

Kenneth F. Rada, 61

Kenneth F. Rada, 61, died at Brendan House in Kalispell, on Dec. 21, 2002.

He is survived by his wife, Donna Rada of Bigfork; three daughters, JoDee Peyton of Kennewick, Wash., Tamara Rada of Bigfork, and Kendra Freeman of Kila; and his moth-

er, Elfredia Tronvold of Geddes, S.D.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday at the Little Brown Church, with the Rev. Ron Pierce officiating.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Eleanor Anna May Rames, 86

Eleanor Anna May Rames, 86, passed away on Thursday, Oct. 10, 2002, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

She was born on Feb. 3, 1916, in Freeman, S.D., to William Allin and Hattie K. (Hammond) Roach.

Eleanor was the youngest of nine children who enjoyed creating their own entertainment. Eleanor's brother made toys for her, and her father made her a pair of skis. In the winter, the family would ice skate; in the summer they would swim in the James River. Eleanor attended country school through eighth grade and lived with her older sister in Olivet, S.D., while attending high school.

She met her future husband, Dwight Rames, in high school. The couple married in 1937 at the parsonage in Canton, S.D., and made their home in Sioux Falls, S.D.

Eleanor worked in a packing house, and Dwight worked in road construction. The couple raised four children. Eleanor then worked for 16 years as a psychi-

atric aide at the South Dakota Human Services Center. She enjoyed working and also found time to read and bake.

Eleanor was a member of the Methodist Church and attended the women's study club. In 1987, Eleanor moved to Kalispell, where she attended Trinity Lutheran Church and took up oil painting.

Eleanor was preceded in death by her husband in 1986, and one daughter, Marsha Rames.

She is survived by one daughter, Cheryl Tweet of Kalispell; two sons, Douglas Rames of Greeley, Colo., and Mariowe Rames of Great Falls; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday at Johnson Mortuary, with Pastor Darold Reiner of Trinity Lutheran Church officiating. Memorial services also will be held in Scotland, S.D., at a later date.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Doris Evangeline Rasmussen, 82

Doris Evangeline Rasmussen, 82, was "called home to be with her heavenly Father" on Wednesday, Oct. 2, 2002, at Immanuel Lutheran Home.

Doris was born March 21, 1920, in Minot, N.D., to Eilert and Olga (Johnson) Lunde.

Doris' parents moved their family to the Flathead Valley in 1924, and Doris has remained ever since. Doris attended school in Kalispell and graduated from Flathead High School in 1938.

After high school, Doris went to work at the Kalispell Mercantile. Upon his return from the South Pacific after World War II, Doris married Donald Rasmussen on June 9, 1946. She continued working at different bookkeeping jobs throughout her life. In 1951, they became proud parents of their only child, Lamar.

Doris and her family were charter members of the Assembly of God church in Kalispell. She was always active in the church, helping with Missionettes and serving on various boards at the church.

Doris loved working with her hands, doing crafts and gardening. She enjoyed her friends and going for coffee and dessert.

Doris was preceded in death by her son, Lamar.

She is survived by her husband, Don, of Kalispell; sister, Helen Darras, of Seattle; daughter-in-law, Susan; three grandsons, Aaron, Joel and Kirk Rasmussen, all of Kalispell; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Graveside services for Doris E. Rasmussen will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Memorial services will follow at 2 p.m. at Columbia Falls Assembly of God, with Pastor Darrell Newby officiating.

Visitation for Doris will be from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday at Johnson Mortuary.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Trinity Lutheran School Building Fund, 400 W. California St., Kalispell, MT 59901.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Delbert L. 'Deb' Rathbun, 74

Delbert L. "Deb" Rathbun, 74, "went to be with the Lord" on July 28, 2002.

He was born July 28, 1928, in Columbus, to George and Hazel Rathbun. Delbert moved to the Pablo area with his parents when he was only a year old. As a young child, they moved to Polson, where Delbert spent almost his entire life. He was known to everyone as Deb.

Being born during the Depression years, Deb quit school at a young age to help his parents with the farming, and took his first truck-driving job with Lake County when he was 15.

He entered the Army during the Korean War in 1950. He was honorably discharged in 1952.

He met the love of his life, Alma Franks, in 1950, and they married on June 1, 1951. They were married for 51 years.

After leaving the military, Deb worked at many jobs, whatever it took to raise his five children. He worked at the Polson Plywood Mill until it closed. In 1960, he went to work for Claridge Logging until they moved to Kalispell. He built homes in the Polson area with one of his many friends, Wallace Olsen. He drove a tanker truck for many years, delivering gas up and down the valley for another friend, Jim Hayes.

In his logging years, he sometimes worked 18- to 20-hour days. Deb always found time for the good things in life, even though he worked so hard. He loved fishing and hunting. He always made time to take his children and grandchildren on many family outings. He was a great teacher and he taught his children how to survive in the woods.

One of his biggest events of the year was always his birthday. Being at the end of the summer, it was the perfect excuse for getting all of the Rathbun families and friends together for fishing, boating and camping. Many of those camping trips were in the Swan-Seeley Lake area. Deb loved that area and when he semi-retired, he and Alma moved to Seeley Lake,



where he lived until his passing.

Deb always stayed busy doing something; often giving a helping hand to everyone he met. Delbert loved life and led it to the fullest.

Delbert was preceded in death by his parents, George and Hazel Rathbun; two sisters, Lila and MaryEllen Smart; two brothers, Paul and Wayne; brother-in-law Martin (Lucky) Christensen; sister-in-law Nancy (Dupuis) Rathbun; and a grandson, Jeffery Walters.

He is survived by his loving wife, Alma, at the family home in Seeley Lake; three daughters, Arleen Austin and her husband, Lloyd, of Polson, Debbie Pittsley and her husband, Cliff, of Pablo, and Lila Davis and Guy Clatterbuck, of Seeley Lake; two sons, Paul Rathbun and his wife, Beth, of Ronan, and Wade Rathbun and his wife, April, of Lolo; sister Betty Christensen of Kalispell; brothers-in-law, Don Smart of Polson, and Alan (Bonnie) Franks of Pablo; sisters-in-law, Ruth Davis of Lancaster, Calif., Donna (Evertt) Smith of Aberdeen, S.D., and Vera Utzke of Lincoln, Neb.; numerous nieces and nephews; and, most importantly, his 28 grandchildren, 40 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren that he held so dearly. He loved each and every one of them and was so proud of them.

Deb also had a great love for animals and they all loved him. He will be greatly missed by his great-grand-dog, Ceasear.

The funeral services for family and friends will be held on Thursday at 2 p.m. at the Grogan Funeral Home in Polson. There will be a gathering at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall in Polson following the services.

The family would also like to note that a family reunion had been planned for Aug. 9-10. It was to be a birthday celebration for Deb, "One more big Bash!" "We are going to go through with the reunion, as he would have wanted us to. We will have a memorial service on Aug. 10 at 1 p.m. at the Rathbun home, 2781 Montana 83 N., Seeley Lake.

Mary Adelaide Rathbun, 86

Mary Adelaide Rathbun, 86, passed away June 17, 2002, at the Heritage Place in Kalispell.



She was born Oct. 26, 1915, in Wibaux, to Frank E. and Jenny (Bailey) Clark.

Mary was the youngest of five children and her parents passed away within two years of each other by the time she was four years old. She was then raised by her maternal grandmother in Glendive. Mary received her early education in Glendive before leaving school to help support the family.

She met her husband, Archie Rathbun, while visiting her sister in Roundup, and the couple were married on April 17, 1937. The family traveled Montana following work from coal mining, to logging, ranching and gambling. After 47 years together, Archie passed away in 1986.

Mary had many loves, among them her love of animals and wildlife. She never learned to drive but loved traveling in a car.

As long as there was someone to play with, Mary could sit for hours playing dominos or cards. She was fond of what she called her "Poker Luck."

Mary enjoyed going to her daughter's in Somers and spending time with her parakeets, Buddy and Pete. She would also sit on the back porch and watch the waterfall, creek, pond, dogs, horses, cat and the birds at the feeder.

Mary was preceded in death by her husband, one daughter, one son, one sister and two brothers.

She is survived by five daughters, Mary Jean of Kalispell, Barbara and Don Keidrowski of Billings, Bonnie and Wayne Warren of Michigan, Rose and Clark Dodd of Oakville, Wash., and Juanita and Bruce Nelson of Kalispell; two sons, Fred and Cheryl Rathbun of Washington, and Bill Rathbun of Tacoma, Wash.; one brother, Fred and Evelyn Clark of Washington; 14 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

Memorial services for Mary will be held at a later date.

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

James 'Jim' Ravan, 59

James "Jim" Ravan, 59, passed away on Wednesday, April 3, 2002, in Jacksonville, Fla., after a brief but courageous battle with cancer.

He was born Oct. 28, 1942 to Sadie Ravan and William Ravan in Midland Texas. He was raised in Columbia Falls, where he graduated from high school in 1961.

He was preceded in death by his father.

He is survived by his mother,

Sadie Ravan and stepfather, Jake Miller, of Kalispell; a brother, Gil Ravan of Kalispell; and a sister, Jan Tetzel and her husband, LeRoy, of Fairfield. He is also survived by his wife, Mary Ann and his children, Brian and Renee Ravan of Jacksonville, Fla.; and seven grandchildren in Florida.

Jim was buried in the Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, Fla., with military honors.

Greg 'Rocky' Rebhuhn, 55

Greg "Rocky" Rebhuhn, 55, a resident of Kalispell since 1994, passed away at his home on Thursday, Jan. 24, 2002.



He was born in Ellensburg, Wash., and spent his life in the Seattle area until moving to the Flathead Valley.

Rocky was an avid outdoorsman, and actively enjoyed the recreation opportunities he moved here for. Rocky was an active member of the Flathead Valley Search and Rescue, and the West Valley Volunteer Fire Department. He was a certified emergency medical technician and taught EMS classes at the Flathead Valley Community College. He also did volunteer work at the Kalispell Regional Medical Center emergency room.

Rocky was an avid skier and knew most everyone on Big Mountain. In the summertime, he turned his passion for the outdoors to kayaking and hiking.

Rocky and his wife, Linda, ran Lost Creek Kennels, a first rate boarding facility for dogs and cats; and also bred German shepherds.

Rocky is survived by his wife, Linda, of Kalispell; brother Dean and family of Woodinville, Wash; mother Aileen Slaker of Hemet, Calif; and many, many good friends who will hold him dear in their hearts forever.

Friends are invited to celebrate Rocky's life and remember him at a memorial service on Sunday at 2 p.m. at Epworth United Methodist Church, 329 Second Ave. E., with the Rev. Glenn Woodson officiating.

The family requests that people make memorials to the charity of their choice.

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

Garrison 'Buster' Berry Redd III, 96

Garrison Berry Redd III, "Bus'er" to his family and friends, passed away at his ranch in Swan Lake on Feb. 6, 2002, at the age of 96.

He was born Nov. 26, 1905, in Riverton, Iowa, to Bertha and Garrison Redd II, and was raised up on the family farm in Sidney.

He graduated from high school, attended business school and farmed with his father in Iowa as a young man. He met his lifelong companion, Leta Leslie and they married in June of 1928.

Garrison traveled throughout the west in search of the perfect land for his family and Montana won his heart. Buster, Leta and their two daughters, Louise and Lois, set out from Iowa, in 1936, with all of their belongings packed into a 1929 Buick and an over-loaded trailer. They lived in various locations throughout the Flathead and Swan Valley where Buster worked as deputy sheriff, forest ranger and stone mason.

They purchased the homestead in Swan Lake where they settled after Buster returned from active duty in the 10th Mountain Division during World War II. He saw combat in Italy and served throughout Europe as a member of the ski troops, where he was awarded the bronze star for bravery, risking his life to save his wounded comrades.

Buster returned to his family and home in the Swan in 1945, where he built and operated his own small lumber mill and ran a herd of Hereford cattle. One of Buster's many amazing accomplishments was the harvesting and milling of the lumber off his place which he used to build the home of his and Leta's dream.

Buster owned a small Cessna airplane and enjoyed many happy hours flying over the Bob Marshall and Mission Mountain wildernesses, often with his daughter Louise as co-pilot. Leta always breathed a huge sigh of



relief when he touched down on the airstrip he fashioned on the place.

He was an avid hunter, fisherman, trapper and genuine mountain man. He bagged an elk with his bow and arrow seven years running, and he got his last deer leaning on his walker at the age of 92. He was also an excellent photographer, and some of the wildlife movies he shot were sold to Huntley and Brinkley.

Garrison and Leta lived a long and healthy life at their Swan ranch until Leta passed away in 1995. At the time of her death they had been married 67 years. Buster was also preceded in death by his daughter Lois Ault; granddaughter Cindy Rupp; and great-granddaughter Leslie Rupp.

He is survived by his daughter Louise Robinson of Phoenix, Ariz.; grandsons Garrison and Richard Lapp from the Flathead Valley, and Donn Ault of Richland, Wash.; granddaughters Joyce Lapp of Kalispell and Shannon McConnell of Richland, Wash.; great-granddaughters Ellie Lapp, Laurie Dermer and Rebekah McConnell, great-grandson Hunter Lapp and son-in-law Thomas Ault of Richland, Wash.

Buster lived a long and fruitful life. He had many great adventures and always felt he was fortunate to have been able to do everything that he wanted to do in his long life. He will be remembered by many with great fondness and respect and will be sorely missed by those of us who loved him. We would like to offer a special thank you for the kindness and assistance so generously given by Home Options and Hospice of the Flathead Valley.

Services for Garrison will be Friday. Viewing will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Bigfork Funeral Home on Hwy 35, south of Bigfork. In accordance with Buster's wishes, graveside services will be at 2 p.m. at the Lone Pine Cemetery, adjacent to the Little Brown Church, with the Rev. Ron Pierce officiating.

A gathering of friends and family with a simple luncheon will follow at the Korner Kitchen.

Jake James Redekop, 89

Jake James Redekop, 89, of Polson, died on Friday, Dec. 6, 2002, at Westside Care Center in Ronan from natural causes.

He is survived by his children, Charlotte Sponsel of

Sterling, Alaska, Larry Redekop of Polson, and Janice Bradford of Deer Park, Wash.

A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Grogan Funeral Home in Polson.

Norajane Miller Reeder, 71

Norajane Miller Reeder, 71, died in her sleep Monday, Sept. 9, 2002, at her Whitefish home.

She was born June 13, 1931, in Morgantown, W. Va.

She is survived by her husband Charles; two children Tom Reeder and Susan Ruffatto; and five

grandchildren; Ben, Brian, and Kelly Ruffatto and Caroline and Johny Reeder.

A memorial celebration of her life will be held at 1p.m. on Thursday at the Whitefish United Methodist Church, 1150 Wisconsin Ave. in Whitefish.

Ruth E. 'Billie' Reeves, 83

Ruth E. "Billie" Reeves, 83, died Saturday, Feb. 3, 2002, at her home in Libby.

She was born Sept. 27, 1918, in Batavia, Iowa, to Henry and Ida Wilson.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1970; a son, Jack Reeves; a daughter, Juanita Caton; and a brother, Harold

Wilson.

Survivors include her daughter, Billie Zajanc and her husband Gary of Libby, a sister; nine grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Private family graveside services will be Wednesday in Libby.

Arrangements are by Nelson & Vial Funeral Home.

Michael Joseph 'Joe' Reid, 27

Michael Joseph "Joe" Reid, 27, of Columbia Falls, Montana died unexpectedly Sunday, Aug. 18, 2002, due to a medical condition.



He was born July 14, 1975, in Billings, to Ty Reid and Marsha Furlong. He grew up in Columbia Falls and graduated from Columbia Falls High School in 1993.

He joined the Army in 1996. He served in Korea as a tank mechanic, and then finished his tour in Fort Stewart, Ga., where he met his wife, Billie Jean. He went to work at Yancey Brothers in Atlanta, where he waited for his wife to finish her tour. They then moved to Bismarck, N.D., where he started his family and worked at Butler Machinery Company for two years. An ever-loyal Montanan, he returned to Columbia Falls and was working for Reddig Equipment.

Joe had a wonderful ability to show unconditional love. He touched the hearts of everyone who knew him. His family was the most important part of his life. A dutiful son, a devoted husband, a playful brother, a loving daddy. ... He was all of these things.

He put everything he had into whatever he did. He was an extreme outdoorsman, a good mechanic and a beautiful man.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Bob and Sue Reid and Marie Kile; uncles, Marc "Spark" Reid and Robbie Reid; and his nephew, Conner Roberts. He is survived by his wife, Billie Jean "B.J." Reid, and their beautiful daughter, Emily.

He is also survived by his parents, Michael "Ty" Reid and Marsha Furlong; grandfather, Floyd Kile; brothers, Zac and wife Kim Reid, and Josh and wife Alane Emmert; sisters, Becky Reid, Trinity and husband, Kevin Roberts, Ranee and husband, Jeff Peterson, Katie Furlong, Josie Furlong, Gloria and husband Thad Stanton of Lewistown, and Robin and Brian MrGich; and many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins and relatives.

Joe's extended family includes his mother and father-in-law, Richard and Kathy Belange; sister-in-law, Bobbi Belange; grandparents, Myrtle Belange, Joyce and Richard Saarela; and many aunts, uncles, cousins and relatives, all of Palo, Minn.

Services will be held 11 a.m. Friday, at the United Methodist Church in Columbia Falls with the Rev. David Jones officiating. Military honors will be conducted by the United Veterans of the Flathead Valley. A gathering of family and friends will follow at the family home at 2640 Witty Lane in Columbia Falls.

Memorials may be made to the Billie Reid family, 2640 Witty Lane, Columbia Falls, MT 59912.

Harry J. Reimer, 88

Harry J. Reimer, 88, passed away Friday, June 14, 2002, at home in Kalispell after a short battle with cancer.

He was born April 27, 1914, in Creston, to Albert and Margaret Reimer. He attended Cayuse Prairie School and graduated from Flathead County High School in 1932. A love of the land made him a farmer all of his life.

Harry was a sergeant in the U.S. Army Medical Corps 45th Evacuation Hospital, serving in Austria, France, Belgium and Germany. Discharged in 1945, he returned home to the family farm.

An avid fisherman and hunter, he knew all the special spots, spending good times with his cousins and friends.

A member of St. Matthew's Catholic Church and Risen Christ Parish, he also was a life member of the Knights of Columbus.

He was preceded in death by his parents, sister Katherine Buck; and two nephews, Dennis and Greg Buck.

He is survived by two sisters, Luella Smith of Homer, Alaska, and Margaret Ann Young of Wal-

nut Creek, Calif.; nieces Patty Sevier and Judy Balas of Kalispell, Nancy Richardson of Cowich, Wash., Monique and Laurie Chris Young of California; and nephews, Steve Buck of Alphraetta, Ga., Larry and Bill Smith of Homer, Bruce Smith of Florida and Robert Young of California; also many great and great-great nieces and nephews.

Harry was a man of many talents and great storyteller who will be greatly missed by his many friends and family.

A memorial service for family and friends will be held for Harry J. Reimer, April 27, 1914-June 14, 2002, on Sunday, Aug. 18. Mass will be held at 9:30 a.m. at Risen Christ Catholic Church in Evergreen, including viewing of the Reimer church bell. Graveside services are at 1 p.m. at Conrad Cemetery and lunch will be served at 2 p.m. at Lions Park, south of Kalispell, followed by a tree-planting ceremony.

William R. Reimer, 91

William R. Reimer, 91, of Hamilton, passed away Monday, July 1, 2002, at his home with his family at his side.

Bill was born on May 26, 1911, in Creston, Mont., the son of the late Wilhelm Johann Albert Reimer and Hedwig Minna Alwine Bourchardt Reimer.

Bill grew up in the Kalispell area with fond memories of his Native American friends who wintered on the family land of the Cayuse Prairie. He graduated from Flathead County High School in 1930.

Bill worked for the forest service. He was attacked by a grizzly bear during this time and spent one year in the hospital recovering.

On Feb. 4, 1938, Bill married Edna Lucille Peltier in Eureka, Mont. The couple moved to Darby, where Bill worked for Harper Logging. After five years, they moved to Hamilton.

Bill entered the U.S. Navy Seabees in December of 1940 and was discharged as a chief petty officer in October 1946 after two tours of duty. He served on the destroyer Herman for most of his military career.

He traveled to Kodiak, Alaska, and the South Pacific aboard the Herman.

Bill opened Valley Motors in Hamilton and repaired vehicles as well as selling new and used cars.

Later, he owned and operated Bill's Saw Service. He shared the building with Art Zeller and Art's Repair Service.

Bill was a member of the Hamilton Presbyterian Church, a life member of the American Legion, and a member of the Hamilton VFW, Good Sam's Club.

He was an active member of the Ravalli County Sheriff's Posse Drill Team.

Following his retirement in 1974, he devoted 10 years to the Golden Age Club Exercise Class as their treasurer. He loved the Friday night dances and listening to the Five Valley Accordion Group.

Survivors include his daughter, Kay Marie, and husband, Rusty Pope, of Hamilton; step-sister Nita Zumwalt Robbin of Bigfork; grandchildren Kelly Dean Small of Helena, and Tobin D. Small of Missoula; step-grandchildren Mariah L. Pope of Helena, Daisy A. and husband Reyes Pacheco of Evansville, Wyo., and Keith H. Pope of Clearfield, Utah. His beloved step-great-grandchild, Elijan J. Pacheco of Evansville; nieces Carole and husband Don Graham of Missoula, Leona and husband Norman Constineus of Whitefish; nephew John and wife Theresa Logan of Kalispell.

Beside his parents, Bill was preceded in death by his wife, Edna, on July 12, 1990, his brother, Bernhardt "Ben" Reimer, and sister, Alice H. Logan.

A service to celebrate his life will be held Wednesday, July 3, 2002, at 2 p.m. at the Daly-Leach Chapel in Hamilton.

Interment will follow at the Riverview Cemetery with military honors presented by the Hamilton American Legion and USMC League, Bitterroot Detachment 937.

The family suggests memorials to MDM Hospice of the Bitterroot, Endowment Fund, 1200 Westwood Dr., Hamilton, MT 59840; or to Haven House, 115 State St. Hamilton, MT 59840.

The family would like to thank the nurses and staff of Hospice, volunteers Bill Hughes, Ken and Henry, CNA Penny Nixon and Sally Hart, aide.

August 'Don' Reksten, 85

August "Don" Reksten, 85, died Sept. 29, 2002, after a lengthy illness.

He was born Dec. 12, 1916, near Polson. He graduated from Polson High School.

August was a veteran of World War II. He retired from the Montana Highway Patrol in 1975.

He is survived by his wife Betty; and three children, son Donald of Kalispell; and daughters, Vicki and husband John Haker, and Patty

Reksten and husband Jim Dopp, all of Portland; grandchildren, Brandi and Ryan, and Joel and Devin; sisters, Mabel Elp and Hildur Blum, both of Washington; and a brother, George Reksten, of Polson.

August requested no services and was cremated.

The family suggests memorials be made to HomeOptions, 175 Commons Loop, suite 100, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Ronald K. Remley, 61

Ronald K. Remley, 61, died Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2002, at the Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

He was born at Wolf Point Jan. 8, 1941, to William and Irene Remley.

He is survived locally by his sisters Barbara Henrichsen of Libby and Betty Kluth and her

husband Robert of Vida; 11 nieces and seven nephews.

Services will be Friday at 2 p.m. at the City of Libby cemetery with the Rev. Robert Foote officiating.

Visitation will be Thursday from 1 to 5 p.m. and until noon Friday at the Nelson and Vial Funeral Home.

Ruth Lenore Milligan Renfrow, 83

Ruth Lenore Milligan Renfrow, 83, died Oct. 17, 2002, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

She was born Dec. 31, 1918, in Fostoria, Ohio, to Lorenzo "Ren" Iverle Milligan and Dorothy Eulalia Thurber. She grew up in Rising Sun, Ohio.

After a 28-day courtship, Ruth and Leo Edgar Renfrow were married on March 16, 1946, in Ottumwa, Iowa; the marriage lasting for 56 years. She moved to Columbia Falls in 1954 with Leo and their sons. Together they owned and operated Renfrow Cabinet Works for 40 years.

As a tireless crusader for church causes, Ruth's life exemplified Christ's teaching to serve others. She was known as the "Velvet Steamroller" for her ability to draw people into many state, regional and worldwide projects. She was instrumental in the formation of the local Klothes Kloset for Church Women United, and for the Disciples of Christ Christian Church's Cane Ridge West conference lodge in Lincoln, Mont.

Her organizational skills helped place baby layettes on the Blackfeet reservation and lap quilts and school supplies at the Yakama Indian Christian Mission.

Even after Ruth became housebound, she continued her life of service. During 1996-97, Ruth was known as the "Green-Stamp Lady." She collected more than 1,000 books of S&H Green Stamps and traded them for more than 200 wool blankets, which were distributed to disaster victims through Church World Service.

In the late 1950s Ruth created a band mothers' group to raise money for band uniforms. In 1999, She

was the visionary force behind the building of the Don Lawrence Amphitheater in Columbia Falls.

Ruth was the matriarch of the Renfrows, generating and treasuring family traditions. She was an avid fan and supporter of the Columbia Falls Wildcats and the Ohio Buckeyes. Her family enjoyed her quick wit in word games and were frequent victims of her formidable card play. She was a fun resource for long-forgotten song lyrics. Ruth maintained many longstanding friendships, steadfastly remembering birthdays and anniversaries. The family is grateful to all who called, wrote and visited during her illness.

She is survived by her husband, Leo Edgar Renfrow; sons, Doren C. and Jeanne Renfrow of Kalispell, and David D. and Jane Renfrow of Columbia Falls; brother, Harry I. Milligan of La Mirada, Calif.; sister, Margie L. Shiets of Fremont, Ohio; grandchildren, Tom and Karla Renfrow of Boise, Idaho, Tony and Holly Renfrow of Spokane, Cami and Trent Hickman of Arlee, and Amber Renfrow of Columbia Falls; great-grandchildren, Chase, Tanner and Caleb Renfrow, and Ruth had just learned a little Hickman is on the way.

Graveside services will be at 11:30 a.m. Monday at Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls, followed by the memorial service at 1 p.m. at Central Christian Church, Second Avenue East and Third Street in Kalispell.

Memorials suggested to Central Christian Memorial Fund or Woodlawn Cemetery Memorial Fund.

Richard R. Rensel, 65

Richard R. Rensel, 65, of West Glacier, died Sunday, Feb. 24, 2002, at his home.

Richard was born on Oct. 31, 1936, in DuBois, Pa. to Bernard

and Maude Rensel.

No services are planned at this time. Arrangements are under the direction of Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls,

Rev. James Allen 'Jim' Reeves, 65

Rev. James Allen "Jim" Reeves, 65, retired Episcopal priest, died Sunday, June 23, 2002, at his Greenbank home of natural causes.

Born on May 11, 1927, in Pampa, Texas, Jim grew up in nearby Miami, Texas, where he graduated from high school in June of 1955. Jim earned his pilot's license at the age of 16.

Jim studied engineering at Oklahoma State University until the Space program stole him away to Florida in January of 1957. The next 12 years, Jim worked in the missile defense and "race to space" programs for RCA, Barnes Electronics, Dalmo Victor and Sylvania in advanced electronics. During this very exciting time in our national history, Jim traveled extensively overseas including Africa, South America, Europe and the Caribbean.

In a sudden change, Jim was called to the service of God. He attended the Episcopal Seminary in Alexandria, Va., and Salisbury, England, and was ordained a minister at Grace Cathedral in San Francisco in June of 1972.

The Lord works in mysterious ways. Jim's first church was the Church of the Incarnation in Great Falls, where he was ordained a priest in January of 1973. While in Great Falls, he met Eve Campbell and they were married on Dec. 31, 1973. Eve brought Jim a ready-made family of three sons, Neil, Bruce and Glen.



After the marriage, Jim became the assistant at St. Peter's Cathedral in Helena in 1974, becoming the dean of the cathedral in 1975. Father Jim served as dean for six years. After moving to Bigfork, Jim served as the rector at St. Andrews in Polson, from 1986 until he retired in 1996 for health reasons. Jim and Eve moved to Greenbank on Whidbey Island, Wash., north of Seattle, in July of 1996.

Jim enjoyed his retirement by boating and joining the Coast Guard Auxiliary. He was an active member of both St. Stephen's in Oak Harbor and St. Augustine in Freeland, doing Sunday and healing services at those and neighboring parishes.

Surviving are his wife Eve; sons, Neil and Glen Campbell of Seattle and Bruce Campbell of Helena; and sister, Marilyn Ash Smart of Jackson, Wyo. Other survivors include his six grandchildren, Megan, Lauren, Connor, Kasidy, Alec and Ambria Campbell along with extended family that included nephews, Greg Ash and his wife, Debra, Mike Ash and his wife Reiko; and niece Susan and husband, Larry Warren.

A memorial service was held at St. Stephens Episcopal Church in Oak Harbor. A funeral service, followed by inurnment, will be held at St. Peter's Episcopal Cathedral in Helena. The date and time of the service is tentatively set in July or August with a final date yet to be determined.

Memorials in honor of Jim Reeves may be sent to: St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 555 SE Regatta Drive, P.O. Box 1800, Oak Harbor, WA 98277.

Clifford 'Cliff' Frank Reum, 53

Clifford "Cliff" Frank Reum, 53, of Polson, passed away on Sunday, Nov. 10, 2002, in Polson.

He was born on Feb. 18, 1949, to LeRoy and Geraldine

Reum in Polson. He attended schools in Polson and graduated from Polson High School in 1967. He attended the University of Montana for two years and studied business.

Cliff married Katherine Cobb on April 30, 1977, in Polson.

He worked with his father in the family business, Roy's Ready Mix, until 1989. He worked at Polson Ready Mix for a few years before he started his own business. Cliff was really proud of his business, KJC Paving and Maintenance, which he started in 1992. He was well known and liked by all who knew him. He was especially known for his honesty and integrity.

Cliff was an excellent basket-



ball and football player. He started on the Polson basketball team during his high school days. He and his brother, Vern, ran the adult men's basketball league in Polson for 17 years.

He was committed to his family, friends and his community. Cliff attended the New Life Christian Center. He always enjoyed camping at Lake Mary Ronan and he loved to read.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Cliff is survived by his wife, Katherine, of Polson; two daughters, Jessica and Cassandra Reum, both of Polson; granddaughter, Kaitlyn MacKenzye Reum, also of Polson; three brothers, Vern Reum and his wife, Roxanne, and Wayne Reum and his wife, Marsha, all of Polson, and Glenn Reum and wife, Leslie, of Pablo.

Memorials may be made to a trust being established for his new granddaughter.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. today at the New Life Christian Center in Polson with Rev. Miles Finch officiating. Burial will be held at Ronan Cemetery.

Alta B. Richards, 87

Alta B. Richards, 87, died on Dec. 16, 2002, in Kalispell.

She is survived by her son, Kim B. Richards, of Whitefish.

She will be transferred to Hansen-Lendman Funeral Home in Kenosha, Wis., and

funeral services will be held there. She will be buried at Green Ridge Cemetery, next to her husband.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Harold Chance Richmond, 70

Harold Chance Richmond, 70, passed away suddenly at home in Kalispell on Tuesday, May 21, 2002.

He was born on Aug. 11, 1931, in Whitefish, to Fred J. and Helen V. (Chance) Richmond.

Harold was married July 14, 1953, in Kalispell, to Carol M. Luke, whom he first met when he was a second grader and she in first grade at the Bald Rock School.

He enlisted in the Army in 1953, and they were stationed in Fort Lewis, Wash. After his discharge in 1955, they returned to the Flathead.

Harold was known to everyone for his witty, humorous and off-the-wall sayings. His nickname was "The Big Weasel," and he was also known as "The Ax Man." He loved spending time with his family and was the world's best dad and grandpa. Anybody that knew him would tell you he would give you the shirt off his back, no questions asked as that was his generous nature.

He loved his horses, especially his draft horses. He did not get to enjoy working with them as much as he wanted, always saying work interrupted his fun. He joined the Northwestern Montana Draft Horse and Mule Association and got to enjoy working his horses, breaking ground at the Olsen Heritage Park this spring.

Harold was a longtime member of the Kalispell Eagles No. 234 and the National Rifle Association.

He drove log truck for many years and had hauled logs three days of the new season. He enjoyed



this a great deal and bought his own truck in 1987. Previous to this, he drove log truck for Clyde Pierson in the 1950s. He drove tanker truck for Johnny Leistner in the 1960s and worked for James A. Slack Trucking in the '70s and L. Peter Larson as an equipment mechanic in the 1980s.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and one brother, Marshall, of Portland.

Harold was a very loving husband to Carol, and the best dad and grandpa to his four children, Sandy and her husband, Floyd Quiram, of Whitefish, Connie and her husband, Tim Clark, of Seeley Lake, Keith of Missoula, and Kevin and his wife, Marla, of Kalispell; his 12 grandchildren, Shannon Quiram and fiancé, Dave Graf, of Dillon, Kelly, Taylor and Walker Quiram of Whitefish, Bobby Clark of Moorhead, Minn., JC, Gina and Tucker Chance Clark of Seeley Lake, Brittany, Ashley, Austin Chance and Justin Richmond of Kalispell.

He is survived by his sisters, Clydetta and husband, Orval Hunter, and Lila Smith of Arlington, Wash.; brothers, John and wife, Hazel Richmond of Raton, N.M., Jim Richmond and companion, Glenis, of Spokane, Walter of New Mexico, and Fred and his wife, Cheryl Richmond, of Columbia Falls; also many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews and many good friends.

The family suggest that memorials be made to the Northwestern Montana Draft Horse & Mule Association, 3039 Foothill Road, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Funeral services are set for 2 p.m. on Saturday at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

Lola Mae Riley, 79

Lola Mae Riley, 79, of Columbia Falls, died Sunday, May 19, 2002, at North Valley Extended Care in Whitefish.

She is survived by her husband, Harry A. Riley; daughter, Beverly J. Benson; and son, Bruce A. Riley.

Visitation will be Friday

from 1-8 p.m. at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. A funeral service will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. Burial will follow in Woodlawn Cemetery. A potluck reception will follow the service at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church.

Grace R. Ritzman, 80

Grace R. Ritzman, 80, passed away on Sunday, Dec. 22, 2002, at the Heritage Place in Kalispell.

She was born on Dec. 20, 1922, in Polson, to George L. and Lulu (Davis) Sager.

Grace was raised in Polson and graduated from Polson High School in 1940. After graduation, she went to work for the Selective Service in Polson and worked there from 1941-46. On March 16, 1946, she married Orville "Snooks" Ritzman in Polson, and they were married 46 years before his passing in 1992.

The couple moved to the Flathead Valley in 1946 and Grace worked at Glacier National Park from 1946-48. In 1948, she went to work for the Federal Bureau of Reclamation at the Hungry Horse Dam and worked there for 30 years until she retired in 1978. Grace loved her "dam family" and each



year would send Christmas updates for her family as well as the dam family, keeping everyone informed of the events of the past years.

She was an avid hunter, angler, snowmobiler and gardener. She was a member of the Polson Rebekah Lodge No. 94 and secretary of the Hungry Horse Federal Credit Union.

Grace was preceded in death by her husband in 1992, and her parents. She is survived by numerous nieces and nephews and one aunt, Marian Hein.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Johnson Mortuary Chapel, with Pastor Glenn Burfeind officiating. Burial will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday at Johnson Mortuary.

The family suggests memorials be sent to the Flathead Rural Firefighters and Quick Response Unit nearest you.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Alan A. 'Al' Roberts, 41

Alan A. "Al" Roberts, 41, who lived most of his life in Montana, passed away May 5, 2002, in Ukiah, Calif., of a heart attack.

He was born in Niagara Falls, N.Y., on Feb. 3, 1961. He moved to California with his family at a very young age and eventually came to Montana with his family where they lived and ran the La Vista Store for his uncle and godparent, Ben Poat. They settled in on a farm outside of Superior, where he enjoyed fishing, hunting, horseshoes and playing poker with his family and friends. He moved to Kalispell with his mother and some of his brothers where he attended and graduated from Flathead High School.

After high school, he lived and



worked in Kalispell for several years until his job took him to California. There he married and had a son named Cody who was the most important thing in his life. He was a loving and caring father and was fortunate to spend his last day riding his motorcycle with his son, which he enjoyed doing so much.

Al is survived by his son, Cody; mother, Chris Beyer, of Kalispell; and six brothers, Ben of Helena, Don of Eureka, Randy of Billings, Glen, Ken, and Rick of Kalispell; foster brother, Gary Montano of Spokane; aunts, uncles, cousins and many friends.

He will be deeply missed by all that knew him for his bright and cheerful smile and his love and generosity he had for anyone he met.

Memorial services will be held in Superior on Saturday at the Catholic Church at 3 p.m.

Conner Allen Roberts, 2 months

Conner Allen Roberts, age 2 months, passed away Friday, Feb. 22, 2002, at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.



Conner was born in Kalispell on Dec. 21, 2001, to Kevin and Trinity Roberts.

"Conner's time here with us has touched our hearts and lives forever. He was so excited to be here and share his love with us. Conner was instantly loved by everyone who knew him and those who never had the chance to see him. His grins and his funny expressions always had his big brother Shonn laughing, as they loved each other so much. His smiles, laughs and cries will be deeply missed by everyone."

He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Raymond Roberts, and his cousin, Leah Roberts.

Conner is survived by his parents, Kevin and Trinity Roberts, his brother Shonn Roberts of Columbia Falls, his grandparents, Doris Roberts of Kalispell, Ty Reid of Columbia Falls, Marsha Furlong of Columbia Falls, his great-

grandfather, Floyd Kile of Columbia Falls, and great-grandmother, Ethel Fontaine of Minot, N.D. He is also survived by his uncles and aunts, Danny Roberts of Kalispell, Ron and Brenda Roberts of Kalispell, David and Candi Roberts of Kalispell, Deedee Roberts and Rick Grimes of Kalispell, Larry and Sheree Roberts of Kalispell, Gary Roberts and Marcy Gochanour of Kalispell, Becky Reid of Havre, Zac and Kim Reid of Whitefish, Joe and Billie Reid of Bismarck, North Dakota, Jeff and Rane Peterson of Columbia Falls, Katie Furlong of Columbia Falls, and Josie Furlong of Columbia Falls, and numerous cousins, relatives and friends.

Memorial contributions may be made to The Roberts Family, 800 Jensen Road, Columbia Falls, MT 59912.

Funeral Services will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 27, at 1 p.m. at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls with the Rev. David Jones officiating. Burial will follow at Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

There will be a potluck at the Eagles in Columbia Falls after the service at the cemetery.

H. William 'Bill' Roberts, 83

H. William "Bill" Roberts, 83, passed away July 10, 2002, in Dallas. Bill was also known as "Wild Bill" or "Yuma Red."



Born Aug. 20, 1918, in Chicago, he was the

youngest of five boys and the only one with red hair. Bill grew up in Crystal Lake, Ill., graduated from high school and attended the University of Alabama.

In 1940 he joined the Navy and served his country for five years in Brazil and the South Pacific during World War II.

In 1951 he met Ruth Margaret Campbell, and they married in 1953. In 1957 they moved to Southern California with their two small children. Bill worked as an insurance auditor, specializing in workers' compensation for 35 years.

He loved the desert areas of California, Nevada and Arizona, and took the family on many excursions through ghost towns and abandoned mines, and explored every corner of Death Valley.

Bill fulfilled his dream by moving his family to Yuma, Ariz., in 1968, where he was dubbed "Yuma Red." Living 18 miles outside of town amongst the snakes and scor-

pions, Bill was probably the happiest he'd ever been, enjoying the Arizona sun and watching the stars at night.

In 1993 Bill moved to Dallas and enjoyed living close to his son and his family. He made many trips to northwest Montana and loved the Big Sky Country where his daughter and husband live and his favorite aunt and uncle had homesteaded.

He was totally dedicated to his wife and was her sole caretaker when she was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease. His last days were spent with her, reliving their life together and listening to Guy Lombardo music.

Bill is survived by his wife of 49 years, Ruth Margaret Roberts, of Dallas; daughter, Susan Jane, and husband, Raymond Phillips, of Kalispell; son, John William, and wife, Teresa Roberts, and granddaughter, Chelsea Renee Roberts, all of Garland, Texas; his oldest brother, David Wadsworth Roberts, and special niece, Penny Roberts, of Van Nuys, Calif.; special nephew, Lloyd Roberts and great-nephew, Willis Roberts, of Crystal Lake, Ill.; and numerous other nieces and nephews.

Memorial service was held July 15 in Garland, Texas.

"Bill loved to have fun and lived his life the way he wanted. He is sorely missed but we are grateful to God that we had him in our lives."

Antoinette Marie Roffler, 89

Antoinette Marie Roffler, 89, died peacefully on July 8, 2002, at the Jesmond Nursing Home in Nahant, Mass., after having Alzheimer's disease for several decades.

Born April 15, 1913, in Missoula, she was the youngest child of Armosa and John LaCasse. She grew up in Missoula with summers spent at the LaCasse Mine in the Bitterroot Mountains near Superior with her parents, brothers, aunts, uncles and numerous cousins. These "Huck Finn West" experiences imprinted her with a lifelong love of the outdoors, which included long walks in the woods, mountains, along rivers and in parks and gardens into her 80s.

After graduating from high school at the Sacred Heart Academy, she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in French at the University of Montana.

Antoinette met Hans Roffler, a forestry student, at the university, family lore has it, on a blind date arranged by friends. They were married on Dec. 26, 1936, in Missoula, and soon moved to Libby to begin a 30-year career with the U.S. Forest Service that took them to the Locksa and Red River Ranger Stations and the towns of Grangeville and Coeur d'Alene in Idaho. In 1956, they returned to Missoula for an assignment at the regional headquarters of the Forest Service and remained there until moving, in 1971, to the retirement home they built together on Flathead Lake near Lakeside.

During the 14 years since the death of Hans, she lived in Madison, Wis., near son, Steve Roffler, and in Nahant, near daughter Suzanne Roffler-Tarlov.

Antoinette loved to draw and paint, was a fisherwoman who kept her two young daughters busy by tying safety pins on the

ends of their lines; and an avid gardener doting over her favorites, peonies and begonias. She was so at ease with nature that she took her first born, Suzanne, at 6 weeks of age, 16 miles by horse and mule train to the Locksa Ranger Station. There and at Red River she raised her young family dealing with wood cookstoves, true iceboxes and bears in the yard.

She was active in her communities, leading 4-H clubs, planning Parent-Teacher Association functions, involved at her parish and being a good friend to her neighbors.

Antoinette enjoyed a joke and kidding, her enjoyment of a silly situation often turning into infectious laughter. Her enjoyment of a cup of coffee and a chat continued even when Alzheimer's disease was taking so much from her.

Antoinette is preceded in death by her husband, parents and brothers, John B. and Hector LaCasse.

She is survived by son, Steve Roffler and wife, Betsy Tuttle, of Madison; daughters, Suzanne Roffler-Tarlov and husband, Edward, of Nahant, and Sheila Hardy of Bellingham, Wash.; three grandchildren, Nicholas and Katherine Tarlov and Kevin Hardy; one niece, Marlys LaCasse Boddy of Missoula; and two nephews, John L. LaCasse and Edward LaCasse.

A graveside memorial service will be held at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery, 641 Conrad Drive, in Kalispell at 3 p.m. on Sept. 16. Antoinette's family invites her friends to join them at an informal dinner gathering following the memorial at a location to be announced at the service.

Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 517 N. Segoe Road, Madison, WI 53705. This organization was of great help to Antoinette and her family.

Naomi Rohan, 61

Naomi Rohan, 61, of Libby, died Tuesday, April 23, 2002, at Sacred Heart Medical Center in Spokane.

She is survived by her husband, David LeRoy "Roy" Rohan of Libby; her children, including Steven Rebo and wife, Debbie, Daniel Rebo and wife, Lori, Wendy Murer and husband, Dave Peavler, all of Libby; a brother; sisters,

including Sherry Cox of Eureka; 14 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. today at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Libby. Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Interment services will follow at the City of Libby Cemetery.

William A. 'Bill' Robertson

A memorial service for William A. "Bill" Robertson, who died April 6, 2002, will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. at Whitefish Cemetery.

Karol Joyce Rodgers, 61

Karol Joyce Rodgers, 61, died Tuesday, June 4, 2002, at her home in Libby after a 12-year battle with cancer.

She had retired from a career with the U.S. Postal Service, and then worked at DeShazer Ryan Realty after moving to Libby.

Survivors include her moth-

er, Mary Poole, of Libby; a sister, Mary Ann Katz, of Libby; and four children, Kelly Spooner of Kalispell, Scott Fabeck of Kalispell, Michele Calhoon of Libby, and John Fabeck of Anchorage, Alaska.

Services will be today at 2:30 p.m. at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Libby.

James William Rogers, 67

James William Rogers, 67, passed away on Saturday, Feb. 23, 2002, at the Evergreen Health and Rehabilitation Center in Polson.

He was born Feb. 10, 1935, in Polson, to Charles B. and Angela Rogers Elwood.

James lived in Kalispell as a child and later moved to Butte, working at Boulder and Butte for several years before returning to Polson.

James was preceded in death by

his mother; and is survived by his father, Charles "Chuck" Rogers of Rollins; two brothers, Patrick Rogers and wife, Dalice, of Deer Lodge, and Brian Rogers of Sidney; one niece, two nephews, as well as great-nieces and great-nephews.

A memorial service will be held at a later date at the Evergreen Health Center in Polson.

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

Ronald Dennis Rogers, 69

Ronald Dennis Rogers, 69, passed away on Thursday, April 25, 2002, in Kennewick, Wash., of heart failure.

He was born in Kalispell, on Aug. 29, 1932, to Fred and Frances Rogers. His mother taught elementary school in Kalispell. He graduated from Flathead County High School in the 1950s and immediately entered the U.S. Navy, serving in the Korean War, for which service he was awarded a Purple Heart.

When his service duty was over, he entered the University of Montana and received a degree in forestry. He retired from the U.S. Forest Service in Portland after 37 years.

Besides fishing, which he loved, Ronald was a collector. He especially enjoyed collecting military memorabilia, including hats, coats and swords. He also collected old Civil War uniforms and hats.

He married Jolene Van Dinter on July 7, 1967, and she survives him in the family home in Beaverton, Ore.

He is also survived by his sons, Robert Welch of Vancouver, Wash., Rickey L. Welch of Kennewick and a daughter, Roxanne Welch of Beaverton; and 10 grandchildren.

A funeral service is not planned at this time.

Brenda Joyce Rose, 62

Brenda Joyce Rose, 62, passed away on Nov. 20, 2002, in Heber City, Utah, due to complications of pancreatic cancer.



Brenda was born on May 10, 1940, in Rupert, Idaho, and raised in Burley, Idaho. She attended high school in Declo, Idaho, and graduated from beautician college in Anaconda.

She drove a potato truck in her early years and spent 25 years as a beautician, ending her career with the sale of the Bigfork Beauty Shop due to health reasons. She was working as a desk clerk for Identity Properties in Park City, Utah, at the time of her death.

Brenda was an avid supporter of the Bigfork Vikings and many school activities for many years. She was also very involved in most community activities for many years.

Brenda loved her family and the many, many friends that she held dear to her heart. She loved to camp, travel and have special times with her special friends. Brenda loved tending her "Magic Garden," and loved tending her

pup, Cari, and all the other little pets that would come to her home for their early morning treats. She especially cherished her rare visits home to spend time with her boys and family.

She also loved counseling her numerous nieces and nephews and would not even think about letting one of them get married without her personal beauty touches.

Brenda was preceded in death by her parents, Roy Randle and Wanda B. Rose.

She is survived by her sons, Jerry Edmondson of Columbia Falls, and Bud Lancaster and wife, Jan of Thompson Falls; her grandson, Jeremy Edmondson of Kalispell; and her great-grandson, Skyler Lorance Farnes, of Kalispell; and the many relatives located in all parts of the country whose lives she touched in a special way also loved and cherished her.

Cremation has taken place. A celebration of life will be at 2 p.m. Jan. 11 in the lower meeting room of the Eagles, 37 First St. West in Kalispell.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Jerry Edmondson, P.O. Box 1842, Columbia Falls, MT 59912 to offset bills related to Brenda's passing.

Daniel Ray Rose, 48

Daniel Ray Rose, 48, of Coram died Saturday, Sept. 12, 2002, at the home of his mother and stepfather, Ann and Clarence Carter of Kalispell.

He worked in Alaska, the oil

fields and lumber mills of Montana, and in construction.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. on Monday at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

Virginia M. Rose, 91

Virginia M. Rose, 91, of Troy, died June 18, 2002, at St. John's Lutheran Hospital in Libby of natural causes.

She is survived by her husband, Leslie, of Troy; children, Norma Jean Madison of Post Falls, Idaho, Frank Rose of

Prescott, Ariz., Neil Rose of Green Valley, Ariz., and Gary Rose of Troy. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Troy Cemetery in Troy.

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

Leona C. Rossol, 70

Leona C. Rossol, 70, passed away at the Brendan House on Sunday, Oct. 20, 2002.

She was born on March 3, 1932, in Chinook, to Oscar C. and Evelyn (Lacey) Holm.

Leona was a homemaker in every sense of the word, making a home for everyone. She enjoyed crocheting and, being very generous, gave most of it away.

Leona married Herbert Rossol on July 20, 1950, and they were able to celebrate 45 years of marriage on July 20, 1995. She and her husband were campground hosts at Lake Koochanusa for 10 years and made many friends along the way. She was loved dearly and will be missed greatly by her entire family.

Leona was preceded in death by her husband, Herbert; her parents; her brother, Carl; brother-in-law, Herman Rossol; and half brother, Cecil Henry.

She is survived by her daughter, Linda Stidman and her husband, Rick, of Kalispell; her son, Larry Rossol, of Columbia Falls;

sisters, Bertha Rossol of Kalispell, and Dorothy Smith and husband, Smitty, of Missoula; half sister, Betty Anderson of Great Falls; sister-in-law, Faye Holm; grandchildren, Kari Stidman, and Lisa Shrock and husband, Martin, of Kalispell, and Tim Rossol and wife, Becky, of Fresno, Calif.; great-grandchildren, Alix and Nikolas Rossol; godchildren, Katie Albertson of Salt Lake City, and Debbie Rossol of Kalispell; and many nieces and nephews.

Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday at Glacier Memorial Gardens with Pastor Lindean Barnett of Bethlehem Lutheran Church officiating. Visitation will be today from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Lyle Rowe, 90

Lyle Rowe, 90, passed away Sunday, Jan. 13, 2002, at Kalispell Regional Hospital.

He was born in Lambert on Feb. 7, 1911, to Fred and Ruby Rowe.

He attended Three Buttes School in Lambert. Lyle married Frances "Babe" Daniels on March 18, 1933, at Sidney. In the fall of 1946, they moved from Sidney to Kalispell, where he worked for Flathead County. He was injured while working in 1957, but he continued working part-time until 1963 when he became unable to work anymore.

Lyle resided at Colonial Manor from September 1997 until October 2001, then moved to the Heritage Place. When he fell and broke his hip, he was transferred to

Kalispell Regional Hospital.

Two brothers, two sisters, two grandsons and a great-granddaughter preceded Lyle in death.

His wife, Frances, survives him at the family home. He is also survived by two sons, Jay Rowe of Columbia Falls and John Rowe of Kalispell; a daughter, Marge, and her husband Chuck Spilis of Evergreen; nine grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; several great-great-grandchildren; and a special friend, Holly Ghrames of Kalispell.

There will be a viewing at Johnson Mortuary today from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. He is to be cremated. A family memorial will be held in Columbia Falls on Feb. 7, Lyle's birthday.

Leo F. Rowlan, 86

Leo F. Rowlan, 86, passed away Sunday, March 24, 2002, in Chandler, Ariz.

He was born in Joplin, on Nov. 3, 1915, and was from a family of seven children, six boys and one girl.

He came to Kalispell at age 3 and was educated at St. Matthew's Catholic School and was graduated from Flathead High School.

Leo worked for Plum Creek and then the family moved to Whitefish, where he worked for Great Northern Railroad for more than 15 years. He later worked as a weigh master at Anaconda Aluminum in Columbia Falls for 25 years.

He married Evelyn Krona in 1939. They had one daughter, Sharon Wesala and her husband, Kalle, of Phoenix; and their children, Cathy Costella and Jim Wesala and his son, Clinton Costella.

Evelyn preceded him in death in 1965.

Leo married Martha Luke in June 1969. He acquired three stepdaughters, Velma Gustin and Pamela Luke, who preceded him in death, and Linda Barnes, who survives him in Whitefish; and her daughters, Courtney of Bozeman and Lexie in Whitefish. Also surviving are four stepgrandchildren of Velma's family, Camilla Redmond of Minneapolis, Gwyn Cooper of South Carolina and Jill Redmond and Timothy Redmond, both of Kalispell; and two great-grandchildren, Pierce of Minnesota and Danielle of Kalispell.

Cremation has taken place in Arizona.

Graveside services will be at Conrad Cemetery in Kalispell on June 12 at 2 p.m.

Donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Foundation.

Ruth O. Buls-Rumley, 79

Ruth O. Buls-Rumley, 79, passed away at the Heritage Place in Kalispell, on Friday, Nov. 22, 2002, after a long fight with illness.

She was born Oct. 17, 1923, in Twin Falls, Idaho, to Fred and Natalie Hansen.

Ruth graduated from high school in Missoula.

Ruth married Arthur Buls in 1940 at Missoula and was married for 25 years. She later married Owen Rumley in 1969 and was married for 23 years. She raised nine children and was employed as a waitress at Mr. B's in Somers and at the B&B Restaurant in Kalispell, which her son later purchased and operated with his wife for over six years.

Ruth was a member of the Somers Volunteer Fire Department and auxiliary and the Somers Parent Teacher Association. She loved to swim, dance, go creek fishing and to spend time with her children and grandchildren. She loved all her children immensely

and would do anything for them at any cost. "She was the most selfless person we ever knew."

Ruth was preceded in death by her sons, Duane and Patrick Buls, and brother Gary Hansen.

Ruth is survived by her seven children, Maurice and Roger Buls of Anchorage, Alaska, Elaone Pack of Spokane, Leonard Buls of Great Falls, Dan Buls, Karen Anderson, and Lisa Culver, all of Kalispell; 15 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and her best friend, Nancy Stephan of Anchorage.

A family service will be held at 2 p.m. Monday at Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Cemetery. No visitation will be held.

The family suggests memorial be made to Home Options Hospice, 175 Commons Loop, Suite 100, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Stella Russo, 91

Stella Russo, 91, died Aug. 25, 2002, at the Colonial Manor nursing home in Whitefish.

She is survived by her husband George J. Russo of White-

fish.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls with the Rev. Charles Roman officiating.

Inga A. Rygg, 86

Inga A. Rygg, 86, passed away Tuesday, March 19, 2002, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

She was born Sept. 23, 1915, to the Rev. Joseph and Irene Johnson.

Inga grew up in Jamestown, N.D., and graduated from Concordia College in Moorhead, Minn., in 1937.

After college, she worked in Minneapolis for several years. In 1942, she married Sterling Rygg and they have made their home in the Whitefish and Kalispell area ever since. They had three children.

She was active in the Red Cross, Lutheran Social Services, Philanthropic Educational Organi-



zation and was very involved in the Lutheran church. She loved spending winters in Florida and volunteering at a hospital thrift store.

She was preceded in death by her son, Philip.

She is survived by her husband Sterling; son Thomas and his wife, Cheryl, and their daughters, Briana and Kristin; daughter-in-law Char Rygg, her daughter, Becky, and sons, Jeff, Adam and John; daughter Mary Roper and her husband, Jeff, and their sons, Jess and Reid. She is also survived by her sister, Irene of Washington, and numerous nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at Bethlehem Lutheran Church on Friday at 2 p.m.

The family suggests memorials to Lutheran Social Services, c/o Ruth Lindabury, P.O. Box 1345, Great Falls, MT 59403.