

MacDonald

Ronald Bourke MacDonald, 55, died Tuesday, Aug. 20, 2002, in his home, after a three-year struggle with cancer.

Ron was born Oct. 5, 1946, in Büfte, to Bourke and Almarie Parker MacDonald. He attended Immaculate Conception Grade School in Butte, Bellarmine Preparatory High School in San Jose, Calif., and Gonzaga University in Spokane, where he graduated with a bachelor's degree in 1968.

After earning his Juris Doctorate at the University of Montana School of Law in 1971, Ron remained in Missoula and practiced law, eventually becoming a founding partner in the law firm of Datsopoulos, MacDonald and Lind.

He married a fellow Gonzagan, Paddy O'Connell, and together they raised two children, Kerry and Shawn.

A formidable and focused courtroom opponent, Ron was well-known and often sought for his trial skills. During his career, Ron served on several charitable and business boards, including Montana Resources, Missoula Children's Theatre and Missoula Redevelopment Agency, where Ron was an 18-year member. During Ron's tenure as president of Missoula Country Club's board of directors, he negotiated and oversaw the new clubhouse building project. Ron lectured at UM's Law School, served on both Supreme Court and federal committees for uniform district court rules and was a member of the Montana and American Trial Lawyers associations.

The Western Montana Bar Association, where Ron once served as president, recently presented him with the Award for Outstanding Achievement in the Legal Profession. Earlier this year he was accepted into the American Board of Trial Advocates.

Ron's energy, strength and curiosity carried over into his private life. He skied, hunted, fished and sailed, rolled a mean dice cup and shot a poor-to-middling round of golf. He learned, in varying degrees, how to play the piano,



Ava Fionese MacDonald, precious infant daughter, was stillborn on Friday, Jan. 25, 2002, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

"Precious little one, we will surely miss the opportunity to love and care for you, but with sad heart understand that you are with our Heavenly Father in Heaven."

Ava is survived by her loving parents, Natasha Edwardson and Jared MacDonald; grandparents George and Peggy MacDonald, Jerry and Donita

Hebert and Deano and Kristine Edwardson; great-grandparents, Dick and Donna Tyree; and great-grandmother Doris Edwardson, all of Kalispell.

Private family services will be held, with interment to be at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Arrangements are under the direction of Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

This paid obituary is being run a second time at the request of the family.

banjo and clarinet. Ron loved gear, and he amassed an impressive collection of tents, rafts, scuba tanks, snowshoes, bicycles and fly rods.

Ron was a gourmet cook and an avid storyteller — of the longer variety. An inveterate Butte Irishman, Ron involved himself with Project Children, opening his and Paddy's home to a pair of Irish boys — one a Catholic and the other a Protestant — for two memorable summers.

Ron cherished Montana's land and waters. His involvement in turning Wild Horse Island, formerly owned by the MacDonald family, into a state park, as well as his ongoing efforts toward Missoula's downtown and riverfront restoration, were among Ron's proudest achievements.

He treasured his family and friends, and their calls and visits lightened Ron's heart during the last four months of his illness. Time spent with his children became more precious with each year, and Ron's greatest sadness was that his disease cut that time short.

Ron is survived by his wife, Paddy; their children, Kerry and Shawn, both of Seattle; and the following siblings and their spouses, Dona MacDonald and Steve Boyd of Seattle, Scott MacDonald and Robin Bennett of Bellevue, Wash., Shelley MacDonald and Jim Francesconi of Portland, and Dale MacDonald and Tom Auffenberg of St. Louis; along with numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts, in-laws and outlaws.

"How we all shall miss him."

There will be a vigil at 7 p.m. Sunday and a funeral Mass at 10:30 a.m. Monday, both at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Missoula. Following the church service, burial will be at St. Mary's Cemetery.

Garden City Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

The family thanks Dr. Bill Nichols for his excellent compassionate care.

A memorial scholarship fund in Ron's name is being established at the University of Montana Law School. Donations may be sent to the Ron MacDonald Scholarship Fund, Attn. Bob Burns, First Interstate Bank, 101 E. Front, Missoula, MT 59802.

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Ruth Wilder Macdonald, 100, passed away on Wednesday, Sept. 18, 2002, at Immanuel Lutheran Home.

Ruth was born on July 6, 1902, in DeSmet, Mont., to Lillian and Harry Wilder. Ruth worked with her father to develop cherry orchards on the east lakeshore of Flathead in the early 1900s.

Ruth married Alexander David Macdonald in April of 1931, in Kalispell. She worked as a secretary at the Flathead County High School for 23 years. She retired in 1966.

Ruth had traveled extensively, seeing Europe, Australia, New Zealand, the Orient and Alaska.

She was a lifetime member of



the Christ Church Episcopal, a member of the Heart Association, a 78-year member of the Eastern Star, and a member of the Daughters of the Nile. Ruth loved to play bridge and belonged to several bridge clubs.

She moved to Buffalo Hill Terrace in 1993, and into Immanuel Lutheran Home in 1998.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband.

She is survived by her daughter, Harriet Ulrich of Bigfork; grandchildren, Tom Ulrich of Bigfork, and Mary Clark and her husband, Gary Petruska, of Boise, Idaho; great-grandchildren, Marika Clark of Boise, and Cambria Ulrich of Bigfork.

Urn burial will be at 11 a.m. Monday at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery, with the Rev. Paul Taylor officiating.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Wanda Maguire, 79

Wanda Maguire, 79, of Kalispell, passed away Sunday, March 24, 2002, at the Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

Wanda was born April 4, 1922, in Great Falls, to John and Ida (Thorson) Odegard. She attended Great Falls schools and graduated from Great Falls High School in 1940.

After high school, Wanda began working at Safeway, and in 1945, she became secretary to the district manager. As a young career woman, Wanda joined her cousin in California where she worked for a year and a half before returning to her former job at the Safeway district office in Great Falls.

Wanda married Mel Maguire on Jan. 17, 1953, in Great Falls. A son, Van, was born in 1954, and a daughter, Colleen, in 1959. When her children were young, Wanda was active in their activities and became the first PTA president at Sunnyside Elementary School. When her children were older, Wanda returned to Safeway, where she worked again as the secretary to the district manager until 1983. In 1988, Wanda and Mel moved to Kalispell to be near their daughter, Colleen, and her family.

Wanda loved the outdoors and was an avid skier in her youth. She loved to go fishing and camping with her husband and children. She had a lifelong interest in conservation and protecting the environment, especially her beloved Montana.

She was an active member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church and was also a member of Eastern Star in Great Falls.



In Great Falls, Wanda was surrounded by her large and loving family — the Thorson Clan — and was busy with family activities. Wanda wrote in her diary: "My father taught me to value family. He believed you lived your life for your posterity," and Wanda lived that belief all her life. She corresponded with nieces, nephews, cousins, and even her cousin's children. She cast her love far and wide.

An avid reader all her life, Wanda had a keen intellect and a wry sense of humor that never failed her. In her 70s, she became computer savvy, and used the new technology to trace her Norwegian ancestors and to write histories of her large family.

She was preceded in death by her husband Melville Gordon Maguire on Dec. 23, 2001; her sister, Hazel Rustvold; and brother Harvey Odegard.

Mrs. Maguire is survived by her children, Colleen Wade, and husband, Pete, of Kalispell; her son, Van Maguire and wife, Therese, of Inver Grove Heights, Minn.; her grandson, Chase Campbell of Kalispell; her niece, Lorie Rustvold of Missoula; and nephews, Lance Olsen of Missoula, and Michael Odegard of Butte.

Visitation will be held at Johnson Mortuary Chapel today from noon to 6 p.m.

Memorial services will be Thursday at 1 p.m. at the Hillcrest Lawn Memorial Association (the mausoleum) in Great Falls. Entombment will follow at the mausoleum.

The family suggests memorials be given to the American Diabetes Association, 3203 Third Ave. N., Suite 203, Billings, MT, 59101.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Shirley Tuohy Mahan, 76

Shirley Tuohy Mahan, 76, passed away with grace at her home at 620 Madison Ave. on Saturday, March 30, 2002.

She was born Nov. 23, 1925, in Spokane. She attended Hawthorne Elementary School and graduated from Helena High School. She attended Montana State University in Bozeman where she belonged to the Pi Beta Phi sorority.

She was married to John "Jack" W. Mahan in Corpus Christi, Texas, on Aug. 4, 1943, on the day that her husband graduated as a Marine pilot second lieutenant. They resided in Arlington, Va., Washington, D.C., and Helena.

Shirley was a member of St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Helena, where she was a member of the Junior Cathedral Guild and the Altar Guild. She sang in the St. Peter's Choir. She was a member of the Daughters of the Nile, Sapphire Temple No. 79, and enjoyed many years in association with Philanthropic Educational Organization, or PEO, a women's philanthropic organization.

She played violin in the Helena Symphony and had a deep appreciation for classical music. She was a docent, both at the National Gallery of Art, when she lived in Washington, D.C., and at the Holter Museum in Helena. Her last tour as a docent of the National Gallery of Art was for the King Tut exhibit. She had a love and appreciation for fine art and pottery.

She was a member of the American Association of University Women. As a member, she helped teach English to the wives of foreign embassy officials in Washington, D.C. She was an alternate delegate to the 1964 Democratic National Convention that nominated Lyndon B. Johnson for president of the United States. She was also a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, Green

Meadow Country Club and the Montana Club.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Corabelle Tuohy; her father, Michael Tuohy; and her stepmother, Velda Tuohy.

She is survived by her husband; daughters Kim Dunham and her husband, John, of Snoqualmie, Wash., Shelley Picotte and her husband, Carter, of Helena, Bartley Aanenson and her husband, Bill, of Issaquah, Wash.; her son, John W. Mahan III M.D. and his wife, Leslie, of Great Falls; her sister, Jane Thayer and her husband, Gene, of Great Falls; her aunt, Myrtle Peak of Veradale, Wash.; eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held in Helena at St. Peter's Episcopal Church at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday. Interment of her ashes will be in the garden at St. Peter's Parish in Helena.

Memorials are suggested to St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 511 N. Park Ave., Helena, MT, 59601; Holter Museum of Art, 12 E. Lawrence, Helena, MT 59601, or Hospice of St. Peter's, 201 S. California, Helena, MT, 59601.

Ethel Main, 89

Ethel Main, 89, died Oct. 8, 2002, at her daughter's home in Whitefish.

She is survived by her daughter, Barbara Jacobs. A private burial with grave-

side services will take place at Sunset Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Bozeman.

Arrangements are under the direction of Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

Marguerite S. Managhan, 91

Marguerite S. Managhan, 91, passed away on Friday, Sept. 13, 2002, at Brendan House in Kalispell, two days prior to her 92nd birthday.

She was born Sept. 15, 1910, in Kalispell, to Martin and Mary Robertson.

Marguerite graduated from Flathead High School with emphasis in teacher training and then taught school at Batavia and Prospect Park schools until she married.

She married Carl Managhan on June 11, 1932. They were lifelong residents of the Flathead Valley, and raised five children. Many years were spent helping her husband in the Christmas-tree business. She cooked in logging and youth church camps.

Marguerite loved her family and friends and was always there with a smile and kind word. Guests were welcomed with Marguerite's special hospitality, a meal or a cup of coffee. She was proud of the fact that she made quilts for each of her children and grandchildren. She also crocheted many doilies and made clothes and bassinets for dolls.

She was a lifelong member of the First Presbyterian Church in Kalispell. In her final years, she enjoyed playing the piano for the residents of Brendan House and the special relationship she had



with her roommate, Sara Fine.

Marguerite was preceded in death by her parents; her loving husband, Carl; daughter, Ruth Daley; three infant children; grandsons, Russell Lynch and Shannon Managhan; five brothers; and three sisters.

She is survived by her daughter, Phyllis Lynch and husband, Bill, of Kalispell; sons, David Managhan and wife, Lois, of Kalispell, Gary Managhan and wife, Val, of Helena, and Jerry Managhan and wife, Sue, of Salem, Ore.; son-in-law James Daley of Kalispell; in-laws, Ray and Bernice Managhan, and Vivien Managhan, of Kalispell, Tom and Nellie Dishno of Thousand Oaks, Calif., and Doris Robertson of Belgrade; grandchildren, Mitchell and Brenda Lynch, Jody and Niki Lynch, Scott Managhan, Lisa Managhan, Brian and Pam Daley, Pat and Janet Daley, Tim and Pam Daley, and Dean Managhan; 14 great-grandchildren; and numerous friends and relatives.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel, with Pastor Glenn Burfeind of the First Presbyterian Church officiating. Burial will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Visitation will be on Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary.

The family suggests memorials to the charity of choice.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Gladys Sophia (Hanson) Manning, 92

Gladys Sophia (Hanson) Manning passed away Jan. 5, 2002, at the Brendan House in Kalispell at the age of 92.

Born April 3, 1909, in Odense, N.D., to Torbjor (Brandvold) Hanson and Julius S. Hanson. She experienced, first-hand, the life of a homesteader/pioneer. The family later moved to Bismarck so the children could get a good education.

She married Earl C. Manning on March 7, 1938, and resided in rural Creston and the Lower Valley until 1956, when Earl died suddenly from a heart attack. She then moved to Kalispell.

A graduate of Bismarck High, Dickinson Normal and the University of Montana, she taught in the rural schools of North Dakota and for 20 years in the Flathead Valley, Evergreen Elementary and Kalispell School District No. 5. In 1972, she retired to travel and enjoy her "golden years" with friends and loved ones. She was a lifelong member of the Lutheran Church and was involved in Eastern Star and the Sons of Norway and belonged to various teachers associations.

Gladys was preceded in death by her husband Earl; brothers Roy and Lloyd Hanson and sister Sessil Bauman.

She is survived by her daughter Maxine Katzer and husband Russ of Walnut Creek, Calif.; her son Charles Manning and wife Nancy of Kalispell; brother Mylen Hanson and sister-in-law Alyce of Sun City, Ariz.; sisters Lovetta Moeller of Tucson, Ariz., and Lillian Bymark of El Paso, Texas; sister-in-law Malinda Jessup of Kalispell; four grandsons, Ken and Kevin Christison and Chris and Mark Manning, and three great-grandchildren, Makena and William Christison and Lola Sophia Christison.

Gladys lived life to the fullest, was a devoted Christian, a dedicated teacher, who touched the lives of all who knew her. She regularly expressed her deep gratitude for her loving family and many close and loyal friends.



Honoring her request, cremation has taken place and a memorial service will be held in July 2002 for family and friends to gather, share memories and celebrate her life.

The family extends heartfelt thanks to the staff of Brendan House for their compassionate and loving care over the past two years.

Memorials may be made to the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Kalispell.

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Gladys Sophia (Hanson) Manning

Memorial services for Gladys Sophia (Hanson) Manning, who died Jan. 5, 2002, will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 27 at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church for family and friends.



Rose Cecilia Manning, 94

Rose Cecilia Manning, 94, passed away Wednesday, March 13, 2002, at her daughter's home in Kalispell.

Rose was born Oct. 6, 1907, in Worthington, Minn., to William and Matilda (Ortman) Weaver.

Rose grew up on the family farm in Wisconsin. She attended McPhail School of Music in Minneapolis and eventually taught piano. She married Melvin Manning on April 1, 1929, in Minneapolis. They were married for 60 years before his death.

Rose moved to the Flathead Valley in 1945 from Minneapolis. She fixed up the home on Patrick Creek Road from a shanty to a beautiful home. She did all the work on remodeling it to a modern home, which included digging all the holes for the plumbing. Rose stayed in her own home until she was 92 years old. Later, she moved into her daughter's home, where she passed away surrounded by her family.

Rose loved flowers and gardening, and loved huckleberry picking. Her last picking year was in August 1994. She also enjoyed sewing, needlework and reading her Bible.

She was active in the Catholic Church; Women's Parish Council;



and Catholic youth organizations, prayer groups and the Altar Society.

Rose was preceded in death by her husband, Melvin, her parents, 12 siblings and two grandsons.

Rose is survived by five daughters, Mary Ann Manning and husband, Mike, Jeannie Nelson and husband, Don, of Kalispell, Kathy Nockleby and husband, Paul, of Roseville, Minn., Marlene Garrison and husband, Dave, of Missoula, and Elaine Blotkamp of Billings; three sons, Ken Manning and wife, Marge, Don Manning and wife, Cathy, of Kalispell, and Virgil Manning and wife, Rosie, of Spokane; 25 grandchildren; 38 great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren.

Rosary services will be held at Johnson Mortuary on Sunday at 7 p.m. Visitation will be held on Sunday from 5 p.m. until the rosary.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Monday at 11 a.m. at St. Matthew's Catholic Church with the Rev. Vic Langhans as celebrant. Burial will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

The family suggests memorials to St. Matthew's Catholic School, 602 S. Main St., Kalispell, MT 59901 or to Hospice, 175 Commons Loop, Suite 100, Kalispell, MT 59901 or to the charity of your choice.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Violet Elma Slade Manweiler, 89

Violet Elma Slade Manweiler, 89, died Sept. 9, 2002, in Hoisington, Kan.

She was born Dec. 21, 1921, near Stafford, Kan., the daughter of Francis Byron and Lillian Jane (Marshall) Slade.

A resident of Kansas for most of her life, she moved from Hoisington to Marion, Mont. in 1973, then returned to Hoisington in 1996. She was a retired accountant with Manweiler Chevrolet Company.

On April 11, 1930, she married August Manweiler in Bushton. He died Sept. 26, 1993.

She attended Concordia Lutheran Church with her son and family.

Survivors include three sons and daughters-in-law, Larry and Ruby Manweiler of Hoisington, Gary and Raynetta Manweiler of Boerne, Texas, and Robert and Rachel Manweiler of Valparaiso, Ind.; one daughter and son-in-law, Sonya and Tom Bengé of Houston;

one sister, Freda Durant of Chula Vista, Calif.; nine grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and four step-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Edward and Boyd Slade; and two sisters, Dot Slade Maupin and infant, Iona Bernice Slade.

Prayer services will be held at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home. Friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. today, and from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday at the funeral home, and from 9:30 a.m. to service time Saturday at the church.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday at Concordia Lutheran Church with the Rev. Garry Dassow officiating.

Burial will be in the Hoisington Cemetery.

Memorials are suggested to Concordia Lutheran Church in Hoisington or the donor's choice in care of the funeral home.

James G. Mapston, 94

James G. Mapston, 94, of Polson died on Nov. 24, 2002, at his home from natural causes.

He worked on Cochrane Dam near Great Falls.

He is survived by a son and daughter, Donald Mapston and Elda Taylor, both of Polson.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to noon on Friday at Gro-

gan Funeral Home. Funeral Services will be at 2 p.m. on Friday at the First Baptist Church in Polson with the Rev. Rudy Ringhoff officiating. Interment will follow at Ronan Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Missions, c/o First Baptist Church, Polson.

Beulah Mary Maze, 82, passed away on Tuesday, Dec. 31, 2002, at her home in Kalispell. She was born June 11, 1920, in Alexander, N.D., to Lloyd and Leona (LaLonde) Overstreet.

She was raised and educated in Alexander and graduated from high school there. During World War II she was employed with the Boeing company as a riveter from 1942 to 1945. She then attended the Great Falls Academy of Beauty Cultures in 1946.

She married electrician Hyla Maze on Nov. 24, 1949, in Williston, N.D., and from 1955 to 1975, she traveled the country with him, following the construction trade.

In 1963, Beulah and the family settled in Kalispell, where Hyla worked on construction of the Lib-



by Dam. Beulah was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and friend. She was also a member of St. Matthew's Catholic Church and was an avid Braves baseball fan.

Beulah was preceded in death by her husband in 1988, her parents, two brothers who died at birth, and a sister, Lucille Maze.

She is survived by two daughters, Vallerie Boettcher, and husband David, and Muzzette Maze; a son, Michael Maze, and wife Kari, all of Kalispell; seven granddaughters, a grandson; 15 great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews; and her extended family at Glacier Manor.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11 a.m. on Saturday at St. Matthew's Catholic Church with Father Vic Langhans as celebrant.

Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday, followed by a rosary at 6 p.m., all at Johnson Mortuary Chapel.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Phillip Charles Marceau, 27

Phillip Charles Marceau, 27, formerly of Kalispell, died Thursday, April 18, 2002, in Reno, Nev.

He was born Oct. 15, 1974, in Kalispell, to Theresa and Phillip "Stu" Marceau.

He was preceded in death by his father, Phillip Marceau, and his grandparents, Charles and Elaine Miller.

He is survived by his mother and stepfather, Theresa and Sonny Bongard; his sisters, June Marceau of the Flathead Valley, and Michelle Cusick of Columbia Falls; and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, and nephews.

There will be a Memorial Mass held on Saturday at 10 a.m. at St. Richard's Catholic Church in Columbia Falls. The Rev. Joe Pat Moran will officiate.

There will also be a Memorial Mass on Saturday at 11 a.m. at the Little Flower Parish in Browning, with the Rev. Ed Kohler officiating. Inurnment will follow in the Willow Creek Cemetery in Browning.

Arrangements in Browning, are being handled by Day Family Funeral Home. Columbia Falls Mortuary is handling arrangements in Columbia Falls.

Annie M. Marsh, 93

Annie M. Marsh, 93, of Hot Springs, passed away May 9, 2002, at Evergreen Care Center.

She was born Oct. 27, 1908, at Dayton, Wyo., to William J. and Jennie Mock Croghan, the youngest of seven children. Annie grew up in Camas Prairie and rode horseback to school there.

She and Emil M. Marsh were married and had a daughter, Dixie. They were divorced and years later were free to remarry in 1982, and lived happily until Emil's death in 1999.

Annie worked several years as a nurse's aide in Missoula and a psychiatric aide in Arizona, where

she loved to live and travel

She is survived by daughter, Dixie Missman and husband, Bud, of Lakeside; four grandchildren, Nick Hansen, Cheri Sloan, Dave Missman and Bruce Missman; 10 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren; two stepdaughters, Jeanne Crismore and Lorraine Wiley; and numerous nieces and nephews. She will be missed by all.

Graveside services with urn burial will be Monday at Sunset Memorial Gardens at 2 p.m. A memorial service will be held Thursday, 2 p.m. at Hot Springs Care Center.

Earl Leslie Marsh

Earl Leslie Marsh died July 10, 2002, in Sun City, Ariz.

He is survived by four children.

A memorial service will be at 7 p.m. Sunday at the home of Jim Crow, 1744 First Avenue W., Kalispell.

Rev. Elden Harold Martens, 88

The Rev. Elden Harold Martens, 88, formerly of Whitefish, passed away Sunday, March 17, 2002, in Kent, Wash.

Elden was born to Henry and Louisa Martens on December 23rd, 1913, at Freedom, Neb., one of 10 children. He was baptized into the Christian faith on September 20th, 1914, at Trinity Lutheran Church, Bartley, Neb., and confirmed his faith, along with his sister, Ellenor, on April 10th, 1927, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Moorefield, Neb..

Elden was educated at Concordia for high school in Seward, Neb., and Concordia College in Missouri. He attended Concordia Theological Seminary, Springfield, Ill., and spent his vicarage at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Westfield, Texas.

Upon graduation from the seminary on June 6th, 1942, Martens served at St. John's Lutheran Church and School, Topeka, Kan.; where he and Alvina Wooster were joined in marriage on September 23rd, 1942.

Martens served other Lutheran congregations in Powhattan, Kansas (1943-1944); Wathena, Kansas (1944-1946); Ludell, Kansas (1946-1954); Clearwater, Nebraska (1954-1956); Frazee, Minnesota

(1956-1977); Kalispell, Columbia Falls, and Whitefish, Montana (1977-2001). He ministered numerous times as vacancy pastor and circuit counselor, and was an elected member of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod's Board of Appeals from 1967 through 1983.

Preceding him in death include his wife of 50 years, Alvina; his parents, Henry and Louisa; brothers, George, William and Reinhold; and sisters Eva and Elena.

Martens is survived by four children, Earl (Mary), Maple Grove, Minnesota; Gary (Sandy), Haltom City, Texas; Raymond (Prisca), Columbia, Maryland; Helen (Tom), Kent, Washington; eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; brother, August, Scottsbluff, Nebraska; sisters, Emma Richert, Gresham, Nebraska; Ellenor Mollhoff, Tilden, Nebraska; and Lillian Wenzel, Willow City, North Dakota.

A service of celebration for his life and ministry will be held this Saturday, April 6, 2002, at Trinity Lutheran Church, 400 W California St, Kalispell, MT.

Memorials may be given to Lutheran World Relief, PO Box 17061, Baltimore, MD 21298-9831.

Clarence S. 'Doc' Martin, M.D., 84

Clarence S. "Doc" Martin, M.D., 84, "went to be with his Lord Jesus", Wednesday, April 17, 2002, as a result of an accident near his home in Star Meadows, west of Whitefish.

Doc was born March 13, 1918, to Moravian church missionaries, Johann Theophilus and Elizabeth Romig Martin. He received his medical degree in 1943 from the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine. He was inducted into the U.S. Army and served as a physician and surgeon during World War II and was honorably discharged in 1946.

He met Dora Wolsky while serving in the Army, and the two were married March 13, 1946, in Seattle. Doc and Dora provided a total of 36 years of medical service in Stutsman County, N.D., practicing in the communities of Kensal and Medina. Doc loved his obstet-



rics practice and delivered more than 2,000 babies in his career. Doc retired from his practice in the fall of 1984. Doc was extremely involved in church activities at St. Peters Lutheran Church in Whitefish.

Doc was preceded in death by four brothers, four sisters and a grandson, Aaron Martin.

He is survived by his wife, Dora, in Star Meadows; his children, Jonathan and his wife, Alice, of Great Falls, Timothy and his wife, Dr. Irene, in Kalispell, Michael and his wife, Debra, in Electric City, Wash., Peter and his wife, Stacie, in Scottsdale, Ariz., Tamara and her husband, Wayne Moser, in Butte; and 12 grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Monday at the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish. Memorial service will be 10 a.m. Wednesday at St. Peters Catholic Church in Whitefish with the Rev. Marty Kaarre officiating. Burial will occur at Star Meadows at the family cemetery.

Gaither Donald Martin, 76

Gaither Donald Martin, 76, of Columbia Falls, passed away Thursday, July 25, 2002, at Brendan House.

He was born March 14, 1926, in Carlton, Mont., to Gaither R. and Clara M. Martin.

He attended many schools and finished at Central School in Missoula in 1939.

He spent four years working for carnivals. In 1943, he enlisted in the Navy and served on the USS Wasp. He was discharged in 1946. He enlisted in the Army in 1949, and retired in 1969. He served in World War II, the Korean conflict, and in Vietnam. He received many medals, including the Bronze Star twice for valor.

He was married to Doris E. Halvorson in 1951, in Missoula. They moved to the Flathead Valley in 1975. He worked as a truck driver until his retirement in 1991.

After his retirement, Don enjoyed shooting pool, playing music, and volunteering with RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program). You could find him blessing people with his fiddle, mandolin, and guitar playing every Friday afternoon with a

group of musicians he started called the Jammers. He also would go out with the North Valley Troubadours. They would sing and play for the vets and nursing homes in the valley.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his wife of 46 years, Doris, in 1997.

Don is survived by his partner, Marie Basaraba; and his children, Boni Dummier, Pat Kelley, Kandee Pierce, Gaither Martin Jr. and Ken Martin; his brothers, Gene, Jim and Jack Martin; his sisters, Grace Tanner and Margaret Jo Puller; 14 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A graveside service will be held Monday at 2 p.m. at Woodlawn Cemetery. Military graveside honors will be provided by the United Veterans of the Flathead.

A reception will follow the graveside service at the Senior Citizens Center in Columbia Falls until 5 p.m.

Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is in charge of arrangements.

Josephine 'Rusty' White Martin, 83

Josephine "Rusty" White Martin, 83, died Monday, Sept. 23, 2002, at Mountain View Manor in Eureka.

She is survived by a daughter, Carol Joanne Rynearson of Eureka, and a son, Rulon Mar-

tin of Libby.

Services will be held Wednesday at 1 p.m. at Tobacco Valley Cemetery in Eureka.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nelson and vial Funeral Home in Libby.

Larry L. Martin, 62

Larry L. Martin, 62, of Great Falls, passed away at his home on Saturday, March 16, 2002.

Larry was born in Carson City, Mich., on Oct. 21, 1939.

He was a longtime Montana resident with a long and prosperous career in the trucking industry. His most recent employer was Missoula Freightliner.

Larry loved his country and proudly served in the United States Navy aboard the USS Essex at the Bay of Pigs.

Larry was a wonderful, loving family man and will be so very greatly missed.

He is survived by his wife Jennial "Jenny" of Great Falls; four children and seven grandchildren; a son, Layne Martin and his wife, Wendy, and their children, MacKenzie and Logan, of Billings; daughter Kari Jones and her husband, Dan, and their children, Vanessa and Parker, of Billings; daughter Michelle Craig and her

husband, Jason, and their daughter, Miranda of Mesa, Ariz.; stepdaughter Shelly Stark and her husband Lance, and their children, Rachael and Luke, of Ronan; a sister, Dixie Todd and her husband, Tom, and their children of Michigan; one aunt, Elaine Bragger of North Carolina.

Larry's wife and family would like to thank the very thoughtful friends who so faithfully visited and called him during his illness. His friends and family meant so much to him.

Visitation will be held at Garden City Funeral Home in Missoula on Friday from 2 to 5 p.m. Services will be Saturday at noon at Atonement Lutheran Church in Missoula, with a reception to follow at the church.

Memorials are suggested to Peace Hospice of Great Falls, 1101 26 S., Great Falls, MT 59405; or Bethel Youth/Habitat for Humanity, 1009 18th Ave. SW, Great Falls, MT 59404.

Mary Elizabeth (Slayton) Martinsen, 81

Mary Elizabeth (Slayton) Martinsen, 81, loving wife, mother, teacher and friend, passed away Wednesday evening, April 3, 2002, at her home in Hardin.



She was born Oct. 26, 1920, in Virginia, Minn., the daughter of John Albert and Eunice (Dennis) Slayton. She was raised with her younger brother, Jack, on the family ranch west of Lavina, completing her secondary education in Ryegate. She graduated from Montana State College in Bozeman in 1942, with a degree in education. She continued her avid support of the Bobcats as an alumni for the next 60 years.

On March 15, 1947, she married Roy Martinsen of Butte, in Bozeman. They lived in Missoula and Shawmut before moving to the St. Xavier and the Hardin area. Here, she put down her roots and raised their children, and for 50 years, touched the community in many ways.

Mary loved Montana and the Western life, hunting, camping, fishing, boating and rodeos, were just a few of her favorites. As a physical education teacher and coach at Hardin High School for 29 years, she was rewarded many times over by her students, fellow teachers and the community. She was a mom that led 4-H clubs, drove kids all over the state of Montana to basketball and football games, wrestling matches, track meets and, of course, rodeos. She enthusiastically continued the support of all her grandchildren and rarely missed an event.

Mary and Roy loved to travel, and they visited many of our great states, besides taking a number of memorable cruises and fishing trips to Canada. After retiring

from teaching, the world of antique shows kept her and Roy busy, along with her new love of quilting.

She will always be remembered for her beautiful smile, vivacious energy and positive will to accomplish whatever she set her mind to, as well as her love of all people, her horses, dogs and many cats.

She was active in the Undercover Gals Quilt Guild, ADK, Eastern Star, the Montana State University Alumni Association and the Big Horn County Historical Museum.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents, Bert and Eunice, and her brother, Jack.

She is survived by her husband, Roy; a son, Roy Michael Martinsen of Columbia Falls; daughters, Susan Turner and her husband Don of Cave Creek, Ariz., and Flathead Lake, Kathy McDowell of Alder, Patti Holland and her husband Tom of Dillon, and (special daughter) Georgia Lee Forney and her husband, Larry Dorn, and their children, Kelby and Bryant of Hardin; her grandchildren, the "light of her life," Matt Maierle and his wife, Shawn, of Portland, Robert Turner and his wife, Erin, of Denver, Stephen Turner of Spokane, Travis McDowell of Bozeman, Troy McDowell of the U.S. Navy, Jamie McDowell of Missoula, Daniel Martinsen of Bozeman, Gabriel Martinsen of Columbia Falls, Becci Snowden of Missoula, Mandi Holland of Fort Collins, Colo., Tyler Holland of Bozeman and Jordan Holland of Alva, Okla.; and two great-grandchildren, Darrin and Brea Ann of Missoula.

Funeral services have already been held at the First Congregational Church in Hardin, with interment at Hardin Fairview Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made in Mary's name to the Big Horn County Historical Museum in Hardin.

James 'Jim' Mather, 62

James "Jim" Mather, 62, passed away Sept. 9, 2002, at St. Joseph Hospital in Polson.

He was born April 20, 1940, in Flint, Mich., to James and Natalie (Cranston) Mather. He moved to Kalispell at the age of five and graduated from Flathead County High School in 1958.

He lived and worked in Ogden, Utah for 13 years, working at Sears. In 1984, Jim returned to his home in Pablo where he owned and operated Telecom Electronics. He was a third degree mason.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents and his mother.

He is survived by his wife, Iva; stepson Tony and his wife, Shannon, of Polson; son Tony Mather of Las Vegas; daughter Natalie of Pablo; three grandchildren; sister Natalie Betten and husband, Cliff, of Roy, Utah; and brother, Tony Mather and his wife, Pat, of California.

Visitation will be held today from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on Friday from 9 a.m. to noon. Graveside services will be held on Friday at 2 p.m. at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Maremah Tirzah Mathews, 88

Maremah Tirzah Mathews, 88, passed away peacefully in her sleep on Thursday afternoon, Dec. 26, 2002, at the Crest Nursing Home in Butte.



Maremah was born in Putnam County, Mo., on March 13, 1914, to Noah and Clarisa McHenry.

She married Lee R. Mathews on July 5, 1931, in Milan, Mo.

Throughout her life, Maremah was a loving wife, mother and grandmother. She will be greatly missed by all of her family and friends.

Maremah was preceded in

death by her husband, Lee, in 1977; her parents; sisters, Ulma, Ann, Arla, Opal and Georgie; son-in-law, Tom Shykes; daughter-in-law, June Mathews; and great-grandson, Shane Singer.

Maremah is survived by her daughter, Arma Shykes in Butte; sons, Lee Jr. and Carol in Snohomish, Wash., Lyle and Patsy Edwards in Butte, and Marvin and Monica in Arlington, Wash. She also is survived by 10 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

There will be a visitation at 10 a.m. on Friday in the First Baptist Church in Eureka, followed by services at 11 a.m. Interment will be at the Tobacco Valley Cemetery next to her husband Lee.

Jennifer Helen 'Jenni' May, 24

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"The Good Lord called Jenni May, 24, of Martin City, early Sunday morning, July 14, 2002 and took her from us unexpectedly as she was motorcycling to Columbia Falls to see her family."



She was born to Fred and Cheryl Richmond on October 16, 1977 in Whitefish. "Jenni lived in and was active in many activities around Columbia Falls during her short stay with us." She attended Columbia Falls school system and graduated in 1996. She excelled in many activities such as track, basketball, volleyball, softball, band and choir. She enjoyed O-mok-seeing with her father during her busy school years. Jenni's teammates and classmates enjoyed her always "upbeat, positive outlook" whether the team was winning or losing. She was always there for her family and friends to give a helping hand regardless of need.

Jenni and Josh May became inseparable partners shortly before graduating high school. The two of them enjoyed an endless list of activities together while making their home in Martin City, including snowmobiling, fishing, hunting, and camping or any outdoor activity.

Jenni and Josh were married Sept. 18, 1999, and brought two beautiful children into the world, their son, Dalton, 3 and their daughter Harley, 2. Jenni's unconditional love for her children can easily be seen in the sparkle in their eyes.

Jenni leaves this world a much better place having touched the lives of so many, through her school job, which she had a passion for, and all the other adventures she shared with her family

and friends. She recently organized a surprise 25th wedding anniversary for her parents, Fred and Cheryl, which was an unbelievable success. Jenni also presented an extremely professional motivational speech that came from her heart to the 2002 graduating class at the Eagle School. Just a few days ago, Jenni also fulfilled a dream of hers by donating most of her beautiful auburn hair to Locks of Love Foundation, a special program for children with cancer. She was always so pleased to help others less fortunate. Jenni will be greatly missed by all.

She will be remembered most for her uncommon thoughtfulness, her beautiful smile and personality, her strong beliefs and her ability to achieve these, her sense of humor and laugh and mostly her unquestionable love for her family.

Jenni is survived by her husband, Josh, her "firecracker" son Dalton, and her "spunky" daughter Harley; her loving parents, Fred and Cheryl Richmond; her "cowboy" brother Ben; her mother-in-law, Jody May; brother-in-law, Jake and his fiancée, Kenya Riley; her grandparents, numerous aunts and uncles, cousins, and many, many friends.

Memorials may be made to Dalton and Harley's college fund at the Park Side Federal Credit Union in Columbia Falls.

Visitation will be Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Columbia Mortuary. The casket will not be opened after the service. A funeral service will be held Friday at 2 p.m. at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. The Rev. Tod Fox will officiate. Burial will follow in Woodlawn Cemetery.

A reception will follow the graveside committal at her parents home at 3219 Columbia Falls Stage Road.

Frankie L. Mayo, 46

Frankie L. Mayo, 46, of Butte, died Oct. 24, 2002.

He was born in El Paso, Ark., on Oct. 28, 1955, to Pat and Irene Mayo. He attended schools in Arkansas and joined the U.S. Navy in 1970. He was stationed in San Diego until 1974.

He moved to Lolo in 1977, where he met Bobbi Mills. They married June 20, 1981, and had a son on Sept. 7, 1983. They moved to Columbia Falls in 1983, where he worked as a carpenter.

His father preceded him in death.

He is survived by his son, Clinton Mayo; his mother, Irene Brock, of Conway, Ark.; his ex-wife, Bobbi Mayo; one brother, Larry Carmichael and Diane of Wooster, Ark.; and two sisters, Rena Lee Outlaw and John of Rison, Ark. and Rebecca Lynn Mayo of Springdale, Ark.; along with numerous aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews. He is also survived by some very special peo-

ple who were involved in his life, including Rena Vandroof of Springdale, Ark., Lester and Ruth Rhodes of Springdale, Ark., Bob and Donna Franchuck of Lolo, Tek Mills of Lolo, Mary Rozzoni of Whitefish, and many other friends.

He loved to fish, hunt and go camping with his friends and family. He liked to travel almost as much as he liked spending time in the outdoors. He was one of the most looked upon carpenters in the Flathead Valley for several years before moving to Butte.

He was employed by Swank Construction at the time of his death.

A memorial service will be in Townsend. Funeral services will be in Springdale, Ark., at a later date.

Memorials may be sent to Clinton Mayo, c/o Park Side Federal Credit Union, P.O. Box 1453, Columbia Falls, MT 59912.

Myrtle A. McAlear, 86

Myrtle A. McAlear, 86, of Libby died Monday, June 3, 2002, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

She was born March 21, 1916.

She and her husband ran the McAlear Dairy in Polson until 1947. She worked as a meat cutter at Rosauers and The Warehouse until her retirement at age 68.

She is survived by her sons, DeWayne McAlear of Twin

Bridges, Larry McAlear of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and Richard McAlear of Nampa, Idaho; a daughter, Marlene Herried, of Libby.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday at the Grogan Funeral Home in Polson. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Polson Community Church. Burial will follow at Lakeview Cemetery in Polson.

Virginia May McAllister, 91

Virginia May McAllister, 91, passed away on Wednesday, May 1, 2002, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

She was born on Jan. 16, 1911, in Baldbluff, Ill., to John and Nancy (Raines) Stubbs.

She married Winfred "Mac" McAllister. He passed away in 1981. They had been married for 54 years.

Virginia had been a resident of Montana since 1955. Her favorite saying was, "Her kids kept her young." She loved nature and found beauty in the tiniest wildflower. She was well known for baking the greatest homemade bread in the world. She was a great seamstress, having made many of her nine children's garments over the years.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a granddaughter,

Brenda Clarke; a great-granddaughter, Casey Clarke; and her husband, Mac McAllister.

She is survived by her nine children; daughters, Vera Ranen of Minnesota, Patricia Goodsell of Montana, Judy Russell of Washington, Ginny Kengerski and Linda Sturtz, both of Montana; her sons, Don, Stan and John McAllister of Washington and J.R. McAllister of Montana.

Visitation will be today from noon to 5 p.m. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Burial will follow at C.E. Conrad Cemetery.

A reception will be held at the home of Hank and Ginny Kengerski at 451 North Hill Road, Kalispell, following the services.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Randy Douglas McCarthy, 39

Randy Douglas McCarthy, 39, father, Benjamin McCarthy, of Arizona, died July 27, 2002, at the home of his mother in Kalispell.

He is survived by his son, Joshua McCarthy of Haines, Ore.; his mother, Sharon Eskildsen, of Kalispell; and his

No services are scheduled at this time.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Sandra Lee McCallum, 54

Sandra Lee McCallum, 54, passed away Saturday, Aug. 3, 2002, at Brendan House in Kalispell after a lengthy battle with cancer.

She was born July 14, 1948, in Roanoke, Va., to Henry and Leona Wilson. She was an only child.

She was married to Donald Dunlap, and a son, Thomas, was born to them. They were later divorced. In 1987, she married Douglas McCallum in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. They lived in the Columbia Falls area since then. Two daughters were born to them.

Sandra worked for the Department of Transportation in Washington D.C. in her earlier years and later was a housewife and mother. She was a talented

craftsperson, doing counted cross stitch and miniature furniture.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and several aunts and uncles.

Sandra is survived by her husband, Douglas and her daughters, Shirley Leona and Kimberly Lee at the family home near Columbia Falls; her son, Thomas Dunlap and his wife, Tanya, of Kalispell; and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins in the Virginia and Tennessee area.

Visitation will be today from 1 to 8 p.m. at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. A graveside service will be held Thursday at 2 p.m. at Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls. Rev. David Kauffman will officiate.

Patrick L. McCann, 50

Patrick L. McCann, 50, died Monday, Aug. 5, 2002, at his home in Libby.

He was employed by the St. Regis Paper Company and later, Champion International in Libby until 1986.

He is survived by daughters, Jessica Diller of Tacoma, Wash., and Bernadette McCann of Libby.

Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated Monday at 10:30 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Libby with the Rev. Dan Driscoll as celebrant. Interment services will follow at 3 p.m. at Tobacco Valley Cemetery in Eureka. Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Libby.

Lois McClurg, 79

Lois McClurg, 79, passed away Oct. 12, 2002, at Lake View Care Center in Bigfork.

Lois was born on Dec. 3, 1908, in Fresno, Calif., just 12 minutes after her twin



brother, Lauren. One of 10 children, she spent her childhood with love, laughter, play and hard work. Throughout life, into her 90s, she retained a childlike playfulness and delight in life that endeared her to all she met.

In 1937, she married Marion McClurg, a pig farmer and ranger in King's Canyon National Park. She bore three children while teaching at a two-room schoolhouse. Always optimistic and "a good sport," she agreed to leave her clan and move in 1947 to the Flathead Valley, where she was a pioneer wife and mother, jostling bears, pigs and her children while her husband worked on the Hungry Horse Dam.

In 1956, she resumed teaching at the junior high level, first at Somers and then in Bigfork where she remained until retirement in the late 70's. Her fondness for teaching was rivaled only by her affinity for recess and sports. Outdoors always beckoned, and she relished hunting, fishing, gardening, hiking and studying nature from her picture windows.

Her hearty appetite extended to the kitchen, and she was an outstanding cook, blithely "tossing"

together pies and a batch of bread between "putting up" the season's bounty. Above all, she loved people, and when not entertaining friends or relatives, she wrote letters and stories. In retirement, she and Mac spent their winters in California visiting friends and relatives, and returning to their beloved Flathead each spring.

Her generous spirit, humor and quick wit, like spring brooks, always will be cherished.

Lois is preceded in death by her husband Marion; her son Keith; and eight of her nine siblings. True to her selfless nature, when they died, she said, "I wish I could have given them some of my years. I've had such a lovely life."

She is survived by a son, Lauren and Merilee McClurg of Bigfork; a daughter, Marlo and Bob MacKinnon of Sacramento, Calif.; a grandson, Nicolas and Renee of Berkeley, Calif.; granddaughters, Anji and Dave Walters of Deer Park, Wash., Meika McClurg of Toronto, Ontario, and Cady McClurg of Ft. Collins, Colo.; and her great-grandchildren, Dustin, Kaylee and Amanda Walters.

All friends are invited to a celebration of life at the home of Lauren and Merilee McClurg in January on a date to be announced.

In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to the Lois McClurg Scholarship Fund for the Bigfork School District or charity of your choice.

Bigfork Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Lois McCluskey, 78

Lois McCluskey, 78, died Friday, Sept. 20, 2002, at her home in Enumclaw, Wash. She was a resident of Kalispell from age 3 until 1951.

She was a clerk for Puget Power for 30 years.

She is survived by her husband, Kent McCluskey; a son, Brian McCluskey; and a daughter, Jennifer

Gustafson.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. today at Trinity Lutheran Church in Enumclaw.

Arrangements are under the direction of Weeks' Enumclaw Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to Trinity Lutheran Church, 1535 Washington Ave., Enumclaw, WA 98022.

Robert Warren McConkey, 81

Robert Warren McConkey, 81, passed away on Sunday, Sept. 22, 2002, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

He was born in Belt on Nov. 20, 1920, to Leon A. and Ruth

(Atkinson) McConkey. As a little boy, he rode horseback through eighth grade to Warrick School, which was 27 miles from home. He graduated in 1939 from Big Sandy High School.

At 21, he enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps, where he initially started pilot training. He later became a parachute rigger and was honorably discharged.

He and his uncle, Joe Morris, opened a Kyser Frazer Garage in Belt, but couldn't get any cars so he decided to go back to school in Moorehead, Minn., using his G.I. Bill to become an electrician and welder. He worked for a year or so at Chateau, where he met his future wife. He married Marian Packer on Dec. 11, 1948, in the Havre Methodist Church.

From that point, he moved on to O'Neil Construction Ranch and worked as a foreman for four years. He then bought a ranch in Ronan and ran it for 34 years. He then moved to Corvallis for three years before coming to Kalispell in 1990.

Robert was a past master of the Masonic Blue Lodge in Polson, where he was also a Scottish Rite and Algerian Temple Shriner. He actively involved for 49 years



with the Masons.

He made and sold more than 110 macrame chairs. He loved his cattle and his ranch. He shipped calves on stock trains and was a head of that association.

Robert was preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Inez McConkey Peterson in 1999; one brother, Royal McConkey in 2001; a double cousin in 1949; and several cousins, aunts and uncles.

He is survived by his wife, Marian, of Kalispell; two sons, Larry McConkey and wife Debra, of Youngsville, La., and Warren McConkey and wife Betty, of Bigfork; one daughter, Margaret Theriault and husband Alvin, of Philipsburg; 10 grandchildren, Trevor, Aaron, Rebecca, Stacy, Ryan, Heather, Charlotte, Charity, Christopher and Chadley; brother-in-law, Julius Peterson of Big Sandy; sister-in-law, Delores McConkey of Missoula; nephews, Jerry Peterson of Big Sandy, and Leon Peterson of Blackfoot, Idaho; nieces, Sharon Patterson of St. Regis, and Bonnie Clixby of Missoula; and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Marvin Northcutt officiating. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be held Thursday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Shrine Transportation Fund, c/o Gale Henderson, P.O. Box 762, Kalispell, MT 59903.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Margret Idale McCormick, 84

Margret Idale McCormick, 84, passed away on Dec. 11, 2002, in Redmond, Wash. after a long and courageous battle with diabetes.

Margret was born Sept. 26, 1918, in Havre, to Elizabeth and Evan Harris. After attending school in Havre, Margret attended and graduated from Butte Business College in 1942.

In 1940, she met Manly McCormick and in 1943 they were married prior to him leaving for the South Pacific during World War II. Upon his return in 1945, they opened a drugstore in Butte. They had their three children while in Butte. In 1954, they moved to Kalispell where they raised their family.

Margret was actively involved with civic groups as well as the Episcopal church. This is where she became a lay reader as well as a member of The Order of Saint Helena.

Margret was also instrumental in the creation of Flathead Valley Community College. She was their first secretary and registrar.

In 1980, Margret and her husband "Mac" moved to Vancouver,

Wash., where they enjoyed their favorite golf course at Fairway Village. After 48 years of marriage, her husband, Mac McCormick, passed at the age of 90.

Margret volunteered her time with the Episcopal church and traveled extensively throughout Europe and Australia.

Margret is survived by her three daughters, Margret and husband, Stan Palmer, of Phoenix, and grandsons, Jason and wife, Kelli Palmer, and Stuart Palmer, Mary and husband, David Busse, and grandchildren, Heather and Christopher, of Diamond Bar, Calif., and Jessie and husband, Dan Gard, and grandchildren, Megan Black of Helena, and James and wife, Andrea Black, and great-granddaughter Logan Nicole Black, of Aurora, Colo.

"A Bright Light" belongs to all who knew her.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial will be held at a later date.

Contributions may be sent to the Good Shepherd Arbor Society, 805 South East Ellsworth Road, Vancouver, WA 98664.

Billiesue M. McCully, 31

Billiesue M. McCully, 31, of Hungry Horse, died Aug. 26, 2002, at the North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

She is survived by her parents, Kenneth and Linda

McCully of Martin City. No services are planned at this time.

Arrangements are under the direction of Columbia Mortuary of Columbia Falls.

Fred H. McDougall, 62

Fred H. McDougall, 62, died Wednesday, Nov. 13, 2002, near Troy.

He ran the Troy Saverite; then worked on the Libby Dam project. He was an excavation contractor, operating McDougall Enterprises until the time of his death.

Survivors include his wife, Marilyn, at the family home in Troy; a son, Cecil McDougall of Troy; and a daughter,

Heather McDougall of Missoula.

Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. today and until noon Saturday at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Libby. Services will follow at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Troy United Methodist Church with the Rev. Joel Eikomskead and the Rev. Gene Bushnell officiating. Interment services will follow at Milnor Lake Cemetery.

Robert Irvin 'Bob' McDowell, 70

Robert Irvin "Bob" McDowell, 70, passed away Aug. 26, 2002, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

He was born Dec. 27, 1931, in Bozeman, to Orland and Agnes McDowell.

He graduated from Whitehall High School and served in the U.S. Navy from 1951 through 1955.

In 1955 he married Rita K. Maurer in Kalispell.

Bob worked in the sheet metal business for more than 20 years, and later started his own heating and cooling business, which he retired from seven years ago.

He designed and built his own home in Columbia Falls.



He was well loved and respected by family and friends, a man of wit and humor who will be greatly missed.

He is survived by his wife, Rita McDowell of Columbia Falls; sons, Dan McDowell and his wife, Bonnie Buls of Kalispell, and Greg McDowell and his wife Monique of Kaneohe, Hawaii; sisters, Helen McDivitt of Kalispell, and Juanita Clark of Bozeman; sister-in-law Maxine McDowell of Kalispell.

Memorials may be made to Creston Volunteer Fire Department.

Cremation has taken place and a graveside memorial service will take place at 2 p.m. on Saturday at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

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

James P. McFarland, 90

James P. McFarland, 90, former chairman of General Mills, died Friday, May 10, 2002, in Wayzata, Minn.

After graduating from the Tuck Business School at Dartmouth College in Hanover, N.H., McFarland went to work for General Mills during the Depression, selling bags of flour and boxes of Wheaties. It was the only company he ever worked for, ending up as chairman and chief executive officer. During the '70s, he helped the Golden Valley food-industry giant triple its business.

Starting in 1934, McFarland was a regional sales manager, based in Great Falls, where he met and married his wife, Shirley, who was a school teacher there.

McFarland retired from General Mills at the mandatory retirement age of 65, in 1977. A great believer in human ingenuity, he said in a speech that year, "I don't think

we're hapless captives. I think we have the capability of continuing to grow and produce and to have a better quality of life, better health and greater longevity."

In retirement, McFarland maintained a consulting business while spending time in seasonal homes in Wayzata; Carefree, Ariz.; and West Glacier.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Shirley, in 1996.

He is survived by his daughter, Jill L. Wilburn, of San Jose, Calif.; and a son, Jeffrey, of Hollywood, Calif.; and grandchildren, Sara Rogers and B.J. Wilburn of San Jose, Calif.

Memorials may be made in his name to the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth College, Hanover, N.H., or the charity of donor's choice.

David Lee Funeral Home in Wayzata, Minn., was in charge of arrangements.

Rose Wagoner McFarlane, 75

Rose (Wagoner) McFarlane, 75, passed away June 24, 2002, at her home in Edmonds, Wash., with family by her side.

Rose was born Jan. 2, 1927, in Daleview, Mont., to Joe Wagoner and Beulah Alexander Wagoner. She moved to Bigfork with the family at a young age, where she attended school and graduated.

She then went to Seattle, where she met and married Bob McFarlane, a marriage that lasted 54 years.

She was an avid gardener and loved to boat and fish. She enjoyed



her grandchildren, Steve and Wesley Korbein.

The last year she battled cancer at home. Her husband, son and daughter took wonderful care of her.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and brother, Raymond Wagoner.

She is survived by her husband Bob; a son, Gary McFarlane; a daughter, Sandy Korbein, of Edmonds, Wash.; a brother, Joseph Wagoner of Kalispell; two sisters, Fairy Waters of Issaquah, Wash., and Ruby Strodeimier of Covington, Wash.; also many relatives and friends who will miss her.

A memorial service was held at her daughter's home for family members. Her brother conducted the service.

Thomas S. 'Mac' McIntyre, 46

Thomas S. "Mac" McIntyre, 46, died Feb. 28, 2002, of cancer.

He was born March 20, 1955, the son of Mary and E.S. "Mac" McIntyre.

He grew up in Hardin and went to college at the University of Colorado in Fort Collins and the University of Montana in Missoula.

He lived in Colorado, Wyoming, Washington and the last 14 years resided in Whitefish. He worked as a heavy equipment operator for a time; and spent the last 22 years as a free-lance land and timber broker.

He was an avid skier all his life; loved the outdoors; and loved to fly. He was a member of the Montana Pilots Association and president for two years of the glider club, Glacier Eagle Soaring Club. He participated in Angel Flight, an organization that helps people without means who are ill, or their loved ones, who needed transport to and from treatment centers.

He was always helping friends, family and strangers in big and small ways. He especially encouraged young people to fly, believe in themselves and follow their dreams. He was a man with a very big heart. He will be missed by those who loved him.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a nephew, Michael McIntyre Jr.

He is survived by three sisters, Patricia Neppel of Hardin, Theresa McIntyre of Santa Clara, Calif., and Mary Bentley of Portland; one brother, Michael McIntyre of Medford, Ore.; three brothers-in-law, Tim Neppel of Billings, Ben Berenjfoorosh of Santa Clara, Ralph Bentley of Portland; and one sister-in-law, Kathy McIntyre of Concord, Calif.; one great-aunt, Kathleen Owen of Billings; aunts and uncle, Edna and Bill Guffy of Townsend, Juanita Willcutt of Billings, Kassie Scribner of Phoenix; nieces and nephews, Shaun and Heather Neppel of Billings, Jeanie and Mitch Jepsen and Penny and David Terry, all of Concord, Molly and Heidi Berenj-

foorosh of Santa Clara, Deirdre Bentley of Eugene, Ore., Rafe and Jake Bentley of Portland; five grandnieces, Jennifer McIntyre, Cassandra and Amanda Terry and Ariel and Morgan Jepsen; cousins, Bob Scribner, Nora Guffy, Bonita Owen, Elsie Mae and Billy Willcutt and the special Vertin family.

Memorials may be made to Whitefish Angel Flight or to the Missoula division of Upward Bound.

A celebration of his life will be held in Hardin at the Four Aces Lounge March 23 at 3 p.m. As per Mac's request, a second wake will be held in Whitefish in July, the place and time to be announced.

Carolyn McIntyre, 56

Carolyn McIntyre, 56, passed away on Friday, Feb. 1, 2002, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center. She was born Aug. 31, 1945, in American Fork, Utah, to Joseph Trotter and Secried Ilean (Tomlinson) Mitchell.

She received her early education in Utah, graduating from high school and going on to study cosmetology.

She met and married Donald R. McIntyre on Feb. 24, 1967, in the Salt Lake City Temple in Salt Lake City, Utah. The couple moved to the Flathead Valley where Don had been raised, and began their own family. Carolyn was a homemaker for most of her life. Her job description included mother, counselor, friend and sweetheart to her husband. When she did work outside the home, it included Top Priority at Costco, and as a greeter for Wal-Mart in Kalispell.

Carolyn was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. She spent many hours in the service to her family and others. Carolyn's interests included doll houses, but the love of her children was her top priority.

She was preceded in death by her parents and four brothers, Alfred John Mitchell, Lawrence

Robert Mitchell, Joseph Wilford Mitchell and Walter James Mitchell.

She is survived by her husband Donald of Kalispell; three daughters, LaDawn McIntyre and her husband, Thor "Erik" Shenkel of Portland, Ore., Cheri Demott and her husband, Mike, of Kalispell, and Sarah McIntyre of Kalispell; two sons, Shane McIntyre and his wife, Pam, of Columbia Falls, and Benjamin McIntyre of Kalispell; three brothers, LeRoy Mitchell and Vone Jay Mitchell, both of Pleasant Grove, Utah, and Donald Ray Mitchell of West Jordan, Utah; and a sister, Margaret Yuvone of Huntington, Utah.

Carolyn will be deeply missed by her family and the many whose lives she touched.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Whitefish Ward, with Bishop Don Kaltschmidt officiating. Burial will be at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell. Visitation will be today from 1 to 6 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary, and for one hour prior to the service at the church Tuesday.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Sarah Ellman-McManus, 72

Sarah Ellman-McManus, 72, passed away on Wednesday, Oct. 9, 2002, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.



She was born July 6, 1930, in Kalispell, to Burl W. and Ragna Josephine (Aune) Drollinger. She attended grade school in Marion, where she lived with Elsie and Ervin Lee and later graduated from Flathead County High School.

After graduation, she got a job training Tennessee walking horses and while there, met and married Raymond D. Ellman on Oct. 3, 1951, in Coeur d'Alene. They celebrated life together by raising seven children, Daniel, Sheila, Cynthia, Richard, Jane, Timothy and Paul. Sarah went to college at Flathead Valley Community College and received her certification as a licensed practical nurse, and in the 1970s, she worked at Extended Care in Whitefish. Her husband, Raymond, died Jan. 7, 1972, and she continued to love and raise her children while volunteering at

Kalispell Regional Medical Center in the 1980s. On June 18, 1993, Sarah married John McManus in Las Vegas.

Her passions in life were shopping, working in the garden and spending time with her family and friends. She was known by many and loved by all.

Sarah is survived by her husband, John McManus, of Kalispell; her sister, Rosella Schell, of Kalispell; her brother, Argol Drollinger and his wife Patsy, of Australia; her seven children, Daniel Ellman and his wife Kate, of Columbia Falls, Sheila Morin and her husband Doug, of Kalispell, Cindy Martinez and husband Candido, of Hotchkiss, Colo., Rick Ellman of Washington, Jane Leatherberry and husband Jim, of Phoenix, Tim Ellman of Kalispell, and Paul Ellman and wife Julie, of Kalispell; 12 grandchildren, five great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A memorial Mass will be at noon today at St. Matthew's Catholic Church with Father Rudy Bullman officiating.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Curtis E. McMarrell, 58

Curtis E. McMarrell, 58, died Thursday, Oct. 24, 2002, at his home in Eureka, after a long battle with cancer.

He worked primarily as a firefighter with the Forest Service.

He is survived by his wife, Ann McMarrell; four children, Nick, Lance, Melissa and Jordan McMarrell; and his mother, Margaret Joanne McMar-

rell, all of Eureka.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Tuesday at Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church in Eureka. Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday at the church, with rosary at 7 p.m. Interment will be at the Eureka Cemetery.

Local arrangements are by Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Libby.

Harriet McMaster, 77

Harriet McMaster, 77, passed away at her home on Feb. 18, 2002, of natural causes.

She came into the world on Dec. 29, 1924, in Billings. She was the third child of Monroe Livingston and Hulda Blodgett.

She grew up in Billings and left after high school to train as a teletypist with Western Union during World War II. She trained for this position in Santa Cruz, Calif., and after training was transferred to Long Beach, Calif.

This is where she met her husband-to-be, John McMaster, who was on leave at the time. They were married on Oct. 6, 1945, at The Normandy Wedding Chapel in Long Beach. After the war they lived in Havre, Spokane and Great Falls while John went to school. They lived in Great Falls until 1955 when they moved to Columbia Falls. In 1976 they moved from Columbia Falls to Echo Lake. She was a homemaker and mother of six.

She was preceded in death by her husband John McMaster; son Frank McMaster; daughter Jean "Snooks" Luce; two grandchildren, Cary and Ian McMaster; her parents; her brother Wes and her



sister Betty.

She is survived by her daughter-in-law Rae McMaster; two sons, Jon McMaster and his wife, Janet, of Missoula, and Bruce McMaster and his wife, Roxy, of Columbia Falls; two daughters, Jane Aubert and her husband, Jon, of Mesa, Ariz., and Julie Jerome and her husband, Frank, of Modesto, Calif. She is also loved and adored by her eight grandchildren, Kevin McMaster and his wife, Heather, of Phoenix, Jeff McMaster and his wife, Mandy, of Missoula, Holly Van Kirk and her husband, Kenny, of North Liberty, Iowa, Sophie Reed and her husband, Mike, of Fairchild AFB, Wash., Lee Hunter Luce and his wife, Janie, of Bozeman, Tiffany, Brandon and Zackary Day of Modesto, Calif.; and six great-grandchildren, Tasha and Adrian McMaster, Aubrey McMaster, Kellie Van Kirk, and Taylor and Jacob Reed.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 26, 2002, at the First United Methodist Church in Columbia Falls, with the Rev. David Jones officiating. Burial will follow at Woodlawn Cemetery. Viewing will be Monday from 2 to 8 p.m. at Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

The family requests any donations be made to Bigfork Quick Response.

Eleanor McMillan, 84

Eleanor McMillan, 84, of Valley City, N.D., died July 8, 2002, at Mercy Hospital in Valley City.

Eleanor Christine McMillan was born April 22, 1918, in Pelican Township of Ramsey County, N.D., near Devils Lake, N.D. Her parents were Louis and MonSena (Wenjum) Gunnerud. She grew up on a farm near Devils Lake and was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith. She graduated from Devils Lake Central High School in 1936.

She married Fred McMillan in 1939 and then worked as a bookkeeper for Montgomery Wards and then for the Pure Oil Bulk Oil Company which she and Fred operated. In 1964, the couple moved to Whitefish where they were employed by the C and C Plywood Mill. Eleanor took a position in the mill on the production line, one of the first women to do so. Mr. McMillan died in December 1980, and she continued to make her home at Whitefish until 1995, when she moved to Valley City.

Eleanor was active in church activities beginning with the Norway Lutheran Church near Devils Lake and St. Olaf Lutheran

Church at Devils Lake. In Whitefish, she was a member of Christ Lutheran Church and when she moved to Valley City, she became a member of Faith Lutheran. She especially liked the women's group that met at the Rudolf Square. Her hobbies included playing whist and bridge, gardening, and sewing.

Survivors include five children, Gordon McMillan and wife, Judy, of Seattle, Treonne and Earl Kramer of Rogers, N.D., Allan McMillan and wife, Lyn, of Bonaire, Ga., Yvonne and Robert Derheim of Valley City, and Cheryl Lewis of Missoula; 11 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, two infant sisters, two adult sisters, a grandson, Lannie Jewett; and a granddaughter, Stacey Pederson.

Funeral services have already taken place. Graveside services and interment will take place in Whitefish Cemetery in Whitefish at 2 p.m. on Tuesday.

Local arrangements are under the direction of Austin Funeral Home.

Ralph Edry Melby, 73

Ralph Edry Melby, 73, died Dec. 17, 2002, in Mesa, Ariz. He was born in Kalispell on Sept. 30, 1929.

Ralph served in the Air Force and was stationed in Korea from 1952 to 1954. He and his family moved to Tempe, Ariz., where he owned a service station.

He later worked for Pennmor



Champion Products as a quality control inspector. His latest employment was at Earnhardt Chrysler Motors in Tempe.

He is survived by his daughter, Connie Nemes of Naples, Fla.; a son, Ron Melby of Willow Springs, Mo.; a sister, Anita Venell of Surprise, Ariz.; and his grandchildren, Heath, Lorin and Garrett.

Ralph will be deeply missed by all who loved and knew him.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Saturday at the Lakeshore Mortuary, 1815 S. Dobson Road in Mesa, Ariz.

James 'Jim' Richard Melick Sr., 56

James "Jim" Richard Melick Sr., 56, passed away on Wednesday, May 15, 2002, at his home in Kalispell.

Jim was born on Feb. 21, 1946, in Great Falls. He was raised by Gilbert and Esther (Kershaw) Melick. He moved to the Flathead Valley, where he graduated from Flathead High School in 1964.

Jim married Diane Birky at the First Presbyterian Church in Kalispell in 1965. He worked as a truck driver for many years, in the concrete business for several years, and had been a crane opera-



tor. He served in the Montana National Guard for several years. Jim was a 26-year volunteer fireman with the South Kalispell Fire Department.

He loved motorcycles, and truly enjoyed going on rides.

He was preceded in death by his father, Gilbert Melick, and his stepfather, Bill Ellyson.

He is survived by his wife of 36 years, Diane; a son, Jim Melick Jr.; a daughter, Shele Melick; and his mother, Esther (Kershaw) Ellyson.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at the First Presbyterian Church of Kalispell, with the Rev. Glenn Burfeind officiating.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Irene Isabel Mellem, 86

Irene Isabel Mellem, 86, passed away at Kalispell Regional Medical Center on May 29, 2002.

Irene was born July 14, 1915, in Chinook, the daughter of George and Esther Harris. She moved to Somers as a young girl and grew up there. Irene attended Flathead High School. Her family was her real joy and she loved to read books.

She married Roy Wendell Mellem in Somers, on Aug. 26, 1933. They were married for 60 years.

Irene is preceded in death by her parents; husband Roy W.; son Roger L. Mellem; and a sister, Edna Cyr.



She is survived by son, Ronald D. Mellem and his wife, Bernice, of Kalispell, daughter Cheryl I. Seyfert of Kalispell; brother Kenneth Harris of Missoula; six grandchildren, Lori Ann Solomon, Roxanne Mellem of Coos Bay, Ore, Rhonda Guay and husband, Larry, of Butte, Brian Mellem of Missoula, Randall Seyfert and wife, Bronlyn, of Bigfork, Russell Seyfert and wife, Silvia, of New York; seven great-grandchildren; and nieces and nephews.

Graveside services will be held on Saturday at 11 a.m. at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 1002, Kalispell, MT 59903.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Emile J. Merel, 81

Emile J. Merel, 81, died Friday, Aug. 16, 2002, at St. John Lutheran Hospital in Libby.

He served in the Army with the 845th Engineers Battalion during World War II. He was an employee of the J. Neils Lumber Company, St. Regis

Paper Company and Champion.

Graveside services with military honors will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at the City of Libby Cemetery.

Arrangements are by Nelson & Vial Funeral Home.

Helen K. Metier, 79

Helen K. Metier, 79, passed away peacefully at her beautiful home on Swan Lake on Thursday, Sept. 5, 2002.

Helen was born on March 6, 1923, in Wilsall, to Claude and Alliena Dietz Kaiser.

After graduation, Helen worked at several jobs, including working for the Clydehurst Dude Ranch, her cousin, Pat Grimes, and working as a telegraph operator for the Western Union for 2 1/2 years.

Helen married Dwight Atkinson on June 30, 1943, and they moved to his father's ranch at Ronan. During their 11 years of marriage, they resided in Missoula, Helena, White Sulphur Springs, Polson, and back in Ronan. They had two sons, Deni and Jim.

Dwight passed away in July of 1954. Helen and her sons moved to Helena where she worked for the Montana State Patrol as an accountant for 16 years.

On May 1, 1970, Helen married Tom Metier. They moved to Wilsall, where she kept the books for the Park Farmers Co-op. They moved to Whitehall, where Helen owned her own accounting business working with Pacific Mine Contractors, Hippert Furnace Company, Salleses Greenhouses, the Borden Hotel and Cenex.

Helen loved to travel, and she and Tom managed to go to all 50 states as well as southern Canada and the Yukon on their way to Alaska. In 1992, they bought their land on Swan Lake and built their home and moved in permanently in 1993. Tom passed away in October of 2000.

Helen was a 50-plus-year member of the Eastern Star, had been a member of the Daughters of the Nile since 1953, and was a member of the Sons and Daughters of the Montana Pioneers who had to have direct lineage to Montana settlers prior to 1868.

Helen took great pride in her home on Swan Lake and truly enjoyed every moment she lived there.

She is survived by her sons, Deni and his wife, Sandi Atkinson, of Ritzville, Wash., and Jim and his wife, Vivian Atkinson, of Kalispell; four grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Glacier Church, with the Rev. Hal Irvine officiating.

The family requests memorials be made to Wilsall High School Scholarship Fund, Wilsall Senior Citizens Center or the Wilsall Cemetery.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Eldred I. 'Doc' Meyer, 93

Eldred I. "Doc" Meyer, 93, passed away on Thursday, Feb. 28, 2002, at Lake View Care Center in Bigfork.

Doc was born on April 16, 1908, in Albion, Neb., to John F. and Cordelia (Nott) Meyer. He was raised and attended school in Albion, and later moved to Chadron, Neb.

On Dec. 25, 1929, he married Helen Vogt. In 1935, he moved the family to Montana, settling in the Creston and Ferndale area, where they have resided for the last 56 years.

Doc loved working in the shop, welding and working with metal. He had a great love for horses and enjoyed watching baseball, especially the Atlanta Braves.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Johnny and Roy Meyer; sisters, Cordelia Sauerbier and Marie Lecher.

He is survived by his loving wife of 72 years, Helen Meyer; sons, Neil Meyer and his wife, Dix-



ie, and Jim Meyer and his wife, Mavis; daughter Marlene and her husband, Jay Haveman; sister, Eileen Hebbert; 14 grandchildren, 30 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday at the Little Brown Church in Bigfork, with the Rev. Ron Pierce and the Rev. Jim Holman officiating. Burial will follow at Lonestone Cemetery.

Bigfork Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Isabel Swartzenberger Meyer, 82

Isabel Swartzenberger Meyer, 82, left us Jan. 5, 2002, to join her Heavenly Father and her loved ones who had gone before her.

Isabel was born Oct. 12, 1919, in Brensmaid, N.D., to Ranald and Mabel Riggan. She was one of 11 children. She graduated from Maddock High School in North Dakota in 1937.

She married John Swartzenberger in 1944 and they eventually moved to Havre, Mont. They started a wrecking yard with their family there in 1950. In 1955, they moved their business to Kalispell where he continued his business south of Kalispell until his death from drowning at Smith Lake on Aug. 11, 1961. Isabel was left with 10 children and one on the way. Her eldest boys quit school to run the family business and Isabel went to work as a cook at Hennessey's.

In 1966, she married Lawrence "Tex" Meyer, an electrician in Kalispell. When he passed away of a heart attack in 1982, she bought and ran a trailer court and several rentals. She also was employed at the Evergreen post office.

Isabel was a charter member of the South Kalispell Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary. She was an avid bowler and bowled in leagues right up until she passed away. She tended a large garden and cooked and canned what she grew for her family.

She held many large family reunions and was the glue that held a family who idolized her together. Words cannot say how much she will be missed.

She was preceded in death by her parents; three sisters, Eleanor Riggan, Donna Riggan and Lois



Riggan; four brothers, Ranald, William, Ronald and Raymond Riggan; her two husbands, John and Tex; her son, Dale Swartzenberger; her grandson, Patrick

Schneider; and her granddaughter, Jamie Aemissegger.

She is survived by her five sons, Dan and his wife, Linda Swartzenberger, of Polson, and John "Butch" and his wife, Sandi Swartzenberger, Ron and his wife, Debbie Swartzenberger, Joe and his wife, Barbara Swartzenberger, and Jim and his wife, Vicki Swartzenberger, all of Kalispell; five daughters, Barbara and her husband, Jack Fleming, Dona and her husband, Nick Aemissegger, Dana and her husband, Art Toren, Debbie and her husband, Ken Cox, and Lori Barrett, all of Kalispell; 28 grandchildren; 40 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; two brothers, Wes Riggan of Kalispell and his friend Kay, Dale and Janice Riggan of Great Falls; and sister, Helen and Gerald Knote of Great Falls; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at Evergreen Alliance Church on Tuesday at 2 p.m. with burial at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Following the burial, there will be a reception at the Eagles in Kalispell, where Isabel was a member for many years. Visitation will be today from noon to 6 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary. Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

William V. Merrick Sr., 81

William V. Merrick Sr., 81, died Thursday, Feb. 21, 2002, at Riverview Hospital in Wisconsin Rapids, Wis.

He was born Jan. 15, 1921, in Maxwell, Neb., to Howard and Cora (Howarton) Merrick.

A former resident of Kalispell for 12 years, William was an active member and former president of the Kalispell Moose Lodge.

William served his country proudly in the U.S. Navy for more than 30 years, retiring with the rank of chief warrant officer 4.

He was preceded in death by his parents; spouses Lola Merrick and Ruth Merrick; three sisters, Edna Spidle, Lillian Axman and

Corrine Booher.

He is survived by four children, Donald and his wife Doris Christiansen, Veronica Gunter, and William V. and wife Deborah Merrick Jr., all of Georgia and Jackie Vanigan of Wisconsin Rapids; sister Arlene Pederson of Arizona; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

He was a loving father, grandfather and great-grandfather and will be dearly missed by all his friends and family.

There will be no services; a private burial will take place at a later date.

Memorials may be made in his name to the local chapter of the American Heart Association.

Lawrence 'Larry' G. Meyer, 60

Lawrence "Larry" G. Meyer, 60, left this world on April 2, 2002, to be with his daughter, Corrina, and three grandsons, Patrick, Anthony and Thomas. "He left us peacefully in his sleep after a long illness."



Lawrence was born to Annebelle and Bernard Meyer in Lostwood, N.D., on Sept. 25, 1941. He came to Whitefish with his brother, Roland, at the age of nine, where his brother Bernard and sister-in-law, Betty Meyer, raised them.

He joined the Air Force in February 1962. He met and married Vivian Lyson on Oct. 12, 1962, in Stanley, N.D. after completing boot camp. He spent his four-year term of service in Anchorage, Alaska, with his wife and growing family. Lawrence was discharged Jan. 21, 1966, and moved back to Whitefish.

He worked for the Great Northern Railroad for a short time and the Forest Service; when he was hired on at the aluminum plant in August of 1966, where he took retirement after 35 years of service.

He loved everything outdoors, hunting, fishing, camping, hiking, berry picking and yard work. He most loved it when his family was all around him. He was a man of many talents with many good friends.

Lawrence was preceded in death by his oldest daughter and three grandsons on May 26, 2000; his father Bernard; and brothers, Bernard, David and Ted; his mother, Annebelle; sisters, Jean and LaVonne.

He is survived by his wife of 39 years, Vivian, at the family home in Whitefish; son Luke Meyer and wife, Lisa, and their sons, Timmy and Cody in Seattle; daughters, Deena (Meyer) Stein and husband, John, and their daughters, Stephanie and Hailey in Spokane, Julie (Meyer) La Roque and husband, Toby, and their son, Ryan, in Whitefish, their daughter, Sherry (Meyer) Bradstreet, and her husband, Scott, and their daughter, Marriah and son, Brett, in Bigfork; other survivors include Lawrence's brothers, Roland, Robert, Gerald and LaVern; his sisters, Bernice, Margaret, Doris, Laureda, Yuanita and Sandy; special nephew, Bruce Meyer; and nieces, Brenda Herman and Becky Johnson, who were more like brother and sisters; along with nieces and nephews too numerous to mention.

Memorial services will be conducted at the Austin Funeral Home on Saturday at 2 p.m. with Dr. David Kaufman officiating.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial donations may be given in Lawrence's name to Hospice at 175 Commons Loop #10 Kalispell, MT. 59901.