

Frances Adair Kaus, 92

Frances Adair Kaus, 92, passed away Aug. 17, 2002, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

She was born Aug. 26, 1909, in Fergus Falls, Minn., to Charles and Anna Adair.

She was married in 1929 to W.H. "Bert" Kaus, who passed away in 1985. The couple had three daughters. The family moved to Kalispell, in 1937, where Mr. Kaus opened and was manager of Gambles.

She was a member of the Order of Eastern Star, Daughters of the Nile, First Presbyterian Church and a hospital volunteer.

She and her husband enjoyed their retirement winters in Mesa, Ariz., always returning to Montana where they had lived on Flathead Lake every summer since 1942.

Frances returned to Kalispell



after her husband passed away, living at Buffalo Terrace for six years and moved to the Lutheran Home in 1998. She was a loving mother and grandmother whose cheerful and friendly personality will be greatly missed.

She is survived by daughters, Betty Ann Husebye of Palm Springs, Calif., Nancy McDermott of Bend, Ore., and Karol Powell of Missoula; grandchildren, Bob Powell, Jr. of Missoula, Mary Pat Clark of Anaconda, Mark Husebye of San Diego, Calif., Karen Spurluck of Boise, Idaho, Steve and David McDermott, and Elizabeth Wise, all of Bend, Jacque Simpson of Costa Valley, Calif.; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Private family services were held at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Entombment will be at Mountain View Cemetery in Mesa.

Memorials may be made to the Susan Komen Breast Cancer Foundation or Shrine Crippled Children's Hospital in Spokane.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Eleanor M. Keenan, 82

Eleanor M. Keenan, 82, of Kalispell, "went to be with the Lord" on Oct. 5, 2002.

She was born in Duluth, Minn., on Jan. 22, 1920.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Tom Jam; three husbands, Joseph Bergfalk, Erwin Bissell and Herb Keenan; and one grandchild, Tom Bissell.

She is survived by her chil-

dren, Bob Bergfalk of Missouri, E.T. Bissell of Arizona, and Marie Davis of Shelby; 17 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

Eleanor will be missed by her family "but we know she is in a much better place than she left."

She was cremated and the family has had a private memorial service.

Nathalie Ann (Nichols) Keithly, 84

Nathalie Ann (Nichols) Keithly, 84, "went to be with the Lord" Aug. 2, 2002.

Nathalie was born Jan. 22, 1918, in Geraldine, on the farm that is still in her family, and where she chose to be buried beside her husband, Joseph, and other family members.

Three special qualities describe Nathalie and were woven together throughout her life. She loved the Lord with every part of her being; she was a woman totally devoted to prayer; and she has the gift of teaching.

Nathalie went to school in Great Falls, and became a teacher at age 17. She married Joseph Keithly in 1941 and, after farming for a few years, they moved to California. There they raised two sons, Marcus and John, and Nathalie pursued her teaching career. Besides being an excellent



classroom teacher, she also enjoyed teaching Sunday school and being involved in Bible Study Fellowship back in California, and in Montana after she and Joe retired here in the late '70s.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Joe, in 1995.

She leaves her two sons, Marcus and his wife, Anita, of Kalispell, and their children, Adrian and his wife, Amanda, of Washington, D.C., Erin and Lauren, of Kalispell; John Keithly and his wife, Bonnie, and their children, Chris and his wife, Rosie, and their children, Joshua, C.J. and Sam on the way, Heather, and Suzanne, all of California. She was very close to her nieces and nephews and their families, and loved them as her own.

The family suggests memorials to Bible Study Fellowship, 19001 Blanco Road, San Antonio, TX 78258.

A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Community Alliance Church.

Robert R. Klingensmith, 83

Robert R. Klingensmith, 83, passed away on Tuesday, Dec. 17, 2002, at Lake View Care Center in Bigfork.

He was born Jan 27, 1919, in Pittsburgh, Pa., to Philip and Hazel Klingensmith.

He attended Westinghouse High School, and graduated from Allis-Chalmers Institute, becoming an electrician. Robert served in the Navy during World War II as an electrician based in the South Pacific.

After the war, he worked for Union Switch and Signal Works. While there, he became involved in union organizing, and was hired by IUE as a full-time representative. He negotiated the first union contract between General Electric and IUE in 1952. He worked as a representative for IUE in Chicago, Detroit and nationally.

In 1968, Robert was named the special assistant to the president of AFSCME in Washington, D.C. He was also an adjunct instructor at George Washington University

where he taught labor law and history.

In 1979, he moved to Tallahassee, Fla., where he represented the Florida state workers until he retired in 1982.

He moved with his wife, Bernese, to Bigfork, in April 2001. He was also a patented inventor, folk artist and fisherman.

He was preceded in death by his eldest sister, Jane Anderson.

He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Bernese, of Bigfork; four daughters, Carol Waranauckas of Safety Harbor, Fla., Jean Murray of Bigfork, Nancy Cohen of Germantown, Md. and Susan Tuck of Cary, N.C.; two brothers, Philip Klingensmith of Anaheim, Calif., and Carl Holland of Charleston, S.C.; two sisters, Patricia Hunter of Fullerton, Calif., and Regina Studt of Bethel Park, Pa.; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

It was his request to be cremated and his ashes entombed in Florida. Bigfork Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Wert Martell Klinger, 78

Wert Martell Klinger, 78, of Kalispell, died Jan. 7, 2002, in a Minot, N.D., hospital.

He was born on March 23, 1923, in San Francisco, Calif., to William Wert Klinger and Laura Pabst.

He was preceded in death by

his parents.

He is survived by three sons including William Klinger and his wife Ilse of Kalispell, and five granddaughters.

Funeral services have been held with interment in Rosehill Memorial Park in Minot.

David Eugene 'Dave' Kisskeys, 44

David Eugene "Dave" Kisskeys, 44, died July 22, 2002, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

He is survived by his wife, Beth Kisskeys; son, Jesse Kisskeys; daughters, Christina Kisskeys, Randi Kisskeys and

Jacquelyn Kisskeys.

Cremation has taken place and a private family service with scattering of cremains will take place.

Arrangements are under the direction of Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

Barry Klapperich, 49

Barry Klapperich, 49, of Whitefish, passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, Nov. 2, 2002, from complications of non-Hodgkins lymphoma.

Barry was born July 23, 1953, in Osage, Iowa, to Lawrence and Esther Klapperich. He grew up on the family farm near Stacyville, Iowa. He was raised there with his brothers, Owen and Reid, and sisters, Rose and Dorette. He attended school in Meyer and St. Ansgar, Iowa.

On Dec. 15, 1979, he married Beverly Fisher in Riceville, Iowa. They moved to Montana in 1981, and made their home in Whitefish. They have one daughter, Tina.

Barry enjoyed many things, especially spending time with his daughter, Tina. Fishing, camping, hiking, horseback riding, spending time with friends and family, playing cards and golfing, were among his joys.

Through the years, Barry was a guide on horseback tours in Glacier National Park, he did ranch work, trained horses, and shod horses. He also guided hunting and fishing trips into the Bob Marshall and Great Bear Wilderness areas. He and his wife Bev owned and operated Spring Prairie Garden in Whitefish. They were vendors at both Kalispell and Whitefish Farmers



markets.

Barry was preceded in death by their daughter, Julie Ellen Klapperich, 8 months old, and an infant sister, Judy.

Barry is survived by his wife, Bev, and daughter, Tina, of Whitefish; his parents Lawrence and Esther Klapperich of Stacyville, Iowa; brother, Owen Klapperich and Linda, of Kalispell; sister, Rose Schubert and Dave of Austin, Minn.; brother, Reid Klapperich and Barb of Stacyville, Iowa; sister, Dorette Fravel and Leonard, of Cresco, Iowa; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A private viewing was held earlier this week and cremation has taken place. A memorial service, officiated by Tim Bartholomew, is planned for 1 p.m. on Saturday at Stillwater Free Lutheran Church, 1401 Church Drive Kalispell. Another service will be held later this month in Meyer, Iowa.

Barry's spirit touched many people. He shared his love of the outdoors with family and friends. He was quick to lend a helping hand, and had a wonderful spirit towards many people. His laughs and personality will remain with us forever. He had an easygoing attitude, and was admired by all of his family and friends.

Memorials may be made to an educational fund for Tina in care of the Whitefish Credit Union, 300 Baker Ave. Whitefish, MT 59937, Attention: Klapperich Memorial Education Account.

Mark W. Knapton, 51

Mark W. Knapton, 51, passed away at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell on Saturday, Nov. 16, 2002, after a battle with cancer.



He was born on April 30, 1951, in Kalispell to Kenneth and Beth (Cronemiller) Knapton.

He attended school in the Flathead Valley and graduated from Columbia Falls High School. He joined the Army in 1970. He served as a data communications specialist in Asmara, Ethiopia, until 1973. After his discharge, Mark worked as a diesel mechanic for 29 years. He owned his own shop with partner Steve Caudill until 2001, but continued to work for the new owner until September 2002.

Mark was married to Carmen Adams in November 1970 and they were married 32 years.

He participated in Bowl for Kids' Sake for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Kalispell. He was a member of the Glacier Street Rods Association and built hot rods. He was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed hunting, fishing and

camping.

Mark was preceded in death by his father, Kenneth Knapton.

He is survived by his wife, Carmen Knapton, of Kalispell; mother, Beth Knapton, of Kalispell; three sons, Jacob Knapton and David Knapton, of Kalispell, and Brian Knapton of Sturgeon Bay, Wis.; three grandchildren, Kendahl Knapton and MacKenzie Anderson, of Kalispell, and Rooke Knapton of Sturgeon Bay; one brother, Dean Knapton of Kalispell; two sisters, Roberta Pauley and Susan Suploa, both of Kalispell; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

A memorial service will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Johnson Mortuary Chapel with Pastor Daryl Newby of the Assembly of God Church in Columbia Falls officiating. A time of reflection and visiting will be from 8 to 10 a.m. Wednesday at Johnson Mortuary. The family suggests memorials be made to either Home Options Hospice, 175 Commons Loop, Suite 100, Kalispell, MT 59901, or to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Kalispell, 137 Main St., Kalispell, MT 59901.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Marvin 'Bud' Ray Knapton, 83

Marvin "Bud" Ray Knapton, 83, of Florence, Ore., died peacefully Nov. 18, 2002.

He was born Dec. 18, 1918, in Whitefish. He joined the Navy in 1937, and served aboard the USS Chester for four years.

Upon his return to Whitefish, he married his sweetheart, Irene Voight, in 1941 and went to work as a brakeman for the Burlington Northern Railroad. Together they raised four children in Whitefish, Jean, Patti, Mary and Bill.

During World War II, he rejoined the Navy to support subchasers #1034 and #1364 in the South Pacific.

Following his discharge, he returned to Whitefish to continue a 37-year career on the railroad.

He enjoyed camping and boating with his family. He also was a talented hobbyist in woodcarving and building model ships.

In 1978, he and his wife retired to Florence to enjoy the coastal life.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Marian and William Knapton, as well as his brother, Ken, and sister, Louise.

He is survived by his wife, Irene Knapton, who shared his life for 61 years; his son, William, of Florence; his daughters, Jean Sedivy and family of Columbia Falls, and Patti Sanderson and family of Kalispell, and Mary Knapton of Everett, Wash.; nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Services have been held in Florence.

Henry Kleinhans, 91

Henry Kleinhans, 91, passed away at the Brendan House on Tuesday, Aug. 20, 2002, in Kalispell.

He was born on July 17, 1911, in Somers, to Weber and Minnie (Roe) Kleinhans. Henry received his early education in Somers and began working on the family homestead at an early age.

He married Margaret Phillips on June 1, 1937, in Kalispell. They later divorced. Henry then married Lorece Ballou on Dec. 16, 1947, in Round Butte.

Henry spent his life working the farm in Somers and loved it. He enjoyed it even more after his son took over operating the farm and he was able to continue working there. He also worked at the Somers Lumber Company often times skiing to work when the roads were impassable.

Henry was a member of the Masons Union and assisted with the construction of the Going-to-the-Sun Road in Glacier National Park.

Henry enjoyed packing into the backcountry on hunting trips with family and friends. He loved the outdoors, fishing, hiking, and was



an avid horseman.

Henry was a member of the Oddfellows and the Somers Saddle Club. He was also a regular at the Kalispell Livestock Auction, visiting and having lunch.

Henry was preceded in death by both Margaret and Lorece; one sister, Jeannette; and two brothers, Paul and Bill.

He is survived by his daughter, Eleanor McCracken and husband, Gene, of Las Vegas; his son, William Kleinhans and wife, Yvonne, of Somers; four grandchildren, Shawn and Michael McCracken and Jason and Monique Kleinhans; three great-grandchildren, Sarah, Chad, and Jeffery; and three sisters, Sara Fine of Kalispell, Letitia Johnson of Missoula, and Martha Pratt of Salem, Ore. Henry is also survived by a very special friend, Dolores Butler of Houston.

Funeral services will be held on Monday at 2 p.m. at the Johnson Mortuary with Pastor Ron Pierce officiating. Burial will follow at the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. until the time of service on Monday.

The family suggests memorials be given to the charity of the donor's choice.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Cherylyn Claire Tenney Klvacek, 31

Cherylyn Claire Tenney Klvacek, 31, died at the home of her parents in Troy on Saturday, March 30, 2002.

She was born in Santa Rosa, Calif., on July 29, 1970.

She is survived locally by her husband Ross Klvacek, sons, Russell and Matthew, and daughter, Camille, all of Troy; her mother, Joy C. Rackham and husband, Jack, of

Troy; and her grandfather, Hubert F. Bradeen of Troy.

Visitation will be Sunday from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Nelson and Vial Funeral Home in Libby. Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Interment will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. at the Orem, Utah, City Cemetery.

Robert R. Knapp, 79

Robert R. Knapp, 79, passed away Tuesday, Jan. 22., 2002, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

He was preceded in death by his only true love, wife and friend, Alice. In his heavenly home he will also join Dorothy, Mabel, brother Harry, sister-in-law Rhea and other loved ones.

He is survived by his children Lynn, Denny and Bobby, several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He also leaves behind his loyal dog, Sam. "We will all cherish his time with us."

Services will be held at Calvary Lutheran Church on Friday at 3 p.m.

Ronald R. 'Ron' Koefelda, 54

Ronald R. "Ron" Koefelda, 54, of Rathdrum, Idaho, went suddenly "to be with the Lord" on Saturday, Aug. 17, 2002, at Kootenai Medical Center in Coeur d'Alene, after complications resulting from recently diagnosed acute myelogenous leukemia.

He was born April 20, 1948, in Livingston, to Albert J. and Berniece (Keough) Koefelda.

Ron, a senior sales representative in the petrochemical industry, lived with his wife, Norma, on the golf course in Twin Lakes Village. He served in the Army from 1968-69, and later moved to Missoula.

Ron moved to Kalispell, and 18 years ago married Norma Ross. They moved to Post Falls, Idaho, in 1997, and settled in Twin Lakes Village two years ago.

Ron loved to study the scriptures, talk about theology and discuss God's unfolding plan. He also enjoyed working with wood and built solid oak and pine furniture. While he always retained his love of the outdoors and interest in the geology of the Northwest, his passion had shifted in the past few

years from hunting and fishing to golf. His job kept him crisscrossing the back roads of eastern Washington, Idaho and Montana, visiting plywood mills.

He was the happiest on the links, driving the fairway, fishing for lost balls and tending the tee box outside his backdoor.

Ron is survived by his wife, Norma, at home; daughter and son-in-law, Jody and Bill Dolan, of Portland, Ore.; stepson and stepdaughter-in-law, Mark and Krista Stromberg, of Escondido, Calif.; three grandchildren, all of Escondido; brother, Jim, of Turah, Mont.; sister, Mary Sue Gould, of Mountain View, Calif.; and several nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be Wednesday from 5 to 8 p.m. at Yates Funeral Home, Coeur d'Alene Chapel.

A funeral service will be 11 a.m. Thursday at Yates Funeral Home, Coeur d'Alene Chapel. Burial will follow at Riverview Cemetery, with a reception to be held afterward at Twin Lakes Country Club Clubhouse.

Florence Irene Kohler, 76

Florence Irene Kohler, 76, a longtime Whitefish resident, passed away Wednesday evening, Nov. 13, 2002, at the North Valley Hospital in Whitefish of natural causes.

She was born Aug. 21, 1926, in Cashton, Wis., the daughter of Christ and Pauline Heintz. She was raised and attended school in Neillsville, Wis., before coming to Hamilton as a teenager where she graduated from Hamilton High School in 1944.

She married Roney J. Kohler on Oct. 23, 1944, in Hamilton, and they made their home there until moving to Anaconda, and then Whitefish, in 1964.

Florence worked at many jobs in hospitals as a nurse's aide, a licensed practical nurse, and in the laundry until the time of her death. She had worked at North Valley Hospital for 35 years.

She was a member of the Catholic Church, and Women of the Moose. She enjoyed cooking, canning and caring for and feeding her family. She was an avid Atlanta Braves baseball fan.

Her great joy was in her grand-

kids and she loved feeding and interacting with them. Everyone who knew her call her, "Ma."

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Roney, in 1976; a son, Steven; two brothers; three sisters; and a daughter-in-law, Connie.

She is survived by a son, Randy Kohler of Clyde Park; two daughters, Lani Johnson of Whitefish and Susi and R.J. Eckhardt of Polson; a daughter-in-law, Jane Kohler of Forestburg, Texas; a brother, Ken and wife, Mary Heintz, of Anaconda; five grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

She was also fond of the numerous "grand-dogs" she received from her grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday at the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish. A Christian Wake service will be at 5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Mass of the Christian Burial will be 2 p.m. Monday at St. Charles Catholic Church in Whitefish with the Rev. Ed Kohler as celebrant. Burial will follow at the Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Kalispell.

Rose Marie Knobel, 65

Rose Marie Knobel, 65, died at Brendan House in Kalispell.

Rose is survived by a daughter, Cindy Riebe of Kalispell, and a son, Earl Knobel of Mexico Beach, Fla.

Committal services will be

held 11 a.m. Tuesday, at Fort Snelling National Cemetery in Minneapolis, where she will be laid to rest next to her husband, Earl.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Blanche Knopfle, 93

Blanche Knopfle, 93, of Whitefish, died Oct. 10, 2002, in Palm Springs, Calif.

She was born to Miranda and David Hamilton in Eckman, N.D., on Sept. 30, 1909. She graduated from Upham High School in Upham, N.D., and Minot State Teachers College. Her teaching career took her to different rural North Dakota schools.

She married Marvin Knopfle on June 4, 1931. He preceded her in death in 1983. Together they operated their chicken ranch supplying the Whitefish area with eggs.

She is survived by their three children, two sons and one daughter; six grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; two great-great grandchildren; and several nieces

and nephews. Son Lowell and Ella Mae reside in Kalispell, son David and Myra reside in Browning, and daughter Cleone resides in Palm Springs, Calif.

She was an active member of Christ Lutheran Church. Her life was enjoyed to the fullest because of her strong faith, which was evident in all that she did.

Bowling was her favorite hobby, which she continued to participate in through her 88th year.

A memorial celebration of her life will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Christ Lutheran Church in Whitefish.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to Christ Lutheran Library or the charity of the donors' choice.

Catherine D. 'Kate' Knudsen, 88

Catherine D. "Kate" Knudsen, 88, died May 28, 2002, in the North Valley Hospital Extended Care in Whitefish, after a long illness.

Surviving children are Doris Curtis of Marysville, Calif.,

Evelyn Elkins of Gillette, Wyo., Judy Woodfall of Stevenson, Wash., and Donna Renfro of New Orleans, La.

Memorial services will be held at the Whitefish Moose Lodge Friday at 11 a.m.

Beverly J. Koppy, 55

Beverly J. Koppy, 55, the daughter of Joe and Louise (Janisch) Koppy, died peacefully after a lengthy battle with cancer at her home in Columbia Falls on Sunday, Dec. 22, 2002.

Beverly was born on July 9, 1947, in Mahanomen, Minn.

Beverly attended country school and graduated from Wavbun High School in 1965. She lived and worked in St. Paul, Minn., for a few years before moving to Oregon in the late '60s, where she worked at various jobs.

Beverly moved to Columbia Falls in the '70s and worked in an aluminum plant for about 10 years. She then started the Arctic White Cleaning business, which she was still working at when illness forced her to retire.

Beverly was preceded in death by her parents, and one brother, Eugene.

She is survived by sisters, Sally Kersting of Cloquet, Minn., Pat Merrick and husband Jim, of Las Cruces, N.M., Dorothy Kovach and husband Nick, of Garrison, Minn., and Lois Cable of St. Paul, Minn.; brothers, Val Koppy and wife Barbara, of Green Valley, Ariz.; Bill Koppy of Libby; David Koppy of Mahanomen, Minn.; John Koppy and wife Roseana, of Grand Forks, N.D.; Tim Koppy and wife Ann, of North Bend, Ore.; and Joseph "Bud" Koppy of Graham, Wash.; and many nieces, nephews and close friends.

A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Richards Catholic Church in Columbia Falls. A memorial service will be held in the summer in her home-

town, Mahanomen. The date is pending. The family suggests memorials be made to the Koppy Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 1604, Columbia Falls, MT 59912.

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

Paul Kruse, 49

Paul Kruse, 49, died on Sept. 9, 2002, in Kalispell, after a brief and courageous battle with brain cancer.

He is survived by the love of his life and soulmate of 25 years, Cindy Kruse; their loving son, Kai Kruse; his father, Edward Kruse of Napa, Calif.; and his two brothers, David Kruse of Berkeley, Calif., and Andy Kruse of Orinda, Calif.

He was born in Oakland, Calif. to Marian and Edward Kruse and, after graduating from Miramonte High School, he followed his dream toward the oceans and served as a crew member on the great sailing yachts La Violante and Katrina C, traveling to South America, Europe, the Mediterranean and the South Pacific.

Paul settled in Kalispell, in 1992, and established a successful plumbing and heating business. Like his grandfather and father before him, Paul was a master plumber and worked on commercial and residential projects throughout the Flathead Valley.

Prior to moving to Kalispell, Paul and Cindy cruised the globe in their own beloved and trustworthy yacht, Quest. They were married in Suva, Fiji, in 1987, and their gift and blessing, Kai, was born in Suva.

Paul continued his great love for sailing in Montana and was an active member of the North Flathead Yacht Club, where he sailed and raced his boat Kamikaze (Divine Wind).

Aside from his family, Paul's greatest love was for the outdoors. He and Cindy loved to hike and climb the mountains of Montana. A remarkable skier, he relished back country powder and spent winter days at Big Mountain with his friends and son. He enjoyed hunting with his beloved dog Gus and was an avid fisherman.

His gentle grace and powerful love radiated in those he met. Paul lived his life fearlessly and courageously and faced death as he faced life. All his family and his dear friends throughout the world will miss him.

A private memorial will be held for friends and family in Kalispell, and a memorial Mass will be held in Berkeley, Calif., in the near future.

Remembrances in Paul's name can be made to the National Brain Tumor Foundation, 414 13th Street, Suite 700, Oakland, CA 94612, or the Kalispell Regional Hospital Foundation, 310 Sunnyside Lane, Kalispell, MT 59901, or the charity of your choice.

Stephen C. Kull, 56

Stephen C. Kull, 56, died July 18, 2002, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

He is survived by his wife, Joanne Kull; daughter Dawn Kull; and parents, Maxine and Ralph Oeffinger.

Cremation has taken place and a private family service will be held at a later date.

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

Raymond Allen Krager, 57

Raymond Allen Krager, 57, went home to be with his Lord and Savior Jan. 1, 2002, at his home in Kalispell.

Ray was born Aug. 21, 1944, in Sioux Falls, S.D., to Harvey and Trenja Zacharias Krager. He attended schools in Sioux Falls, graduating from Washington Senior High School in 1962.

After high school, Ray went to work for the Air National Guard, where he was extremely successful, having received several commendations.

He married Mary Clark April 10, 1965, in Sioux Falls, moving to Seattle, where he went to work for Boeing Airlines. Next he moved to California where he worked for Aero Jet General, making nuclear fuel pins. Ray moved back to Sioux Falls, where he worked for Raven Industries, where he designed and built hot air balloons and aqua kites. They moved to Oregon for a while where Ray worked as a machinist before moving to Kalispell, in 1991, where he also worked as a machinist for Semi-tool.

Ray was very proud of the years he had served as an evange-

list. He was a singer and did a puppet show with his puppet-dog, Clifford. He will be remembered for his dry sense of humor and his huge caring and giving heart. He was always taking people in and helping them get back on their feet.

He was also an avid fisherman and loved to spend time with his grandchildren, who were the apples of his eye. He was a member of the Montana Association for the Blind.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one daughter, Tina Krager; a son Ceto Krager; and two grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Krager, of Kalispell; daughter Nova Lakey of Dodson; sons, Chris and John Krager of Kalispell; and daughter Julie Green of Roseburg, Ore.; two brothers, Harvey L. Krager of Roseburg, Ore., and James R. Krager of Salem, Ore.; and seven grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held at noon on Friday at the Riverside Vineyard Church with Ed Garbor officiating.

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

Sawyer Heart Kramer, newborn

Sawyer Heart Kramer was born in Missoula on Jan. 5, 2002. His life's mission lasted two days. "His love will be with us for the rest of our lives."

His family includes his parents, Richard and Beth Kramer of Whitefish; his brother, Nevada B. Kramer of the family home; maternal grandparents, Donald Kervin of Olney and Margaret Kervin of Santa Barbara, Calif; maternal great-grandmother Eleanor Ben-

nett of Weston, W. Va.; paternal grandparents, Robert Kramer of Palm Springs, Calif., and Matthew Allen of Bel Air, Calif; aunts, Amy Kervin and Jo Ellen Kervin of Santa Barbara; uncles, Donald Kervin III of Bradford, Pa., and Robin Allen of Whitefish; cousins, Meghan Kervin of Santa Barbara and Ashley Kervin of Bradford.

Arrangements and care are being provided by Garden City Funeral Home in Missoula.

George Kopitzke, 79

George Kopitzke, 79, passed away peacefully in his home in Columbia Falls, on Feb. 21, 2002.

George was born on Jan. 5, 1923, in Morris, Minn., the son of John and Minnie Kopitzke. George attended schools in Morris.

In March of 1943, George enlisted in the U.S. Army and served in European-African-Middle Eastern Theaters, and received five Bronze Stars. He was honorably discharged on Nov. 11, 1945.

After the war, George moved to Longview, Wash. On Dec. 21, 1946, George married Marlys Nieland. While in Longview, he worked for Reynolds Aluminum. In May 1955, the family moved to Columbia Falls, where George was employed at the Anaconda Aluminum Company. He held several supervisory positions with the company and retired as production superintendent in March 1983.

In the 1960s, George was an avid Wildcat fan, watching his children in football, basketball and wrestling. After retirement, he spent much of his time fishing and hunting. George and Marlys often spent the winters in Arizona, traveling with their fifth-wheel trailer. George looked forward to the time when he could visit his grandchildren and took every opportunity to be with them. Each summer he spent time at Lake Five, pulling the grand-

children on "big red" and water-skiing. George was a private man, willing to do anything for anybody, and loved and cared deeply for his family.

George was preceded in death by his parents; four brothers, Andy, Ed, Leo and Richard; and two sisters, Florence and Agnes.

Survivors include his wife, Marlys; his sons, Dennis and his wife, Linda, of Forsyth, Gene and his wife, Linda, of Columbia Falls, Ron of Columbia Falls, and Michael and his wife, Kelly, of Missoula. He also is survived by his sisters, Laverne Gibson of Dallas, and Jo Fougerson of Morris; brother, Paul Kopitzke and his wife Laverne of Morris; grandchildren, Dylan, Megan and Lucas Kopitzke of Missoula, Vera McPherson of Dallas, Alan Krueger of Boise, Idaho; and great-grandchildren, Jessica and Jordan Krueger of Boise, and James McPherson of Dallas.

A memorial service is scheduled for Monday at 10 a.m. at the United Methodist Church in Columbia Falls.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be made in George's name to Hospice, 175 Commons Loop, Kalispell, MT 59901.

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

Maxine C. Koyl, 83

Maxine C. Koyl, 83, passed away on Wednesday, May 15, 2002, at the Brendan House in Kalispell.

She was born Sept. 3, 1918, in Spokane to Valentine and Esther

A. (Neagele) Preston.

Maxine graduated from high school in Spokane and moved with her family to Helena in 1948, where she raised her children with her sister, Betty Campbell. She married Edwin Koyl in Billings in the late '50s. Maxine worked for Hart-Albins Department Store as a manager in the millinery department and later the Coles Department Store, both in Billings. She retired in the mid-1960s.

Maxine was very proud of her family and marriage. She loved music, and enjoyed playing the piano, especially for the Rose Society luncheons. She was very good at rose gardening and could make the best desserts, huckleberry jam, and watermelon pickles. Maxine loved the Montana outdoors and its mountains and was a very talented fly tier and fly-fisherman. She followed the Iditarod extensively and went dog sledding on



occasion and was proud to have met Susan Butcher, a winner of the Iditarod. She had a special fondness for animals, especially Siamese cats, dachshunds and sled dogs. "Her best friend, a dachshund named Lady Widgett, will miss her dearly."

Maxine was a member of the Rose Society, the Business Women of Billings and of the Bahai Faith.

Maxine was preceded in death by her parents, and one sister, Jean England.

She is survived by her husband, Edwin Koyl, of Kalispell; one daughter, Arlene Eubanks and her husband, Robert, of Hoquiam, Wash.; five grandchildren, Kimberly Kirkwood and her husband, John, of Hoquiam, Robyn Ward and her husband, Bob, of Malibar, Fla., Stephanie Eubanks of Aberdeen, Wash.; Bram Eubanks of Chicago, Ill.; and Torbet Eubanks of Denver; seven great-grandchildren, Tracey, Aaron, Joshua, Amber, Yvette, Taylor and Bramford II; and one sister, Betty Campbell, of Sacramento, Calif.

Visitation will be held today at Johnson Mortuary from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Graveside services will be held on Wednesday at 11 a.m. at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

Ambrose L. Kolby, 95

Ambrose L. Kolby, 95, died Monday, Sept. 9, 2002, at St. Luke's Extended Care Facility in Ronan.

He was the owner of the Lakeshore Motel in Lakeside.

He is survived by his daughter, Lynda Burns, of Lakeside.

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

Zoya K. Koltyugina, 82

Zoya K. Koltyugina, 82, of Whitefish, died at her home Friday morning, Nov. 8, 2002.

She is survived by her daughter, Svetlana Lokteva, of Whitefish.

Visitation will begin today from 1 until 5 p.m. at the Austin Funeral home of

Whitefish. The family will receive friends from 3 until 5 p.m. Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Monday at the funeral home with visitation to begin one hour prior to service. Burial will take place after services at Wood Lawn Cemetery of Columbia Falls.

Shirley J. Konecky, 69

Shirley J. Konecky, 69, passed away on Tuesday, Dec. 18, 2002, at the Brendan House in Kalispell after a lengthy illness.

She was born on June 1, 1933, in Ryegate, to Leo I. and Dorothy D. (Horrell) Goodman. Shirley attended grade school in Ryegate and graduated from high school in Roundup.

She worked several jobs, including at the Daily Inter Lake, The Pant Shack, and at Pacific Power and Light.

She was very active in the Glacier Church for the past 25 years. She loved spending time with her family and working around her home, yard, and flower beds. She enjoyed doing puzzles and crossword puzzles.

Shirley was preceded in death by her father, Leo Goodman.

She is survived by her three sons, Jim Brown and his wife, Connie, and Curtis Konecky and his wife, Janet, all of Kalispell, and Kevin Konecky and his wife, Lisa,

of Palmer, Alaska; her mother, Dorothy Hansen of Kalispell; 10 grandchildren, SaeRom, Seth, and Jael Konecky, Sabrina Konecky, Nichole Fenger, Joe and Brian Buck, and Larrisa, JoAnna, and Rosalie Makar; five great-grandchildren, Amanda, Tia Page and Talese Fenger, and Cody and Kylee Buck; sister, Beverly Mihalovich and husband, Kay; niece, Michele Silvrants; and nephew, Mike Mihalovich.

Funeral services for Shirley Konecky will be at 2 p.m. on Friday at Johnson Mortuary Chapel with Pastor Hal Irvine of Glacier Church officiating. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be on Friday from 9 a.m. until the time of the service.

The family suggests memorial contributions be sent to the Glacier Church, P.O. Box 7234, Kalispell, MT 59904.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Anita L. Kuntz 55

Anita L. Kuntz, 55, of Coram passed away peacefully at her home in Coram surrounded by her loving family Saturday evening, March 2, 2002.

She was born May 2, 1946, in Lewellen, Neb., the daughter of George R. and Elsie M. (Steward) Hyatt.

Anita met and later married John Kuntz on Sept. 7, 1963, in Ronan. They moved to the Flathead Valley in 1968 when John took a job with the aluminum plant.

Anita loved the time that she spent as a guide and camp cook for her family near Yellowstone Park.

She was a member of the Alliance Church and enjoyed playing piano for it. Her favorite times were the backyard barbecues with her family and friends as well as riding horses up into the mountains. She was deeply loved, cherished and will be missed by all that knew her.

Her parents preceded her in death.

Anita is survived by her loving husband of 38 years, John Kuntz of

Coram; her daughters and sons-in-law, Kelly and Don Skare and Sandy Kuntz of Columbia Falls, April and Ken Dahl of Hungry Horse; her son and daughter-in-law, Tony and Joy Kuntz of Fairbanks, Alaska; her granddaughter and grandson-in-law, Haven and Eric Thomas of Spokane; granddaughters and grandsons, Amanda, James, Alex and Isaac, all of Columbia Falls, Jason and Sarah, both of Hungry Horse, Kyndra, Nyklaus and Joshua, all of Fairbanks; and her great-granddaughter, Mikayla Thomas of Spokane. Anita is also survived by her sisters and brothers-in-law, Rose and Lloyd White of Arthur, Neb.; Ruth and Duane Neal of Pray; and her brother Lee Hyatt of Great Falls.

Funeral services for Anita L. Kuntz will be conducted at 2 p.m. today at Our Savior Lutheran Church of Columbia Falls with the Rev. Jess Waters.

Memorial contributions may be given in Anita's name to Hospice, 175 Commons Loop, Suite 100, Kalispell, MT 59901 for their dedication to her care.

Steve Kvapil, 63

Steve Kvapil, 63, of Libby, died Thursday, July 11, 2002, at Sacred Heart Medical Center in Spokane.

He was born at Colburn, Wis., on Aug. 8, 1938, to Stephen and Pauline Kvapil. He was raised and educated in Wisconsin, graduating from high school at Chippewa Falls. He remained in Wisconsin until coming to Libby in 1965.

He had been a longtime employee of the St. Regis Paper Company and Champion International.

Steve enjoyed family gatherings and playing the accordion. He also had been an avid outdoorsman, enjoying hunting, fishing and camping.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brothers, Walter and Dan.

Survivors include his wife, Janie, of Libby; three sons, Steve Kvapil and his wife, Barb, of Coram, Wade Kvapil and his wife,

Marguerite, of Libby, and Brent Kvapil and his wife, Nita, of Kalispell; two daughters, Denise Jung and her husband, Keith, of Elk Grove, Calif., and Kim Larson and her husband, Mark, of Libby; a brother, Sam Kvapil of San Bernardino, Calif.; sisters, Irene Samek of Spokane, and Martha Ekurn of Cornell, Wis.; a sister-in-law, Ardith Kvapil of Libby; stepchildren, Crista Bassett of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, and Desi Freeman and Callie Lamorie, both of Post Falls, Idaho; and numerous grandchildren as well as nieces and nephews.

Services will be Monday at 4 p.m. at the City of Libby Cemetery. Visitation will from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday at Nelson & Vial Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to Wings, c/o 350 Louisiana Avenue, Libby, MT 59923.

Raphael John Kunda Sr.

Raphael John Kunda Sr. went to heaven on Sunday, July 28, 2002, after suffering a heart attack.

He had been attending Mass with his beloved wife, Susan, and his son Jesse at

St. Matthew's Church in Kalispell.

Ralph was born and raised in Kalispell and loved all the beauty and freedom he saw and felt around him.

He proudly served his country as a Marine in Vietnam from 1967-70.

In 1970, he married Mildred Kathy Voelker. Over the next 14 years, they raised their children, Kathryn, John, Kristy, Michael, Jesse and Desiree, while living in California, Nebraska and Montana. The family moved back to the Flathead in 1977.

In 1987, he met the love of his life, Susan. They were married in 1991, expanding his family with the addition of his stepchildren, Eric, Gina, Theresa and Maureen.

He worked as a builder for years and his craftsmanship is appreciated by many throughout the valley. He had recently started his own business with his youngest son, Jesse. He did fine work and helped build several of his children's homes, as well as his own, of which he was very proud.

His three sons proudly followed in his footsteps as Marines, and Kristy went into the Air Force.

Ralph gave the best hugs in the world and was the most forgiving of men. He enjoyed family gather-



ings, playing with his grandchildren, cruising the Caribbean, and tinkering on his property. He was most at peace walking outside and creating a secret garden.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Harry and Bernadine Kunda; and his sister, Elizabeth Schaeffer.

He is survived by his wife, Susan; his children, Kathryn Burke and her husband, Chris, of Whitefish, John and his wife, Kaythi, of Columbia Falls, Kristy Richardson and her husband, Orin, of Great Falls, Michael and Jesse, both of Kalispell, Desiree of Hawaii, Eric Edelen and his wife, Eryn, of Kalispell, Gina Lyon and her husband, Jeff, of Whitefish, Theresa of Bozeman, and Maureen Windauer and her husband, Tien, of Kalispell; his beloved grandchildren, River Richardson, Christopher and Jasmine Kunda, John, Ali, Steven and Isabelle Lyon, and Mailee Windauer; his siblings, Angie Kruckenberg and her husband, Norm, of Kalispell, Pearl Nolan of Billings, Michael Kunda and his wife, Rena, of Sacramento, Calif., and Anne Stewart and her husband, Don, of Arlee; and many more relatives and friends too numerous to mention.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday at Johnson Mortuary. A rosary service will be held at Johnson Mortuary on Wednesday at 7 p.m. The funeral Mass will be held at St. Matthew's Catholic Church on Thursday at 2 p.m., with interment following at Conrad Cemetery. A reception follows the interment in the basement of St. Matthew's.