

Arvo K. Kanerva, 79

Arvo K. Kanerva, 79, of Polson, passed away on Wednesday, Sept. 25, 2002, at St. Luke Extended Care Facility in Ronan.

He was born June 30, 1923, in Brooklyn, N.Y., to Konstantine and Aino Kanerva. He grew up and attended schools in Brooklyn.

He joined the U.S. Navy and served in World War II in the Pacific. After his military discharge, he moved back to New York.

Arvo married Ruth McCormack on Sept. 20, 1947. They lived in Brooklyn for a short time and then moved to Islip, Long Island, N.Y., and lived there for 20 years. He worked as a traffic specialist for Western Electric/AT&T. He was transferred to Greensboro, N.C., and worked there for eight years. He retired for AT&T at the age of 60.

He and Ruth eventually retired to Montana. They lived in Kalispell and most recently resided in Polson.

Arvo like to golf, fish, tie flies, travel and was an avid sportsman.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Aileen Ott.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth, of Polson; one sister, Alice Ferdon of Jacksonville, Fla.; one brother, Paul Kanerva and his wife, Emma, of Whitefish; one brother-in-law, Eugene Ott of Naples, Fla.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Cremation has taken place and a memorial service may be held at a later date.

Arrangements are by Grogan Funeral Home and Crematory in Polson.

Hedwig M. Karlin, 84

Hedwig M. Karlin, 84, passed away on Wednesday, Feb. 13, 2002, at her home in Columbia Falls.

She was born on May 29, 1917, in Hebron, N.D. to Charles and Amelia (Wehri) Morman. Hedwig received her early education through the eighth grade in Hay Marsh, N.D.

She married Rudolph "Rudy" Karlin on Dec. 17, 1936, at Beulah, N. D. They moved with their family to the Flathead Valley in 1956, where she lived until her passing.

Making a happy home for her family was the most important task in her life. Baking specialties for her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren gave her immense pleasure. She also enjoyed sewing, cooking, gardening, knitting, quilting and crocheting. She was a member of St. Richard's Catholic Church in Columbia Falls.

Hedwig was preceded in death by her parents; her husband Rudy in 1998; her brothers, Robert, Hank, John, Ed, Clarence, George, Larry and Frank; two sisters, Margaret and Josephine; one son, Duane Karlin; and one daughter, Gloria Clarke; three grandchildren, Laura Haag, Ryan Karlin, Brenda Clarke; and one great-grandchild, Casey Clarke.

She is survived by five daughters and one daughter-in-law,



Janette Nicklaus and husband Raymond of Columbia Falls, Doreen Frankenhauser and husband Robert of Aubrundale, Fla., Carol Haag and husband Ronald of Columbia Falls, Kathy Armstrong and husband Tom of Destin, Fla., Corliss Butzlaff and husband Mike of Wolf Point, and JoAnn Karlin of Kalispell; three sons and one son-in-law, George Karlin and wife Dana of Columbia Falls, Darrell Karlin and wife Nora, James Karlin and wife Rita, all of Kalispell, Albert Clarke of Golden Valley, Ariz.; 24 grandchildren; 43 great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren; one sister, Clara Elden of Beulah, N.D.; and one sister-in-law, Ester Fried of Kalispell; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

A Mass of Christian burial will be held on Monday at 11 a.m. at St. Richard's Catholic Church in Columbia Falls with the Rev. Joe Pat Moran as celebrant. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens in Kalispell. A luncheon will follow the burial at St. Richard's Catholic Church. A vigil service will be held on Sunday, at 4 p.m. at St. Richard's Catholic Church. Visitation will be from noon to 5 p.m. today at Johnson Mortuary.

The family requests that memorial donations be sent to St. Richard's Catholic Church Building Fund, 1210 Ninth St. W., Columbia Falls, MT 59912.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Donald M. Kaeding, 79

Donald M. Kaeding, 79, of Libby, died Wednesday, Jan. 30, 2002, at St. John Lutheran Hospital in Libby.

He was born at Kalispell, on Sept. 16, 1922, the son of Edward and Anna Kaeding. He was raised and educated in the Flathead Valley.

He worked for the Civilian Conservation Corps in Glacier Park and also in the North Fork of the Flathead. In May of 1941, he enlisted in the United States Army. He served during World War II, first in Panama and later in Europe, participating in the Normandy Invasion. He was honorably discharged in 1945.

He married Pearl Merrick on Aug. 5, 1946, in St. Maries, Idaho. He worked at Hanford, Wash., the Anaconda Company in Butte, and later for the railroad. He came to Libby in 1962, working for Zonolite and W.R. Grace & Co., and later for the St. Regis Paper Company until retiring due to disability in 1968.

His first wife Pearl preceded in him death in 1971.

He married Louise Faris on Oct. 8, 1977, at Libby. They continued to make their home in Libby.

He was an active member of Faith Bible Church; the Heritage Museum; and Kootenai Volunteer Hospice. He also was a member of the American Legion and V.F.W. and was an avid hunter and fisherman.

He enjoyed helping people and most especially enjoyed his chil-

dren and grandchildren.

Survivors include his wife Louise, of Libby; his children, Don Kaeding of San Francisco, Dan Faris of Sacramento, Calif., and Andy Faris of Libby, Brenda Faris Sams of Deer Park, Wash., and Deena Faris Crill of Libby; a brother, Rudy Kaeding of Libby; a sister, Peg Gustin of Missoula; 11 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; and very dear friends, Tom and Ruth Lester.

Services will be Monday at 2 p.m. at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Cal Noble officiating. Visitation will be from 1-5 today.

Memorials may be made to Libby Volunteer Ambulance; Libby Volunteer Fire Department; or to Faith Bible Church.

Martin A. Kanaley, 73

"It is with deep sadness we report the passing of Martin A. Kanaley," who died Friday, Sept. 6, 2002, in Livingston, where he was struck by a motor vehicle and killed.



Martin was 73 years of age. He was born Nov. 18, 1928, to Edward T. Kanaley and Leola P. Kanaley in Rochester, N.Y. He was raised in Fulton, N.Y., where he graduated from Fulton High School in 1947.

He was a veteran of the United States Air Force, serving from 1948-52 in Japan during the Korean War. After the war, he served as a missile technician in the

Florida Keys.

A retired resident of Kalispell, he was a frequent visitor to the Livingston area.

He is survived by four brothers, Donald and wife Phyllis Kanaley of Dallas; Thomas and wife Louise Kanaley of Rochester; Joseph and wife Regan Kanaley of Martville, N.Y.; and Daniel Kanaley of North Syracuse, N.Y.; and several nieces and nephews; and close friends, Al and Bess Miron of Kalispell.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Friday in the veterans' section of C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell.

He will rest among the Montana mountains he loved so much. "We will all truly miss our beloved brother and friend."

Rena M. Kanaley, 96

Rena M. Kanaley, 96, passed away on Sunday, Nov. 10, 2002, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.



She was born on April 15, 1906, in Kalispell, to Adolphus and Christina (Koenig) Tetrault. Rena received her early education in Kalispell, graduating from Flathead County High School in 1924, and continuing her studies with one year of accounting in Minneapolis.

She married James David Kanaley in Kalispell on July 6, 1930.

Rena worked as a bookkeeper and dental assistant. She was the oldest and longest continual member of Trinity Lutheran Church, having been baptized, confirmed and married at the church.

Her interests included garden-

ing, knitting and quilting.

Rena was preceded in death by her parents, and by her husband, James, in 1986.

She is survived by her son, Willis James Kanaley of Wyoming, Pa.; grandson, Jason David Kanaley; great-grandchild, Jordan Ashley Kanaley; two nieces, Emma Jane Wutke and Florine Ficken; and one nephew, Walter Sundelius.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Trinity Lutheran Church, with Pastor Darold Reiner officiating. Burial will take place prior to the services at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery at 12:30 p.m.

Visitation will be from noon until 6 p.m. today at Johnson Mortuary.

The family suggests memorial gifts be given to Trinity Lutheran Church, 400 W. California St., Kalispell MT 59901.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Mary Theresa Kaufman, 78

Mary Theresa Kaufman, 78, "went to be with her Savior" on Saturday, April 6, 2002.

She was born on Aug. 3, 1923, at Breezy Point in Somers, to Louis E. and Goldie

(Herriman) Bernard. Mary attended school in Somers, Birch Grove, and graduated from Flathead County High School.

In 1942, Mary married Roscoe Kaufman in Kalispell. They were married for 54 years when Roscoe passed away.

When she was 19 years old, she went to work for the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls, while her husband was serving his country during World War II. She also worked as a certified nurse's aide at Kalispell General Hospital and Immanuel Lutheran Home.

She worked on the green chain at Plum Creek for 13 years. Mary and her husband were partners in Skyline Dairy, raised their children in Kalispell, and then moved to the lower valley, where they farmed.

In later years, she and her husband moved back to town where she enjoyed her flowers, cooking for family and friends, exercise classes, square-dancing, and monthly luncheons with classmates. When she was younger, she enjoyed playing the accordion, organ and the guitar for dances.

She was also active in the First Presbyterian Church where she enjoyed singing in the choir and belonging to circles and Bible



studies. Mary volunteered for Meals on Wheels and the Chamber of Commerce Visitor's Center for several years.

Mary was a strong, compassionate, hard-working, and thoughtful person. She was the best mother, grandmother and mother-in-law, and will be greatly missed by her family.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Roscoe; a brother, Louis Bernard and a sister, Lotella Fritz, all of Kalispell.

She is survived by her daughter Robin and her husband, Renn White, of Columbia Falls, her son Bob and his wife, Judy Kaufman, of Missoula, her sister, Jeneane Taylor, of Somers; six grandchildren, Darin and Jayme Kaufman, Gene and Carey Kaufman, Katie Kaufman, Lori and Troy Anderson, Brian and Nina White, Kim and Jody Waverek; five great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Mary's family wishes to express heartfelt thanks to the staff at Brendan House for their care and compassion.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be on Saturday at 1 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Glenn Burfeind officiating. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Pallbearers will be Roger Jones, Ken Kaufman, Mark Kaufman, Brian White, Darin Kaufman, and Gene Kaufman. Honorary pallbearer is Justin Waverek.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Norman Jay Kauffman, 19

Norman Jay Kauffman, 19, of Kalona, Iowa, died July 7, 2002, in a swimming accident at Palisades Kepler State Park near Mt. Vernon.

He is survived by his

parents, James and Angie Kauffman of Kalona; and paternal grandfather and step-mother, James and Naomi Kauffman of Marion.

Dorothy L. Karstens, 87

Dorothy L. Karstens, 87, "went to be with our Heavenly Father" on Tuesday, Dec. 31, 2002, at Immanuel Lutheran Home.



Dorothy was born Oct. 23, 1915, in Flandreau, S.D., to Vincent and Grace (Stewart) Falan.

Dorothy met and fell in love with Emil Karstens, and were married Oct. 13, 1934, and spent 67 wonderful years together.

In 1956, they moved to Boulder, Colo., then in 1967, the family moved to Somers, where Dorothy enjoyed the beauty of Flathead Lake.

She loved to read, making quilts for her children and grandchildren, and going dancing every chance she got.

Dorothy will be remembered as a loving wife, mother, and grandmother, who enjoyed getting the family together for her wonderful

cooking, especially her homemade bread and cinnamon rolls.

"Her love will remain in our hearts, and the wisdom and strength she had will always be with us to cherish and pass on."

Dorothy was preceded in death by her husband, Emil Karstens, on Nov. 24, 2001.

She is survived by one daughter, Kathy Christopherson and husband, Craig, of Kalispell; three sons, Kit Karstens and wife, Linda, of Pueblo West, Colo., Kaylord Karstens of Kalispell, Kyle Karstens and wife, Wanda, of Polson; six grandchildren, Kade and wife, Holly, of Missoula, Kalen, Kelsey, and Kyla Karstens of Polson, Chelsea and Chanel Christopherson of Kalispell.

Funeral services will be held 1 p.m. on Monday at the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with Pastor Wayne Pris officiating. Visitation will be held from 9 a.m. until noon on Monday at the mortuary.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Raymond A. Kaste, 62

Raymond A. Kaste, 62, of Lyden, Wash., died Dec. 25, 2001, at Bellingham Health Care in Bellingham, Wash., following a prolonged illness.

He was born Nov. 22, 1939, in Havre. He lost his dad when he was a young boy and his family moved around a lot, but he lived much of his life in Bigfork.

During the late 90s, he worked as a mail carrier in the Flathead

Station and built storage houses in Columbia Falls. He moved to Lyden in recent years, to be near family, when he became ill.

Survivors include his children, Deborah Greenlund of Everson, Wash., William J. Kaste of Elkeno, Okla., Raymond Kaste Jr. of Brown City, Mich., and Deanna Wright of Spark Park, Nev.; and his grandchildren.

No funeral services were held.

Jay Leonard Kaufman, 42

Jay Leonard Kaufman, 42, of Bigfork, passed away Friday, Jan. 11, 2002, in Denver.

He was born May 5, 1959, to Bob and Margie Kaufman. He attended school in Pocatello, Idaho, and Salt Lake City.

After high school he joined the armed forces in 1976 and was discharged in 1979. He spent most of his life in Salt Lake City, and also lived in Portland. He moved to Montana in 1998. He loved family life and most of all his children.

He is survived by his wife, Tamara Kaufman of Bigfork; six daughters, Illyssa Roberts, of Big-

fork, and Janae, Whitney, Jocelyn, Karolee and Latecia Kaufman, all of Salt Lake City; and one son, Jake Kaufman of Portland. He is also survived by his mother, Margaret and her husband, Jerry Brandon of Maui, Hawaii; his father Bob and wife Ingrid Kaufman of Salt Lake City; a sister Holly Scott of Portland; and brother, Butch and wife Leann Kaufman of Salt Lake City.

"He will be missed and always loved by all."

Services will be held Wednesday at noon at Larkin Funeral Home in Salt Lake City.

Barbara Lynn Keller, 60

Barbara Lynn Keller, 60, died Friday, July 12, 2002, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

She was born July 18, 1941, in Great Falls to Jerome and Alvina (Kamp-snider) Daly.

She was raised mainly in Plentywood and graduated from Plentywood High School in 1959. She received a bachelor's degree in education from Montana State University, then in Missoula. She met and married Ray Keller through the Royaleers square-dancing club while both were students, and they have been together through 40 years of good times. Later she received a master's degree in adult and higher education in 1997.

Her first job took her to Dupuyer, teaching at the Birch Creek Hutterite colony. From there she taught at Heart Butte, Fort Benton, Manzanita Ranch in California, Bigfork, Creston and Flathead Valley Community College, before settling in Browning for the last 15 years of a 30-plus-year teaching career.

Throughout her career, she continued to study and broaden her specialty, teaching reading. Upon her retirement in 1999, she and her husband opened Reading Essentials, a private reading school in Kalispell. She dedicated her life to helping many disadvantaged adults and children successfully overcome reading and learn-



ing disabilities.

Barbara's first priority was always her family. She enjoyed entertaining and cooking, and for Barbara, family was anyone seated around her dinner table. Adventurous and enthusiastic, she especially enjoyed camping and travel, biking, hiking, canoeing and horseback riding.

She accomplished many things throughout her life, focusing on raising her son, Ry. She worked part time, tutored and made hand-dipped beeswax candles to allow her the time to build many good memories with her young son. She supported his judo training from kindergarten through high school.

Barbara's name appears in Who's Who in American Education, Business Women of America and others. She is the author of two published books: "Gifts of Love and Literacy" and "The Parent's Guide to Studying Made Easy," and several newspaper articles and books left unpublished. She helped countless people become successful and happy readers. Her wisdom, humor, selflessness and warmth will be dearly missed.

Barbara is survived by her husband, Ray; mother Alvina Daly; son, Ry; daughter-in-law, Serena; and two grandchildren, Austin and Benjamin Keller, all of Bigfork.

Internment was at C. E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell on July 15, 2002.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Tillie C. Kellar, 87

Tillie C. Kellar, 87, died Sept. 2, 2002, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

She was born Otilia Caroline Fisher on Oct. 15, 1914, to Joseph and Theresa

(Burkhartsmeyer) Fisher in Strausberg, N.D. She grew up and was educated in the farming community of Goldstone just north of Rudyard.

She married Earl Raymond Kellar on Feb. 18, 1938, at Goldstone, and they lived in Cedar Falls, Iowa, and Lavina and Joplin, Mont., where Earl was a teacher and a coach. Later the family relocated to Havre and Tillie was a full-time homemaker and raised five children. She and Earl divorced in 1959.

Tillie worked in motel management for 20 years at the Havre Inn, Duck Inn Motel and Cloud Nine, before moving to Great Falls to manage the Crestview Inn.

She was a lifelong member of St. Jude's Church, a charter member of St. Ann's Circle, belonged to the Ladies Auxiliary of the Eagles, the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen Auxiliary, and Alanon.

She enjoyed sewing and quilting and, along with her mother



and aunt, prepared quilts and rugs for the Montana pioneer exhibit on early settlers at the Smithsonian in Washington, D.C.

In March 2000, with failing health, Tillie moved to the Flathead Valley to be near her daughters and resided at Wel-Life Assisted Living in Kalispell.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Joseph and Theresa Fisher; brothers, John and Mike Fisher; sisters, Katy Whaley and Martha Hanson Colling; son, Rodney Kellar; and daughter, Doris Weishaar.

She is survived by two daughters, Alice Mewbourn and husband, Alton, of Rollins, and Jean Barragan and husband, Michael, of Lakeside; one son, Thomas D. Kellar of Havre; three grandchildren, Lynn Meyers and husband, Thad Hopper of Douglas, Alaska, Mark Weishaar and wife, Patti, of Billings, and Captain Jason Sutton and wife, Christy of Hampton, Va.; and two great-grandchildren, Elisha and Aiden Sutton, also of Hampton.

A prayer vigil will be held at 8 p.m. today and the funeral will be Thursday at 10 a.m. Both will be held at St. Jude's Catholic Church in Havre.

Memorials may be made to Immanuel Lutheran Home, 185 Crestline Ave., Kalispell, MT 59901.

Father Emmett Kelly, 78

Father Emmett Kelly, 78, of Missoula died on Thursday evening, April 11, 2002.

A Butte native, Father Emmett was born on Dec. 3, 1923, to John and Annie Kelly.

He attended elementary and high school in Butte. Father Emmett enlisted in the U.S. Coast Guard and served in Alaska during World War II.

Upon his discharge from the service, Father Emmett attended Carroll college in Helena, Mount Angel seminary in Mount Angel, Ore., and St. Thomas Seminary in Denver, Colo. He was ordained to the priesthood on May 28, 1955, by Bishop Joseph M. Gilmore.

Father Emmett served as vice chancellor of the Diocese of Helena under Bishop Gilmore and Bishop Raymond Hunthausen for 15 years. He also served in the following parishes: St. Patrick's in Butte, St. Mary's in Helena, St. Peter's in Anaconda, St. Matthew's in Kalispell, Holy Family and Spirit of Christ in Missoula and Lolo. As vice chancellor, Father Emmett served as chaplain of St. John's Hospital in Helena.

Father Emmett retired from active ministry on Aug. 4, 1993, but continued his priestly ministry by helping parishes throughout the diocese as well as serving as a volunteer chaplain at St. Patrick Hospital in Missoula.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his brothers, John and Flurry; his brothers-in-law, Bill Schudy and Jim Dennehy; his sisters-in-law, Mary (Shea) Kelly and Ellen (Sullivan) Kelly; and a nephew, Joseph Patrick Kelly.

He is survived by his two sisters, Mary Schudy and Ann Dennehy; two brothers, Bill Kelly and Joe Kelly and his wife, Jeanne; and many nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Father Kelly will be greatly missed by his family and all who were affected by his ministry.

Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated today at 11 a.m. at St. Anthony's Catholic Church, with a reception following at Holy Family.

At his request, cremation will take place following the funeral Mass and private committal services will be held at Holy cross Cemetery in Butte.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the Holy Family Parish, 4616 Gharrett, Missoula, MT 59803.

Funeral arrangements are under the care and direction of Garden city Funeral Home and Crematory.

Sean Thomas Kelso, 23

Sean Thomas Kelso, 23, passed away on Friday, May 17, 2002, the result of a traffic accident.

He was born in Whitefish on April 27, 1979. He graduated from Whitefish High School in 1997.

He loved the game of baseball, which he played from age 6 through college. After graduation, "No. 10" pursued baseball with the College of the Siskiyous in California, Spokane Falls Community College, North Idaho College and Glendale Community College in Arizona.

He was employed with the Ironhorse Golf Course in Whitefish, performing summer maintenance and was working toward a move to Arizona with his girlfriend.

His grandparents, Jack and

June Gallagher, preceded Sean in death.

He is survived by his parents, Thomas and April (Gallagher) Kelso; his sister, Jennifer Kelso Farrell and her husband, Justin; his girlfriend Kassandra "Katie" Marie Contreras; and many who loved him. "We all love and miss him dearly."

Memorial services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. at the Whitefish Methodist Church with the Rev. Deborah Schmidt officiating. A gathering will follow at the family's home.

The family requests that memorial donations be made to the Glacier Twins Legion Baseball, P.O. Box 2007, Whitefish, MT 59937.

Roy Kerswill, 77

Roy Kerswill, 77, died at home in Polson, on Friday, June 21, 2002.

He was a prominent artist, known for his landscapes and historical Western works.

He is survived by his wife,

Betty, and two daughters.

A celebration of life is planned at the Kerswill home, date and time to be announced. A private memorial service will be held at a later date.

Louis Kenneth Kienas, 54

Louis Kenneth Kienas, 54, died on Saturday, Jan 12, 2002, at the home of his sister in Kalispell, surrounded by his loved ones.



He was born on Oct. 3, 1947, in Kellogg, Idaho, to Edward and Alice Kienas. He moved with his family to the Flathead Valley in 1956, where he received his education, graduating from Flathead High School in 1967. He then attended two years of college at the University of Montana.

He worked at several jobs before attending Missoula Technical Center graduating from the food service program June 6, 1977. He later attended school in Missoula, to become a C.P.A., which was his occupation until the end.

He was united in marriage to Della R. Winter and from

this union his only son, William Clayton Kienas, was born.

He enjoyed gardening and his yearly trip to hunting camp with the boys and social gatherings with family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers, Edward "Bud" Kienas, Arthur Kienas and a twin brother, Keith.

He is survived by his son William; a brother, Robert A. Kienas and wife Joanne; three sisters, Rosalie Ayars and husband Willis, Cherris Collier and husband Bill, Linda Larson; and many nieces, nephews and friends who loved and will miss him dearly.

Cremation has taken place by Buffalo Hill Mortuary. A memorial service will take place at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to Kalispell Hospice program or the American Cancer Society.

Harriet 'Hatsy' Thon Kienas, 79

Harriet "Hatsy" Thon Kienas, 79, died Tuesday, Nov. 26, 2002, at the Libby Care Center following a lengthy battle with Alzheimer's disease.

She was born in Kalispell, on Sept. 7, 1923, to Raymond and Cleora Logan Thon. She graduated from Flathead County High School in 1941, and studied music at the University of Montana.

She married Albert E. Kienas on Sept. 7, 1956, and moved to Libby. Her love of music continued throughout her life.

She had been a longtime member of St. John Lutheran Church, where she had been actively involved for many years; she also had been a member of the P.E.O. Sisterhood and the Libby-Troy Community Concert Association. She had taught piano and had served as church organist both in Kalispell and Libby.

"Hatsy" as she was fondly called, enjoyed picnics, time spent at the family cabin on Bitterroot Lake, horses, photogra-

phy and playing bridge; her greatest joy and love was her family whom she was devoted to.

She is survived by her husband, Albert "Al" Kienas of Libby; two daughters, Kim Ruygrok and husband, Jim, of Deer Park, Wash., and Kristi Gieschen and husband, Charles, of Fort Wayne, Ind.; a son, Jonathan Kienas and wife, Shawn, of Kalispell; a sister, Cleora Sheeran of Albany, Ore.; seven grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and brothers, William and Raymond Thon.

Services will be at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday at St. John Lutheran Church with Pastor Eric Christiansen and Pastor Charles Gieschen officiating. Interment services will follow at the City of Libby Cemetery. Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. Friday and until noon Saturday at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to St. John Lutheran Church.

Herman Alfred 'Al' Kienas, 82

Herman Alfred "Al" Kienas, 82, passed away on Tuesday, Nov. 19, 2002, at his home in Kalispell.

He was born Sept. 12, 1920, in Kalispell, to Herman and Amalia Kienas. Al was raised on the family dairy farm, a homestead west of Kalispell. He attended Flathead Valley schools and graduated from Flathead County High School.

From 1942 to 1945, Al served in the United States Army in World War II. He was a staff sergeant at the 35th Station Hospital (Medics), and was stationed in North Africa, Corsica, France, and Okinawa.

On Jan. 20, 1946, he married Shirley Ruth Ragan. They were happily married for 52 years.

Al worked for Somers Lumber Co. and Superior Lumber Co. before joining Pacific Power and Light in 1953. He retired in 1982.

Al had a great love for building and woodworking. He took great pride in the many houses he built in the Flathead Valley. He also loved reading, especially historical and western novels, and working outdoors in the yard. He was a life-



long member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Kalispell.

Al was a devoted husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. He will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his sister, Elsa Kienas; his brother, Arnold Kienas; his wife, Shirley Ragan Kienas; his daughter, Karen Kienas Forsyth; and his grandson, Scott Forsyth.

He is survived by his daughter, Sharon C. Snell and her husband, John Snell, of Kalispell; grandchildren, Jody Harp and her husband, Ryder, of Kalispell; Michael Snell of Spokane, and Jay Forsyth of Libby; great-granddaughter, Sydney Dae Harp of Kalispell; two brothers, Edmund Kienas of Kalispell, and Albert Kienas of Libby; one sister, Natalie Joy of Polson; three sisters-in-law, Joyce Lacy of Memphis, Tenn., Janice Kienas of Kalispell, and Harriet Kienas of Libby; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Funeral services will at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday at Trinity Lutheran Church in Kalispell. Burial will immediately follow at Glacier Memorial Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Friday at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

Birdena May 'Birdie' Kimbrough, 69

Birdena May "Birdie" Kimbrough, 69, of Columbia Falls, passed away Saturday, July 27, 2002, at the Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

She was born March 7, 1933, at a nursing home between Columbia Falls and Kalispell to John and Amanda Brunner. She attended LaSalle Country School and then Flathead County High School.

She worked at Street's Grocery Store in Whitefish, as a housekeeper at Big Mountain Ski Resort, and at Caley's Grocery Store in Columbia Falls. She met and married Preston H. Kimbrough on August 7, 1954. They had three sons.

She loved her large flower and vegetable garden, the outdoors, doing crossword puzzles and especially liked spending time with

family and friends. She will be greatly missed by her loved ones.

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

Birdena is survived by her three sons, Dan of Columbia Falls, Don and his wife, JoAnn, of Billings, and Duke Kimbrough of Columbia Falls; a sister, Alice Nelson of Columbia Falls; two granddaughters, Becky and Alena Kimbrough; and numerous nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

Visitation will be today at the Columbia Mortuary from 4 to 8 p.m. A funeral service will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. The Rev. David Jones will officiate. Cremation will follow the service.

King

Mary Jennette Gorton Kair King, 80, passed away on May 9, 2002, at her home in Creston.



She was born Aug. 8, 1921, at home on Second Avenue East in Kalispell, to Orville E. and Gladys Kyte Bolon. Mary spent her early years in the Mountain Brook area before moving to a farm in Creston. Mary was educated in the Creston School and Flathead County High School.

She was married to James H. Gorton on April 6, 1939, and they raised five children. Jim preceded her in death in 1970. In 1973, Mary married Harold Kair. He died in January of 1987. On Aug. 8, 1987, she married Lloyd A. King and moved to Charlo.

After 60 years of living in the Creston farmhouse, Lloyd and Mary moved to Green Valley, Ariz., in July 1993, where she had owned a villa for several years. Lloyd died in 1998 and in May of 2001, Mary moved back to live with her daughter in the farmhouse at Creston.

From the time she was a little girl, Mary loved the woods. She spent many hours hiking in the Jewel Basin and camping with her family in the South Fork of the Flathead drainage. While in Arizona, she and her church group hiked the mountains surrounding Green Valley and Tucson.

Mary worked various jobs in Kalispell before becoming one of the first woman clerks at the Kalispell Post Office. She retired from the post office in 1983 and was always grateful for the many friendships made there.

In addition to her husbands, Mary was preceded in death by her sister, Betty Ann Holmes in 1956, and a son, Donald James Gorton in 1968.

Mary is survived by two daughters, Terry Guerrero, and Kate Heggen and husband, Jerry; two sons, Bill Gorton and wife, Jana, and Tom Gorton and wife Noel all of Kalispell; nine grandchildren, Kevin, Vince, and D.J. Guerrero, Jed and Jim Heggen, Jessica Gorton, Danika and Andrew Gorton, and Yvette Martinez; and nine great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday at the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Ron Pierce officiating. A

private urn burial will take place prior to the services.

Memorial contributions may be made in Mary's name to Home Options Hospice, 175 Commons Loop, Suite 100, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Robert James King, 37

Robert James King, 37, died Friday, Jan. 25, 2002, as a result of a traffic accident.

He was born April 10, 1964, in Everett, Wash., to Emmett S. and Ginny S. (Jatho) King.

He is survived locally by his sister, Marcy Osterday, and

her husband, Royal, of Kila.

Memorial services will be held at a later date in Washington.

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

Norman Kingsley, 72

Norman Kingsley, 72, was born on March 25, 1930, in Nuremberg, Germany, as Werner Kissinger. He survived Nazi aggression against German Jews via the Kindertransport in 1939, and lived in London and Lisbon, Portugal before emigrating to the U.S. in 1941.



He served briefly in the U.S. Navy, then enlisted in the Marines in 1948. He served with the 3rd Marines in North China, 5th Marines on Guam, and was picked to join the select 1st Marine Brigade under then-Brig. Gen. Ed Craig that turned the tide of the Korean War in 1950. He earned the Purple Heart, bronze and silver stars in Korea. He served as President of the Los Angeles regional chapter of the Marine Corps Combat Correspondents Association

and was an active member for many years.

Norman owned and operated Tool Components International and Export Kingsley Company for 30 years, based in La Canada, Calif. He was an avid mountaineer, authored "Ice Craft," a comprehensive book on ice climbing in 1975, and passionately loved the outdoors.

He loved big-band jazz, good food and a cold beer after a long hike. He also recently taught personal financial management at Flathead Valley Community College.

He is survived by his wife, Anna-Lisa Kingsley of Whitefish; and his daughter, Gabrielle Kissinger, and son-in-law, Greg Kehm, both of Hallowell, Maine.

Norman died on Aug. 26, 2002. Just as he had chosen how to live his life, he also chose when to embrace death. No services are planned.

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

Geneva Mary Kinniburgh, 81

Geneva Mary Kinniburgh, 81, passed away on Friday, May 24, 2002, at the home of her son in Kalispell.

She was born on Jan. 24, 1921, in Richland County, to Henry E. and Myrtal M. (Glenn) Eastman.

Geneva attended schools in Richland and Valley counties.

She married George Kinniburgh on Aug. 14, 1937, in Glasgow. The couple moved to the Marion area and, except for two years spent on a farm north of Glasgow, lived there from 1939 until she moved to town in 1982.

Geneva was a member of the Bethel Baptist Church.

Geneva was preceded in death by her husband, George, in 1981; her parents; two sisters; three brothers; and one granddaughter.

She is survived by two sons, Eldon and wife, Pauline, of Kalispell, and Bill and wife, Wilma, of Kent, Wash.; four sisters, Monica Candee of Issaquah,



Wash., Beatrice Halstrom and husband, Raleigh, of Woodburn, Ore., Adeline Garden and husband, Wes, of Vancouver, Wash., and Pat Hartle and husband, Roy, of Sidney; four brothers, Fred Eastman and wife, Alice, of Somers, Herb Eastman of Riverton, Wyo., Emmery Eastman of Bee Branch, Alaska, and Marion Eastman and wife, Elaine, of Vancouver, Wash.; 12 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren, two great-great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday at Bethel Baptist Church at 11 a.m. with Pastor David Pestel officiating. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be at Johnson Mortuary on Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The family suggests memorial gifts be given to the Lake Blaine Baptist Bible Camp, c/o Bethel Baptist Church, 936 Fourth Ave. West, Kalispell, MT 59901; or to Home Options/Hospice, 175 Commons Loop, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Homer B. Kinyon, 90

Homer B. Kinyon, 90, died Monday, April 15, 2002, at the Chester Hospital of natural causes.

He was born Jan. 10, 1912, in Galata, to James and May (Pegg) Kinyon.

Homer was a lifelong farmer in the Galata and Joplin communities. He also drove Joplin school bus for 21 years. Following his retirement in 1974, he lived in the Flathead Valley where he worked several summers for the state parks system. He returned to the Chester community in 1993, and moved to the Liberty County Nursing Home in 1999.

Homer was preceded in death by his parents; three wives, Ethel, Eldora and Sylvia; one son, James; two brothers, Vern and Olen; and

one sister, Maggie, who died in Iowa on the same day as Homer.

Survivors include his wife, Andrea of Chester; three daughters, Esther May of Joplin, Myrna Orme of Seattle, and Eldora Rosling of Lakeside; 12 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and two brothers, Brondle Kinyon of Shelby and Ray Kinyon of Chester.

His funeral will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Chester. Graveside services will be at 4:30 p.m. that afternoon at the Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell.

Memorials may be made to St. Mary's Church or Liberty County Nursing Home.

Arrangements are by Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester.

James Minoru Kiriū, 84

James Minoru Kiriū, 84, died on Sunday Dec. 1, 2002, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

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

Maurice H. Kirshner, 86

Maurice H. Kirshner, 86, passed away at his home in Kalispell on Tuesday, Feb. 26, 2002.

He was born in Plains, Pa., on March 21, 1915.

Maurice worked as an attorney in Southern California for many years and remained a member of the state bar of California.

He is survived by his wife, Grace, of Kalispell; two brothers, Sidney of Lakeworth, Fla., and Meyer of Worcester, Mass.

Maurice has been cremated, and no services are being planned.

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

Ruth Lucille Kiser, 102

Ruth Lucille Kiser, 102, of Columbia Falls, passed away Saturday, April 27, 2002, at North Valley Extended Care in Whitefish.

Ruth was born Jan. 9, 1900, in Dover, Ill., the daughter of Charles Grant and Jessie Olive Warkins. In 1905, her parents moved to Hillsvie, S.D. In 1910, they moved to Clarks, Neb. They moved to Coalwood, in 1913, and homesteaded 320 acres.

Ruth married Elmer Elton Kiser on Dec. 12, 1917, and they lived in Coalwood until 1937 when the family moved to Kalispell.

Ruth was preceded in death by her husband Elmer; her daughter, Elma; her son, Ervin; sisters, Eva French, Francis Perkins, Hallie Janssen; and two brothers, Charles and Norman Warkins.

Ruth is survived by four sons, Robert Kiser and his wife, Elizabeth, of Louisiana, Lowell Kiser and his wife, Betty, of Deer Park, Wash., Richard Kiser and his wife, Audrey, of Kalispell, and Phillip Kiser and

his wife, Louise, of Columbia Falls; one sister, Alice Nelson of Kalispell; and many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren.

Ruth enjoyed gardening, handcrafts, crocheting, quilting, sewing, and embroidery. She collected sea shells, did oil paintings, and enjoyed church hymns and classical music. She was a beloved grandmother.

Ruth served her church as president of the Relief Society, counselor in primary and Sunday school teacher for many years. For more than 40 years, she provided flowers from her garden for Sunday services.

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 Saturday at 11 a.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Columbia Falls. Burial will follow in Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Kalispell.

George Eggen Kirk, 80

George Eggen Kirk, 80, of Whitefish, formerly of Billings, passed away on Nov. 26, 2002, in the home of Roger and Marne Kirk in Bozeman.

He was born in Billings, July 23, 1922, the youngest child of Thomas and Emma Eggen Kirk. He was educated in the Billings schools, graduating from Billings Senior High School in 1941, after which he took a post-graduate course for one year in aviation mechanics offered by the Billings schools. During his school years, he played clarinet in the Rotary Boys Band and the high school orchestra and was a member of Demolay for Boys. He enjoyed sports and played football for the Billings Senior Broncos.

He worked for Boeing Aircraft Co. in Seattle for one year before enlisting in the U.S. Navy in 1942. In World War, he served in the South Pacific for 16 months and was honorably discharged with the rank of Aviation Mechanic 1st Class at the end of the war in 1945.

In 1945, he married his high school sweetheart, Eloise R. Foster, and the two completed their education at Montana State College in Bozeman, she in music and he in mechanical engineering. While in college, their first son, John Foster Kirk was born.

During his college years, George was a member of the Engineering Society and Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. He also played first clarinet in the college orchestra for four years. In 1965, George also attended a summer executive training session at Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y.

Shortly after graduation in 1950, George started his engineering career at Boeing Aircraft Co. in Seattle, where their daughter, Barbara Anne Kirk, was born. At the end of a year, his yearning for family and friends drew him back to his beloved Montana, where he worked briefly for Motor Power Equipment Co. as a sales engineer. In 1952, he was hired by Carter Oil and Refining Co. (now Exxon-Mobile in Billings, where he eventually joined the management team. There, he developed the first centralized computer control center for refinery operations. Son Roger Sherwood Kirk was born in 1952.

During his 27 years in Billings, he was a member of the Billings Engineering Society and was given the "Outstanding Engineer of the Year" Award. He was also a member of the Billings Chamber of Commerce, the Masonic Lodge

No. 113, the First Congregational Church, a Cub Scout Master and president of the Billings Symphony Board of Trustees.

In January of 1980, George was assigned to the Exxon Liquefied Natural Gas Refinery in Libya, in north Africa, where he and Eloise lived until 1982. The U.S. government required evacuation of all Americans at that time, which resulted in his transfer to the Exxon Middle East Offices in New York City for five months. In October of 1982, George was assigned to the Exxon Refinery in Sakai, Japan, where he served as assistant manager. During their time overseas, George and Eloise traveled extensively in Europe, Asia and the Middle East. The Kirks' children and grandchildren were privileged to visit them in Japan and Libya.

George divorced in 1985, after which he married Katsuko Imanishi in Kobe, Japan. They returned to the U.S. and spent the rest of his retirement years in Whitefish, where he enjoyed boating and skiing and was a member of Service Corps of Retired Executives.

George always enjoyed the outdoors, spending many happy times at the Kirk family cabin in Red Lodge and sharing fishing, hunting and skiing weekends with his children. He was a generous and kind father and will be greatly missed by his family.

Preceding him in death were his parents; a sister, Edna Bell and Robert H. of Billings; and a brother, Thomas and Marion, now in Seattle.

He is survived by his widow, Katsuko Kirk of Whitefish; his children, John Kirk and Janny, and grandson, David, of Billings, Barbara Ann Kirk and Ivan Long of Roberts, and grandsons, Sean Lineback and Tammy, and great-granddaughter, Autumn and Kirk Lineback, both of Billings, Roger Kirk and Marne, and granddaughter, Hannah Johnson and grandson, Phillip Kirk, of Bozeman, and Xavier Colin and Odile, a French foreign exchange son from 1968, and daughter, Eugenie and sons, Stanislas and Leopold of Annemasse, France. Several nieces and nephews also mourn his loss. His last days were spent in the home of his son, Roger Kirk, with his children and grandchildren at his side.

A private service for immediate family is planned.

Memorials may be made to Bozeman Hospice or the charity of one's choice.