

Violet L. 'Vi' Abell, 71

Violet L. "Vi" Abell, 71, passed away Thursday, March 7, 2002, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center due to complications from heart surgery. "She was called home to be with her Lord, whom she greatly loved and trusted."



She was born in Colgan, N.D., on Dec. 5, 1930, to Arthur and Jane Myers. She spent all her childhood days there and in Ambrose, N.D.

On Nov. 7, 1948, she was married to LeRoy W. Abell. After a few years in Williston, N.D., and in the service, they came to Montana to settle down and raise their family. They adopted three children as babies and also opened their hearts and home to several foster babies until homes could be found for them. Many years later they divorced, but continued to be great support for their children and grandchildren.

After the kids were in school she began to work, first as a secretary at Calvary Lutheran Church, then she worked many years at Sears. In the past few years she worked at Costco, North Valley Hospital and was employed at Colonial Manor at the time of her death.

Among her many joys in life were her grandchildren and being able to bake goodies and send

them to wherever they may be. She attended ballgames, concerts and anything where her grandkids may be. She was a very giving person and volunteered many hours with the Violence Free Crisis Line. She was very active in her church and a member of many groups. She played bridge as often as possible and loved it very much. She enjoyed working in her flowers and took every chance to share them with others.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two sisters and two brothers.

She is survived by her children, LeAnn Ost in Columbia Falls, Jerry Abell and Laura Pierce of Kalispell; grandchildren, Rachell Lemon of Susanville, Calif., Trista Lemon of Missoula, Jay Lemon of Butte, Kyle Pierce and Shawna Abell, both of Kalispell; sisters, Florella Lund of Butte, Jeanette Haug of Noonan, N.D., and Carmen Fenster of Kalispell; one brother of Tioga, N.D.; numerous aunts, uncles and cousins; and many, many very dear friends.

Cremation has taken place and memorial services will be held at Christ Lutheran Church in Whitefish on Monday at 11 a.m. with a lunch to follow.

Memorial donations may be sent to Christ Lutheran Church Endowment Fund; Lutheran Social Services Adoption Service; or Violence Free Crisis Line.

George T. Albert, 75

George T. Albert, 75, of Troy, died Thursday, Dec. 12, 2002, at the Boundary Community Hospital in Bonners Ferry, Idaho.

He drove a logging truck for 35 years.

He is survived by his wife, Lois Albert of Troy; a son, Cliff

Albert of Troy; and a daughter, Dianna Smith of Batty, Nev.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Church of Latter-day Saints in Troy.

Local arrangements are by the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Libby.

Pastor Charles Allaway, 92

Pastor Charles Allaway, 92, of Milton-Freewater, Ore., and formerly of Montana, passed away Tuesday, April 16, 2002, at the Sun-bridge Care and Rehabilitation Center in Walla Walla, Wash.

Pastor Allaway was born Aug. 31, 1909, in Missoula, the son of Phil and Lizzie Bromgard Allaway. He grew up and had his education in Missoula.

After joining the Seventh-day Adventist Church in 1940, he became a literature evangelist and spent many years in that work. He later became an ordained minister and pastored several churches in Montana, including at Kalispell, Ronan and Hot Springs.

He married Evelyn Olson in Missoula in October 1929. She preceded him in death in 1978. Pastor Allaway later married Enid Higin and she preceded him in death in 1992. In October 1996, he married Mildred Farnsworth in Milton-Freewater and they made their home there.

Many of his retirement years were spent at his home on Flat-

head Lake in Montana, which became a very special place for family gatherings. His children and grandchildren have many wonderful memories of summers spent there.

Pastor Allaway is survived by his wife, Mildred Allaway, at the family home, two daughters, Dolores Surdal of College Place, Wash., and Charlyne Jackson and her husband, Everett, of Marysville, Calif.; six grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be Friday at 3 p.m. at the Ronan Seventh-day Adventist Church with Pastor Fred Beavon officiating. Inurnment will be at the Mountain View Cemetery in Ronan.

Memorial contributions may be made to Blue Mountain Television, 715 S.E. 12th, College Place, WA 99324; the Milton Stateline Seventh-day Adventist School, 53565 W. Crockett Road, Milton-Freewater, OR 97862 or ADRA, 12501 Old Columbia Pike, Silver Springs, MD 20904.

K. Rod Allin, 72

K. Rod Allin, 72, died Aug. 20, 2002, in Goderich, Ontario, of cancer and a stroke.

He was a wildlife photographer.

He is survived by his daugh-

ters, Robin Ashton and Sue Allin.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Sept. 7 at the Christian Center, 255 Summit Ridge Road in Kalispell.

Randy 'Rusty' Sherman Allison, 21

Randy "Rusty" Sherman Allison, 21, of Polson died Friday, August 9, 2002 from injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident near Big Arm.

Rusty was born April 25, 1981, in Ronan to Gary and Shirley (Wagner) Allison. He attended school in Polson and Flathead High School in Kalispell.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Tim Tiffany and Jennie Miller Allison, and great-grandfather Leon "Shorty" Miller.

He is survived by his parents, Gary D. and Shirley M. Allison of Polson; a sister, Melissa S. Allison of Polson; grandfather, Sherman Allison of Polson, and grandmother, Irene Tiffany of Kalispell.

A memorial service will be held Thursday at 2 p.m. at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, with Rev. Gerry Ouellette officiating.

Cremation has taken place. Arrangements are under the direction of Grogan Funeral Home and Crematory in Polson.

Neal Terry Allred

Neal Terry Allred of Casper, Wyo., formerly of Kalispell, died on Tuesday, May 21, 2002, in a tragic accident.

He worked at First Interstate Bank in the loan department in Kalispell for several years.

Moving to Casper, he opened his own mortgage company, Wyoming Mortgage Team, in

1999.

Neal was preceded in death by his parents, Cliff and Bernice Allred.

He is survived by his wife, Carol Allred of Casper; and six children, Michelle of Las Vegas, Heather, Tara, Kevin and Melissa, all of Casper.

Funeral services were held in Casper on May 25.

Joe Michael Altieri Jr., 29

Joe Michael Altieri Jr., 29, passed away on June 15, 2002, doing what he loved most in life, kayaking a beautiful, wild river in Creston, British Columbia.



He was born Dec. 19, 1972, to Penelope Pekrul and Joe Altieri in Torrington, Conn. He grew up in the countryside of Connecticut, and graduated from Regional 7 High School in 1992.

He served in the Marine Reserves for two and a half years.

He then fell in love with the water, rivers and kayaking. His passion brought him out to Montana in May 1998, to run new, wilder waters.

He married Sabine Earthsage, of Whitefish, on Sept. 2, 2001. They have a beautiful daughter, Naya Montagne, 19 months old.

He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Joseph Altieri.

He is survived by his wife, Sabine; their daughter, Naya; his parents, Penelope Pekrul of Connecticut, and Joe Altieri of California; grandparents, Frederick and

Gertrude Pekrul, and Mrs. Joseph Altieri, all of Connecticut; uncles, Fred and wife, Colleen, Brian and wife, Hao, and Mark Pekrul of Connecticut; and many others, namely his large circle of friends that he looked on as family.

"We will remember and celebrate his true love for life. We will forever know Joe as young, free, happy, strong, full of laughter, love and passion for kayaking. He is deeply missed, but he is at peace, finally one with the water. Forever young, H2O Joe."

A ceremony for friends and family will be held Friday at 3 p.m. at the Big Drop, Swan River, in Bigfork. A memorial and celebration of "H2O Joe" will follow at the Dire Wolf in Whitefish, at 8 p.m. on Friday.

"He spent his last day living out his dreams. The sun sparkled like stars on the river, the water was solid white, he was surrounded by great friends, and smiling all day. He went the way he wanted to."

In lieu of flowers, friends of the family ask that donations be made to a trust for Joe's daughter, Naya: FBO Naya M. Altieri, c/o Fleet Bank, 44 Elm St., Winsted, CT 06098.

Roy Anders, 88

Roy Anders, 88, passed away Wednesday, Nov. 27, 2002, while ice fishing at Smith Lake.

He was born Jan. 31, 1914, in Deer Lodge, to George and Florence Anders. The

family moved to Columbia Falls when he was a small child. He attended grade school in Columbia Falls and graduated from Columbia Falls High School in 1934 when it was in the Talbot building. He was an all-star member of the basketball team for four years.

He refereed many basketball games and was the "number one fan" of the Columbia Falls basketball program for 64 years. He never missed a boys or girls home basketball game until just the last few years.

He was a custodian and maintenance supervisor for all District 6 schools for 34 years. He also owned and operated his own school bus for 10 years. He retired from the schools in 1976. He was a member of Columbia Falls Volunteer Fire Department for 20 years and served as secretary for many of those years.

He was married to Eda Jensen on July 27, 1937, in Polson. They were happily married for 65 years and raised four children.

After his retirement, he spent his time fishing, working in his shop — fixing and making things



for anyone who asked — and working in his garden. He loved the outdoors and helping people.

His children and grandchildren were probably the most important things in his life. He loved playing with them when they were little and spending time with them as they grew older. He was always there for them.

There wasn't a day that went by that he didn't touch the lives of those around him with his wit and kindness. Everyone in the community knew Roy. He was always busy and spent his last hours doing what he loved — fishing!

He is survived by his wife, Eda, at the family home; his daughters, Jill and her husband Dale Sparber of Omak, Wash., Rita and husband Ken Fetterer of Stocket; sons, Jerry and wife Dee Ann, and John and wife Wendy, of Columbia Falls; 11 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, seven sisters and his mother and father.

He will be greatly missed by his family and the whole community.

Roy had written a letter to his family to be read after his death. He wished to be cremated and did not want a funeral. These requests will be honored.

Anyone wishing to make donations can make them to the Columbia Falls High School Athletic Department in his name.

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

Evelyn E. Anderson, 87

Evelyn E. Anderson, 87, passed away Friday, July 26, 2002.

She was born Jan. 5, 1915, in Velva, N.D., to Alfred and Amanda (Swedland) Linnquist. Evelyn was raised in Scobey, and graduated from high school there in 1931. She then attended Northern College in Havre, and graduated from Bismarck School of Cosmetology.

She moved to the Flathead Valley in 1935, where she met her husband of 63 years, Orvin "Swede" Anderson. They were married on Valentine's Day in 1937. They made their home in the Egan area for 41 years.

She was a longtime member of the First Presbyterian Church in Kalispell, the Garden Club, the Homemakers Club and the Ground Observer Corps, and was a Cub Scout and Girl Scout leader. She

was the Lady of the Year in 1957.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 2000; a daughter, Judy; four sisters and one brother.

She is survived by son, Robert Anderson and his wife, Ann, of Kalispell; daughter, Jan Heimbuch and her husband, Wayne, of Glendive; sister, Olga Elder, of Plentywood; four grandchildren, Ryan, Amanda and Krystee Heimbuch, and Jamie Anderson.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday at 2 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel, with Pastor Glenn Burfiend officiating. Burial will follow at the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Visitation will be today from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Harvey O. 'Andy' Anderson, 60

Harvey O. "Andy" Anderson, 60, son of Earl Wilhelm and Irene O. Anderson of Rutland, N.D., was tragically and unexpectedly "taken to our Savior" on Sunday evening, July 28, 2002.

He is survived by his daughter, Kelly Hawkinson and her husband, Gary; sons, Michael Anderson and Melissa Potts, and Timothy Anderson and his wife, Leisha; five grandchildren, Shannon, Kala, Timothy, Kaitlyn, and Shae; his mother of Fargo, N.D.; a sister, Pat Kulzer and husband, David, of Havre; two brothers, Paul Anderson and his wife, Sue, of West Fargo, N.D., and Earl W. "Bill" Anderson and his wife, Kathy, of Rutland; and nieces and nephews.

Harvey was born Aug. 5, 1941, in Huron, S.D., and raised in Rutland. He attended school in Rutland, and upon graduation, entered the Marine Corps, where he served as lance corporal for four years, including a tour in Vietnam.

He then went to work for the

Great Northern Railroad and eventually came to Whitefish. He was a union man and employed as a journeyman lineman for over 35 years.

Harvey loved hunting, fishing and just spending time in Star Meadows, but his grandchildren were the light of his life. He was an avid reader especially interested in the history of the West. He was very proud to be a citizen of this great country and was not afraid to show his patriotism. He was an incredibly generous person, who was always ready with a willing hand. He will be truly missed.

Memorials may be sent to Sylvia Lake Campground Improvement, H.O. Anderson Memorial, c/o First Interstate Bank of Whitefish, P.O. Box 100, Whitefish, MT 59937.

Memorial services will be 11 a.m. Thursday at the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish with Rev. David V. Kauffman officiating. Military honors will be provided by the United Veterans of the Flathead Valley.

Milo John Robert Anderson, 56

Milo John Robert Anderson, 56, "went to be with his Heavenly Father" on Wednesday, Oct. 16, 2002, at his home in Half Moon.



He was born at the old Whitefish Hospital (into the waiting arms of his grandmother, Martha Anderson) on Aug. 2, 1946, to Robert and Maureen Anderson.

Milo attended school at Half Moon Elementary School and Kalispell and Columbia Falls schools. He later received his GED through the Job Corps in New Jersey.

In 1964, he entered into the U.S. Army. After his discharge, he returned to Montana and worked for Plum Creek Plywood Co.

Milo was known throughout the Flathead Valley for his dedicated volunteer work for the Montana Eye Bank. He also received his Associate of Applied Science degree in mortuary science from Kansas City Community College in 1986.

On June 29, 1990, in Bonners Ferry, Idaho, Milo was happily

married to his wife, Deborah Reynolds.

Milo was known for his bowling, always reading books, fishing, shooting pool, and always helping others willingly. Milo was a lifetime member of the Reorganized Latter-day Saints Church. He will be missed by all, including his dog family.

Milo was preceded in death by his father in 2000.

He is survived by his wife, Deborah Anderson; his mother, Maureen A. Anderson; his sister, Barbara Rittal and her husband, Jerroll; sons, Bobby Anderson, Fred Jordan and Robert Jordan; daughters, Kim and Linda Anderson, Melanie Knaphus and Melanie Howell; grandchildren, Hannah and Audrey Anderson, Faith Jordan and Cade Knaphus; and sister-in-law, Sandra; and various aunts, uncles and cousins.

Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. today at Johnson Mortuary Chapel, with Pastor Drew Buckner officiating. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. until the time of service today. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Patrick 'Pat' Anderson, 85

Patrick "Pat" Anderson, 85, passed away at Brendan House in Kalispell on Sunday, Feb. 3, 2002.

He was born on March 17, 1916, in Suffolk, Mont., to Willis and Inez Rutherford Anderson.

He was preceded in death by his son John Anderson, his brothers Robert and Hugh Anderson and his sister Lois Simpson.

He is survived by his wife MaryAnn and daughter Susan Anderson of Kalispell; daughter Lois and her husband Andy Maxfield of Billings; son David and his wife Pauline Anderson of Aurora, Colo.; and grandchildren Wendy Wilson of Spokane, Dana Dammel of Kalispell, Tony Dammel of Tampa, Fla., Heidi Dammel of Seattle,

Jenifer Cummins of Miles City, John Billadeau of Harlowton, Michele Anderson of Washington, D.C., Melanie Anderson of Lexington Park, Md., and Andy, Jake and Kaleb Roy.

Pat will always be remembered for his quick wit, great sense of humor and firm handshake. He will be deeply missed by his family and the many friends his life truly touched.

Private family memorial services will be held at a later date. Memorials in Pat's name can be made to the American Heart Association.

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

Roy Elmore Anderson, 78

Roy Elmore Anderson, of Polson, passed away May 1, 2002, at the Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.

Roy was born Feb. 17, 1924, in Miles City, to Anders and Mathilda Anderson, the youngest of five children. He was baptized and confirmed at the First Lutheran Church in Miles City. He attended schools in Miles City and graduated from Custer County High School in 1942.

He and his three brothers all served our country during World War II with Roy joining the Army in 1943, and being in combat in Italy and Africa. He was honorably discharged in 1945.

After the war, Roy enrolled in a photography school in Chicago, where he met Muriel McArthur, whom he married there in 1946. He and his wife then moved back to Montana and settled in Missoula where they owned and both worked in a studio of photography. Roy also worked for the Fuller Brush Co. and later became a regional manager. He received many awards during these years for his expert salesmanship and leadership.

Roy was known for his outgoing personality and was a very creative and talented man. He was always proud of his Scandinavian



heritage. He enjoyed fishing, bowling, boating and playing cards.

After his wife, Muriel, died in 1975, Roy built the dream home they had planned together on the west shore of Flathead Lake near Elmo. He resided there for many years until he moved to Polson in his later years and enjoyed the many activities at the Senior Center.

Survivors include his three adopted daughters, Carol Merwin of Liverpool, Calif., Brenda and Rodney Norris of Kalispell, and Susan Lynn of Spokane; his grandchildren, Eugene Merwin of Salem, Ore., Brandi White and Joshua Norris of Kalispell, Jeremy Smith of Phoenix, Dwight Smith of Spokane, Wash.; and five great-grandchildren; his brothers, Art Anderson of Portland, Andrew Carmen and his wife, Johanna Anderson of Billings; his sister-in law, Frances Anderson of Prince Frederick, Md.; and numerous nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death by his wife, his parents, his sister, Pearl Herndon, and his brother, Manford Anderson.

Cremation has taken place at Johnson Mortuary and Crematory and at his request, no formal service will be held.

Memorials may be sent to the American Lung Association, P.O. Box 5598, Helena, MT 59604 or the Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch, 1732 S. 72nd St. W., Billings, MT 59106, or charity of choice.

Russell Anderson, 82, passed away Wednesday, Feb. 6, 2002, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

He was born Dec. 29, 1919, in Eureka to Peter and Annie Anderson. In 1939 he graduated from Eureka High School, where he lettered in football.

With the start of World War II, Russell enlisted into the Army Air Corps in 1941. During his four-year stint, serving both stateside and in the South Pacific, Russell married Madeline "Flora" Lodinoff on Oct. 3, 1942, in Polson.

Upon returning from the service, Russell owned Anderson Construction until his retirement in 1972. Prior to his retirement, he purchased acreage in the Lower Valley and was a successful "suit-



case" rancher until the sale of the ranch.

He was preceded in death by his parents and sisters, Bernice Hudkins and Rosella Morrill. He is survived by his wife Flora at the family home; by three children: daughters Christine "Tina" Diede and husband James of Cohasset, Minn., Kathleen Heikens and husband Gordon of Great Falls, and a son, R. J. "Chip" Anderson and wife Sue of Tustin, Calif. Also surviving are five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers the family requests that memorials be sent in care of the Flathead County Library.

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

A memorial service and reception will be held at the Kalispell Elks starting at 11 a.m. on Saturday.

Sue Anne Farrington Anderson, 44, passed away Friday morning, Oct. 11, 2002, at her home among family and friends and beloved pets.



Sue, the daughter of Harry Glimpse and Katherine Marie (O'Neil) Farrington, was born in Kalispell on Oct. 18, 1957. She grew up skiing the snow of Big Mountain and the waters of Flathead Lake, and enjoyed summers working, as a teenager, at the lake's "Little Red School House" in Lakeside. She graduated from Flathead High School in 1975, and attended Montana State University and the University of Montana. In 1986, she married Brad H. Anderson. In 1991, Sue was diagnosed with a brain tumor and began a fierce battle with cancer.

Sue graduated from MSU-Billings in business in 1992. Then, using all she had learned as a patient herself, she went on to obtain a master's degree in rehabilitation counseling in 1996, and began work in that field.

As a young woman, Sue discovered a love of running. She ran her first marathon in 1996, five years after her first diagnosis of cancer. She ran in this marathon after completing her radiation therapy and just wanted to finish. Finish she did, and just missed qualifying for the Boston Marathon by 45 seconds. Not to be deterred, in 1997, after reoccurrence of cancer, she trained while undergoing treatments and did qualify for the Boston Marathon. In running, and in life, she held in her head a persistent voice that repeated, "You can do it, You can do it." When she discovered a need to "cross-train,"

she felt lucky to have discovered the Yoga Center, and the many dear friends she developed there. It was through and with them that one of her fondest memories, a trip to Ireland for New Year's 2000, came about.

Sue was a lover of animals. As a little girl, she sneaked cats into the back yard, hoping to be able to keep them, despite an allergic mother. As an adult, it was her beloved yellow lab, Kate, and her cat, Psuedo, that brought her continued comfort. She also loved hiking and riding her mountain bike over the many trails around Flathead Lake. With her husband, Sue enjoyed art, pottery, skiing, traveling and savoring fine foods and wine with friends. She was a woman of dry wit and great, but quiet, courage and determination.

She was "Auntie Sue" to Ryan and Andrew, and "Aunt Sue" to Anna and Teresa, Brooke and Brad. She was preceded in death by her mother and her grandparents.

Sue is survived by her husband, Brad; her father, Harry; and her brothers, Dwight and Brenda, and Scott and Mary, and their children.

Sue and her family would like to extend their deep gratitude to their many friends for their continued support over the years.

Memorial services will be at 1 p.m. today at American Lutheran Church.

Cremation has taken place. Memorials may be sent to Help for Homeless Pets, P.O. Box 1282, Billings, MT 59103, the American Lutheran Church, 5 Lewis Ave., Billings, MT 59101 or to The Wellness Institute Foundation, 19 N. 25th, Billings, MT 59101.

Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary in Billings is in charge of arrangements.

Steven Albert Andrews, 81

Steven Albert Andrews, 81, of Hot Springs passed away Monday, Feb. 11, 2002, at Hot Springs.

He was born Nov. 15, 1920, at Lonepine, the son of Harry and Leota Andrews.

He attended Lonepine School, graduating in 1939. He then enlisted in the U.S. Navy and had just graduated from aviation school when World War II started. He was sent directly to the South Pacific to serve his country and was there for more than two years before returning to the states. He married Betty Magera and they were together for 58 years.

Steven loved the Navy and was a life member of Lone Prairie Springs VFW Post No. 5159. He also loved ranching, which he did for 31 years in Lonepine. He served on the school board and cemetery board and several others. He was a 4-H leader, a carpenter, mechanic, plumber; you name it, he could do almost anything and was always helping his neighbors and friends. He enjoyed the outdoors, hunting and fishing.

In 1978, he retired to Hot Springs, where he was very active

in the senior center, serving for two terms as president.

He is survived by his wife, Betty, at the family home in Hot Springs; two sons and daughters-in-law, Steve Jr. and his wife Donna of Kalispell and Randal "Boss" and his wife Linda of Hot Springs; four grandchildren: Chris Andrews of Delray Beach, Fla., Tom Andrews of Pelican, Alaska, Lora SeaBaugh of Boise, Idaho and Angie Burgner of Portland; three great-grandchildren; three step-grandchildren, Deborah Inman of Missoula, Kelly Jaques of Kalispell and Kaece Matt of Hot Springs; two stepgreat-grandchildren; one sister, Shirley Sweeney of Lonepine; and several nieces and nephews.

Military graveside services will be held on Saturday at 2 p.m. at Murray Memorial Cemetery in Lonepine by Lone Prairie Springs VFW Post.

A potluck lunch will follow at Lonepine Hall.

The family suggest memorials to Lonepine Hall or the Hot Springs Senior Center.

Coffelt-Bunch Funeral Service is in charge of arrangements.

Frances D. Anzjon, 83

Frances D. Anzjon, 83, passed away peacefully on April 10, 2002, in Mesa, Ariz.

She was born Sept. 1, 1918, in Columbus, Ga. She married Clifford Anzjon in September 1944. Following World War II and college, the couple moved to Kalispell in January 1950.

Beyond her role as wife, mother and homemaker, Fran was a member of Epworth United Methodist Church, was a Cub Scout den



mother and assisted with the Girl Scouts. Her hobbies included bridge, golf and bowling.

Fran is survived by Clifford, her husband of nearly 58 years; a son, Steven, his wife Dianna, and their children, Brian, Jessica and Amanda.

A memorial service is scheduled at Epworth United Methodist Church Saturday at 11 a.m. following a private interment at Glacier View Cemetery.

The family requests memorials in lieu of flowers be sent in Fran's name to Odyssey Hospice House, 6215 E. Arbor Mesa, AZ 85206.

Jesse Cole Archibald "arrived in our lives" on Sept. 2, 1985 in Houston, Texas. He passed from "our lives" Sunday, Sept. 22, 2002.



Jesse's early years were spent in Houston, Ireland, and Tunisia, before his family returned to Montana in 1988.

He attended school at Edgerton, Fair-Mont-Egan, and Kalispell Junior High. He was a junior at Flathead High School. The experiences he gained from teachers, the principal, fellow students and their supportive parents helped to mold him into a fine young man. He had a thirst for knowledge and a passion for all things mechanical.

His talent for math and science was leading him to challenges few of us are willing to undertake. Studying genetics at Massachusetts Institute of Technology was his dream. He was preceded in death by his grandmother, Leona Haskell of Kalispell, and cousin, Angela Sanford of Jupiter, Fla.

Jesse is survived by his parents, Michael and Patty Archibald of

Columbia Falls; his sisters, Jennifer Chambers of Columbia Falls, and Leah Taylor and her husband, Bill, and two nephews, Isaac and Taylor, of Moses Lake, Wash.; a special niece, Laura Keller of Kalispell; his grandparents, Jack and JoAnn Archibald of Columbia Falls, and Ron Haskell and Arlene Schmidt of Plains; and numerous other relatives.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday at the Columbia Mortuary. A service to remember Jesse and celebrate his life with us will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. Rev. Harley Bennett of the Fellowship Alliance Church will officiate. A graveside ceremony will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Kalispell.

The family has suggested that memorials be made to the Jesse Archibald Scholarship Fund in care of Flathead High School in Kalispell.

The family would like, for all who wish, to come to a reception at approximately 3 p.m. at the family home at 1087 Mooring Road in Columbia Falls.

Jesse Cole Archibald. Known to many. Adored by a few. Lost to us all.

Floyd D Armstrong, 81, of Cut Bank, "joined his beloved wife" Maxine, on Thursday, Jan. 2, 2003, of complications due to diabetes.

He was living at The Waterford in Helena at the time of his death.

Floyd was born July 11, 1921, in Cut Bank. His parents were James Coleman Armstrong and Mildred Anderson Armstrong. He received his education in Seattle, Salt Lake City, Eureka and Browning before graduating from Flathead County High School in 1939.

He served in the Coast Guard during World War II and was honorably discharged on Nov. 29, 1945, after duty as a storekeeper first class aboard the CGC Clover.

On April 3, 1942, he was married to Maxine Trenholm in Cut Bank. He was a wholesale petroleum products dealer during his entire career, with both Phillips Petroleum and Texaco Inc. He was also a director of the First Interstate Bank and a partner in the Ford dealership in Cut Bank, Big Sky Motors Inc.

His civic and social activities included being a member of the Cut Bank Volunteer Fire Department of which he served as secretary, assistant chief and chief. He was also a member of the Cut Bank Masonic Lodge and the Tri County Shrine Club.

Floyd was noted for his honesty, integrity, sense of humor, and bill collection. He was always ready with an on-point comment for any situation. He loved his family, his friends and his dogs,

not necessarily in that order. Practical jokes were best played on Floyd, who showed little appreciation for them when he was the recipient.

Floyd was preceded in death by his parents; his son, Paul; his wife, Maxine; his brother, Peter Armstrong; and his sisters, Ann St. Onge and Patricia Warberg.

Survivors include his son, Ken in Kalispell and Ken's sons, Coleman and Jacob, who live in Cut Bank; his daughter, Becky and her husband, Dave Powell, and their son, Danny, and Floyd's great-grandson, Chet, all living in Helena; his daughter, Linda and her husband, Dan Mullan, and their sons, Ryan, Kerry and Keith, all living in Stevensville; his son Paul's wife, Dorothy, in Miles City, and their daughters, Heidi, living in Cleveland, Ohio, and Stephanie, living in Seattle; a brother, Jim, living in Roseville, Calif.; a sister, Peggy, living in Victor; a sister, Dorothy, living in Salt Lake City; and numerous cousins, nephews and nieces.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 13, in Cut Bank, at St. Paul Lutheran Church with Pastor Michael Collins officiating, with burial to follow at Crown Hill Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be all of Floyd's grandchildren and great-grandchild.

The family suggests memorials be sent to Intermountain Children's Home, The Shriners Hospital, or the American Diabetes Association.

Maxine L. Armstrong, 79

Maxine L. Armstrong's "soul departed to heaven" on Nov. 20, 2002, at age 79, due to lung cancer. She was undergoing transitional care at the Stevensville Living Center at the time of her death.

Maxine was born Oct. 7, 1923, in Minneapolis, to Maxwell Dyson and Lyle Trenholm Dyson. She spent her childhood in various locations including Mitchell, S.D.; Kimberly, British Columbia; Helena; Conrad; and finally in Santa Rita, after her mother was remarried to Everett Hope. She graduated from Cut Bank High School in 1941.

She married her lifetime partner, Floyd Armstrong, on April 3, 1942.

She was a devoted full-time mother to her children and also enjoyed playing bridge with her bridge club, celebrating with her birthday club, reading, sewing, crocheting, having coffee with her friends and her church group, and faithfully completing her daily crossword puzzle with a pen.

She was a member of the Order of Eastern Star, St. Paul Lutheran Church and Sarah Circle.

Maxine was preceded in death by an infant son and also by her son, Paul Armstrong.

Those who survived her include

her husband, Floyd, who lives in Helena; her son Paul's widow, Dorothy, living in Miles City, and their daughters, Heidi, living in Cleveland, and Stephanie, living in Seattle; her son, Ken, living in Kalispell, and his two sons, Coleman and Jacob, living in Cut Bank; her daughter and son-in-law, Becky and Dave Powell and their son, Danny, his wife, Shannon, and Maxine's great-grandson, Chet, living in Helena; and her daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Dan Mullan and their sons, Ryan, Kerry and Keith who live in Stevensville. She also is survived by her sister, Arlee Momberg and by numerous nephews, nieces and cousins.

There will be two memorial services. On Monday, services will be held at 3 p.m. at the Waterford on Saddle Drive in Helena. Services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Cut Bank. Graveside services will follow at Crown Hill Cemetery in Cut Bank.

Pallbearers will be all of her grandchildren and her great-grandchild.

The family suggests memorials to the Intermountain Children's Home, 500 South Lamborn, Helena, MT 59601, or to the American Cancer Society.

Reta Leishman Aronson, 79

Reta Leishman Aronson, 79, transitioned peacefully from this life, into the arms of her beloved sons, Stacy and Mark, who were waiting impatiently for her, along with her parents, brothers and sisters, on Dec. 22, 2002.



Reta was born April 14, 1923, in Drummond, to William and Isabelle Leishman. She was the fifth of nine children to be raised at the foot of the Mission Mountains in St. Ignatius.

After finishing school, Reta attended the Columbus Hospital School of Nursing in Great Falls, fulfilling her goal of becoming a registered nurse. Her finest professional hours were as a Navy nurse during World War II. World War II also brought Reta what was to be her great love of 57 years, an Army soldier, David Aronson.

Reta spent her life working hard, laughing often and loving deeply. She adored every child she ever met, any relative, her amazing gardens, Flathead Lake summer evenings, huckleberry pie, opera, snowy sheets, the Mormon Tabernacle Choir, sweet peas, CNN, family reunions, roadside picnics and attending church.

Reta lived in Los Angeles as a young wife and doting mother, where she thought it "too hot." Saved from the heat by moving her family back to Montana, Reta and David operated Aronson's Egg Ranch from 1964 to 1982. After retiring, Reta and David returned to the San Francisco Bay Area, where they lived close to the young families of sons Mark and Dayna. San Francisco Giant games, weekly opera, museums and beloved grandchildren kept Reta busy. The last chapter of Reta's life allowed time for a move

to Portland in 1989. She finally allowed herself to rest and enjoy living with daughter Deborah's family.

Reta is survived by throngs of family and she was vitally interested in every niece and nephew, every new baby and every family event. Reta is survived by her faithful co-adventurer, David Aronson; her Aunt Margaret Clawson of Charlo; sister-in-law Ilene Leishman and her family of St. Ignatius; brother Claude Leishman and his family of St. Ignatius; sisters Eva Nelson of Idaho Falls, Idaho, Afton May of Silverdale, Wash., and Donna Mae Morgan of Angwin, Calif. and their families; and cousin Roberta Casad of Tule Lake, Calif., and her family. Reta leaves daughter-in-law Jackie Gootee and granddaughter Alison Gootee, (Mark's daughter) of Atlanta; son Dayna and his children, Isaac, Jacob and Alysha, of Portland, and daughter-in-law Deborah Marie Aronson, also of Portland. Reta's absence will be terribly missed by Corey and Emily, Deborah's children, who don't remember a time when "Nana" wasn't with them.

Reta wanted to thank, for their dignified, loving care, Pamela Darling, Diana Lizza and Gwen Robinson. Gwyn Corey was Reta's much beloved in-home doctor, assisting with gentle perspective.

Arrangements are by Gateway Little Chapel of the Chimes. Funeral services are at 1 p.m. Friday at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 2215 N.E. 106th Ave., Portland. Burial will follow at Willamette National Cemetery.

"In remembrance of Reta Leishman Aronson, make a joke and laugh with the child of your choice, kiss a baby, bake bread and take it to someone in need, exclaim over the beauty of a flower, be thankful for hard work and good health."

Shirley Anne Wagner Astle, 60

Shirley Anne Wagner Astle, beloved daughter, mother, friend and companion, passed away Nov. 21, 2002, in the presence of her family. She died from complications of ovarian cancer. She had recently celebrated her 60th birthday.



Shirley, a beautiful child whose brilliant smile and generous manner became her trademarks for all who knew her, was born Oct. 16, 1942, to Waid and Madaline (Cutlip) Wagner in Washington, D.C. Both as a child and as an adult, Shirley was a caretaker, always reaching out to those in need, offering love and support to all, forever earning the love and admiration of many.

"She is sorely missed, but we take comfort in knowing that her hope and reward is eternal life in Christ our Lord and that she is now at peace in His loving embrace."

Shirley's early years were spent in Summersville, W.Va., and in the area around Washington, D.C., where she grew up among the company of her mother's large family. At Nicholas County High School, she was an excellent student academically and involved in numerous activities, including homecoming court, the marching band as a trumpet player and majorette, and Thespians, which she remarked had allowed her to overcome her innate shyness in a fun way.

After high school graduation in 1960, Shirley attended Marshall University in Huntington, W.Va., and then went to work in Washington, D.C.

While in D.C., she met Joseph M. Astle, then a student at George Washington University, whom she married Jan. 25, 1964. The couple began a 27-year marriage that would bring them three children and multiple moves, taking them to New Jersey, Michigan, California and Montana. Shirley stayed home to raise the kids, providing a warm, nurturing and joyful environment where love and laughter were ever present in her children's lives. When she wasn't

attending to her family's needs, Shirley was generous with her time in volunteer efforts for her children's school and recreational activities. Her kids remember her not only as "Mom" but as "the ice cream lady."

After the family moved to Montana, Shirley went back to work, eventually taking a job at Brendan House, a skilled nursing facility, where she served in the therapeutic activity department for 12 years as a team leader and volunteer coordinator. Shirley delighted in caring for the many residents at Brendan House and working with its devoted staff, many of who she counts among her dearest friends.

Always active, Shirley liked to spend her recreational time hiking, camping, cross-country skiing and picnicking. She developed a love affair with Glacier National Park, which she shared with best friend, love and companion, Jim Dettmann. Jim and Shirley also shared a passion for dancing, and they were frequently seen kicking up their heels at the Bigfork Inn. As she battled cancer herself, Shirley became an active participant in the American Cancer Society's annual Relay for Life.

A devout Catholic, Shirley was a member of St. Matthew's Church in Kalispell for 10 years. "The multiple ways she lived out her faith touched the lives of her friends and loved ones and were blessings we will treasure forever."

Shirley is survived by her mother, Madaline; her former husband, Joseph; her children, Cindy and Sean Lyle, Angie and Mark Kison, Tim and Angie Astle; four grandchildren, Tim and Maggie Lyle, and Cheyenne and Dakota Astle; her beloved companion, Jim Dettmann; and her "adopted" children, Mack and Sheryl Dettmann and Katie Dettmann; and numerous relatives and friends.

In honor of this marvelous lady, devoted daughter, mother and friend, the family welcomes memorials to ovarian cancer research and the American Cancer Society. The Mass of Resurrection will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at St. Matthews Catholic Church. The Rev. Vic Langhans of St. Matthews will be serving as celebrant.

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

Katherine Askevold, 90

Katherine Askevold, 90, died Friday, June 21, 2002, at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish of natural causes.

She was a registered nurse. Memorial services will be at

11 a.m. Tuesday at the Christ Lutheran Church in Whitefish with the Rev. Jeff Teeples officiating.

Austin Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Edna Mae Astrope, 78

Edna Mae Astrope, 78, a longtime Whitefish resident, passed away Thursday, Sept. 19, 2002, at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish, of natural causes.

She was born in Sheridan, Wyo., on April 24, 1924, the daughter of Andrew and Annie Helton. She was raised and educated in Hardin, and then met and married Clarence Astrope on Aug. 1, 1942, in Tacoma, Wash. He preceded her in death in 1978. She then met her companion, Alden Dubia, in 1981, and he died in 1995.

Edna Mae loved to read, was very knowledgeable in medicine, enjoyed bingo, hand crafts, sewing, baking, and cooking and making beaded jewelry.

She was a member of the Whitefish Women of the Moose, the Rebeccas, Whitefish V.F.W. women's auxiliary, and the North Valley Alliance Church.

Edna Mae was preceded in death by her parents and four brothers: Robert, Leo, Lawrence and Raymond Helton.

She is survived by a daughter, Sharon Howell in Pasco, Wash.; two grandsons, Craig Howell in Albany, Ore., and Derek Howell in Pasco; one great-granddaughter, Ashley Renee Howell; one great-grandson, Jarrod Evan Howell; a sister, Lavorna Benedict in Sheridan, Wyo.; several nieces and nephews; and by many dear friends in Whitefish.

Visitation will be 2 to 6 p.m. Monday at the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the funeral home, with the Rev. Chrysta Bourne officiating. Rites will also be given by the Whitefish Women of the Moose. Burial will follow at the Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Kalispell.

Genevieve Helen Aurand, 69

Genevieve Helen Aurand, 69, a lifelong Whitefish resident, passed away Friday morning, Oct. 18, 2002, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center, of natural causes.



Helen was born Aug. 7, 1933, in Whitefish, the daughter of Bert and Leona May Stevens. She was raised and attended schools in Whitefish.

She met and married Robert E. Aurand on Dec. 3, 1951, in Walla Walla, Wash. The couple made their home in the Flathead Valley. Robert passed away in August of this year. They had been married for 51 years.

Helen worked as a custodian at Flathead High School for 13 years. She was a homemaker and mother and was the anchor for the family against the trials and uncertainties of this stormy world. She was

a caregiver, counselor and the rock upon which the family relied and built their lives. Helen took such great delight in her grandchildren and their activities.

She enjoyed bowling, camping and arts and crafts.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Bob; a son, Pete; and brothers, Garland and LeRoy.

She is survived by two sons, Robert Jr. in Vancouver, Wash., and Steven in Whitefish; three daughters, Linda Lou McKinney in Portland, Colleen Aurand in Kalispell, and Kathleen Allick in Denver; 17 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren; and a sister, Bernice Clark, in Whitefish.

Visitation will be 2 to 7 p.m. Monday at the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish. Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home with the Rev. David V. Kauffman officiating. Burial will follow at the Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Kalispell.

Robert E. Aurand, 83

Robert E. Aurand, 83, of Kalispell, passed away Aug. 28, 2002, at the Brendan House in Kalispell of natural causes.

He was born Feb. 28, 1919 in Frazee, Minn., the son of Parley and Agnes Aurand. He was raised and attended schools in the Half Moon area of Columbia Falls and later Kalispell schools.

He entered the U.S. Army in 1940 and served during World War II in the Pacific Theater of War. He was honorably discharged in 1945 and then served in the Montana National Guard for 27 years.

He married G. Helen Stevens on Dec. 3, 1951 in Walla Walla, Wash., and the couple made their home in the Flathead Valley where they have resided since.

Robert worked for various lumber companies in Troy, Kalispell and Columbia Falls. He also worked on the Hungry Horse Dam construction.

He belonged to the Fraternal Order of Eagles in Kalispell. He enjoyed music, dancing, hunting



and any of the sports activities of his grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers Oliver and Leon; a sister, Maggie; and a son, Pete.

He is survived by his wife, Helen, at the family home in Kalispell; two sons, Robert, Jr. and wife Pam Aurand of Vancouver, Wash., and Steven and wife Lucille Aurand of Whitefish; three daughters, Linda Lou and husband Tom McKinney of Portland, Ore., Colleen Aurand of Columbia Falls, and Kathleen and husband Merlyn Allick of Denver; 17 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; two brothers, Pete Aurand of Sequim, Wash., and Charles Aurand of Columbia Falls; a sister, Lenora Page of Wenatchee, Wash.; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish with Rev. David V. Kauffman officiating.

Burial with military honors will follow at the Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Kalispell.

Honors will be provided by the United Veterans of the Flathead Valley.

Jacob Warren Aycock, 88

Jacob Warren Aycock, 88, of Hot Springs passed away on Saturday, Aug. 10, 2002 of injuries sustained in a single-vehicle accident near Ronan.

He was born on May 31, 1914, in Ada, Okla., the son of Vester and Bessie Pharis Aycock.

Warren was an ironworker in the first organized local in the United States in Oakland, Calif. He worked as an ironworker and boilermaker for 36 years, the last 17 as business agent for Western Montana Ironworker's Local #598. She was a member of the District Ironworker's Council and a trustee for the Ironworker's Pension Fund for Montana, Arkansas, Washington, Oregon and Idaho.

On Aug. 3, 1968, he married Ellen Dolson. For the next few years, the couple lived in various towns where Warren's work took them. In 1976, he retired and they settled at the Markle Ranch at Hot Springs.

Warren was preceded in death by his wife Ellen in 1994; his parents; and two brothers.

He is survived by two nephews, Richard and Donald Aycock, both of California; numerous cousins and two stepsons, Don Andrews of Ronan and Cork Andrews of Kalispell.

Graveside services will be held Friday at 2 p.m. at the Markle Family Cemetery in Hot Springs.

Coffelt-Bunch Funeral Service is in charge of arrangements.