

## Charles Thomas Tom Ladenburg, 79

Charles Thomas "Tom" Ladenburg, 79, passed away quietly Thursday, Oct. 3, 2002, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center, surrounded by his family and friends.



He was born Aug. 12, 1923, in the Bad Rock Canyon, to Francis and Emma Ladenburg. He was a longtime resident of the North Fork and spent most of his working life as a logger and rancher. He was dedicated to his animals and to preserving the beauty of the North Fork. His sense of humor and loyalty to friends will be remembered by all. Most trips to town included a stop at Sykes for a chance to visit with his numerous friends.

His early life included college at Stanford and service in the Army.

He married Joan Friedrich on June 24, 1966. She was the light of his life and preceded him in death in 1998. He was also preceded in death by his parents, seven broth-

ers and one son.

Tom is survived by his sister, Ellen Lynch, of Walla Walla, Wash.; three daughters, Michele Hembd of Redlands, Calif., Patricia Jacobsen of Lynnwood, Wash., and Marilyn Ladenburg of Coram; his special friend and companion, Deke; six grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews and great-nieces and -nephews.

"The loss of Tom marks the end of an era; his survivors are left with his legacy to carry on. He was loved by all who knew him and will be greatly missed."

Visitation will be from 1 to 5 p.m. today at Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

A funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. Rev. Ron Pierce will officiate. Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery, where he will be laid to rest beside his beloved wife. Military graveside honors will be conducted by the United Veterans of the Flathead.

A reception will follow the graveside service at Sykes Market in Kalispell.

## Charles August Ladner, 92

Charles August Ladner, 92, of Woods Bay, east lakeshore of Flathead Lake, a good and loving husband, uncle and friend, died Monday, Oct. 7, 2002, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

He was born in Great Falls on Nov. 21, 1909, to Nicholas and Kathryn (Kropp) Ladner, the first of two boys. He attended elementary and high school in Great Falls and received a degree from the University of Minnesota.

He was employed by the Texaco Oil Company at their refinery in Sunburst for 10 years. From 1945 to his retirement in 1972, he managed the National Supply Company (later Armco Steel) stores in Kevin and Cut Bank.

In 1938, he married Hazel Goedertz of Kevin. They were married 64 years, making their homes in Sunburst, Craig, Colo., Kevin, and finally at Woods Bay.

Charlie was an avid fisherman and loved caring for his orchard and garden. He loved to travel, especially to Maui, where in later years he and Hazel spent many pleasant winters. Of Charlie's many wonderful characteristics, one that stands out was his humor

which brought cheer and laughter to many.

He was past master of the Masonic Lodge, and past patron of the Order of Eastern Star, both of Shelby; a member of the Royal Arch, Knight Templars, and of the Bigfork United Methodist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Hazel, at the family home; by two nephews, Jerry Agen of Bainbridge Island, Wash., and Jim Goeddertz of Maui; and nieces, Doris Shennum of Bigfork, and Jackie Ladner of Polson; and numerous cousins, grandnephews and nieces.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, John.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at the Bigfork United Methodist Church with Jan Whitman officiating. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the Bigfork United Methodist Church Building Fund, 750 Electric Ave., Bigfork, MT 59911, or to an organization of your choice.

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

## Hazel L. Laffoon, '98

Hazel L. Laffoon, 98, a longtime resident of Troy, died Tuesday, March 12, 2002, at the Libby Care Center.

She was born Aug. 15, 1903, at Pray, Mont., to George and Minnie Case.

She is survived by two daughters, Alcine Lien and Arlene Vial, both of Troy; two sisters, including Iris Laffoon of Troy; four grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, and four

great-great-grandchildren.

Services will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. at Troy Christian Fellowship with the Rev. Elwood Boyd officiating. Interment will be at Milnor Lake Cemetery under the direction of Nelson & Vial Funeral Home. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. until service time at the church.

Memorials may be made to Troy Ambulance, Box 641, Troy, MT 59935.

## Norma L. LaFrance, 73

Norma L. LaFrance, 73, passed away July 21, 2002, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

She was born Jan. 27, 1929, in Rudyard, to Ole and Lena Sanvik.

She attended school in Rudyard and moved to Kalispell in 1945, finishing her last two years of high school here.

She married Robert LaFrance on May 6, 1950, and they were married for 52 years.

Norma spent most of her life as a homemaker and also took care of children. Her hobbies were cooking, baking, and most of all she



loved doing embroidery work.

Norma was preceded in death by her parents; one sister, Agnus; and three brothers, Oris, Selmer and Obert.

She is survived by one sister, Lilian DeMartin; one brother, Robert Sanvik; and numerous nieces and nephews. She is also survived by her husband, two daughters, eight grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be held at Glacier Memorial Gardens at 11 a.m. on Thursday. Visitation will be today from 4 to 7 p.m., and on Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be made to the Immanuel Lutheran Home or to Bethlehem Lutheran Home.

## Myrna L. Lake, 88

Myrna L. Lake, 88, died on Saturday, Dec. 7, 2002, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

Arrangements are pending

at this time.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Cloyd Leroy Lamberson, 74, passed away on April 24, 2002, at North Valley Hospital Extended Care in Whitefish.

He was born in Clayton, Wash., on Feb. 25, 1928, to Leroy and Helen (Garr) Lamberson, the third of six children. He received his early education in Clayton before the family moved to Whitefish, where he continued his schooling.

It was in Whitefish that he met the girl who would be his lifelong love and best friend, Julia Baker. They married on June 15, 1945. Together they raised two sons.

A strong, hard-working man, those years spent raising his family were among the happiest in his life. He was a devoted husband and father. He spent many hours with his sons, teaching them how to hunt and fish and work hard. Cloyd worked as a lineman for the Pacific Power & Light Company for 17 years and was an active Whitefish volunteer fireman until he suffered a debilitating stroke at the age of 39 that paralyzed the left side of his body. He never complained about his handicap nor did he let it conquer his spirit, his cheerful manner or dim the twinkle in his eye. He was admired for his many amazing accomplishments despite his physical handicap.

He enjoyed hunting and fishing trips and morning coffee with his buddies, playing cards and visiting with friends, poking around in the dirt for antique treasures, doing ceramics and especially being with his beloved wife and

family. Cloyd was a member of the Moose Lodge in Whitefish.

"Cloyd leaves his immediate and extended family with a legacy of love, a joy of life in hearty laughter, and the belief that there is no obstacle that can't be overcome with a willing spirit and perseverance. His spirit left its mark on all who knew him and loved him. His life and lessons will live through us and in our hearts."

He was preceded in death by his parents; three siblings, Arline, Leland and Donald; and his grandson, Lonnie Lamberson.

Surviving are his wife of 56 years, Julia, at the family home in Whitefish; his sons, C. John and wife, Lillian Lamberson, their children, Luke, Willow, Reuben and Mandi, and Ralph and wife, Susie Lamberson, and their children, Darin, Tara and John; six great-grandchildren; two sisters, Maxine Lodinoff and Wilma (Billie) O'Connell; and several nieces, nephews and in-laws.

Viewing for the family and friends will be from 2 to 7 p.m. Monday with a prayer service that evening at 7 p.m. at Austin Funeral Home. Mass of the Resurrection will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in Whitefish, followed by interment at the Whitefish Cemetery. The Rev. Charles Roman will officiate.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to either the Whitefish Volunteer Fire Department or to Habitat for Humanity of Flathead Valley, P.O. Box 2836, Kalispell, MT 59901.

**Helen F. Landry, 92,** passed away Thursday, Dec. 12, 2002, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

She was born April 1, 1910, in Neppanee, Ind., the daughter of Benjamin and Emma (Buss) Hammer. The family homesteaded at Galata, residing there until moving to Belt, where Helen graduated from high school.

Helen was married to Ubal Landry on Christmas Eve, 1932, in Belt. He was a deputy sheriff. The Landry's lost everything in a flood and moved to Columbia Falls in 1953. Ubal started a barber shop, which he operated until retiring.

Helen was a telephone operator in Columbia Falls, later transferring to the Kalispell office. She retired in 1972. She sold her home in Columbia Falls and moved to Prestige Place in 1998.

Helen was a dedicated volunteer at the Klothes Kloset for more than 20 years. She loved playing cards and belonged to several bridge clubs as well as playing



pinochle at the North Valley Senior Center.

She was a member of the United Methodist Church and North Valley Senior Center.

Survivors include one daughter, Evelyn Cousineau of Columbia Falls; a grandson, Lewis and wife, Teresa Cousineau of Bend, Ore.; a granddaughter, Fonda and husband, Dennis Kluksdahl of Vancouver, Wash.; three great-grandchildren, Derek and Denni Kluksdahl of Vancouver, and Olivia Cousineau of Bend; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ubal; son-in-law, Lewis Cousineau; a sister, Kay Dickerson; and a brother, Donald Hammer.

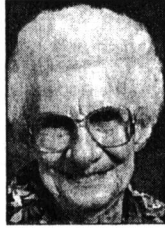
A memorial service will be conducted by Rev. David Jones at 1 p.m. Monday at the United Methodist Church.

The family has suggested that memorials be made to the United Methodist Church in Columbia Falls or to the charity of the donor's choice.

Arrangements and cremation are under the direction of the Columbia Mortuary.

## Treasure Langbell, 94

Treasure Langbell truly lived up to her name, as she was a marvelous treasure. Three days after celebrating her 94th birthday, she went to be with her Heavenly Father, whom she had loved and served faithfully all of her years, on Feb. 19, 2002, at the Valley Health Care Center in Billings.



She was born Feb. 16, 1908, in Fargo, N.D., to Henrietta and Herman Kuehl. She was raised and attended school in Fargo, where she was the first woman to letter in debate at Fargo Central High School.

Treasure attended North Dakota State University where she was an honor student and a member of the Kappa Delta sorority. She earned her way through college selling hats in a local department store.

After graduating college in 1929, she remained for one year to teach French classes. The next year she accepted a position to teach English, French and drama at the high school in Overly, N.D. There she met and fell in love with Delmar Peter Langbell, who was principal and band director at the high school. Theirs was a romance that would last 62 years. Their marriage was an inspiration for all who knew them.

In 1936, Del accepted a position as principal of the high school in Harlem, and it was there that their daughter, Lorraine, was born.

During World War II, Treasure was called back into the classroom and taught for a number of years.

The Langbell family moved to Kalispell in 1951, where Del became superintendent of Schools. Treasure never lost her love for her friends in Harlem, but she immediately became involved in her new community.

She served as the head of many organizations, including president of Band Fans; Toastmistress; Girl

Scout Council; Guardian of Jobs Daughters; mother advisor of Rainbow; and worthy matron of Adah chapter, Order of Eastern Star. Treasure especially cherished her PEO sisters as well as serving as the head of Methodist Women in the Flathead Valley district.

First and foremost, Treasure was a teacher and in 1955, she became the first foreign language teacher in a Montana elementary school district. She especially enjoyed working in the opportunity room for children with special needs.

In 1973, Treasure and Del retired and moved to Billings, to be close to Lorraine and her husband, Stephen. Here they became a part of the Rocky Mountain College community where Del taught for eight semesters. During this time, and on up to 1996, when Del passed away, they traveled extensively, played a great deal of bridge, made dear friends and enjoyed their church life.

Treasure became a member of the Daughters of the Nile, friendship chapter, Order of Eastern Star, and served as president of the Social Order of Beauceant.

Even with all of her activities, Treasure's main focus and concern was her family. She loved to cook and her baked goods were legendary. She enjoyed people and her friendships knew no age barrier; and she had a smile that could and did light up a room.

Treasure was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Peter John; and her husband, Del.

She is survived by her daughter Lorraine Langbell Marsh, her son-in-law, Stephen Marsh; a brother, Herman Kuehl and his wife, Doris and their children, of Streator, Ill.

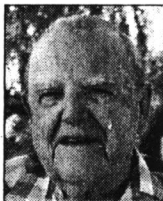
"May God hold you in perfect peace and love, Dear Mother."

A service of celebration will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in Grace United Methodist Church, 1935 Ave. B, Billings.

Arrangements are under the direction of Smith West Chapel in Billings.

## Charles Russell Lange, 100

Charles Russell Lange, 100, of Dayton, passed away from natural causes on Thursday, Aug. 8, 2002, at Evergreen Health and Rehab. Center in Polson.



Charles was born Aug. 11, 1901, in Detroit, Mich., to Charles and Amelie Ferrand Lange. He graduated from the University of Michigan with a degree in civil engineering, working for many years developing the Detroit Metro Airport.

He married Ramelle Niepoth in 1924, and they were later divorced in 1950. Charles then married Isabelle Knapman in 1953, and was

divorced in 1988, at which time he remarried Ramelle in 1988 until 2000.

He enjoyed reading and playing bridge.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Charles Lange Jr.; and both his former wives, Ramelle and Isabelle.

He is survived by his granddaughters, Melissa Vilmure of Dayton, and Maribeth Trogdon of Valley Center, Calif.; and two great-grandchildren.

Cremation has taken place and no services are planned at this time.

Arrangements and cremation are under the direction of Grogan Funeral Home and Crematory in Polson.

## Maria de la Luz Ochoa 'Rorra' Langhans

Maria de la Luz Ochoa "Rorra" Langhans died at home in Kalispell of natural causes on Monday, April 29, 2002.

Rorra was the daughter of Jesus Melquiades Ochoa and Virginia Beares Y Caballero. She was born and raised in Mexico City, Mexico.

She moved to Los Angeles where she met and married her husband of 52 years, Major Emil Anthony Langhans (USAF, Ret.). They traveled throughout the world living in Germany and Japan before eventually retiring from the Air Force in Biloxi, Miss., where she lived for the next 35 years.

Rorra began teaching Spanish in elementary school in 1961, and teaching on public television in 1963. After her graduation from the University of Southern Mississippi, she taught art and Spanish in the Biloxi Junior High and high schools. She retired in 1976 from teaching.

Rorra was active in the Legion of Mary and Altar Society at her parish of Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Biloxi. After her husband's death she moved to Frenchtown, in 1995, and then to Kalispell, in 2000.

She enjoyed arts and crafts, playing bridge, entertaining and

most of all traveling.

Rorra is survived by her two sons, Richard Anthony Langhans and his wife, Yvonne, of Wattsville, Wales, UK, and the Rev. Victor Eugene Langhans of Kalispell; two granddaughters, Mary Ellen Hepp and her husband, Brian, and Jennifer Berry and her husband, Scott; and four great-grandchildren, Michael and Nicholas Hepp and Elizabeth and Emma Margaret Berry.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Friday at 11a.m. at St. Matthew's Catholic Church with Father Vic Langhans as celebrant. A rosary service will be held today at 7 p.m. at St. Matthew's Catholic Church with Deacon Fred Topp officiating.

Burial will take place at the Biloxi National Cemetery in Biloxi, on Wednesday, May 8, at 11:30 a.m. with the Bradford-O'Keefe Funeral Home in charge of arrangements in Biloxi.

The family suggests that any memorials be made to Home Options Hospice of Kalispell, 175 Commons Loop, Suite 100, Kalispell, MT 59901, or to St. Matthew's Catholic Parish, 602 S. Main St. Kalispell, MT 59901.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

## Laurel Lee Lape, 79

Laurel Lee Lape died Jan. 11, 2002, in Las Vegas, Nev.

He was born on Aug. 11, 1922, in Esbon, Kan., to Edmond and Grace Lape. The family moved to Hot Springs in 1936 where he graduated from Hot Springs High School in 1941.

After high school, Mr. Lape enlisted in the United States Marine Corps, and commenced pilot training in November 1942 at Felts Field, Spokane. His first solo flight was on March 3, 1943. He graduated from Naval flight school April 19, 1944. He saw combat as a F4U Corsair fighter pilot during World War II and as a HRS Sikorsky (Chickasaw) helicopter pilot in the Korean War. He retired as a captain in the USMC. Between World War II and the Korean War, he graduated from Central Washington University in 1949 and taught school in Olympia, Wash., from 1950-52.

He married Phyllis Ekblad on Nov. 18, 1944; they had three children, Tim, Dan and Mary.

After his military service, he continued his aviation career as an engineering helicopter test pilot for Hiller Aircraft Corp. from 1956-67. He was involved in numerous testing projects including the Hiller VZ-1 Pawnee (flying platform).

In 1965, he demonstrated the Hiller FH-1100 helicopter at the Paris Air Show, and to military personnel and civilian companies



in England, Germany, Belgium and Sweden.

After retiring as a test pilot, he renewed his teaching credentials at the University of Montana, and taught at Russell School, Flathead Junior High School and Elrod School in Kalispell until he retired in 1982.

His first wife, Phyllis, died Feb. 10, 1976. He was remarried to Joyce L. Nadeau on Aug. 23, 1977. They owned Lape's One Stop in Swan Lake and managed a storage unit business in Henderson, Nev.

Mr. Lape was preceded in death by his parents; brothers Clayton and John Lape; sisters Mae Langley, Fern Topliff and Cleo Chilcott; a son Daniel Aldrich Lape, and a granddaughter, Heather McChesney.

He is survived by his wife Joyce of Henderson, Nev.; his son Timothy Lape of Missoula; his daughter Mary Holyoak of Missoula; three stepsons, Derek, Randy and Roger; six stepdaughters, Debra, Sandra, Linda, Nanette, Dawn and Michelle; three sisters, Geneva Wormwood of South Fork, Colo., Wanda Smith of Green Valley, Ariz., and Patricia Greenway of Key Largo, Fla.; six grandchildren, Jason Lape, Marcy Lape, Matt Lape, Courtney Lape, Nicole Holyoak and Corbin Clover; 25 stepgrandchildren, five great-grandchildren and five step-great-grandchildren.

A military service will be held at 1 p.m. March 2 in Hot Springs. A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. on Aug. 11 at his cabin in Swan Lake.

## Angeline Sarah Woodard Lapp, 89

Angeline Sarah Woodard Lapp, 89, passed away at her Lakeside home on July 15, 2002.

She was born Nov. 21, 1912, in Chicago, the daughter of

Frances Healy Williams and Russell Clark Williams. She attended high school and college at Principia College in Elsah, Ill., where she graduated with a liberal arts degree in 1935. Angel married Josiah Woodard in 1936. The couple resided in Illinois, California and Washington before moving to Lakeside in the early 1960s. Josiah passed away in 1966. After that time, Angel worked as house mother at Principia College, Montana State University and University of Montana. She married Jason Lapp in 1971 and the couple resided at their Lakeside home until her passing.

Angel was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Robert



Leroy Williams in 1997 and Russell David Williams in 2000.

She is survived by her husband, Jason Lapp, of Lakeside; sister, Priscilla Muchow of Engelwood, Colo., stepchildren, Richard, Gary and Joyce Lapp; and grandchildren, Hunter and Ellie Lapp of Kalispell, and many loving nieces and nephews in Illinois, Colorado and Washington.

Angel was a devoted, lifelong member of the Christian Science Church. More importantly, Angel was a truly loving and generous individual. Her faith and kindness were inspirational to all of those whose life she touched.

Angel has been interred at the Conrad Cemetery. A memorial service will be held at the Mountain View Mennonite Church, 795 Mennonite Church Road on Saturday at 2 p.m. A luncheon will be provided following the service. Angel's family would like to thank all of the caregivers that helped Angel these past several years. Their kindness will always be remembered.

Ted Matthew Larsen (Teddy as he was known to most of his friends) passed away Friday, Sept. 27, 2002, at the age of 31 at his mountain cabin in Olney.



He was born Ted Matthew Larsen on June 22, 1971, in Helena. As an infant, he was adopted and renamed Darin Matthew Jackson. Darin was raised in Bozeman and lived there and briefly in Arizona before moving permanently to Olney, where he became known again as Teddy.

He loved Harley-Davidson motorcycles and T-shirts, tattoos, dogs and living on "his" mountain. It will be his final resting place.

As Darin, he is survived by his parents, Larry and Pat Jackson of Bozeman; his brother, Brad and wife Kate Jackson of Seattle; sisters Julee and husband Brian Day of Mesa, Ariz., and Dawn and husband Eric Young of Bonney Lake, Wash.

As Teddy, he is survived by his father, Ted and wife Brenda Larsen of Olney; his mother, Bev Siers of Bonney Lake, Wash.; and his maternal grandparents, Don and Joyce Siers of Dixon. His large family of survivors include his

uncle, Tom Larsen of Olney; his aunts, Mili and husband Joe McDermott of Georgia, Martha Larsen of North Carolina, Mary and husband Lee O'Leary, and Carrie Larsen and husband Joe Estenson of Helena, Sheila and husband Bucky Quimby, and Janet and husband Greg Schwegel of Olney, and Mary and husband Bill Rackham of Filer, Idaho. He is also survived by his double cousins, Tom and wife Erika Larsen of Olney, and Diane and husband David Brown of Whitefish.

Additional survivors include cousins Eli Estenson, Amber and Casey O'Leary, Colleen and Jennifer McDermott, Brittany and Kyle Quimby, Joe and wife Beth, and Andy and Amy Rackham. He also leaves second cousins, Schuyler, Clayton, Ashley and Allix Larsen, Annisa Brown and Joseph Rackham. His nieces and nephews include Macey and Trevor Burden, Dustin and Madison Young, and Kolton, Garrett and Courtnee Day.

His large, loving, adoptive and birth families miss him and wish him eternal peace in God's loving arms.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. at the Olney Fire Hall on Saturday with lunch and reminiscing to follow.

## Ralph 'Rusty' Duane Larson, 75

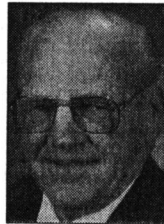
Ralph "Rusty" Duane Larson, 75, went to be with the Lord on Thursday, July 18, 2002, surrounded by his loving family.

He was born Feb. 8, 1927, in Rock County, Minn., to Gustav and Emma Larson. Ralph attended a country school and then Jasper High School in Jasper, Minn.

Ralph entered the service on April 26, 1945, where he served in the Army for 22 months and 10 days. He was honorably discharged on Feb. 28, 1947, and returned to Jasper, where he went to work for Home Light and Power as an apprentice electrician. He met and married Iylla Haraldson on Nov. 29, 1947 in Jasper. To this union four children were born.

He leased a Phillips Gas Station in Jasper before moving to Montana with his family in 1952. In Montana, Ralph worked at Hungry Horse Dam, FK&L Lumber mill, Glacier National Park and the aluminum plant. He later went to work for Bonneville Power Administration until his retirement in 1987.

Ralph enjoyed traveling, camping, bowling, fishing, hunting and golf. He was a charter member of



the North Valley Eagles Aerie #4081 and very active in the club for years.

As a loving father, he loved to help his children any way he could.

Ralph was preceded in death by his parents and six brothers.

He is survived by his wife, Iylla, at the family home; four children and spouses, Duane and Jan Larson of Missoula, Barbara and Bob Sward of Springfield, Ore., Steve Larson and Karen and Jerry Lawson, all of Columbia Falls; seven grandchildren, Jeff Sward, Cindy Sward Langeliers, Lindsey Larson Maplethorpe, Abby Larson, James Larson, Chris Larson and Bobby Lawson; two great-grandchildren, Kohl Maplethorpe and Emilee Maplethorpe; two brothers and spouses, Merlyn and Pearl Larson of Montevideo, Minn., and Norris and Mavis Larson of Jasper.

A funeral service will be held Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Columbia Falls. Pastor Tom Gopp will officiate. Burial will follow in Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery near Kalispell. Visitation will be today from 1 to 8 p.m. at Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations may be made to North Valley Hospital or the American Heart Association.

## Terry Gustafson LaSpina, 51

Terry Gustafson LaSpina, 51, died Feb. 6, 2001, in North Little Rock, Ark.

Terry was born May 27, 1950, in Whitefish. Since leaving the Flathead area, Terry has devoted her life to being a wife and mother to her two sons and many foster children in the Little Rock area. Terry served as a police officer in the

Little Rock area for the past 22 years.

She is survived by her husband, Mario Joseph LaSpina; two sons, Bryan and Jody; and three grandchildren, all of the Little Rock area. She is also survived by her sister, Sherry of Alexandria, Va., and many relatives in the Flathead Valley.

## Philip Laudati, 88

Philip Laudati, 88, died Friday, July 26, 2002.

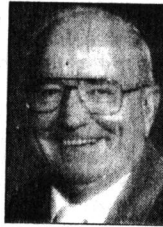
Survivors include his wife, Veronica Laudati; daughter

Ronnie Cobbett; and sons, Philip Laudati and Carl Laudati.

The funeral will be in Staten Island, N.Y.

## George Edmund Laughlin, 73

George Edmund Laughlin, 73, of Polson, passed away at St. Joseph Medical Center on Wednesday, June 12, 2002, with all his family at his side.



George was born Jan. 11, 1929, in Homestead, to George and Etta Laughlin. He spent his younger years in the Scobey area, which he left in 1951 to serve in the Korean War as a staff sergeant in the Army until 1953.

On Aug. 15, 1953, he married Wilhelmina "Willie" Vink of Scobey. There they started their new life and family. George worked for the Ford garage for six years. While in Scobey, George and Willie were the youth leaders at the Methodist Church. George moved his family to Helena for a little less than a year while he worked for Capital Motors in 1957. The family then moved to Deer Lodge and George worked at Wallin Ford as the parts manager.

The Laughlin family then moved to Polson where they have lived ever since. George came to Polson to work for Mahugh Ford garage in 1959. While making Polson their home, George worked for NAPA, Flathead Power Project; he owned and operated George's Alignment for almost 10 years before going back to NAPA where he retired in 1990.

George was very active in his community and with his family. He was a member for 28 years in the American Legion Post No. 112, where he served at least one year as a commander. He was presently

serving as the treasurer of the IOOF Lodge where he had held all the officer's chairs in his many years of membership. He was a Sunday school teacher for the Methodist church, a member of the Elks Lodge, and in his younger years, a member of the Jaycees, along with coaching baseball for his sons. Many will remember him for the 25 years he contributed at the Polson Volunteer Fire Department, 1962-1987. He retired as hose captain. George enjoyed fishing and camping with his family.

George was preceded in death by his twin brother who died at birth; his father, George and mother, Etta; two sisters, Helen and Luella; and a brother, John.

George will be greatly missed by his wife Wilhelmina "Willie" and his children, Debra Tietema and her husband, John, of Powell, Wyo.; and currently living overseas, Ed and his wife, Val, of Marysville, Wash., and George and his wife, Kelly, of Powell. He will also be missed by his six grandchildren, JoLynn, John, Matthew, Breeana, George, and Jessica. He is survived by one sister, Ruby Billehus of Scobey; and one brother, Ralph Laughlin of Greeley, Colo.; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and very good friends.

A memorial gathering will be held at the Polson Community Church on Friday at 4 p.m. with the Rev. Richard Widerholdt officiating. Military honors will be held at Lakeview Cemetery in Polson.

Memorials are suggested to Community Church of Polson, or to any organization of the donor's choice.

Arrangements are by Grogan Funeral Home and Crematory, Polson.



## Marie A. Lawrence, 91

Marie A. Lawrence, 91, passed away Feb. 17, 2002, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

Marie was born June 15, 1910, in Hungary, to Theodore and Marie (Oravetz) Rusnak. At the age of 10, Marie, her mother, brother and sister, came to the United States. Marie attended school at the Immaculate Conception Catholic School in Montclair, N.J.

After graduating, she started working for Prudential Insurance for many years. She then went to work at Bloomfield Savings Bank as a mortgage processor, and retired in 1976.

Marie then moved to the Homewood Retirement Community in Williamsport, Md., where she was a very active senior. She involved herself in all the senior activities, and was always looking for a good



time. She especially liked visits from animals and children. Marie was also very active in the Catholic Church. She was a grand lady who was greatly loved and will be dearly missed.

She loved to travel and went to the Caribbean, Bermuda, Europe and Alaska to see her sister. She always enjoyed bingo, cards and beach walks. She moved to Kalispell 1 1/2 years ago.

Marie is survived by a daughter, Diana Tyler and her husband Ed of Kalispell; one son, Bill Lawrence and his wife Marcia of Newark, Calif.; six grandchildren, Ethan Lawrence, Renee and John Angelo, Bobby, and Melanie and Ed Tyler; and three great-grandchildren, Johnny Angelo, and David and Jessica Foresti.

Memorial contributions in Marie's name may be made to the Immanuel Lutheran Home, Recreation Department, 185 Crestline Ave., Kalispell, MT 59901.

Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary.

## Joseph Tom Lavadure, 'Joe the Barber,' 88

Joseph Tom Lavadure, "Joe the Barber," 88, passed away at his home in Kalispell, on Sunday, Dec. 15, 2002, after a courageous battle with cancer.



He was born in Zortman, on Nov. 11, 1914, to Phillip and Annie (Sinclair) Lavadure. Joe attended schools in Trine and Zortman. His early years were spent on ranches in the Zortman and Malta areas. He then worked in the Butte mines until he joined the U.S. Army in 1943.

He fought in the invasion of Normandy Beach and on through northern France. He was honorably discharged in 1946.

Joe returned to work in the mines in Butte and Phosphate. While there, he met Martha "Marty" Ann Jenkins, and they were married in 1948.

Joe attended Moler Barber College in Spokane in 1949, and, upon graduation, moved to Kalispell, where he worked for Shepards Barber Shop. He soon started Joe's Barber Shop, which is still in oper-

ation on Main Street.

Joe's motto was, "You're never lost if you still have gas." He spent countless hours exploring the mountains that he loved. He enjoyed his Ashley Lake cabin, fishing, hunting and having a cool one with his many friends. Joe loved people.

Joe and Marty were longtime active members of the Eagles and enjoyed dancing and socializing. Joe will be truly missed by his many friends and family.

Joe was preceded in death by his daughters, Merle and Carolyn, and his loving wife of 46 years, Martha, in 1994.

He is survived by his son, Joe Lavadure of Kalispell; his brother, Ben Lavadure, of Columbia Falls; his sister, Meda Larsen, of Marblemount, Wash.; and several grandchildren.

At his request, cremation has taken place. A celebration of Joe's life will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Johnson Mortuary Chapel. A reception for family and friends will immediately follow the service at the Kalispell Eagles Hall.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

## Lowell Lawson, 53

Lowell Lawson, 53, of Libby, died Monday, Jan. 21, 2002, at St. John's Lutheran Hospital.

He was born April 15, 1948, in Pineville, Ky., to Daniel and Molly Lawson.

He is survived by his wife, Jan Lawson of Libby; two daughters, including Holly Sarbaum and her husband Keith of Libby; two sisters, including Novella Nelson and her

husband Jerome of Libby; three brothers; and four grandchildren.

Viewing will be today from 1 to 8 p.m. at the Nelson and Vial Funeral Home in Libby. Services will be Friday at 10 a.m. at the Church of the Nazarene in Libby.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Nelson and Vial Funeral Home.

## Rodney D. Leach, 46

Rodney D. Leach, 46, passed away on Tuesday, Oct. 1, 2002, in Boise, Idaho.

He was born Sept. 22, 1956, in Whitefish. He attended schools in Whitefish and Columbia Falls.

Rodney moved to Boise in 1985.

He is survived by his parents, Don and Helen Leach, of Kalispell; three brothers, Calvin and wife

Shawna, of Page, Ariz., Cary and Mary of Upland, Calif., and David of Kalispell; one sister, Sharon Malmstrom and husband Lynn; one half-sister, Linda Parker and husband William; and several nieces and nephews.

He was buried Oct. 7 at Glacier Memorial Gardens. A private memorial was held Oct. 12.

## Anne Ross Lebkicher, 97

Anne Ross Lebkicher, 97, passed away Friday, July 26, 2002 at the Brendan House in Kalispell.

She was born in New York City on Aug. 18, 1904, the child of David Ross and Anna Leslie Lucas.

David was a talented and much-traveled lawyer. He was recruited in 1908 by the prominent Kalispell citizen A.D. Conrad to move with his family to Montana.

She attended Flathead Central School and graduated from Flathead County High School in 1922. She studied at the University of Wisconsin, University of Washington, Columbia University and the University of Montana in Missoula. She majored in art and architecture, and was a member of the Kappa Alpha Theta sorority. At Missoula she met Wallace Lebkicher, a journalism student from Miles City. They married in 1926.

Anne and Wallace moved to Southern California, where Wallace managed and owned a supermarket. Anne started working with the Red Cross during World War II, where she was particularly known as a skilled driver during blackouts. She then joined Douglas Aircraft, initially doing mechanical drawing, but she eventually became an aeronautical engineer. She was the only woman to hold

such a title at the time.

Toward the end of her 15 years at Douglas Aviation and McDonald Douglas, she helped develop the Saturn V rocket, which took the Apollo astronauts to the moon.

Anne and Wallace moved back to Montana in 1969, and settled in Rollins on Flathead Lake. He passed away in 1992, but she continued to live in their house overlooking the lake until last year.

She also became an accomplished painter, with special enthusiasm for portraiture. She was well known in the Flathead-area art community and helped establish the Hockaday Museum of Art in Kalispell.

She is survived by her daughter, Leslie Anne Baker, and her husband, Carlos Paul Baker Jr.; three grandchildren, Anne, Carlos III and Ross; and three great-grandchildren, Elizabeth, Catherine and Leslieanne.

Her family suggests memorial contributions to the Hockaday Museum, 302 Second Ave. E., Kalispell, MT 59901; or to the University of Montana Foundation, Flathead Lake Biological Station, ATTN: Sue Gillespie, 311 Bio Station Lane, Polson, MT 59860.

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

## Heather Jo Leckrone, 29

Heather Jo Leckrone, 29, of Libby, died Saturday, Jan. 19, 2002, at St. Johns Lutheran Hospital.

She was born Jan. 21, 1972, in Libby to Dean and Sherrye Buchanan Leckrone.

She is survived locally by sons Justin Brickley and Logan Leckrone of Libby; parents Dean Leckrone and his wife

Connie of Libby, Sherrye Buchanan of Libby; a brother, Dustin Leckrone of Libby; two sisters, including Lacey Schnetter of Libby; three aunts, including Charlene Leckrone of Libby, and three uncles.

Services will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. at the Nelson and Vial Funeral Home in Libby.

## Dorothy L. Le Duc, 76

Dorothy L. Le Duc, 76, resident of Brocket, N.D., died Friday, Dec. 20, 2002, at the Lakota Good Samaritan Center in Lakota, N.D.

Dorothy Letitia Miller was born Sept. 17, 1926, in Brocket, N.D., the daughter of James C. and Mary (Klug) Miller. She was raised and graduated from high school in Brocket. She then attended Minot State Teachers College. Dorothy had taught school in Bartlett, N.D.

She married J. Kenneth Le Duc on Feb. 11, 1947 in East Grand Forks, Minn. Following their marriage, they moved to Kalispell.

Dorothy was the bookkeeper for the construction business and the auto dealership that they owned and operated. Dorothy retired and they eventually moved back to Brocket in 1990.

She was a faithful member of

St. Joseph Catholic Church in Brocket and the Altar Society.

Dorothy will be deeply missed by her husband Kenneth "Buck" Le Duc of Brocket; three brothers, Archie and his wife, Virgie Miller, of Fergus Falls, Minn., James W. and his wife, Marian Miller, and Ralph and his wife, Gen Miller, all of Brocket; one sister, Beatrice and her husband, Paul Ducharme, of Omaha; two brothers-in-law, Robert and wife, Betty Le Duc, and Richard and wife, Vergie Le Duc, all of Kalispell; two sisters-in-law, Pat and husband, Kenneth Weed, of Whitefish, and Donna and husband, Rick Jones, of McMinnville, Ore.; as well as several cousins, nieces and nephews.

A memorial mass has been held at St. Mary Catholic Church of Lakota, N.D.

## Jane H. Lee, 85

Jane H. Lee, 85, of Atlanta, passed away on Friday, March 8, 2002.

She was born Gretchen Jane Haberstroh in Lock Haven, Pa., daughter of John Haberstroh and Gretchen (Sechrist) Haberstroh.

She was active in church, civic and social affairs.

She worked as a bookkeeper and junior accountant in Renovo, Pa., Maybrook, N.Y., and Youngstown, Ohio. She was a member of the Walden, N.Y., chap-

ter of Eastern Star.

After retiring in Scottsdale, Ariz., Mrs. Lee volunteered in local church and civic organizations.

She was preceded in death by her son, John David Rosenberger; her first husband, Wilmer David Rosenberger; and her second husband, Clarence Edward Lee.

Survivors include her daughter Jane Ann, and her granddaughter, Michelle.

Mrs. Lee is buried in Scottsdale, Ariz.

## George Jacob Lehl, 89

George Jacob Lehl, 89, died peacefully in his sleep on Dec. 21, 2002, at Lakeview Care Center in Bigfork.

George was born on April 23, 1913, in Lincoln, Neb. His family moved to Ronan, where he grew up.

George married Reathel Whittekiend in 1941. They made their home in Polson. He worked in sawmills in Pablo and Polson. He enjoyed gardening and working on his trucks.

He is survived by his four children, Gloria and husband Jim Whittekiend, and Richard

and wife Roxie Lehl, all of Kalispell; Jim and wife Kim Lehl, of Dayton, Nev.; and Linda and husband Howard Holmes, of Spokane; and grandchildren, Dan Whittekiend of Hayley, Idaho, and Laurel Lehl of Dayton, Nev. He also is survived by his half-brothers, Whitey Starkel of Pablo, and Vic Starkel of Ronan; and half-sister, Lydia Vessey of Colville, Wash.

A service for the family will be this summer. The family wishes to thank the staff at Lakeview Care Center for making George's last years such good ones.

## Harold Eugene Leib, 88

Harold Eugene Leib, 88, died Sunday, March 17, 2002, in Deer Park, Wash. He had been a resident of the Deer Park Hospital Extended Care Center for the past year and a half.

He was born on Oct. 5, 1913, in Spring Grove, Pa., the oldest child and only son of John and Grace Leib. When he was 6 years old, he moved with his parents to a home-stead north of Malta, in the Loring area. His parents and sisters returned to Pennsylvania in 1930, but Harold remained in Malta, graduating from Malta High School in 1932.

He attended York College in York, Neb. He returned to Malta and went to work at Edwards and McLellan, a well-known pioneer general merchandising store in Malta.

He married Rosa Lee Edwards, also of Malta, on Aug. 4, 1935. He became the manager and later the owner of Edwards and McLellan. In his later years, he took great pride in the fact that he had worked in and managed the store for more than 50 years.

Harold was involved in community and civic organizations in Malta for many years. He was an active member of St. Mary's Episcopal Church. He belonged to the Masonic Lodge and Shriners. He was a member of the Malta volunteer fire department for over 30 years, and was fire chief for a number of years. He belonged to the Malta Kiwanis Club and the Malta Commercial Club.

He enjoyed outside activities, and some of his happiest times were spent at his cabin in the Little Rocky Mountains with family and friends. He was especially

interested in young people, and was an avid supporter of youth programs and activities in Malta. He also spent a great deal of time encouraging young people to enjoy outdoor activities. Many of them remember his "Sunday afternoon ski trips" to this day. He and his wife, Rosa Lee, had an active social life in Malta, with many close friends. He loved and encouraged every member of his family and extended family, and took pride in their accomplishments.

He suffered a stroke in 1986, which left him speech and language disabled, but he still maintained a positive attitude, which was an inspiration. Following his stroke, Harold and his wife spent a number of winters living in Kalispell with their daughter so that he could have speech and physical therapy help, which was not available in Malta. He was special and loved, and he will be missed.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Rosa Lee, in 1995.

He is survived locally by his daughter, Barbara Munsinger Ludwig, and a grandson, Mark Munsinger. He is also survived by his daughters, Miriam Patterson of Deer Park, and Ruth Norton of Kooskia, Idaho; and three sisters, all of whom live in Pennsylvania, Miriam Cashman of New Oxford, Dorothy Gentzler of Littlestown and Irma Renaut of Spring Grove.

A memorial service will be held at the Malta Lutheran Church on Saturday, April 6 at 10 a.m. with graveside services following at the Malta Cemetery. Following the service, there will be a gathering for family and friends in the community room at the church.