March 26, 1911, to Harry and Harriet Dalrymple Martyn in Copper Hill, N.J. Her father, a Pullman conductor, died when she was 11. Her mother was a dressmaker. She was the middle child of five. She played the violin in the school orchestra and sang in several choirs. She graduated from high school in Flemington, N.J. She became a registered nurse in 1933 in Philadelphia.

She married Bradford Williamson on June 21, 1937. During World War II, the couple moved to East Orange, N.J., where her husband worked as a draftsman and machinist and she worked as a hospital nurse. They raised one daughter, Eda Reid of Bigfork.

She became a school crossing guard and later a receptionist and

clerk in the Girl Scout office in Montclair, N.J. She was a Girl Scout troop leader for eight years. In 1976, she retired from her job and in 1977, the couple moved to Bigfork. Her husband died Sept. 28, 1978.

She lived in an apartment until 1982, when she moved in with her daughter. On July 9, 1998, she moved to Immanuel Lutheran Home.

She was a member of Bethany Lutheran Church and was active in the Rebecca Circle. She painted in oils and water color, worked with stained glass, and knitted mittens for the Retired Senior Volunteer Program.

She is survived by her daughter, Eda Reid of Bigfork, and two grandchildren.

Cremation has taken place. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Marion Lambert Wilms, 72

Marion Lambert Wilms, 72, passed away on April 14, 2001 at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

She was born on Dec. 31, 1928 in St. Louis, Mo., to Charles and Alice Lambert Jr.

Her parents worked for Barnum and Bailey's circus for several years. She learned to play the piano and the tambourine at an early age and continued to love all kinds of music her whole life. She graduated from college with a degree in education. She moved to southern California where she taught home economics. She married Otto Wilms and they raised a family of 13 children.

She enjoyed sewing, cooking, playing cards, flower arranging and crafts. She was a member of the Baptist church. Her husband passed away in 1983 and she moved back to

St. Louis to live with relatives. In 1986, she moved to Libby to live with her daughter. Shortly afterwards, it became necessary for her to be admitted to the Flathead County nursing home, Heritage Place. She always maintained her sense of humor, and loved to hear a good joke.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Otto.

She is survived by her very special friend, Marilyn Clements, and her extended family of staff and friends at Heritage Place in Kalispell. She will be truly missed by them all.

She will be cremated and her ashes buried at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Arrangements are under the direction of Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

## William H. Wilson, 58

William H. Wilson, 58, passed away on May 27, 2001, at the Fort Harrison VA Hospital in Helena.

He was born April 2, 1943, in Aurora, Colo., to Frank P. and Gladys Wilderman Wilson.

He was a very intelligent and educated man. He graduated from Elizabeth High School in Elizabeth, Colo., in 1961. He then attended Graves Harbor Community College in Graves, Ore.

While serving 25 years in the United States Coast Guard, he attended various military schools including USAF Special Investigations, Instructor Training, Career Counseling, Maritime Law Enforcement, Drug Enforcement, Secret Service Protective Operations, FBI/ATF Organized Crime and Arson Investigations, and Air/Marine Smuggling. During his career with the Coast Guard he held several positions including as special agent at the drug intelligence center in Texas, as instruc-

tor in Maritime Law Enforcement in Virginia, as special agent in Hawaii, as training instructor in New Jersey, and as officer in charge in Port Washington, Wis.

When not working, he enjoyed horses, woodworking, stock car racing, and he even raced his own car for a time. Above all, he loved his children very much.

He was preceded in death by his father.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Lou Wilson of Kalispell; daughter Lynda Probert and her husband Joseph of Kalispell; son, Arthur Wilson and his wife Sue of Kalispell; mother Gladys P. Wilson of Kalispell; four brothers, three sisters and numerous nieces and nephews of Colorado, Oklahoma, and New Jersey.

At his request no services will be held at this time.

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

## Mary E. Winters, 92

Mary E. Winters, age 92, of Columbia Falls, died of natural causes Wednesday, April 23, 2001 at her home in Columbia Falls.

She was born in Lewistown, Mont., on Jan. 5, 1909, to Charles and Angela LaRocque. She was raised and educated in Lewistown.

In 1927 she married Jack Winters and operated a ranch in Rosebud County. They moved to Miles City before settling in Columbia Falls. She worked in the geriatric department of the hospital in Deer Lodge before settling in Columbia Falls, then as a volunteer at the Senior Citizens Center in Columbia Falls.

She enjoyed sewing, gardening and quilt making.

She was preceded in death by her husband and one daughter.

She is survived by two daughters, Doris Guenther and Lucille Hobbs of Columbia Falls; two sons, William "Bill" Charles Winters of Hungry Horse and Jack Edward Winters of Anchor Point, Alaska; 23 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

A vigil service will be held on Tuesday at 7 p.m. at St. Richard's Catholic Church in Columbia Falls.

Mass of the Christian Burial will be held on Wednesday at 1 p.m. at St. Richard's Catholic Church in Columbia Falls. Rev. Joe Pat Moran will officiate. Inurnment will follow at Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

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



## Shirley Anne Winters, 63

Shirley Anne Winters, 63, died at her home in Hungry Horse, on Wednesday, Feb. 21, 2001.

She was born July 26, 1937, in Bozeman, to Margaret Frohlich. She grew up in Lewistown, and later moved to Deer Lodge.

She met and married William C. Winters on April 26, 1961. They moved to Columbia Falls where they lived until 1965. They moved to Hungry Horse where they have resided since.

Her passion in life was her family. We will always remember the love and devotion she gave to all of us throughout her life.

She is survived by her husband, William "Bill" Winters of Hungry Horse; her children, Jay and Diana Winters, Woody Winters,

Scott and Wanda Winters, all of Hungry Horse, and Robert and Kristie Winters of Coram; her mother, Margaret Frohlich of Hungry Horse; her brothers, Jim, Don, John, and Paul Frohlich; nine grandchildren, Chris, Justin, Brad, Robert, Jenelle, Nick, Kristie, Stormie, and Nicole; and one great-grandchild, Alyssa.

A rosary will be recited today at 4 p.m. at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. Mass of the Resurrection will be Monday at 11 a.m. at St. Richard's Catholic Church in Columbia Falls. The Rev. Joe Pat Moran will officiate. Burial will follow in Woodlawn Cemetery.

The casket will not be open for viewing.

## Robert W. 'Roddy' White, 75

Robert W. "Roddy" White, 75, of Libby, died on May 27, 2001, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center from natural causes.

He was born March 22, 1926, at Somers, to Murlen and Beryl Korb White.

He married Twila Wagle on March 1, 1947. He married Mable Wilson on May 12, 1962.

He was preceded in death by his wife Twila in 1960; second wife Mabel; and two sisters, Allie May Fisher and Verna

Lou Clarke.

Survivors include two sons Rocky White of Libby and Andy White of Coram; two daughters, Rita Postlethwaite and her husband Bob of Libby, Carla Kinkade and her husband Randy of Libby; 12 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Services will be Friday at 1 p.m. at the Nelson and Vial Funeral Home in Libby. Visitation will be Thursday from 1-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

## Peggy Ann Whitworth, 75

Peggy Ann Whitworth, 75, of Columbia Falls passed away Dec. 17, 2001, at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

She was born on Jan. 30, 1926, to Art and Selina Brown in Great

Falls. On Sept. 28, 1946, she married Charles Whitworth.

They lived in Havre until 1984, when they moved to Whitefish, and to Columbia Falls, in the last year.

Peggy is survived by her husband Charles at the family home in Columbia Falls; daughter, Dian Lewallen and husband Bob of Norman, Okla.; son Ron Whitman and wife Beth of Billings; daughter



Judy Vervick and husband Evan of Fairfield; daughter, Shawn Whitworth of Missoula; son Lowell Whitworth of Tacoma, Wash.; grandchildren, Justin, Erin, Michael, Meg, Alissa, Erica and Will; sisters Barbara West of Great Falls, and Lucille McQuaid of Burlington, Wash.; as well as several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held on Thursday at 11 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Whitefish. The Rev. Gene Speer officiating.

The family requests that memorial contributions be sent in her name to the Montana Senior Citizen Association of Helena or the Salvation Army.

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

## Carmel D. Wilton, 69

Carmel D. Wilton, 69, passed away on Nov. 21, 2001, of natural causes at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

Carmel was born on Oct. 12, 1932, in Anaconda, to Anthony and Concetta Monaco. On Sept. 21, 1950, she married Frank Wilton; they divorced in 1977. She worked at the Montana Veterans Home, Bank of Columbia Falls and finally for Dr. Cotner. She was a very dedicated and loving mom and grandma, always putting others' needs before her own. She enjoyed dancing and visiting with friends and family.

She was preceded in death by her parents, an infant brother, two infant grandsons and an adult brother.

With her at the time of her death were her three children, Debbie and Mike Ridenour and their children, Meghann and Levi, of Columbia Falls; Barbara and Robert Stumvoll and their two children, Justin and Katie, of Glasgow; and her son Ray Wilton, also of Columbia Falls.

She is also survived by her four sisters, Jeanette Lutey of Anaconda, Ann Quirk of Phoenix, Ariz., Marie Porter of Butte, and Jean Buhl of Libby, along with three brothers, Angelo Monaco of Anaconda, John Monaco of Phoenix, and Tommy Monaco of Anchorage, Alaska, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Cremation has taken place, and a private ceremony was held. A



memorial is planned in Anaconda on Mother's Day, where her remains will be buried next to her parents.

She will be missed greatly by her family and many friends.

Arrangements are under the direction of Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

## Jerome J. 'Jerry' Wilverding, 75

Jerome J. "Jerry" Wilverding, 75, passed away Dec. 2, 2001, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

Jerry was born March 25, 1926, in Scranton, Pa., to Jerome C. and Josephine Wilverding. He was raised in Scranton where he went to school. He later went to California State at Hayward where he earned his bachelor's degree in physics.

In 1970, he married Carolyn Dunlavy in Reno, Nev. Jerry worked at the Livermore California lab as a building coordinator. While working for the lab, he also got his real estate broker's license and opened his own office.

After retiring in 1989, Jerry moved the family to Bigfork. Jerry built his home in California and in Montana. He was an avid

public speaker and was the president of the Toastmasters of California. Jerry had an interest in politics, was an avid reader, loved golf and playing and winning tournaments in billiards.

He is survived by his wife Carolyn at the family home in Bigfork; daughter Carolyn Wilverding of Williamsburg, Va.; brother George Wilverding of Manteca, Calif.; sisters, Mary and husband Richard Driscoll and Geraldine Novak; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held from 3-6 p.m. Thursday at Bigfork Funeral Home. Cremation will follow and services will be held at a later date.

Arrangements are under the direction of Bigfork Funeral Home.

## Anita K. Wolff, 72

Anita K. Wolff, 72, died Saturday, Nov. 3, 2001, at Brendan House in Kalispell. She was born July 17, 1929, in Mannheim, Germany, to Ludwig and Anna Diener

Graab. She is survived locally by her husband, Dr. Arnos G. Wolff.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is handling arrangements.

## Donald G. 'Whitey' Woller, 71

Donald G. "Whitey" Woller, 71, of Columbia Falls died Feb. 17, 2001 at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish. He was born on June 14, 1929, the son of Eldor and Rose Woller in Merrill, Wis. He served his country in the Korean Conflict and after the war he began his career as an iron worker. He later retired after 35 years.

He married Diana Olivotti on May 21, 1964. He brought his family to Montana in 1967. Whitey will be remembered as a generous man



and a good friend to many. He took pride in his work and enjoyed socializing with co-workers and friends. He will be greatly missed by friends and family.

Survivors include his brothers James and Ronald Woller; his sisters Mildred Waach and Jean Herdt; his daughter Ann Williams; sons Randy, Jeff, Russell, and Alan; and five grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife Diana, brothers George and Tom, his parents Eldor and Rose Woller.

At his request cremation has taken place and private family committal services will take place at a later time.

## James F. 'Jim' Woods, 69

James F. "Jim" Woods, 69, passed away at home on Jan. 23, 2001, after a valiant and courageous battle with cancer.

He was born June 28, 1931, in LaJunta, Colo. He stayed in Colorado until he entered the service. He was in the Navy from 1949-1953 and was decorated for his service in Korea, the China Sea and NATO forces during the Korean War.

In 1955, he came to northwest Montana to join his parents. While living in Whitefish he met the girl of his dreams. He married Joan Olson on July 13, 1958. They lived in Whitefish for four years before moving to Kalispell.

He was a "jack of all trades." Working on farms when he was young, being a machinist, working at the Columbia Falls Aluminum Company, and as an insurance salesman. He worked at the Kalispell employment office and as a roofer before settling at the telephone company in Kalispell for 25 years. He worked his way up from a groundman to a drafting engineer and was a member of the local IBEW union.

He enjoyed most any job, but particularly the people he met through those jobs. By example he taught his children the importance of a day's work for a day's pay. Not only did he pass his mechanical knowledge on to his son, who was a born natural, but he felt it important for his daughters, too. He always seemed tickled when his girls would call to borrow his tools or ask for advice on changing a dryer heating element or their car alternator.

After his retirement in 1991, he loved spending as much time as possible with his family. He was a



devoted husband and loving dad. "Big Papa Jim" had open arms and a lap waiting for his grandkids at all times. He enjoyed watching his children and grandchildren blossom while spending time at their cabin on Echo Lake. He looked forward to "Tuesday Tea" and "Friday Follies" at Moose's Saloon to meet friends, tell jokes and catch up on the latest happenings.

He was preceded in death by an infant daughter; his parents, M.E. and Hildred Woods; and his in-laws, Roy and Effie Olson.

He is survived by his wife and best friend of 42 years, Joan Woods; their son, Wayne Woods and his wife, Dorre, of Colorado Springs, Colo.; daughters, Whitney Leibenguth and her husband, Guy, of Lolo, and Wendy Gorman of Polson; grandchildren, Bo John and Krysta Woods, Tiffany, Robbi Sue and Kali Leibenguth, Johnnie, Jessika, and Ty Gorman; sister Stephanie Dye of Longmont, Colo.; sisters-in-laws and their husbands, Jane and Forrest Friske, June and Jim Kuchenski, and Jean and "Pete" Petersen, numerous nieces and nephews and countless friends.

He will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

At his request, no services will be held.

A celebration of life will be held next summer with a scattering of ashes at Echo Lake per his wishes. Those who would like to share a memory or story of Jim with the family are invited to join them for his "Friday Follies" at Moose's Saloon from 4-7 p.m. on Friday.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hospice at 175 Commons Loop, Ste. 100, Kalispell, MT 59901.

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

## Trudie A. Woods, 55

Trudie A. Woods, 55, of Libby, died Nov. 12, 2001, at St. John Lutheran Hospital in Libby.

She was born in Libby, on March 10, 1946, to Ernie and Trudy Wood. She married Jerry Woods Aug. 27, 1966. They owned and operated the Shoe Shack in Libby.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and a brother, Ernest "Topper" Wood.

Survivors include two sons; a daughter, Jeralyn Jones and husband Brock and their three children; brothers, Dick Wood and wife Janice, and Tom Wood and wife Melanie, and sister-in-law Connie Wood, all

of Libby; four nieces, three nephews and numerous great-nieces and nephews, cousins and friends.

Mass of Resurrection will be celebrated at 11 a.m. on Friday at St. Joseph Catholic Church with the Rev. Ray Hannigan as celebrant, interment services will follow in the City of Libby Cemetery. Parish and vigil rosary will be today at 7 p.m. at Nelson and Vial Funeral Home Chapel.

Remembrances may be made to the Libby Volunteer Fire Department, Box 796, Libby; or to Wings, P.O. Box 1550, Libby, MT 59923.

## Donald H. Woodward, 75

Donald H. Woodward, 75, died on Jan. 11, 2001, in his home in Bigfork. He was born in Phoenix, Alberta, the sixth of nine children born to Herbert and Gladys Woodward.

The family moved to Harlem, Mont., and then to Havre. He served in the military in World War II as an Army paratrooper sergeant from 1942 to 1946. After the service, he returned to Havre where he met and married Vera Anderson Tait on Oct. 2, 1960. With this marriage they had three daughters that joined her three sons.

The family moved to Bigfork in 1969. He worked for Manion's International Dealership at this time. He started his own shop at his home in 1974 and continued mechanic work until his death. He loved to tinker with his vehicles,

televisions, stereos and anything mechanical. He was a loved father and friend and will be dearly missed.

He was preceded in death by his wife Vera Woodward and his son Jeffery Tait. He was the last surviving child in his family.

He is survived by five children, Edward Tait of California, Courtney Tait of Havre, Marilyn Wigner of Kalispell, Diane Ferron of Kalispell and Bonnie Woodward of Kalispell; 11 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be held today at the Little Brown Church in Bigfork at 2 p.m., with the Rev. Ron Pierce officiating.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

## Nadine C. Woolard, 77

Nadine C. Woolard, 77, died Sept. 11, 2001, at her home in Kalispell.

She was born on the Peace River, Alberta, in 1924, to Herbert and Inelda Yeaw. They

moved to the states in 1946 and lived on the Swan River until they moved to Kalispell. She attended St. Matthew's School and Flathead County High School.



In 1941, she married Arly Jackson and they had four children, Jerry, Janet, Judy and Pamela.

In 1971, she divorced Arly and in 1994, was married to Marvin Woolard.

She is survived by her husband Marvin of Kalispell; 10 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren and a number of cousins.

Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. on Saturday at Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell.

Memorials can be made to the Touch of Grace Clinic, 110 Bountiful Dr., Kalispell.

## Richard Hosey Worthington, 60

Richard Hosey Worthington, 60, died May 1, 2001, in his home surrounded by his loving family. He died of a rare small intestine cancer. He was born Feb. 14, 1941 in Memphis, Tenn., to the late Dr. Victor Worthington and Dr. Ora Worthington.



He was a devoted husband, loving father, incredible grandfather, and wonderful friend, and that is how his family will remember him. All that had the pleasure of coming in contact with him will miss him very much.

He was truly a genuine human being. He grew up in Piggott, Ark., attended military school at Junior Military Academy in Knoxville, Tenn., at the age of five. He graduated from Piggott High School in 1959. He was in the Air Force for two years and received an honorable discharge. He then went on to college at the University of Arkansas at Jonesboro, Ark. He graduated in 1968 with a bachelor's degree in business. He was voted most popular his senior year of college. He worked for Ash Grove Cement Co. as a regional sales manager, and lived in Helena for the past 16 years. He was an active member of the Montana Contractors' Association (MCA), and served on the MCA's Associates board of directors. He was the board's president twice during his 10 years of service. He was instrumental in causes for the Camp Mak-A-Dream site near Gold Creek in 1996 and 1997. He also received the MCA's "The Associate" award in 1998.

Among his many passions and accomplishments: president of the associates board of directors for the MCA, and active in Ducks Unlimited for many years; Bronze Member of Ducks Unlimited; he also achieved some of the most impressive elk trophies to be taken out of the Gates of the Mountains.

He was an avid trap shooter. His favorite hobby was golfing; he hit a hole-in-one three times during his golfing career. Having fun, was when he was at his best, and as those that knew him can attest, he was at his best the majority of the time. It was, however, his love of duck hunting that brought him to Arkansas many times, where he enjoyed many duck hunting excursions with close friends whom referred to him as "Tut". He also loved golfing while visiting Hot Springs, Ark.

He will be greatly missed by his loving wife Jacalyn, in addition to his children Todd and wife Lori Worthington of Minneapolis, Sean Worthington of Duluth, Joy and husband Del Berger of Mandan,

N.D., Julie and husband Michael Noone of Enderlin, N.D.; and stepchildren Jason Grenfell-Gardner of Tallion, Estonia, Russia, Ron Hanni of Butte, and Rebecca Mills of Colville, Wash.; grandchildren Sam and Joe Worthington of Minneapolis, and Katlyn Worthington of Mandan; mother and stepfather Ora and Huston Blair of Joiner, Ark., and brothers Victor Jr. and wife Reba Worthington of West Memphis, Ark., and Drs. Madison and Debra Sowell of Milan, Italy; father-in-law Allen Grenfell of Wash., brother-in-law Darrell and wife Judy Grenfell of Missoula; sister-in-law Mia and husband Charles Lloyd of Spokane, Wash., and numerous nieces and nephews, along with all his many friends.

The family would like to express their sincere appreciation to Dr. Weiner and his staff for their compassion.

Visitation will be from 1-7 p.m. with family receiving friends from 5-7 p.m. on Friday at Retz Funeral Home in Helena and from 10-11 a.m. on Saturday at St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Helena. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday at St. Paul's United Methodist Church with cremation to follow. Interment will be at a later date.

Memorials may be made to HomeLink of St. Peter's.

## Marvin K. Woolard, 87

Marvin K. Woolard, 87, of Kalispell, died peacefully on Dec. 24, 2001, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home.

He was born on June 5, 1914, in Idaho, the son of Joseph and Louisa Woolard. He was one of eight children.

In 1939, he married Ruth Walden in Caldwell, Idaho, and together they had three children. Ruth preceded him in death in 1991.

In 1993, Marvin married Nadine Jackson of Kalispell. She preceded him in death in September of this year.

Marvin came to Kalispell in 1955 where he was employed as a butcher and was in the bread business. In later years, Marvin and Ruth started a custom drapery business.

Marvin maintained a close relationship with God and took great joy and pride in being part of his church. For years, he was an elder at Christian Center Church.

His children and their spouses, Butch and Lorraine Woolard, Artis Trig and David Hamlin and Beverly and Jerry Hemm, will lovingly remember him. His grandchildren Rhonda, Kristen, Karen, Choann, Angie, Craig and Jeff, and his four great-grandchildren will miss him as well.

At Marvin's request, there will be an informal graveside service for friends and family to celebrate his life on Monday at 1 p.m. at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in his name to each donor's favorite church or charity.

## Jane Wrbelis, 64

Jane Wrbelis, 64, of Rhinelander, Wis., died on Sunday, Sept. 23, 2001, at Saint Mary's Hospital.

She was born in Rhinelander, on Dec. 13, 1936, the daughter of Buck and Bertha Mae Bowman. She was raised and attended schools in Rhinelander and played drums for the Rhinelander High School.

She taught swimming at Rhinelander High School and loved tennis, doll sewing, animals and especially her family and friends.

She was a strong fighter in her battle against cancer. During her lifetime, she was a woman who

gave all of herself to help and care for others.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Dawn and Kevin McCorkle of Rhinelander; son and daughter-in-law, Dean and Lisa Wrbelis of Bigfork; stepdaughters, Becky, Krisy and Angie Reed, all of Rhinelander; five grandchildren, Logan, Cole, Katrina, Jacob and Patrick; three stepgrandchildren; her sister and brother-in-law, Bonnie and Phil Hazelquist of Rhinelander; and her stepmother, Carol Bowman.

She was preceded in death by her sisters, Janet, Joyce and Bev.

Funeral services have been held.

## Andrew Jackson Wright, 78

Andrew Jackson Wright, 78, of Libby, died on May 13, 2001 at his home in Libby from asbestosis.

He was born May 31, 1922 in Armstead to Walter and Flora Craver Wright.

He married Jane Hughes on May 18, 1941 in Boulder. He joined the U.S. Army in June of 1944 and was honorably discharged in December of 1944.

Survivors include his wife Jane Wright; daughter Beth

Burrell and her husband Louie, all of Libby; two sons; two brothers and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ and Latter-day Saints in Libby. Visitation will be Wednesday from 1-8 p.m. at the Nelson and Vial Funeral Home in Libby.

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

## Keri Elaine Wright, 49

Keri Elaine Wright, 49, passed away on April 12, 2001, at her home in Whitefish.

She was born on Aug. 21, 1951, in Tampa Bay, Fla., to William and Mary Segars. She was raised in Florida where she attended schools.

She was an avid outdoors person who truly enjoyed nature and being able to run around the mountains. Her true love was Harley Davidson motorcycles. She was an avid biker who enjoyed going out for a long ride on a motorcycle with friends.

She loved doing all types of arts and crafts and was very good at them.

She was loved dearly by her friends and family and will be dearly missed by all that knew her.

She is survived by her companion of many years, Jim Good, of Whitefish; mother Mary Benson of Arkansas; one daughter, Tiffany Conchola of Arkansas; and a sister, Stephanie Blevins of Arkansas.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. Tuesday at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home Chapel. As Keri had wished, she has been cremated.

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

## Mary Anne Wright, 56

Mary Anne Wright, 56, passed away on May 21, 2001, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

She was born on Jan. 29, 1945, in Alameda, Calif., to John and Dorothy Birtwhistle Harkness.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

She is survived by her husband Carroll "Lefty" Wright of Whitefish; daughters Deborah LaPerle of Beaverton, Ore., and Carolanne

Wright of Seattle; three grandchildren, Bryce LaPerle, Katie LaPerle and Jack LaPerle, all of Beaverton; two brothers, Bruce Harkness of Hood River, Ore., and Dick Harkness of Sacramento, Calif.

A memorial service will be held at a later date in California.

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