

George E. Mielke, 85

George E. Mielke, 85, of Hamilton, passed away Wednesday, April 3, 2002, in Hamilton, at the Valley View Estates.

He was born on Dec. 21, 1916, at Gold Creek, to Adolph and Florence (Coleman) Mielke. The family moved to Darby in 1918, where they farmed northwest of Darby. George attended school in Darby.

In 1937 he purchased a farm. On March 6, 1945, he married Blanche A. Lunceford in Hamilton. The couple farmed until 1956 when they sold the farm and moved into Hamilton.

He began trucking, hauling hay and grains, and later operated a chip haul. In 1972 they sold the trucking business and moved to the Flathead where he grew cherries. They returned to Hamilton in 1992.

George was loved by his family and friends. He was happiest outdoors, enjoying hunting, boating and fishing. In later years, he enjoyed hiking many of the canyons of the Bitterroot, St. Mary's Peak and the trails around Lake Como.

George never sat still. He made his own skis, building furniture, bookcases, a bulldozer blade and two of his homes. He and his brothers worked many years on the South Fork of Rock Creek ditch, which still furnishes water to parts of the Bitterroot.

Another of George's attributes was his ability to talk. He had a wealth of stories about the Bitterroot and Flathead and took every opportunity to share with anyone who would listen.

He was a wonderful husband, a loving father and grandfather. He always brought his wife, Blanche, a bouquet of wild flowers after hiking.

His vegetable gardens were works of art. He also hatched worms. He enjoyed water skiing with Linda's friends.

Survivors include his wife Blanche, of 57 years, at the family home in Hamilton; daughters, Linda Anderson of Bigfork, and Georgia Neel of Everett, Wash.; granddaughters, Michelle Rose Neel Paul and Ashley Ann Neel; brothers, Percy Mielke of Hamilton, and William Mielke of Edinburg, Texas; and several nieces and nephews.

A service to celebrate his life will be held Monday, 2 p.m., at the Daly-Leach Chapel with his nephew, the Rev. Dan E. Mielke, officiating. Interment will follow at the Riverview Cemetery in Hamilton. Visitation will be Monday from 10 a.m. until time of services at the chapel.

The family suggests memorials to Ravalli County Museum, 205 Bedford St., Hamilton, MT 59840.

Floyd Mikkelsen, 69

Floyd Mikkelsen, 69, died on Sunday, March 17, 2002, in his home in Colbert, Wash.

He was born on Dec. 21, 1933, in Shelly, Idaho. He graduated from high school in St. Ignatius in 1952.

After serving three years in the Army, he attended the University of Montana, graduating in 1960 with a degree in business administration.

Floyd married Florence "Willie" Mikkelsen in St. Ignatius. He worked for the Social Security Administration in Missoula, Kalispell, Seattle and Spokane, from which office he retired in 1995. He was the devoted father to two sons and one daughter.

He enjoyed fishing, skiing, reading to his daughter, spending time in his home state of Montana, the company of family, friends and his canine pal, Archie.

He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Florence "Willie" Mikkelsen,

at the home; sons, Doug and his wife, Lynn Mikkelsen of Kalispell, David and his wife, Melanie Mikkelsen of Spokane; one daughter, Gina Mikkelsen of Spokane; twin granddaughters, Katie and Mallie Mikkelsen; one brother, Kenneth Mikkelsen of Port Townsend, Wash; two sisters, Elaine Diamond of Renton, Wash., and Laree Pease of Oswego, N.Y.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A memorial mass will be held Friday at 1 p.m. at St. Joseph Parish, 3720 E. Colbert Road, Colbert, Wash., with the Rev. Michael Kwiatkowski officiating.

Friends who wish may make memorials contributions to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Inland NW Chapter, 818 E. Sharp, Spokane, WA 99202.

Ball & Dodd Funeral Home in Spokane are in charge of arrangements.

Devin Jeffrey Michael , 6

Devin Jeffrey Michael , 6, died May 5, 2002, near his home in Trego, from an accident.

He was born Feb. 21, 1996, in Newcastle, Wyo., to Jeffrey and Andrea Vandenbos Veilleux. He spent most of his life in Portland and Spokane. He recently moved with his father and brother to Trego. He attended kindergarten at the Trego Elementary School. He enjoyed animals, the woods, video games and Pika Chu.

Survivors include his father, Jeffrey Veilleux of Trego; mother

Andrea Veilleux of Portland; one brother, Anthony Veilleux, of Trego; aunts and uncles; grandparents, Andrea Brain of Trego, Carolyn Miller of Spokane, Randy and Janet Vandenbos of Idaho, and Joseph Veilleux of Maine; and numerous cousins and friends.

Graveside services will be Sunday at 3:30 p.m. at the Fortine Cemetery.

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

Roger V. Michels, 89

Roger V. Michels, 89, passed away on Monday, March 4, 2002, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

Roger was born on July 26, 1912, in Columbia Falls, to William and Susie (Radabah) Michels. Roger was the middle child of six boys.

Roger worked for Glacier National Park; worked as a lumberjack; had worked at the Flathead Mine; helped construct the Richardson Highway in Alaska; before going to work for the Montana Highway Department. He retired from the highway depart-



ment in 1974 after being with them for 30 years.

He married Blanche Ness on Sept. 30, 1933, in Kila.

Roger was a member of the Artisans and Craftsmens Club of the Flathead Valley. He was a long-time fan of the Cleveland Indians baseball team.

He is survived by his wife Blanche of Kalispell; three children, Betty Hills of Kalispell, Roger Michels of Slidell, La., Gerald H. Michels and his wife Sharon of California; 15 grandchildren, 30 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. on Thursday at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

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

Bernice Anne Milam, 73

Bernice Anne Milam, 73, passed away Nov. 3, 2002, after a courageous battle with lung disease. She graduated from Bozeman High School and in 1950 received a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting from Montana State College (University.)

On March 17, 1949, she married Paul N. Milam in Bozeman. Paul survives her at the family home in Bigfork.

Paul and Bernice lived in York, Neb., and Kalispell, where her husband was in the greenhouse business. In 1955, they moved to Eureka, at which time her husband began his teaching career. In 1957, they moved to Bigfork, where her husband was a teacher, coach and principal of Bigfork High School. Since 1961, her family has been involved in the sheep and cattle ranching

business in southern Garfield County in eastern Montana.

Bernice is survived by sons, Craig R. Milam and his wife Michelle A. of Frenchtown, and Gary N. and his wife Reene' of Bozeman; a brother, Sivert O. Mysse of Ingomar; and her grandsons, Russell and Bradley Milam of Bozeman.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Sivert O. and Bertha Mysse; brother Merton Mysse, sister Marie Staw, and grandson Christopher Milam.

Private family services are planned at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made to the MSU Foundation, 1501 S. 11th Ave., P.O. Box 172750, Bozeman, MT 59717-2750.

Bigfork Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Claude Parker Miller, 93

Claude Parker Miller, 93, "went home to rest in the arms of Jesus," on Sept. 19, 2002, after a short bout with pneumonia.

He was born in Fort Atkinson, Wis., on Nov. 4, 1908, and later moved with his parents, Paul and Maude Miller, to Milwaukee, Wis., where he attended grade school and then Central High School.

He played professional football until he injured his back and could no longer play. He then coached high school basketball at West Milwaukee High School where he met his wife, Marion Kellner Miller. They eloped and were married shortly after she graduated from high school.

On Aug. 4, 2002, they celebrated their 71st wedding anniversary. They had two children, a son, Drew, and a daughter, Ferol. They resided in Muskego, Wis., until two years ago when they moved to Polson to be closer to their daughter.

Claude was an avid duck and pheasant hunter and a deer hunter who could never bring himself to shoot a deer. He and his buddies made a trip each year to northern Wisconsin to hunt deer. He and his friend, Les Sorrenson, took great pleasure in being chief cooks and bottle washers for the crew. He was the life of the party, sometimes wearing a goofy wig and an apron over his red longjohns while carrying out his cooking duties.

His favorite hobby was bowling. At the age of 91, he led his team to victory and first place for the year by throwing the winning strike in the last game.

During the depression he worked on the WPA, digging ditches for 25 cents an hour. For most of

his life he worked as a tool and die maker for Seimen Body-Nash Company in Milwaukee. He worked for five years at the Boys Home in Kettle Maraine. He later owned and operated his own printing business in Muskego.

He was active in the Lions Club and was always the first one there if someone needed a helping hand.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and his son Drew.

He is survived by his wife, Marion; daughter, Ferol; nine grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

He will always be remembered for his wonderful sense of humor and the stories he told.

If you would like to give a memorial in his name, please send it to The American Cancer Society.

Memorial services will be held at 10 a.m. on Monday in the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Polson, with Rev. Paul Rowold officiating.

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

Orville Everett Miller, 81

Orville Everett Miller, 81, passed away on Wednesday, Feb. 13, 2002, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

He was born on Jan. 17, 1921, in Kalispell, to Ora A. and Beulah P. (Oesch) Miller.

Orville's dad was the owner and founder of Montana Evergreen, a commercial Christmas tree shipping company. He and his family worked hard during the Depression years spending summers camping and gathering huckleberries in the Fisher River area.

Orville graduated from high school and attended the University of Idaho, where he took a course in dairy husbandry. He met Joan Harp through a mutual friend after high school and they were married on March 14, 1942, at the First Baptist Church in Kalispell.

Orville served in the United States Army for 3 1/2 years and was stationed in North Africa and Italy during World War II.

After his discharge from the service, Orville continued to ship Christmas trees for many years. He started Northwest Evergreen in Missoula and operated it from 1950 to 1960. He moved to Lewistown for a short time where he logged and operated heavy equipment for the timber industry, before returning to Missoula in the late '60s. Orville and his family finally returned to Kalispell in 1978, where he went to work for



McElroy and Wilken until he retired.

Orville loved children and children loved him. They brightened each other's day with smiles and laughter. He also enjoyed the Montana outdoors: camping, fishing, hunting, wood cutting and gardening. He spent many hours enjoying these activities and others with his lifelong friend, Rollan Kauffman. Orville was an avid storyteller as well.

Orville was preceded in death by his parents, and an infant daughter, Mary Lisa.

He is survived by his loving wife of 59 years, Joan Miller of Kalispell; one daughter, Bronwyn Barthule and her husband John of Rapid City, S.D.; one son, Stephen Miller of Missoula; eight grandchildren, Nicole, Bryan, Lance, Jeff, Cory, Cali, Caelon, and Cole; three great-grandchildren, Emily, Kyrsten, and Bobbi Jo; seven brothers and sisters, Opal Horstman, Donna Hanson, Jean Doty, Lela Rinke, Fred Miller, Jerry Miller and Marilyn Wilken; and numerous nieces and nephews, who were all very important and special to him.

Funeral services will be held on Monday at 3 p.m. at the Central Bible Church with the Rev. Ron Youde officiating. Burial will follow at C.E. Conrad Cemetery with military honors provided by the United Veterans of the Flathead.

Visitation will be Monday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Robert M. Miller, 65, passed away Saturday, March 30, 2002, in a Las Vegas hospital of injuries sustained in a motorcycle-vehicle accident in Henderson, Nev., on February 12.

He was born in Sioux City, Iowa, Aug. 22, 1936, the second son of Helen (Wittern) Miller and Cecil L. Miller.

Robert grew up in Southern California, graduating from Barstow High School, class of 1955. On Jan. 31, 1958, he married Elizabeth Eastwood in Redlands, Calif.; the couple later divorced.

After a brief career with Chevron Oil, Robert worked for Southern California Edison Electric Company for 10 years earning journeyman electrician status. In 1971, he moved his family to the Pacific Northwest to continue his career as a System Protection Maintenance Craftsman with the U.S. Department of Energy, Bonneville Power Administration.

On Feb. 14, 1992, he married Candace Abel in Kalispell. Retiring Sept. 30, 1996, he continued to consult on System Relay Maintenance with Electrical Consultants Inc. of Billings, working in Nevada, California, North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana, Washington and Utah. Robert was a 33-year member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, the Academy of Model Aeronautics and served on the Rollins Volunteer Fire Department Board.

Robert enjoyed spending win-

ters in Nevada and summers in Montana, building and flying remote control model airplanes, traveling and motorcycling.

His parents preceded him in death.

He is survived by his wife, Candace, of Boulder City, Nev.; daughters, Beth and her husband, Darryl Aaberg, of Vancouver, Wash., DiAnn and her husband, Todd Wensing, of Waterloo, Ill., and Kathleen and her husband Tom Redmond of Anchorage, Alaska; sons, Robert M. Miller Jr. of Fort Worth, Texas, and Saul C. Abel of Bothell, Wash.; brothers, James L. Miller of Henderson, Cecil Miller Jr. of Lebanon, Kan.; an aunt, Mary Hagen, of Henderson; grandchildren, Melissa and Luuk Aaberg of Vancouver, Cpl. Reginald Trankle, U.S. Marine Corps, of Miramar, Calif., Lindsey, Colin and Samantha Redmond, and Sabrina Konecky, of Anchorage; and many other relatives and friends.

Memorial Services were held at Palm Mortuary in Henderson on April 3 with the Rev. Donald Casey presiding.

Final disposition is by cremation under the direction of Palm Mortuary with burial in Palm Memorial Gardens in Henderson.

Memorials may be made to Rollins Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 99, Rollins, MT 59931 or the University Medical Center Trauma Activities Fund, Fifth Floor, Suite 507, 1800 West Charleston Blvd., Las Vegas, NV 89106.

Woodrow Wilson Miller, 90, passed away on Monday, Dec. 23, 2002, in Kalispell. He was born to Martin and Anna Hansen Miller in Castana, Iowa, on Feb. 16, 1912.

Shortly after his birth, the family moved to a farm in South Dakota, near the town of Hettinger, N.D., where Woodrow was raised and received his early education.

On Sept. 28, 1935, he married Anna Norby in Bison, S.D. The couple left the drought-stricken area where prospects were nil, and moved to Kalispell where they lived for the next 50-plus years. Three children were born to this union.

Woodrow worked at the carpenter trade and could point with pride to many of the older, historical homes that bore the print of his handywork. In later years, he had a cabinet shop of his own. When it came time to retire, he found it hard to say "no" to customers who had stayed with him until the third generation.

Woodrow was an avid outdoorsman, and he spent his free time hunting, fishing and camping. He was a lifetime member of the National Rifle Association and the Whitefish Rifle and Pistol Club. He was a member of the Montana Muzzleloaders and put in a stint as the organization's state president

and also secretary. He was a member of the Columbia Falls Rifle Club and the Kalispell Rifle Club. He was an instructor in the Hunter Safety program and a member of the Montana Arms Collectors. He was a member of the Carpenter's Union during his working years and served six years as a trustee in the South Kalispell Fireman's company. You can see by this he was an all around "good Joe."

Woodrow was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters, two brothers and a son, Craig.

He leaves his wife, Ann Miller, to mourn his passing; a daughter, Wendy of Everett, Wash.; and a son, Douglas of Kalispell; five grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, neighbors and friends.

A graveside service will be at 11 a.m. on Saturday at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday at Johnson Mortuary.

The family suggests memorial contributions to the Shodair Children's Hospital, 840 Helena Ave., Helena, MT 59604, or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Vera Milner, 97

Vera Milner, 97, passed away peacefully at her home in Kalispell, on Saturday, Nov. 16, 2002.

She was born on Nov. 27, 1904, in West Bend, Wis., to John and Emma (Engmann) Hetzel.

Vera was preceded in death by her parents; her first husband, John Christman; her second husband, Jim Milner; son Joseph Christman; grandson Angus "Paty" McDonald; and three sisters, Hildegard Hetzel as an infant, Anita Hetzel as a child, and Hortence Hetzel Wilcox.

She is survived by her daughter, Ann McDonald; two sisters, Evelyn Waite and husband Earl, of Wisconsin, and Rosemary Starr and husband Marcel, of Arizona and Idaho; one brother, John E. Hetzel of Arizona; seven grandchildren, Lorrie Meeks and husband Tom, of Dixon; Malcolm



McDonald and wife Dora, of Niarada; Randal McDonald and wife Effie, of Polson; Janel Christman of Oregon; Kate Christman and Sam, of California; John Christman of Oregon; and Cindy Hansen and husband Lee, of Washington; nine great-grandchildren with one more on the way; and one great-great-grandchild on the way; one daughter-in-law, Arlene Christman of Florida; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at St. Matthew's Catholic Church, with Father Vic Langhans as celebrant. Burial will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Wednesday at Johnson Mortuary.

The family suggests memorials be sent to the Flathead Food Bank, 105 Sixth Ave. W., Kalispell, MT 59901 or to any local charity that helps children in need.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Archie 'Arch' Minde, 87

Archie "Arch" Minde, 87, passed away Sunday, Oct. 13, 2002, at St. John's Lutheran Hospital in Libby after a monthlong bout with cancer. He leaves a loving wife, two adoring daughters and a host of good friends in the Libby community and beyond.

He was born Sept. 23, 1915, on a farm near Glendive, to John and Marie Minde. The family moved to Missoula in 1922, and to Libby in October 1924, where Archie entered the third grade. Throughout his school years, he was active in sports and music; singing in choral groups, playing clarinet in the band and violin in the orchestra. These lifetime skills brought him pleasure all his years. Proud of his Norwegian heritage, he loved playing Scandinavian dance tunes on his fiddle. He sang bass in the Treasure Tones for 38 years, charming the audiences with his rendition of "I Wish I Was Eighteen Again."

Arch was a loyal servant of God, with a strong faith and a willing heart. He was member of Christ Lutheran Church, where he served in every capacity from janitor to congregation president over the years, and as a member of the choir for more than 60 years.

Archie graduated from Libby High School with the class of 1934 and attended the University of Montana in Missoula before accepting employment at First National Bank in Libby. In 1942, he joined the United States Marine Corps, where he served with honor until being discharged in

December 1945. He returned to Libby and his job at the bank, where he attained the position of vice president. In 1979, Arch left banking and operated Libby Insurance Agency until 1988, when he retired from a business career to play golf and enjoy his cabin on McGregor Lake.

Aug. 18, 1962, was the date of marriage of Archie to Phyllis "Phyll" Eide, at Christ Lutheran Church in Libby. This union was blessed with two daughters, Marya Marvin, 36, who lives with her husband, Butch, and their daughters, Jordan and Haley, in Alberton, and Yona Prevost, 33, son-in-law, Scot, and grandson, Sawyer, of Antioch Calif. He is also survived by his sister, Ida Izer, and her daughter Christy Lundquist, of Portland. Arch was happiest and proudest when surrounded by his loving family.

After his stroke in July 2001, Arch still enjoyed golf, as he drove the cart while Phyll played the game. He cherished the hours every week when the singing groups Khaki Blend and Treasure Tones used the Minde home as a rehearsal hall.

Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Libby. There will be a celebration of Archie Minde's life in a service at 11 a.m. Friday at Christ Lutheran Church in Libby, with Pastor Les Nelson officiating. Burial will follow in the City of Libby Cemetery.

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

Kyle David Mitchell, 13 months

Kyle David Mitchell, 13 months, passed away unexpectedly early Sunday morning, Jan. 27, 2002, at the family home in Bremerton, Wash.

He was born Dec. 2, 2000, in Bremerton.

Kyle was the beloved son of Myles and Eva, brother of Tiffiney and Garrett. "Our little man will always be in our hearts. Kyle was a happy baby who loved to laugh and smile. He liked to greet you at the door with a big hug that always eased the heart."

Kyle is survived by his father, Myles D. Mitchell, U.S. Navy, formerly of Kalispell; his mother, Eva May Mitchell; sister, Tiffiney; and

brother, Garrett, all at the family home in Bremerton; paternal grandparents Thomas Mitchell of Hamilton, Eulie (Mitchell) and husband Larry Bing of Denver; great-grandmother Hilda Lumsden of Ottawa, Ontario; maternal grandparents Richard and Nancy Hurd of Tacoma, Wash., Linda Rip Hurd of Bremerton; foster grandparents Debbie and Randy Bowlen of Spokane; great-grandmothers Eva Hurd of Tacoma and Mary Baker of Hoodspert, Wash.

Services were held Jan. 31 at noon at Lewis Funeral Chapel, Bremerton. Committal services at Forrest Lawn Cemetery, Bremerton.

Louise E. Mitchell, 76, a lifetime resident of the Kootenai Valley, died Sunday, Nov. 17, 2002, at her home in Libby.

For many years, she had managed and operated Blue Mountain Phone and Answering Service in Libby. She and her husband had owned and operated the Home Bar in Troy for a number of years. She worked at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Club in Libby until

her retirement.

Survivors include a son, Larry Chapman of White Salmon, Wash.; daughters, Gayle Pales of Missoula, Joan Olson of Sidney, Renee Stapley of Troy, and Sue Chance of Houston.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home Chapel. Visitation will be from 1-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Peggy Lou Mitchke, 91, longtime Helena resident, passed gently into heaven on Friday, March 22, 2002, at the Cooney Convalescent Home. Peggy Lou resided there since suffering a stroke in March of 2001.

She was born on December 31, 1910, in Bonners Ferry, Idaho, to Edward M. and Emma Rose (Petrie) Morton.

She attended grammar school in northern Idaho and western Montana and her first year of high school in Troy. Peggy Lou graduated as valedictorian of Glasgow High School in 1929. The late Eldon B. Schuster, who became Roman Catholic bishop of Great Falls, was salutatorian and remained a lifelong friend.

Peggy Lou went on to complete a 24-month course in business and commerce at North Dakota Business College in Fargo, in just 12 months. Following graduation from business college, she worked as a bookkeeper in a wholesale grocery in Glasgow and for her parents in their laundry in Red Lodge.

In June of 1934, while riding a bus to Yellowstone National Park to work for the summer in the laundry at Old Faithful Inn, Peggy Lou met Milton Curtis Mitchke. They were engaged by the Fourth of July. They were married on a cold, snowy Sunday morning, Sept. 2, 1934, in Red Lodge. Immediately following a wedding breakfast at her parents' home, Milton and Peggy Lou traveled to Helena, where Milton began employment with the U.S. Postal Service the next day.

Milt and Peg raised four children, Eddy, Mickey, Jerry, and Margie, in addition to foster children Joe Yerman and Bill Rodgers. Her family was everything to her, second only to her faith.

Peg told Milt when they first started dating that she loved to dance more than eat. So he learned and they danced together so beautifully that dance bands would often strike up one of their favorite songs as soon as they walked into the room and they would dance onto the floor. They belonged to several dance clubs through the years, quitting only when Milt broke his heel early in their retirement.

In 1950, Peggy Lou resumed her career as a bookkeeper. She was employed by Capital Motors, Knapp Service, and finally Neill Avenue Tire until her retirement in 1973, when Milton also retired from the Postal Service as assistant postmaster. During her career years, she belonged to and held offices in several organizations, including the Credit Women's Breakfast Club, the Postal Auxiliary, and the Elks' Ladies Auxiliary. After retirement, Milt and Peg traveled extensively and were very active in the Helena Senior Citizens Club. They were charter members of the Pioneer Club and she was its longtime treasurer.

They were also members of the Rocky Mountain Development Council and the AARP.

Peggy Lou led exercise classes for many years at the senior center and for many more years they used her cassette tape to continue the exercise classes. To say that Peg liked to play cards would be an understatement. She loved playing cards as much as she loved to dance. She belonged to a bridge club for more than 30 years. She went on to play duplicate bridge even attending Bridge Camp at Fairmont Hot Springs each June and a late summer bridge gathering in Red Lodge for several years.

She genuinely loved her time spent participating in all the activities at the senior center, especially teaching and coordinating the pinochle and bridge games for years.

A faithful member of St. Helena Cathedral Parish since 1934, Peg was involved in numerous parish activities through the years, including being a Eucharistic minister, helping with mailings and counting the collection. She was a member of a women's Bible study group for 40 years, where she formed lifelong friendships. Her faith in God was foremost in her life.

Peggy Lou was preceded in death by her husband, Milton, on April 23, 1988, and by her parents.

She is survived by her sons, Ed and wife Millie of Bigfork, Mick and wife Annette of Pinetop, Ariz.; Jerry and wife Kit of Helena; daughter Margie and husband Storm Oakland of Billings; foster son Joe and wife Lori Yerman of Milwaukee, Ore; sister Goldie and husband Chet Pitcher of Medicine Bow, Wyo., and their daughters Donna Pitcher and Chris and husband Bill Ross, both of Denver, and their children; 13 grandchildren, Ed Mitchke, Renee Howe, Kathleen Waldon, Bernadette Carasco, Debra Urban, Anne Marie Sims, Michael Mitchke, Danny Mitchke, Barbara Sechrist, Curt Mitchke, Mark Mitchke, Ann Mitchke, and Storr Oakland; and 22 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by sister-in-law Vivian Hull of Helena and brother-in-law Tom and wife Dilly Mitschke of Bremerton, Wash.; several nieces and nephews, including David and wife Annie Hull of Helena; numerous cousins; as well as many friends, including members of the Loose Widows card group, the Bridge Camp group, the Senior Citizen card players, the Survivor's group and her Spring Hollow neighbors.

"We are very grateful to and thank all those who lovingly cared for Mom at the Cooney Home. We especially thank her wonderful neighbors and friends, including Dorothy Harkins, Marguerite Dean and Lois Buchanan, for their kindness and love through the years."

Peggy Lou was passionate about life. She was a renowned

cook, an accomplished seamstress, had a beautiful contralto voice and was generous with her time and talents. She loved doing things for her family, her church and her friends. She'll be missed by all who knew her.

"Dear Mom, we know you are at peace in Heaven, dancing with Dad, reunited with your parents and rejoicing in your Lord. Please hold a place for us 'til we meet again!"

A vigil service will be held at the Retz Funeral Home at 7:30 p.m. today. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at St. Helena Cathedral at 10 a.m. on Wednesday.

The family requests memorials to St. Helena Cathedral Parish, 530 Ewing, Helena, MT 59601, the Helena Senior Center, the Good Samaritan Store 1388 N. Hannaford, Helena MT 59601, or God's Love Mission, 533 N. Main, Helena MT 59601.

Retz Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Edward 'Ed' Mitton, 89

Edward "Ed" Mitton, 89, passed away on Good Friday, March 29, 2002, in Kalispell. He was welcomed into heaven by his heavenly grandchildren, "Grandpa had come home."



Ed was born Feb. 11, 1913, in Kalispell, to John and Gertrude Mitton. Shortly after, his parents separated and when Ed was 4, his mother died. He and his brother David were raised by their grandparents, David and Laura Griffith, who were early Flathead Valley settlers.

He attended Demersville Grade School and Flathead County High School.

On June 30, 1938, he married the love of his life, Geraldine Lynch, in Kalispell. They celebrated 63 years together.

Ed worked at various jobs in his lifetime, many times working two at a time in order to support his family and maintain the family farm. He worked on the construction of the Hungry Horse Dam and enjoyed many years working in the Christmas tree yard. He also worked at Columbia Falls Aluminum Company in the casting department. Poor health forced him to retire after 16 years.

Retirement years brought camping and trips to Florida and California. He loved spending time with his family. Grandchildren and great-grandchildren were his greatest joy. He expressed his love for them on his car license which read "Gramp 8X."

Ed attended Community Alliance Church. Throughout his life he never wanted to be late and was always the first one at service on Sunday morning. He was always an early riser because he enjoyed the sunrises so much.

"Grandpa" was preceded in death by his brother, David; three grandchildren, Kelly, Pamela and Andy Mitton; and a great-grandson, Jacob Kurtz.

He is survived by his loving wife, Geri, at the family home; his sons, Robert and his wife, Veletta, of Ramona, Calif., and David and his wife, Evonne, of Helena; daughters, Nadine and husband, Gary Eckert, of Kalispell, and Donna Marie Mitton of Lakeland, Fla.; his grandchildren, Robert and Richard Mitton and Teresa DeCourt of California, Dorene Kurtz of Albuquerque, N.M., Becky Simkins and Matt Mitton of Helena, and Darla Harmon of Kalispell; great-grandchildren, Taylor DeCourt, Melissa and Melanie Mitton, Ashley and Tyler Kurtz, Josh and Elizabeth Simkins and Logan and Lauren Harmon. He loved having great-grandchildren and cherished their visits. Extended family includes Rose and Roxy Hollopeter, Donna and Herb Lerew, Dan and Bess Lynch, Jess and Opal Lynch and Maude Bauska, all of Kalispell, and many loved nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home with the Rev. Ron Pierce officiating. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Dale K. Moen, 44

Dale K. Moen, 44, died Saturday, May 11, 2002, at his home in Libby.

He was born Aug. 14, 1957, in Kalispell, to Wernell and Elda (Elskog) Moen. He was raised and educated in Kalispell and graduated from Flathead High School in 1976.

He moved to Libby at the age of 19. He found employment with W.R. Grace and worked for them for 12 years. He then bought Helen's Tap Room in 1986, and operated it for the past 15 years.

He married Renee Smith in 1990, in Idaho. He enjoyed camping, NASCAR races and horse-shoes.

He was preceded in death by

his parents; a sister, Jean Owens; and a brother-in-law, Jerry Syth.

He is survived by his wife Renee Moen of Libby; a daughter, Marsha Moen and a son, Dan Moen, of Libby; a brother, Don Moen and his wife, Ginny, of Libby; a sister, Noreen Syth of Kalispell; four stepchildren, Callie Hardy and her husband, Shawn, Doug Probert and his wife, Rachell, and Rayla Werner and her husband, Berry, all of Salt Lake City, Utah, and Tracie Sherman and her husband, Steve, of River Falls, Wis.

Services will be held Friday at 2 p.m. at the Libby Christian Church.

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

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Edna 'Eddie' Marie Mohler, 77

Edna "Eddie" Marie Mohler, 77, of Polson, went home to be with the Lord, on Sunday, Jan. 20, 2002. Edna passed away at her home after a long courageous battle with cancer.

She was born on April 7, 1924, in Odessa, Neb., to Peter and Elsie Ludden. She attended schools in Nebraska and graduated from Ashland High School in Ashland, Neb.

Edna married Melvin Mohler on Oct. 14, 1945, in Wann, Neb. She worked as a nurse's aide in Lincoln, Neb., and at the University of Nebraska Dairy Store while Mel attended the University of Nebraska.

Edna had many artistic talents including floral design, crafts and was an excellent seamstress.

Edna and Melvin moved to Miles City, in 1955, where Mel was the assistant director of the Pine Hill School for Boys for many years. They moved to the Swan Valley in 1968 where Mel became the director of the Swan River Youth Forest Camp. After they retired, they moved to Polson in 1994.

She was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Her first ancestor in the United States was one of the origi-



nal 13 colonists. Edna was eligible for the Colonial Dames.

She was active in extension work and 4-H. She had a beautiful soprano voice. Edna was a devoted Christian. She attended the New Life Christian Center in Polson.

She was preceded in death by her parents, three sisters and two brothers. She is survived by her husband Mel of Polson; one son, Michael Mohler of Puyallup, Wash.; one daughter, Merriam Burke of Kalispell; six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren; two brothers, John Ludden of Lincoln, Neb., and Robert Ludden of Colorado Springs, Colo; one sister, Ruth Webb of Kearney, Neb.; and numerous adoring nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at a later date and will be announced.

Memorials are suggested to the Lake County Health and Hospice, 771 Main S.W., Ronan, MT 59864

Arrangements are by Grogan Funeral Home and Crematory in Polson.

James 'Buddah' Albert Montgomery IV, 22

James "Buddah" Albert Montgomery IV, 22, passed away on Tuesday, April 16, 2002, from cardiac arrest due to a seizure.

He was born in Honolulu, Hawaii, on March 1, 1980, to Eve Kaaihue and James Albert Montgomery III.

Buddah has a place in everyone's heart that ever met him. He filled the room with his gentle presence, big smile and laugh, always ready to wrap his arms around you and lift you off your feet with his hugs. "You are a shining soul in every way and we will miss you forever, Buddah."

He is survived by his mother, Eve, of Post Falls, Idaho; his brothers, Jason Kaaihue of Columbia



Falls, Charles and Michael Kassner of Post Falls; sister Erika of Stayton, Ore.; grandparents, Lee and Helen Wiggs of Hamilton, and Warren "Ipo" Kaaihue Sr. of Waianae, Hawaii. He also leaves behind his Hanai families, Dal, Kathy, Sunshine, Kari, Michael, and Dalvin Averill, Ruthie and Ron, Theron, Damien, Tiffany, Nathan and Tammy Johnson, Janet, Chad, and Julie Spears, numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and too many friends to count.

A memorial service will be held at the Assembly of God Church, 738 3rd Avenue West, Columbia Falls, at 2 p.m., Saturday, with the Rev. Darrell Newby officiating. Buddah will be cremated with Austin Funeral Home in charge of the arrangements. His ashes will be taken home to Hawaii at a later date.

Bonnie M. Moody, 72

Bonnie M. Moody, 72, passed away quietly at home on Sept. 8, 2002, after a lengthy illness.

She was born Nov. 21, 1929, in Whitefish to Dick and Mickey McDowell.

She and her first husband owned and operated Curly Bob's Supper Club in Sweet Grass for 25 years. She then relocated to Anacortes, Wash., in 1969, where she met and married Jim Moody and worked as a social mixologist at The Harbor and The 19th Hole.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband, Jim; her son, Brad Lawrence; brother, Carl McDowell; sister, Patty; her par-



ents, and numerous uncles and aunts.

She is survived by her daughters, Deni White Paszkowski of Anacortes, and Robbie Moody-Bynum of Oak Harbor, Wash.; sons, Bret Moody of Whitefish, and Bart Moody of Concrete, Wash.; her brother, Bud McDowell and his wife, Betty, of Whitefish; grandchildren, Jodi White, Tracy White, Samantha Bynum, Bonnie Kate Bynum, Kayla Rae Anderson, Brent Lawrence, Brenda Lawrence, Justin Moody and Bailee Moody; along with numerous nieces and cousins.

She will be greatly missed by her family and close friends.

Memorial services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Thursday at Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish.

Harry J. Moore, 79

Harry J. Moore, 79, passed away on Thursday, Nov. 14, 2002, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

He was born June 10, 1923, in Alliance, Ohio, to Sadie and Floyd Moore. He was raised in Alliance and had worked for Ohio Edison Company from March 1947 until February 1986.

Harry married H. Jean Murphy on June 6, 1947, in Alliance.

He served with the Merchant Marines during World War II on a Liberty Ship. He was a volunteer handyman at the Science Hill United Church of Christ in Alliance for years.

Harry loved the Boy Scouts and had been a Boy Scout leader from 1956 until 1977. He enjoyed woodcarving, jewelry making, watercolor painting and fixing anything

that was broken.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and one brother, Robert Moore.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Jean Moore; his son, Ernie Moore and his wife, Karen; one daughter, Pam Walker and her husband, Dick; and two grandchildren, Jason and Corey Walker.

Committal services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Glacier Memorial Gardens with the Rev. Milton Caraway officiating. Memorial services will be 7 p.m. Monday at the Kalispell Church of Christ, 241 Stillwater Road in Kalispell.

The family request memorials be made to Lifeline of Hope, caring for Russian Orphans, 1492 Lower Valley Road, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Lucky Moore, 24

Lucky Moore, 24, died Saturday, Nov. 16, 2002, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

Arrangements are pending

at this time.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory are handling the arrangements.

Edward A. 'Ed' Morgan, 74

Edward A. "Ed" Morgan, 74, passed away Thursday, Dec. 5, 2002, at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.

He was born April 12, 1928, in Fairpoint, S.D., to Henry A. and Clara Morgan.

He served in the Army from



1951-53.

Ed worked at Plum Creek from 1965-93.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his wife.

Ed is survived by his son, Tim Morgan, of Coram; two daughters, Mary Tillman of Columbia Falls, and Heather Vallejo of Whitefish.

A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. The Rev. David Kauffman will officiate.

Michelle Morgan, 30

Michelle Morgan, 30, of Oxnard, Calif., died unexpectedly of a brain aneurism in Oxnard on Saturday, Oct. 5, 2002.

She was born in Kalispell, on July 6, 1972, and attended schools in Great Falls, Kalispell, and California.

She was employed as a sales forecaster in the corporate offices of Harbor Freight in Camarillo, Calif., at the time of her death.

Michelle is survived by her son, Dylan Haskell; her husband, James Haskell of Oxnard; her mother, Celia Emmert of Great Falls; her father, Earl Morgan of Rapid City, S.D.; her grandmothers, Kathryn Emmert of Kalispell, and Dorothy Thompson of Rapid City; her aunts, Kay Emmert of Ronan, Kathy Hedeem of Kalispell, and Sharon Emmert of California; cousins, Chase Weinhandl and Jamie Olson of Ronan, Danielle Hedeem of Kalispell; and Katie and Neil Daly of California.

She was preceded in death by her grandfather, Mike Emmert of Kalispell.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the charity of choice.

Services will be held in Oxnard and a private family service will take place in Kalispell.

Isaac L. 'Bud' Morris, 77

Isaac L. "Bud" Morris, 77, passed away on Tuesday, Dec. 24, 2002, at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.

Bud was born on March 29, 1925, in Centrilla, W.Va., to Albert and Cora Payne Morris.

Bud married Marlene McDonald on Dec. 24, 1956, in Las Vegas. He logged and worked in the Flathead Valley until 1971, when he moved to Helena where he had a saw mill, logging operation, and had worked in real estate as a real estate broker.

Bud was preceded in death by



his sister Molly; two brothers, Cam and Jim; and his parents.

He is survived by his wife of 46 years Marlene; sons, Lou Morris, and Bob and his wife, Donna Morris, all of Helena, and Melvin and his wife, Linda, of Pennsylvania; brothers, Glen of Pennsylvania, Arnold "Buck" and his wife, Carol Morris, of Bigfork; sisters, Geraldine and husband, John O'Brien, of Akron, Ohio, Edith and her husband, Jim Jorgensen, of Missoula; nine grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 11, 2003, at the Church of Christ, 241 Stillwater Road, Kalispell, with the Rev. Milton Caraway officiating.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home caring for the family.

Gwendolyn Kay 'Gwen' Morrow, 57

Surrounded by her children, Gwendolyn Kay "Gwen" Morrow, 57, of Missoula, passed away on Wednesday, Dec. 25, 2002, after a courageous battle with cancer.

She was born Nov. 26, 1945, in Bremerton, Wash., the daughter of Violet and William Mosier. Gwen was raised in Deer Lodge, graduated from Powell County High School in 1964, and then attended Modern Business College in Missoula. Upon graduation, Gwen went to work at the Missoula County Attorney's office.

On June 17, 1967, Gwen married her high school sweetheart, Randall A. Morrow, and they made their home in Missoula. In late 1970, she took time off to raise her family and returned to the county attorney's office in the mid-1980s.

She loved her job and the people with whom she worked. Gwen also enjoyed gardening, growing flowers, visiting the family ranch and spending time at the places where she played as a child. Most importantly, she was a truly devoted wife and mother, and her greatest joy was her family and grandchildren. She will be forever

remembered for her kind heart and gentle spirit.

Gwen was preceded in death by her husband, Randy Morrow, in July of 2001.

She is survived by three children, Stephanie Ahrens and husband, Randy, of Clinton, Natalie Morrow of Missoula, and Kevin Morrow and wife, Karen, of Billings; her parents, William and Violet Morrow of Deer Lodge; two grandchildren, Zachary and Katelyn Morrow of Billings; brother, Bill Mosier and wife, Terry, of Deer Lodge; sister, Darlyne Temanson of Longview, Wash.; and numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Garden City Funeral Home, with a reception following at the funeral home. Private committal services will take place at Sunset Memorial Cemetery.

The family suggests that memorials be made in Gwen's name to Hospice of Missoula or to the Missoula County Cancer Association.

Arrangements are under the care and direction of Garden City Funeral Home and Crematory.

Julia Morse, 69

Julia Morse, 69, died on Monday, May 6, 2002, at Lakeview Care Center in Bigfork.

She was born on Jan. 8, 1933.

Her request was to be cremated.

Bigfork Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Audrey Ida (Marken) Morton, 72

Audrey Ida (Marken) Morton, 72, of Alamogordo, N.M., "went to be with her Lord" on Thursday, Sept. 19, 2002, in Alamogordo, after a courageous battle with cancer.

She was born Aug. 12, 1930, in Kalispell, to Henry and Florence (Yenne) Marken. She grew up on the family farm and graduated from Bigfork High School. She attended Montana State College of Nursing for one year.

In 1950, she married Bill Morton at Bethany Lutheran Church in Bigfork, and they had three daughters. Audrey was a loving and giving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, and her family loved her greatly in return.

Audrey loved life and the Flathead Valley. She enjoyed camping, water-skiing and traveling with her family. She received her private pilot's license in 1966, joined the Ninety-Nines, and had many happy hours flying. She loved to travel, particularly to her ancestral countries, and visited Norway, Ireland and France several times. She belonged to the Norwegian Society of Texas in El Paso.

Audrey had a strong faith. She was baptized and confirmed at Bethany Lutheran Church, and she and Bill were active members of Bethlehem Lutheran Church while raising their family in Kalispell. Over the years, she taught Sunday school and Bible school at many of the churches she belonged to, including Bethany Lutheran Church, Atonement Lutheran Church in Missoula, Grace Lutheran Church in Show Low, Ariz., and Our Savior Lutheran Church in Alamogordo. She was an active member of Our Savior Lutheran Church for more than 30 years.

She was a longtime member of the Hospital Auxiliary of Gerald Champion Regional Medical Center, a member of Philanthropic Educational Organization, Chapter AV; and of Alamogordo Hospice. She cared greatly for others and often was a special friend to older women in her congregations and family.

Survivors include her husband of 52 years, Bill, at the family home; two daughters, Natalie Morton, of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Nanette Morton of Albuquerque, N.M.; a granddaughter, Nicole Lee and her husband Jebedia, of

Kansas City, Mo.; a great-grandson, Wyatt Lee of Kansas City; four aunts, Frances Grudgel, Ann Hollingerberger, Doris Yenne and Helen Grilley; and numerous sisters- and brothers-in-law, nieces and nephews, cousins, and a host of friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Laurie Ann; and two sisters, Delores Orser and Eileen Darling.

Graveside services will be conducted Saturday at 11:30 a.m. at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell, with Pastor Len Erikson officiating.

The family requests any memorial be made to Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 603 S. Main, Kalispell, MT 59901, Bethany Lutheran Church, 8559 Montana 35, Bigfork, MT 59911, or to the Make-A-Wish Foundation, 107 Cherry St., Suite 305, Seattle, WA 98104.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

James Allen Moulds, 64

James Allen Moulds, 64, of Kalispell, died March 4, 2002, after a brief illness and surrounded by a loving family at the Kalispell Regional Medical Center.



Jim was born Aug. 3, 1937, in Aberdeen, S.D. He spent his formative years working on the family farm in nearby Brentford.

He graduated from high school in 1956, then enrolled in Black Hills State College in Spearfish, S.D. He majored in education and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in 1963. It was there he met and married Kathy Zeman of Chamberlain, S.D.

In 1970, the family, which now included two daughters, moved to Columbia Falls. There he taught high school biology and was the assistant football coach and the head wrestling coach. A very proud period for Jim was when he coached the Columbia Falls wrestling team, which won the Class "A" state wrestling tournament in 1975. He attributed this success to the dedication and hard work of the team wrestlers and the aid of his assistant coaches. He was also selected as the Montana State Wrestling "Coach of the Year" in 1975.

In 1980, Jim enrolled at the University of Montana and earned a Master's in School Administration. During his administrative career, he served as the high school principal in Poplar for one year; superintendent of the Centerville School in Sand Coulee for nine years; and superintendent of the Columbus School District for four years. He retired from education in Montana after 25 years. For the next six years, he worked as director of education at the Ely, Nev., state prison. Most recently he was the administrator of adult education in Las Vegas. After completing 32 years in education, he retired in July 2000, and he and his wife returned to live in Kalispell.

Jim enjoyed the outdoors. He fished every significant lake in the Flathead Valley and hunted, camped and hiked. He had an abiding affection for sports of all kinds, as a spectator or an active participant. This included officiating at high school football games and golf-

ing with friends. Jim loved to tell a good story and as word of his passing spreads, his many friends will often respond with an affectionate story about Jim.

He was preceded in death by his mother and stepfather, Louise and Hugh LaBay of Brentford, and his father, Francis A. Moulds.

He is survived by his wife Kathy; two daughters, Charlene Payne of Kalispell, and Lori Sablan of Yankton, S.D.; and one sister, Joan Livingstone of New York City.

Funeral services will be held Friday at 1 p.m. at the Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, 400 W. California St., Kalispell. Prior to the funeral, friends and relatives may pay their respects at the Buffalo Hill Funeral Home today from 6:30 to 9 p.m.

Interment will be in the Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Kalispell.

Leonard Franklin Motichka, 89

Leonard-Franklin Motichka, 89, passed away Monday, March 4, 2002, at the Harmony House in Kalispell, where he had resided for the past few years with Alzheimer's disease.



Leonard was born Nov. 12, 1912, in Columbia Falls, the son of Frank and Alma (Tetra) Motichka. Leonard lived his entire life on the family farm near Columbia Falls. He went to Valentine School east of the farm and graduated from Columbia Falls High School.

Leonard was a farmer; he loved the land, and spent much of his time tending it. He worked various jobs during the winter.

On Dec. 10, 1946, he married Verla Mary Klein in Nashua, and they raised two sons, Myron and Neal. The couple celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary not long before Verla's death in 1997. He treasured the time he spent with his sons and two granddaughters, Kelly and Shannon.

Leonard saw many changes during his long life — from kerosene to electricity, from horsepower to tractor power, the use of telephones, airplanes, TVs, computers and many other events we take for granted.

He was a charter member of the LaSalle Grange and he and many others built the LaSalle Grange

Hall. He was also a member of the Northwest Antique Power Association, and lifelong member of St. Richard's Catholic Church in Columbia Falls. He served on the board of the Farm Home Administration for a number of years and served as a committee member for the county agency now known as the Farm Service Agency.

Leonard's family extends a special thank you to the staff at the Harmony House for their ultimate care.

Leonard was preceded in death by his wife Verla, his parents; one sister, Ella Plummer; and a brother, Art Motichka.

He is survived by two sons, Myron Motichka and his wife Judy, Neal Motichka and his wife Bonnie, both of Columbia Falls; two granddaughters, Kelly King and her husband Matt of Helena, and Shannon Jones and her husband Matt of Potlatch, Idaho; three great-grandchildren, Tehl and Zane King and Natalee Jones; one brother, Roger Motichka of Kalispell; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family and friends.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, at 1 p.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. A rosary service will be held today at 6 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary.

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He is survived by his wife Kathy; two daughters, Charlene Payne of Kalispell, and Lori Sablan of Yankton, S.D.; and one sister, Joan Livingstone of New York City.

Funeral services will be held Friday at 1 p.m. at the Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, 400 W. California St., Kalispell. Prior to the funeral, friends and relatives may pay their respects at the Buffalo Hill Funeral Home today from 6:30 to 9 p.m.

Interment will be in the Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Kalispell.

Mary Ward Motley, 90

Mary Ward Motley, 90, passed away peacefully Thursday, Jan. 3, 2002, at the home of her daughter, Sandra Wrightson in Columbia Falls.

She was born on Sept. 1, 1911, the 10th of 14 children born to C.W. Bill Ward and Alice Hawker Ward on the West Fork ranch purchased while Bill Ward was sheriff of Ravalli County. Mary's roots go back to George W. Ward who homesteaded in the Bitterroot and was prominently connected with the history of irrigation in the valley. He was elected to the House of Representatives in 1892 and wrote the bill that created Ravalli County.

Mary was a true "Bitterrooter" and loved her valley passionately. Due to poor health, she moved to Columbia Falls, with her daughter in 1999, and reminded all that she didn't belong in the Flathead and would soon be back in Hamilton, with her friends and church.

Her large extended family was her life and she loved them all freely. All who knew her learned much from this genuine lady who lived life to the fullest, often bringing home a point with her long front finger.

Her daughter, grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and brother and sisters all have great stories of Mary and her love of family reunions, card playing, picnicking and enthusiasm for life. She was a person with a big heart and wonderful sense of humor. She cherished her many friends and will be remembered

by all whose life she touched.

Mary is survived by her brother, Charles Ward and his wife Lena of Polson; sisters, Alma Coover and husband Paul of Lakeview, Ore., Glenrose Wylie and husband Jack of San Jacinto, Calif.; daughter Sandra Wrightson and husband Jack of Columbia Falls; her grandchildren and their spouses, Jan Osier and husband Marty and daughter Mary Kathleen of Bamberg, Germany, Lisa Brown and husband David and daughter Abigail of Vancouver, Wash., Michael Lee and wife Teri and children, Stephanie, Jennifer, Timothy and Jacob Ward of Troy, Leslie Coyne and husband John and sons, Kelly and Riley of Hamilton; stepgrandchildren are Fern Hanley and sons, Chris and Tyler of Troy, Jess Wrightson and wife Beverly and children, Jesse, Brianna, Roselynn and Charity of Columbia Falls; and a large extended family of nieces and nephews.

Mary was preceded by her husband of 51 years, W. Dean Motley; her parents; seven sisters; three brothers; and a stepgrandson.

A celebration of Mary's life will be held in Hamilton in July when it is easier for friends and family to once again have a Ward reunion. Urn placement will take place in the Lone Pine Cemetery in Darby.

The family suggests memorials be sent in her name to donor's local hospice unit.

Arrangements are under the care of the Daly-Leach Chapel in Hamilton.

Elsie L. Muender, 91

Elsie L. Muender, 91, of Whitefish, died Monday morning, Feb. 18, 2002, at Colonial Manor.

She was born on Oct. 30, 1910, in Blue Grass Township, N.D., the daughter of Frederick and Paulina Bethke.

She married Rudolph "Rudy" Muender on April 2, 1931. They moved to Whitefish in 1943.

Elsie worked as a cook's aid and a cook for the Whitefish Hospital for about 23 years. She was a member of the Royal Neighbors of America and the First Presbyterian Church. She loved to play bingo, go for rides in the country and eat out at restaurants.

Her husband Rudy preceded



her in death on Sept. 5, 1981, in Whitefish; also preceded by a daughter, Bernice.

She is survived by her son, Melvin Muender; daughter Phyllis Galloway; grandson, Paul Galloway and wife Kara; granddaughter, Karen McClintic and husband Coleman; four great-grandchildren, Michael, Kendra, Kelsey and Jacob.

A visitation will be held from 3 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday at the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish. A funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday at the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish, with the Rev. Andy Kennaly of the First Presbyterian Church of Whitefish officiating. Burial will follow at the Whitefish Cemetery.

A luncheon will be held at the First Presbyterian Church following the burial.

Dallas Ray Muggerud, 56

Dallas Ray Muggerud, 56, of Bigfork, passed away May 17, 2002, of congestive heart failure.

Dallas was born Sept. 5, 1945, in Whitefish, to Marvin and Jennie (Norby) Muggerud. Dallas served in the United States Coast Guard for six years, and was a member of the American Legion.

He had a love of people and was generous to all with his time and resources. "We will greatly miss him."

Dallas is survived by his wife,



Marie, of Bigfork; sons, Larry Muggerud of Encino, Calif., and Donnie Lanig, and daughter Darlas Schroeder, both of Las Vegas; sisters, Pamela Robbins and Micki Muggerud, of Absarokee, and Marla O Bray of Hayden, Idaho; five grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews, all of whom he cared for dearly.

Cremation has taken place and a memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. Thursday at the Bigfork Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Jack Shannon officiating. The Veterans of the Flathead Valley will conduct military honors.

Bigfork Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Keely Rae Mulcahy

Keely Rae Mulcahy, infant daughter of Mark and Debbie Mulcahy, passed away peacefully on Feb. 5, 2002, at Community Medical Center in Missoula. She was deeply loved and will be just as deeply missed.

She is survived by her parents; her sister, Katelyn; her brothers, Kasey and Kyle; her maternal grandmother, Lavonne Hohn, of Helena; her maternal grandfather, John Simac, of Helena; her pater-

nal great-grandmother, Irma, of Butte; her paternal grandparents, Bill and Susan Mulcahy, of Lake Havasu City, Ariz.; her uncle, David, and his wife, Chris, of Helena; her uncle, Dennis, and his wife, Teresa, of Yuba City, Calif.; her uncle, Darwin, of Helena; her uncle, Mike, and his wife, Renee, of Helena; and numerous cousins.

She was preceded in death by her aunt, Donna, with whom she will be eternally cared for in Heaven.

Janetta Olive Muri, 76

Janetta Olive Muri, 76, died peacefully in her sleep on a glorious and gorgeous Montana day Sept. 20, 2002.

Janetta was born July 19, 1926, to Marshall "Potlicker"

Brown, a latter day Montana Stage Coach driver for services between Deer Lodge and Walla Walla, Wash., and Lilly (Moore) Brown, whose family settled in Montana Territory shortly after the Civil War.

Janetta graduated from Powell County High School in 1944, and then attended the Columbus Hospital School of Nursing in Great Falls. While attending the nursing school she met the love of her life, Ben "Sonny" Muri. Janetta and Ben were married on July 27, 1946, in Great Falls.

Janetta and Ben, like so many of the post-World War II war generation, showed their love for each other by having child after child. Soon they had five sons, Mike, Pat, Tom, Eric and Joe before they were finally blessed with a daughter, Naomi. All six of Janetta and Ben's children have come to understand and greatly appreciate the love and sacrifices that were so freely given to them by their parents — especially mom's.

Janetta was preceded in death by her parents; one sister, Ella Mae; and her husband, Ben.

Janetta's lovable spirit and love for life lives on in her brother, Marshall "Bud" Brown; a sister, Goldie Anne; as well as her six children and six grandchildren, Pat, Josie, Maureen, Shelby, Kaylee, and Ben.

In lieu of flowers and donations, the family asks Janetta's many friends to spend time with family and friends to fondly



remember Janetta's love of life, laughter, and outspoken but accepting outlook on the wonderful journey of life.

The family of Janetta would also like to thank the Brendan House staff and patients for all their acts of kindness and care shown to Janetta and her family for the last few months.

A memorial service will be held on Tuesday at Trinity Lutheran Church at 2 p.m. with Pastor Darold Reiner officiating.

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

Mary Alma Mulford, 59

Mary Alma Mulford, 59, died on Wednesday, July 10, 2002, at her home in Kalispell.

She is survived by two sons, Charles Mason of Arkansas, and Christifer Allen Mulford of Kalispell; two daughters, Elizabeth Anne Mason of Cali-

fornia and Mary Belle Mason of Kalispell.

At her request, she will be cremated and no services will be held.

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

Howard Dean Mulvihill, 58

Howard Dean Mulvihill, 58, of Poulsbo, Wash., died July 21, 2002, at Harrison Hospital in Bremerton, Wash.

He is survived by his wife, Bev Mulvihill, and a son, Howard Dean Mulvihill Jr.

A memorial service will be

held at 1 p.m. Friday at Christ Memorial Church in Poulsbo. Interment will be at the Tahoma National Cemetery in Kent, Wash.

Arrangements are under the direction of Miller Woodlawn Funeral Home.

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Blanche Rosa Lee Murphy, 82

Blanche Rosa Lee Murphy, 82, passed away Tuesday, May 21, 2002, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

Blanche was born Oct. 17, 1919, at Brooks, Minn., the first of two children born to John and Martha Moxon. The family lived on a farm in Oklee, Minn. Blanche spoke fondly of her childhood on the farm, helping her father with farm chores, raising a pet lamb and riding her horse, Captain.

Blanche attended grade school and high school at Oklee and Plummer, Minn. She graduated from high school at age 16, and from Bemidji State Teacher's College at age 18. Blanche taught elementary school at Rabideau Lake, Black Duck, Nebish, and Puposky, Minn.

Blanche met Charles Murphy at Puposky. They were married on June 10, 1941, in Puposky. The couple moved to Seattle during World War II, where Charles drove truck for Louck Construction Company.

Blanche and Charles returned to Bemidji after the war. In 1952, they moved to Kalispell, and in 1959 to Columbia Falls. Blanche

taught school at Fairview, Helena Flats and Martin City. She also worked for five years at Sykes Grocery in Kalispell.

Blanche was preceded in death by her parents; her sister, Darlene; and her husband, Charles.

She is survived by her three children, Jon Murphy of Auburn, Wash., Janice Midyett of Missoula, and LaVonne Engman of Bellevue, Wash.; six grandchildren, Jon Engman, Joe Engman, Brenda Garafalo, Wendy Murphy, Sean Murphy and Shannon Murphy; three stepgrandchildren, Shirley Turner, Julie Toenyas, and Delores Irvin; nine great-grandchildren; one stepgreat-grandchild; and four stepgreat-great-grandchildren.

Blanche was very loved by her family and will be greatly missed.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held Sunday, June 30 at 11 a.m. at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Columbia Falls. Pastor John Olson will officiate.

Memorial donations may be made to the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Blanche's name.

Nancy Carol Musser

Nancy Carol Musser, daughter of Fred A. and Dorothy A. Musser, passed away in Indiana, Pa., on Thursday, March 14, 2002.

She was an active owner/partner of Musser Forest Inc., of Indiana, Pa., and is well-known throughout the horticultural communities in both the United States and Canada. She was a member of the American Nurserymen's Association; the Pennsylvania Nurserymen's Association; the National Mail Order Association; and Landscape Ontario.

Nancy graduated from the Indiana Laboratory School of Indiana University of Pennsylvania; the Northfield School in Northfield, Mass.; and the Carlton College in Northfield, Minn.

An avid traveler, she visited a large portion of the world as well as the American West, where she maintained a vacation home in Bigfork. Nancy participated in many trail-riding trips throughout the United States and Canada and was an accomplished artist in several media.

Nancy is survived by her brother, Fred A. Musser Jr. and his wife Ellen A. of Indiana; her sister, Dorothy "Betsy" Wolfe and her husband, F. Paul of Indiana; five nephews and three nieces, Mark W. Musser, Jeffrey A. Musser, Fred Musser III, and Kevin A. Musser, all of Indiana, Mark A. Anderson, M.D., of Atlanta, Ga., Malinda C. Anderson of Newark, N.J., Kristen Anderson Gribble of Toronto, Canada, Amy Anderson Yarnal of Potomac Falls, Va.; her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. John Simpson of Indiana; cousins, Janet Musser Kennish, Ann Peelor Clarkin, William Simpson and John Simpson.

Friends will be received today from 1 to 2 p.m. The service will begin at 2 p.m. at the Bowser-Minich Funeral Home, Indiana, with the Rev. Robert Dunsmore officiating. Interment will follow in the Grove Chapel Cemetery, adjacent to Musser Nursery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Visiting Nurses Extended Home Care, 4472 W. Pike Road, Indiana, PA 15701.

Pearl Charlotte Mutzenberger, 80

Pearl Charlotte Mutzenberger, 80, passed away peacefully on Thursday, Feb. 7, 2002, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center. She was born on April 11, 1921, in Drayton, N. D. to Carl and Louise Johnson.



Just prior to World War II, Pearl moved to Tuscon, Ariz., where she worked as a waitress. While there, she met and married Emery M. Mohn on August 31, 1945. Following the war, they moved to her husband's hometown, Kalispell, where she resided until her death. She was employed for many years in food service, including long-term employment at Rosauer's supermarket. In later life, she was the day manger at Kal-Clean Laundry, where she worked until her retirement. On May 26, 1978, she married Ted Mutzenberger.

Pearl was preceded in death by her husbands, parents, two brothers, Roger and Rodlin, and two sisters, Myrtel and Hazel.

She is survived by her son, Ron Mohn, of Columbia Falls; stepson Howard Mutzenberger of Kellogg, Idaho; two stepdaughters, Star Connerly of Lewiston, Idaho and Cricket Corbeill of Kellogg; seven stepgrandchildren; and 17 step-great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held on Friday at 11 a.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Following the service, a reception will be held in the basement community room of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Cremation has taken place and a private family interment will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations be sent to Wildlife Return, 37 Panoramic Drive, Kalispell, MT 59901 or to the donor's choice.

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

Merle I. Myers, 84

Merle I. Myers, 84, of Kalispell, died at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell on Wednesday, March 13, 2002.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Mason, in 1986.

She is survived by five sons, including Michael Myers of Kalispell, a sister, 13 grandchildren and eight great-

grandchildren.

A memorial Mass will be held on Wednesday at 11 a.m. at St. Richard's Catholic Church in Columbia Falls. Cremation has taken place by Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. Memorials are suggested to the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.