

Vladimir A. 'Val' Yaholkovsky, M.D., 78

Vladimir A. "Val" Yaholkovsky, M.D., 78, passed away on Jan. 21, 2001.

He was born Dec. 2, 1922, in Harbin, China to Anton Florianovich and Vera Efimova Yaholkovsky.

He spent the last 25 years of his life in Kalispell, and will be remembered for his contributions to this community. He was instrumental in helping to shape public health policy since his arrival in 1975. As a practicing physician, he introduced laproscopic surgery to the Flathead Valley and served as president of the Flathead Medical Society. After retirement, he served as interim head of the County Health Department for one year, and then for nine years on the Board of Health and on the Solid Waste Board.

Born in China where his parents had fled after the Russian Civil War in 1917, he was educated by Maryknoll Missionaries in Dairen, China. He finished high

school at the age of 15. He subsequently attended St. John's University in Shanghai for one year. In 1940, a fortuitous combination of circumstances allowed him to immigrate to the United States just before World War II. He arrived in San Francisco, alone, at the age of 17, with \$5 in his pocket.

He earned a bachelor of science degree in bacteriology at Stanford University and then a medical degree specializing in obstetrics and gynecology. He served in the U.S. Army as a captain, after which he moved to Butte. In 1960, he moved his family to California for 15 years, returning to Montana in 1975.

"Dr. Y" always spoke with appreciation of the people who befriended him throughout his life, and he is remembered for extending that kind of help to others, especially foreign students and travelers. He was finally able to reestablish open relations with the remainder of his family in the USSR in 1967, despite the Iron Cur-

tain being firmly in place.

He was internationally recognized as a collector of pre-World War II Chinese stamps. He was the first to describe several previously unrecognized varieties, and was often consulted by international auction houses for authenticating these rare varieties.

He is survived by Pauline, his wife of 55 years in Kalispell; seven children, 11 grandchildren living in Washington and California, and one brother in Pennsylvania.

Memorial services will be held on Sunday at 8 a.m. at Christ Church Episcopal.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the Scholarship fund at Flathead Valley Community College which has been established in his honor by the Flathead Medical Society; or to the Christ Church Episcopal Foundation, of a charity of the donor's choice.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Kyle Wynn Yearout, 48

Kyle Wynn Yearout, 48, passed away at his home in Kila, on Sept. 19, 2001.

He was born Nov. 13, 1952, in Emporia, Kan., to Joseph and Betty Nowlin Yearout.

He attended schools in Great Falls, and enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1969. He was stationed at Ft. Lewis, Wash., and in Korea before being honorably discharged in 1971.

He married Bonnie O'Darling and they had one son, Dustin, from their union. After working for Ammco in Great Falls, he bought his own business and moved to Kalispell in 1986. He was an avid hunter and fisherman.

He is survived by his mother, Betty Yearout of Great Falls; son Dustin Yearout of Kila; five brothers, Ronald Yearout of Kalispell,



Wayne and Tracy Yearout of Great Falls, Richard Yearout of California, and Randy Yearout of Portland; one sister Michele Heberle of Great Falls; and two grandchildren.

Visitation will be at Johnson Mortuary today from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Funeral services will be held on Monday at 10 a.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Robert Reasoner officiating. Cremation will follow services with urn burial at Highland Cemetery in Great Falls on Tuesday at 3 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions be made to the American Heart Association, 510 1st Avenue North, #114, Great Falls, MT 59401.

A reception for Kyle will follow the services at the Westgate Apartments Community Room, 516 Corporate Drive, Kalispell.

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Myrtle Anderson Yerkes, 98

Myrtle Anderson Yerkes, 98, passed away March 22, 2001, at Immanuel Lutheran Home.



She was born the third of nine children on Sept. 9, 1902, in Bluegrass Minn. She completed her schooling in St. John, N. D., and worked for a doctor in Bisbee.

In 1921, she and a brother moved to Kalispell, where she worked as a waitress. On Christmas Eve in 1925 she was married to Frank A. Yerkes. She worked at Woolworth's for 21 years as a retail clerk and floor manager. She also worked as a cashier at

Torbert's Variety Store. She and her husband lived briefly near Essex in the '40s and otherwise made their home in Kalispell. They raised two children, Charles E. Yerkes and John Anderson.

She was an active member of the Westside Methodist Church, Bethlehem Lutheran Church and most recently Trinity Lutheran Church. She was a loyal Republican. In recent years, she crocheted baby blankets for unwed mothers in the Retired Senior Volunteers Program. She also lived in Cut Bank and Colton, Ore. She moved to Big Sky Manor in 1977, and to Immanuel Lutheran Home on Dec. 9, 1994.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband Frank; one sister; and six brothers; her son,

Charles; and one great-grandson.

She is survived by one sister, Beatrice Whelchel of Cut Bank; a son, John Anderson of Stevensville; a grandson, Charles L. "Butch" Yerkes and wife, Mitzi; three granddaughters, Barbara Ford, Laurie Hatleberg and husband, Kirt, and Mykalann Yerkes; six great-grandchildren and one great-great-granddaughter; three stepgrandchildren, Jozetta, Mary and Michael May, along with their children; and many nieces and nephews.

She was very endeared by her family and friends. She will be greatly missed.

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David Rodger Young, 55

David Rodger Young, 55, loving father of three, died of hypothermia in Clearwater Lake during a hike-in fishing trip on Sunday along with his fishing partner and best friend, Dennis Kleingartner.



He was born on July 29, 1946, in Ada, Okla., to Clyde and Wanda Young. He graduated from Stringtown High School in Oklahoma in 1964. He moved to Montana in 1966, where he has lived except for a brief venture living in Anchorage, Alaska, from 1980 to 1982.

He made his living as a carpenter and craftsman. He worked as a home building contractor and quality was his trademark. He was a generous and honest person with a quick wit and a magnetic personality who had a wonderful boisterous laugh. He had a genuine love for the outdoor adventure, especially fishing. He started tournament fishing in 1991. His

last tournament was the Montana Governors Cup, where he finished 12th out of 200 teams. During his life, he repeatedly mentioned that when he died, he hoped that it would happen when he was fishing.

He will be greatly missed by his family and many friends. He will be remembered for his abundant love for his family, friends and his grandchildren.

He is survived by his children, Alec Young of Minneapolis, Debbie Boyd of Kalispell, and David Young of Minneapolis; grandchildren, Sierra and Madison Boyd of Kalispell, mother Wanda Lambert of Yaak; siblings, Sharron Scott of Oklahoma City, Okla., Lynn Griswold of Atlantic Beach, Fla., Randy Griswold and Becky Moore, both of Kalispell.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday at the First Presbyterian Church in Kalispell, with the Rev. Glenn Burfeind officiating. A reception will follow at his home in Lakeside.

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