

Betty Jean Eacker, 67

Betty Jean Eacker, 67, passed away Sunday, Oct. 27, 2002, surrounded by family and friends, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.



She was born Aug. 4, 1935, in Kalispell, to Daniel and Bessie (Hook) Kauffman.

After graduating from Flathead County High School, she married Robert D. Eacker. Betty worked at Sykes grocery for more than 40 years, where she made many lifelong friends before retiring. She was a dedicated wife, mother, grandmother and friend.

She will always be remembered for her hospitality and caring nature. Whether it was advice you needed, a shoulder to cry on, or just someone to listen, her door was always open.

Betty enjoyed bowling, stock-car racing, and in the last 20 years, her

passions included baking, growing flowers, working in the yard and caring for the various kinds of wildlife that visited her daily.

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

She is survived by two daughters, Terry Eacker of Kalispell, and Robin Kirkpatrick and husband, Tom, of Danville, Ill.; three sons, Ron Eacker and wife, Pam, Ray Eacker and Michael Eacker, all of Kalispell; brother, Rolland Kauffman of Kalispell; sister, Ruby Mohn of Hamilton; 12 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Johnson Mortuary Chapel with Pastor Ron Youde officiating. Following the services, friends are invited to the Moose Lodge for a reception with the family.

Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary.

Pamela Eblen, 41

Pamela Eblen, 41, died Monday, July 8, 2002, in Columbia Falls.

She is survived by three children, Sa Brina, Mitchell and Kurtis and her parents,

Joyce and Norman Heindel.

Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday at Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. Arrangements by Columbia Mortuary.

Rena Mae Eddy, 76

Rena Mae Eddy, 76, formerly of Bigfork, died Dec. 14, 2002, in Everett, Wash.

She is survived by her sons, Jack Eddy of Petersburg, Alaska, Larry Eddy of Geysler,

Mont., and Scott Eddy of Anchorage, Alaska, and a daughter, Gayle Eddy of Mukilteo, Wash.

A memorial service will be at a later date.

McKenna Alizabeth Eide, 2

McKenna Alizabeth Eide, 2, of Shelby and Kalispell, passed away Thursday, July 25, 2002, near Lakeside, as a result of drowning in Flathead Lake.



Funeral mass will be at 11 a.m., Tuesday at St. William Catholic Church in Shelby.

Whitted Funeral Chapel of Shelby is in charge of arrangements.

She was born June 3, 2000, in Shelby, to Cody Eide and Bonnie Taylor.

She loved going to her grandparents' ranch, playing in water, swinging in her swing, playing with kittens and being read to. She especially loved playing with her

half-sister, Brianna, and half-brother, Christian.

"McKenna will always be remembered for her sweet nature and the joy she brought to our lives."

She is survived by her mother, Bonnie Taylor of Kalispell; father, Cody Eide, of Shelby; grandparents, Les and Jackie Eide of Galata, Russ Taylor of Shelby, and Virginia Hudson of Texas; great-grandparents, June Eide of Galata, Elsie Robbins of Shelby and Louise Moore of Texas; half-sister, Brianna Taylor, of Kalispell; and half-brother, Christian Bolton, of Utah. Additional survivors include aunts and uncles, Dusti Jo Eide of Shelby, Matt and Eileen Eide of Whitlash, Raymond Taylor of Shelby and Thomas Musgrove of Kalispell.

Leo J. Eisenzimer, 92

Leo J. Eisenzimer, 92, a retired farmer, died Sunday, Jan. 20, 2002, in Mesa, Ariz., after a short illness.

Born in Devils Lake, N.D., to Balzer and Catherine (Kurtz) Eisenzimer in 1910, where he was raised and attended school.

In 1931 he moved to Montana, where he worked on a ranch in Augusta for a few years. He then moved to Great Falls, where he cooked at Hank's Hamburger and The Mint. On Dec. 15, 1934, he married Martha Vivian Milligan. In 1938 he moved to Simms, where he was a farmer and rancher, spending winters in

Arizona for the past 30 years.

He was a member of St. Ann's parish in Fort Shaw as well as a volunteer fireman for the Simms Fire Department.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Joe, and his sister, Regina.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 67 years, Martha V. Eisenzimer; sons Douglas, Dick and Daniel Eisenzimer of Simms, Raymond of Cascade and Mark of Bigfork; daughter Leona Ray of Great Falls; daughters-in-law Karen, Phyllis, JoAnn and Carol Eisenzimer; 13 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Valentine Emery, 93

Valentine Emery, 93, died Sunday, Sept. 22, 2002, at Heritage Place in Kalispell. Cremation has taken place

and private services will be held. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

Erin Lee Emmert, 21

Erin Lee Emmert, 21 of Columbia Falls, died Thursday, May 2, 2002, when he was struck by a vehicle as he was dirt-biking in his favorite spot.

He was born Oct. 16, 1980, in Whitefish, the son of Randy and Melody Emmert.

He graduated from Columbia Falls High School in 1999. He was an auto body repairman at Able Body Shop.

Erin loved life and packed as much activity into each day as he could. He enjoyed the outdoors, hunting, motorbiking and snow-cattling. "We will miss his smile."

He is survived by his parents;



his sisters, Alisa and Emily Emmert; his girlfriend, Savannah Reynolds; his grandparents, Pat Shelley and Loyal Chubb of Columbia Falls, and Don and Joyce Emmert of Hot Springs; his great-grandparents, Herbert and Roberta Shelley of Bigfork, and Ruth Hadwen of Roseburg, Ore.

"He will be missed so very much by his many many friends and family."

Visitation will be today from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

A funeral service will be held Tuesday at 2 p.m. at St. Richard's Catholic Church in Columbia Falls. Pastor Ron Meyers of the Church of the Nazarene in Columbia Falls will officiate. Burial will follow at the family home. Be prepared to walk a short distance.

Wallace 'Wally' L. Enevold, 73

Wallace "Wally" L. Enevold, 73, passed away on Friday, Feb. 22, 2002, at Lake View Care Center in Bigfork.

Wally was born on May 27, 1928, in Macintosh, Minn., to Carl and Minnie (Madison) Enevold. He attended schools in Macintosh, up until his junior year of high school. The family moved to Shelby, where he graduated from Shelby High School.

Wally married Margaret Gillete on Dec. 12, 1960, in Missoula. He worked for several years as a custodian for Flathead County.

He loved the outdoors, especially fishing, or being around the water. Wally loved his family, and truly loved spending time with his

grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father, mother and one brother.

He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Margaret; daughter Renee and her husband, Roger Vick; son, Arthur and his wife, Cheryl Anderson; seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home with the Rev. Herbert Knutsen officiating. His ashes will be entombed at Glacier Memorial Gardens following the services.

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

Margaret May Enevold, 74

Margaret May Enevold, 74, passed away on Thursday, May 30, 2002, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

Margaret was born on March 8, 1928, in Havre, to Arthur E. and Dora (Slater) Gillete. She moved with her family to Kalispell at a very young age. Margaret attended school in the Flathead Valley, graduating from Flathead High School in 1946.

She married Wallace "Wally" Enevold on Dec. 12, 1960, in Missoula. Wally passed away on Feb. 22 of this year.

Margaret worked for several years as a custodian for Flathead County. She will always be remembered for loving to play bingo, and being an avid Seattle Mariners fan. She was a great spouse, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, who is going

to be deeply missed by all her family and friends.

Margaret was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Wallace; an infant son, Arthur C. Enevold, who died at birth; and a brother, Arthur Gillete Jr.

She is survived by her daughter, Renee Vick and her husband, Roger; a son, Arthur Anderson and his wife, Cheryl; two brothers, Hal Gillete and wife, June, of Missoula, and Bob Gillete of Great Falls; one sister, Dorothy Croucher and husband, Bob, of Kalispell; seven grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Urn burial will be at Glacier Memorial Gardens next to her husband, Wallace.

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

Evelyn May Epperly, 90

Evelyn May Epperly, 90, passed away on Monday, March 18, 2002, at the Brendan House in Kalispell.

She was born on Sept. 28, 1911, in Kalispell, to Ross and Emma (Storm) Young.

Evelyn married Les Epperly in Billings, on Nov. 10, 1931. To this union was born one son, William.

Music was Evelyn's life. She was a professional organist and played in and around Helena for many years. She loved playing for people. She was a life long member of the Musicians Union.

She spent 30 years in Helena, before moving to Kalispell, in 1986, to be near her son.

Evelyn was preceded in death by her husband Les in 1977; her parents; two brothers, Rozzie and Larry Young of Kalispell.

She is survived by her son, Bill

Epperly and his wife, Kay of Kalispell; four grandchildren, Joan Bowen and her husband, Bruce of Bozeman, Jeff Epperly and his wife, Kyra of Boise, Idaho, Jim Epperly and his wife, Heather of Bigfork, and Julie Epperly and her husband, Jeff Dohn of Missoula; eight great-grandchildren; and two sisters-in-law, Delores Young of Bigfork, and Helen Young of Kalispell.

Graveside services will be held on Friday at 11 a.m. at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery with the Rev. Jeff Epperly of Boise, Idaho, officiating.

The family suggests memorials be made to Home Options, Hospice, 175 Commons Loop, Suite 100, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Donald Olaf Erie, 46

Donald Olaf Erie, 46, "our beloved son, brother, husband and father, unexpectedly left us too soon to be with his Lord, Jesus Christ" on March 12, 2002, in Spokane.

Don was born on March 20, 1955, to Marie and Olaf Erie in Whitefish. He attended school in Whitefish and graduated from Whitefish High School in 1973. He attended Flathead Valley Community College for two years and was employed by the Great Northern Railroad and the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad until his death.

Don married Pamela Jo Bean on Aug. 20, 1994, in Spokane.

He was an avid fisherman and enjoyed sports, gardening, yard sales, traveling and collecting. He loved comic books, Mad magazines, Matchbox cars, carnival buttons, red licorice and animals, especially cats. Most of all, he loved his family.

Don enjoyed a spiritual life, honest thinking, open-mindedness, a willingness to try new things and a faith to accept. He was a big-hearted man who

believed in giving away what was so freely given to him. He was dearly beloved and will be missed by many, many people.

He is survived by his wife, Pam; daughters, Sonja Peak and Colleen Devore of Spokane, and Brittney Jo Erie of Kalispell; son, Cody Dwire of Missoula; parents, Marie and Olaf Erie of Kalispell; sister Linda and brother-in-law Randy Augusta of Kalispell; brother Jacob C. Erie of Spokane; grandson Devon Devore of Spokane; and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Viewing will be today from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Heritage Funeral Home in Spokane. Funeral services will be held at St. John's Lutheran Church on Tuesday at 1 p.m. Interment will be at Glacier Memorial Gardens in Kalispell at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to St. John's Lutheran Church or Union Gospel Mission.

Heritage Funeral Home in Spokane is in charge of arrangements.

David Kent Estes, 70

David Kent Estes, 70, passed away Monday, Sept. 30, 2002, at his home in Kalispell of natural causes.

He was born June 2, 1932, in Taskee, Mo., to Marvin and Minerva "Leah" Estes. He was raised in Piedmont, Mo., and later moved to Spokane.

In May 1952, he enlisted in the Army and served until May 1954, with an honorable discharge. He moved to Seattle after his discharge and later moved back to Spokane.

He married Erna Kron on Nov. 20, 1962. They had four daughters. He moved his family from Spokane to Libby in 1972 and later to Whitefish, in 1974.

He worked in several different areas early on in life, including auto glass replacement, insurance sales, and later learned the skill of upholstering, which he did until his retirement in 1992. He was often referred to as "the best in the valley" by his customers and co-workers.

David's love for the outdoors was evident in the numerous outings he would take his family on up to the mountains, lakes and rivers — whether it was a camping

trip, a day of fishing, or just to go for a drive. Montana had truly become his home.

David was preceded in death by his parents and his older brother, Clair.

He is survived by his four daughters, Heidi Estes of Fort Walton Beach, Fla., Linda Estes of Spokane, Cindy Guymon and her husband Aaron, of Kalispell, and Susan Estes of Los Angeles; three granddaughters, Kristen, Antonella and Maurita; two grandsons, Garrett and Grant; two brothers, Pete Estes and his wife Ruth, of Vancouver, Wash., and Ernie Estes and his wife Florence, of Spirit Lake, Idaho; three sisters, Norma Miller and her husband Jim of Fair Oaks, Calif.; Narice Dishman of Elma, Wash., and Karen Naylor and her husband Bob, of Cazadero, Calif.; and numerous nephews and nieces.

The family extends a special thank you to Flathead County Home Health Agency and Mike Henderson for their wonderful care and dedication "to Dad".

Cremation has taken place. A private gathering for spreading of his ashes will take place at a later date.

George Edward Evans, 64

George Edward Evans, 64, was found murdered at his home on Oct. 25, 2002.

Known as "Old George," he was born in Lewistown on Oct. 31, 1937, to John and Florence Evans.

He was raised in Judith Gap, where he attended elementary school, and graduated from high school. He attended Montana Boys State as a representative of his high school.

George graduated from the University of Montana with a bachelor's degree in elementary education. He taught school in Clinton for a number of years. He left teaching to start a Volkswagen repair business in Missoula. George left the repair business in



1972 to move to Kalispell, where he took care of his mother for a number of years, and started a secondhand store. He was self-employed as a "junk dealer" as he often referred to himself, and was the owner of Old George's Used Tools.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

George is survived by his brother, Charles "Bud" Evans of Benton City, Wash.; his nephews, John and Jared Evans of Benton City; his nieces, Catherine Elliott of Benton City, and Sarah Durbin and Cassandra Evans of Jacksonville, Fla.; and two great-nieces.

"George was loved by all."

A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Gardner Auction Service at 3100 U.S. 93 South.

Memorials may be left with Davar Gardner for an educational fund.

Phyllis Sullivan Evans, 64

Phyllis Sullivan Evans, 64, passed away at Brendan House on Friday, Sept. 6, 2002.

Phyllis was born on Dec. 11, 1937, in Polson, to Thomas and Esther Keller Sullivan. She attended elementary school at St. Matthew's and graduated from Flathead County High School in 1956.

She had worked at Kmart for the past 22 years.

She enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren, which usually meant lunch at Ciscos, then to Kmart, shopping.

Phyllis was preceded in death by her mother, Esther Sullivan



Gilliland; her father, Thomas Sullivan; and her stepfather, Samuel Gilliland.

She is survived by her daughter, Stephanie Evans; grandson, Alex; granddaughter, Kaitlyn; an aunt, Jean Keller of Boise, Idaho; cousins, Frank and Dorothy Sedivy of Columbia Falls, Gary and Terri Keller of Bigfork, Gary and Norma Kerzman of Boise, and Shirley DeBose of Washington.

Visitation will be held on Monday at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home from 3 to 8 p.m. Mass of Christian burial will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Risen Christ Catholic Church with the Rev. Rudolph Bullman serving as celebrant. Burial will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Erma N. Evenson, 82

Erma N. Evenson, 82, passed away on Monday, Nov. 18, 2002, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

She was born on March 5, 1920, in Elbow Saskatchewan, to Ingvald and Theo Larson Steffenson. She was raised and received her education in Williston, N.D.

She was married to Wally Rundhaug of Plentywood, and then to Gordon T. Evenson of Kalispell.

Erma had worked at the Sportsman Ski Haus, and had been a bartender at several places in the Kalispell area.

She enjoyed knitting, needle-

work, sewing, and loved to dance.

She is survived by her sons and daughters, Wallace and Tina Rundhaug of Las Vegas, Dave and Vicki Rundhaug of Tacoma, Wash., Lorna Vollmer of Kalispell, Art Rundhaug of Las Vegas, Gordon Lynn and Kim Evenson of Wynona, Minn., Lora Lynn Evenson of Missoula; eight grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home with Jerry Schreck officiating.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Thomas R. Everett, 54

Thomas R. Everett, 54, passed away Friday, Jan. 11, 2002, at his home in Hungry Horse.

He was born Jan. 18, 1947, in Farmington, Maine, to Leslie R. and Florence L. Everett. He was raised and educated in South Paris, Maine.

He served in the Army for four years during the Vietnam War.

He moved to the Flathead in the late 1970s and worked as a log-truck owner/operator.

He liked snowcatting, hunting, and fishing.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Thomas is survived by his wife,

Maureen Everett of Hungry Horse; a son, Tom Everett of Whitefish; a daughter, Sandy Everett of New Glaston, Maine; his brothers, Dick Everett of Kalispell, Terry Everett of Hungry Horse, Larry Everett of West Paris, Maine, and Forrie Everett of South Paris; his half brother, Leslie Everett of South Paris; and his half sister, Ellie Everett of South Paris.

A memorial service will be held Friday at noon at the Crossroads Church, 269 2nd Ave. E.N. in Columbia Falls.

Arrangements are under the direction of Columbia Mortuary.