

Patsy Couch Sneed, 70

Patsy Couch Sneed, 70, passed away on Aug. 8, 2002, in Bigfork.

She was born May 12, 1932, in Durham, N.C., to Alvin and Mae (Smith) Couch. Patsy received her early education in Durham graduating from Bragtown High School.

She married William "Bill" Sneed Jr. on March 7, 1951. After some traveling while Bill was with the Coast Guard, the family settled back in Durham where they built and operated Maple Ridge Park, a mobile home court still operated by the family today.

Patsy and Bill moved to the Flathead Valley in June of 1993, building a home in Bigfork near their son. For the last 15 years they have been traveling extensively with their motor home from North Carolina; to visit her daughter; to Florida to Montana and all points in between.

Patsy dearly enjoyed being with her family and spoiling her grandchildren. She was an avid collector of many things but her largest collection was that of Longaberger baskets. Patsy also loved shopping, in fact it was her passion. She loved

shopping more than anything except her family and her loving husband with whom she spent 51 wonderful years.

Patsy was preceded in death by her parents; her brother: Robert "Duck" Couch; and two sisters, Betty Lou Couch and Billye Blalock.

She is survived by her husband, Bill Sneed of Bigfork, (P.O. Box 1317, Bigfork, MT 59911), son Chuck Sneed and wife, Becky, of Bigfork; daughter Sandy Joseph and husband, Bruce, of Hillsborough, N.C.; and two brothers, Roger Couch of Cary, N.C. and Alvin "Doodle" Couch of Durham. Four grandchildren also survive her, Adam, Carson, Logan and Tucker.

Graveside services will be held at 5 p.m. on Monday at the Bigfork Community Cemetery on Swan River Road in Bigfork, with Pastor Jim Holman officiating. Memorial services will be held in Durham later this month.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Jennica A. Snyder, 17

Jennica A. Snyder, 17, of Libby, died Friday, Sept. 13, 2002, from injuries sustained in a motor-vehicle accident.

She was born June 25, 1985, in Libby to Steve and Sharron Sverdrup Snyder. She grew up and attended school in Libby and was very active in high-school sports. She enjoyed playing basketball, cross-country, volleyball, softball and cheerleading. She was a member of the Libby Christian Church youth group. She had been employed at Burger Express and enjoyed cooking.

Survivors include her parents, Sharron Sverdrup, and Steve Snyder and Angie Grotjohn, of Libby; brothers, Adam Snyder of Missoula, Eric Grotjohn of Libby, and Jon Roberts of Livingston; sister, Toni Roberts of Livingston; grandparents, Larry and Emily Sverdrup, and Harold and Shirley Snyder, of Libby; five uncles, Rod Snyder and wife,

Toni, of Libby, Larry Sverdrup Jr. and wife, Miriam, of San Diego, Jim Sverdrup and wife, Jackie, of Kalispell, Francis Sverdrup and wife, Marsha, of Kalamazoo, Mich., and Eric Sverdrup and wife, Rose, of Boise, Idaho; five aunts, Kathy Sverdrup of Libby, Elleen Border and husband, Jim, of Soldotna, Ala., Sandra Barnes and husband, Russ, of Libby, Linda Sverdrup of Sacramento, Calif., and Connie Swartzendruber and husband, Dan, of Libby; cousins, Crystal Barnes of Libby, and Kristen and Lea Castor of Sacramento, and numerous other cousins.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Libby High School gymnasium. Interment will follow at the Steve Snyder residence up Pipe Creek. Friends of the family are welcome at the interment. Visitation will be from 3 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Local arrangements are by Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Libby.

Wallace Raymond 'Spud' Snyder, 78

Wallace Raymond "Spud" Snyder, 78, passed away on Monday, March 11, 2002, at the Montana Veteran's Home.

He was born Dec. 25, 1923, to Johan G. and Delilah May (Wheatley) Anderson in Baylor.

Spud was raised in Nashua, and graduated from Nashua High School in 1942. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy, served aboard the USS Shangri-La and the USS California; and was trained as an electrician's mate. He earned a three star Asiatic Pacific Area Campaign Medal, an American Area Campaign Medal and a World War II Victory Medal.

In 1947, he married Dorothy "Dottie" Maurseth in Wolf Point. They had three children, Gerald, Paul and Nina. They lived in Fort Peck, where he worked as an operator at Fort Peck Dam. They moved to the Flathead in 1952, where he worked and retired as an operator from Hungry Horse Dam.

He was a lifetime member of the Pony of the Americas (POA) Club and the Rocky Mountain Riders Saddle Club, holding numerous offices over the years. He was inducted into the POA Hall of Fame in 1995. Raising and showing horses was one of his greatest joys. His home is filled with trophies from countless horse shows,



including two world championships. His horses and their bloodlines are well-known all over the United States and Canada.

As mayor of his neighborhood, Abbot Creek, he was always building memories, enjoying wrestling, football, snowcatting, hunting, fishing, O-Mok-See's, horseshoes, dancing and cribbage. One of his biggest pleasures was playing practical jokes on friends ("You all know who you are.") with his love of life always shining through.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 54 years; his mother and father; his stepfather, Earl Snyder; and his sister, Mildred Miller.

He is survived by his children, Gerald and his wife, Sharon, of Kalispell; Paul and his wife, Holly, of Columbia Falls; and Nina and her husband, Tom Ringo, of Ballantine; grandchildren, Jason and Stephanie Snyder, Kim and Sean Vann, Beau and Melissa Snyder, Chad Snyder, Tyler and Tessa Ringo and Cody Ringo; great-grandchildren, Seth, Parker, and Caili Snyder, Trenton and Jascab Vann and Josh, Madison and Ashley Snyder; beloved nieces, Patsy, Barb, Tootie and C.K.; cousins, Wes and Sue Wheatley, and Jean and David Cull of England.

Memorials may be made to the Wildcat Athletic Endowment Fund, P.O. Box 2732, Columbia Falls, MT 59912.

Walter 'Walt' Carl Solak, 52

Walter "Walt" Carl Solak, 52, passed away at his home on Jan. 16, 2002.

Walt was born in Ford City, Pa., to Walter J. and Mildred (Durec) Solak. Walt was raised and graduated from high school in Ford City.

In 1987, he moved with his family to Montana, where he worked several jobs. His most recent was as custodian for the Bigfork School District and as an employee for Shopko.

Walt was a loving and supportive father and husband who was a hard worker and who took pride in providing for his family. He was greatly loved and will be missed by his wife, children, brother-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews, aunts, and uncles, all of whom he loved

very much.

Walt was preceded in death by his parents, Walter and Mildred Solak.

He is survived by his loving wife, Marsha Solak of Kalispell; two daughters, Meghan Solak of Pullman, Wash., and Ashleigh Solak of Kalispell.

Visitation will be held on Monday from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel. At his request, there will be no services.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, friends may make memorial contributions to the charity of your choice, The United Way, PO Box 7217, Kalispell, MT 59904, or the American Lung Association, 825 Helena Avenue, Helena, MT 59601.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary,

Hazel Solberg, 82

On Aug. 27, 2002, "God blessed" Hazel Solberg, 82, of Phoenix, with a "peaceful passing to heaven" at the home of her daughter in Gig Harbor, Wash.

She was born July 26, 1920, in Dooley, Mont., and was one of four children. She married her beloved husband, Orville Solberg, in Westby, on Oct. 14, 1940, and enjoyed 49 years of marriage before Orville's passing in 1989. She resided in various parts of Montana, Washington and, the last 27 years, in Phoenix.

The family is blessed to have had such a beautiful, loving and devoted mother and grandmother. Her example of loving, kindness, gentleness, respect and compassion for others will be greatly missed by her daughter, Dorothy and husband, Brian Craig, of Gig

Harbor; her son, Larry Solberg and wife, Cathy, of Phoenix; two sisters, Luella and husband, Max Pedersen, of Reserve, and Bernice Hopkins of Lakeside; four grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Cremation services were handled by Haven of Rest Funeral Home in Gig Harbor.

Her ashes will be shipped to Phoenix to be distributed with Orville's in the Greenwood Memory Lawn Rose Garden, and also to the Cornertown Cemetery in Montana where Hazel's parents, Bert and Andrea Solheim, are buried.

A celebration of life will be held at the family's home in Gig Harbor on Sept. 8.

Remembrances may be made to your favorite charity.

Jack Sommars, 71

Jack Sommars, 71, passed away on Thursday, Sept. 5, 2002, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

Jack was born on Dec. 4, 1930, in Wolf Point, to Ralph and Vesta Quitmeyer Sommars.

He lived in Wolf Point and California before moving to Havre, where he farmed for 20 years. He moved to Kalispell in 1979, where he lived until his death.

Jack served in the U.S. Army from March of 1951 until March of 1953.

He is survived by his wife, Frances, of Kalispell; his daughter, Toby and her husband, Vince Allan, and grandchildren, Laura, Andy and Jessica, all of Columbia Falls; and one brother, Gary Sommars of Ault, Colo.

Graveside services will be held at 3 p.m. Tuesday at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery, with the Rev. William Baumgarten officiating.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Mark W. Sorensen, 50

Mark W. Sorensen, 50, passed away Aug. 25, 2002, of cardiac arrest at his home in Medford, Ore.

He was born Jan. 10, 1952, in San Angelo,

Texas. Since his father had a lifelong career in the military service, Mark was raised and attended schools throughout the United States, Germany and France.

He served in the U.S. Army as an Airborne Pathfinder.

In 1987 he married Jackie Kikendall of Kalispell, in Medford.

He worked in advertising and car sales, and his passion was with his promotions company, Super



Rock, which presented concerts and various entertainment in Medford since 1971.

Mark enjoyed traveling to the beaches of Mexico and the Caribbean, car collecting, fishing and attending Raiders, Blazers and 49ers games.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and his brother Lance; as well as his four-legged friends, Tucker, Shawnee and Kitty.

He is survived by his wife, Jackie.

Funeral services will be held Sept. 7 at the family home in Medford.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Disabled Veterans Association or the National Kidney Foundation.

John Speelman, 94

John Speelman, 94, passed away Monday, Nov. 11, 2002, at his home in Evergreen.

He was born Sept. 20, 1908, in Odoorn, Holland, to Lambert Speelman and Pieterjtje Speelman-Nijboer, the youngest of six children. He grew up on the family farm in Exloermond, where he attended school. In March of 1926, he graduated from the agricultural college in nearby Emmen.

Soon thereafter, he immigrated to the United States, living in Iowa with his uncle and aunt, John and Netty Speelman, helping on their farm. He then moved to Mitchell, S.D., where he helped his sister, Janet, and her husband, Dick Vegter, on their farm.

He returned to Holland, where he married Ann Kruijer in Hoogezand on Feb. 21, 1934. The couple came to the United States shortly thereafter, settling in Manhattan, Mont., where he worked for Vegter's uncle, Chris Buitenhoff, at Cloverdale Apiaries. At the same time, he worked as a rural mail carrier and began establishing his own bee business in the Gallatin Valley. He also worked briefly in the shipyards in California during the early years of World War II.

He and Ann had two sons, Edwin and Gene. The family moved to the Flathead Valley in the spring of 1948. They were among the early families to settle in the Evergreen area. Here, John continued to expand his Evergreen Apiaries business into a full-time commercial operation that included local retail and wholesale hon-



ey sales. He also provided hives for many years for pollination of cherry orchards around Flathead Lake.

An avid fisherman, he spent time at the family cabin on Bitterroot Lake and later on Ashley Lake.

He was a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie No. 234. He served on the board of the Montana State Beekeepers Association and the county mosquito district board. A generous man, he donated freely to numerous local community and school endeavors. He also was an excellent gardener.

His wife, Ann, preceded him in death on April 29, 1989. Also preceding him in death were his brothers Jacob and Roelof Speelman and sisters Henderika Meinders in Holland and Janet Vegter in Ione, Wash.

Survivors include his son and recent caregiver Edwin, and son Gene and companion, Maeloye Lowney, all of Kalispell; his niece, Helen Carlson of Cusick, Wash., and her children, Richard of Loon Lake, Wash., Amy Baxter of Usk, Wash., Andy and Phillip of Clayton, Wash., Ruth Carlson of Cusick, Wash., and Joan Enyeart of Ione, and their families; and daughter-in-law Jo Ann and her husband, Greg Dramer, of Kalispell. He also is survived by several nieces and nephews and other relatives in Holland.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Johnson Mortuary Chapel, with Pastor Marvin Northcutt officiating. Burial will be at Glacier Memorial Gardens followed by a reception at the Eagles Aerie in Kalispell.

Friends may call at Johnson Mortuary for visitation on Friday from 9 a.m. until the time of service.

The family suggests memorials to Hospice at 175 Commons Loop, No. 100, Kalispell MT 59901.

Lewis Nordill 'Dill' Sproul, 78

Lewis Nordill "Dill" Sproul, 78, died June 13, 2002, in Whitefish.



He was born April 19, 1924, in Kane, Wyo., to Fred and Irma (Haney) Sproul. The family then

moved to Eastern Montana and lived on Sage Creek, Pryor Creek, White Sulphur Springs and Martinsdale. They then moved to Star Meadows west of Whitefish in 1945, bringing with them by rail, a string of pinto horses from Martinsdale.

He entered the Army during World War II, serving in the South Pacific. During his tour of duty he also served as Honor Guard for Gen. Douglas MacArthur.

After his honorable discharge, he returned home to the family ranch at Star Meadows. He married Janet Fly on June 10, 1949. Their son Clyde "Gus" was born on March 7, 1952. They continued working the family operation of raising horses, cattle, sheep, and logging.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Frank. Following the death of his brother, Frank, in 1969, "Uncle Dill" became father figure to his nephew and nieces, and the families established Star Meadows

Guest Ranch, which was operated until 1978.

At that time, Dill and Janet moved to the Kalispell area, where he continued to work in the logging industry until retiring, allowing him the time to enjoy his hobby of woodworking, which involved the making of many treasured keepsakes. On June 10, 1999, Dill and Janet celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

He is survived by his wife Janet; son Clyde "Gus"; a brother, Francis "Barney" and wife, Dolly, of Kalispell; and sister-in-law, Florence Wood of Whitefish.

"Uncle Dill" is also survived by nephew, Rich Sproul and wife, Julie, of Columbia Falls; nieces Ruthie and husband, Ray Barnes, of Dillon, Jenny Koski and fiancé, Mike, of Kalispell, Jolene and husband, David Wolstad, of Somers; great-nieces and nephews, Jackie Sproul and fiancé, Willis, of Portland, Jason Barnes and wife, Tara, of Kalispell, Tyler Barnes and fiancée, Lynnette, of Dillon, Travis Koski of Juneau, Alaska, Stacy Koski of Kalispell, Jordan and Sheldon Woldstad of Somers; and great-great-nephew, Brendan Barnes of Kalispell.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday at Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish with the Rev. David V. Kauffman officiating.

Margaret Stanley, 90

Margaret Stanley, 90, of Columbia Falls died Tuesday, Oct. 1, 2002.

She was born on April 1, 1912, in Roundup. She lived most of her life in Columbia Falls.

In 1928 she married Herbert Stanley. Margaret was a dedicated wife and loving mother.

She was preceded in death by her husband, all her brothers and sisters, her parents and one grandson.

Margaret is survived by her children, Ray and Delores Stanley of Polson, Jack & Connie Peck of Libby, Ray and Peggy Wicks of Columbia Falls; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

A graveside service will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday at Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls. The Rev. Joe Slaughter will officiate. Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is in charge of the arrangements.

Mary Lorene Stearns, 74

Mary Lorene Stearns, 74, of Columbia Falls, passed away Thursday, April 11, 2002, at home of heart failure.

She was born Nov. 5, 1927, in Joliet, to Mancil and Jewel Morrison. She was raised and attended school in Laurel.

On Dec. 26, 1946, she married Thomas Stearns in Billings. In 1953, they moved to Columbia Falls. There, they raised four daughters, Gretchen, Glenda, Geri and Thomasina.

She volunteered at the food bank and sold Avon for many years, until her stroke in 1990.

She cherished every moment she spent with her family and friends. She was a true inspiration to all she ever met.

"There is no more precious gift than to make another person smile. She could do that without any effort, because it was sincere. She loved life and she met any challenge it put to her with bravery and a smile, maybe even a little 'Bring it on!' She was our



hero."

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Tom, and a son, Richard Thomas Stearns.

Lorene is survived by Gretchen LaRoque and her husband, Gordon, and grandchildren, Darrell and his wife, Krista, and Derek, and great-grandchildren, Alesia and Jared, of Columbia Falls; Glenda Peterson and her husband, Paul, grandchildren Leif, Sean, Kisa and Kahla of North Pole, Alaska; Geri Woodbeck and her husband, Steve, grandchildren, Jewel, Levi and Sierra, and great-grandchild, Angel, of Kalispell; and Thomasina Stevens, and her husband, John, grandchildren, Marques, Karrisa, Krahmer, Hayden, Zane and Isaiah of Spokane, Dallas Miller and his wife, Janet of Helena; and her best friend, Janie Mercier.

A funeral service was held Tuesday at the Assembly of God Church, with the Rev. Darrell Newby officiating. Burial followed in Woodlawn Cemetery.

"In her memory, give a smile to all you meet."

Dora Steiner, 79

Dora Steiner, 79, died Oct. 11, 2002, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

She is survived by her sons, Allen Zunick of Bigfork, Robert Zunick of Mesa, Ariz.; and daughter, Sharon Moses of

Ithica, N.Y.

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

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

Gil G.J. Stenseth, 94

Gil G.J. Stenseth, 94, beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, dear friend of many and child of God, passed away Wednesday, June 5, 2002, in Kalispell. *



Gil was born Nov. 9, 1907, in Calmer, Iowa, to Julius and Gelia Stenseth. He was the eldest of seven children.

He ventured forth at an early age from his father's farm to become a sales supervisor for Minneapolis Moline Co.

In 1939, he was united in marriage to Dorothy Schmaing in Fargo, N.D. To this union three children were born: Donna Stenseth Larsen of Renton, Wash., Richard "R.J." Stenseth of Houston, and Charlotte "C.J." Stenseth of Kalispell.

In 1953, the family moved to Kalispell, where Gil purchased Modern Machinery Co., and began his long and much enjoyed association with the Flathead Valley and its farmers, ranchers and loggers.

He retired at age 73 and began enjoying winters in Mesa, Ariz. He married Lorraine Hanchett in 1980, and resided in Lakeside in the summer and in Mesa during the winter months. He enjoyed being a stepfather and stepgrandfather to her children and grandchildren.

His strong work ethic, quiet wisdom and enduring faith were examples for his family. He especially enjoyed his yard, as he had an excellent and experienced green thumb. His beautiful flowers and manicured lawns were also

enjoyed by many neighbors and friends in Lakeside, Kalispell and Mesa.

He was a Mason and Shriner.

Gil was very active in his church throughout his lifetime and was president of several congregations, including Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Kalispell, Lakeside Community Church and Apache Wells Community Church. He was involved in the creation of Immanuel Lutheran Home and Bethlehem Lutheran Bible Camp.

He was proud of his 100 percent Norwegian heritage and was a lefssa and lutefisk enthusiast, and could still speak fluent Norwegian. His Norwegian Christmas prayer will forever be remembered and cherished.

He was preceded in death by his parents, all his siblings, and his wife, Lorraine, in 1999.

In addition to his children, he is survived by Dorothy Stenseth, and three grandchildren, Bradley Johnson and family of Singapore, Kari Perkin and family of Saudi Arabia, Kristen Stenseth and family of New Mexico; and four great-grandchildren.

"He was deeply loved by his family and it is with profound sorrow that we bid him farewell, for now. Gud velsigne du og halde du, Daddy."

The family expresses its deep, heartfelt appreciation to Gil's wonderful caregivers at Immanuel Lutheran Home, Bratsburg Wing.

Graveside services will be held at 4 p.m. Saturday at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery with the Rev. Brenda Wills officiating.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Harley Duane Stevens, 67

Harley Duane Stevens, 67, passed away on Dec. 24, 2002, at St. John's Lutheran Hospital in Libby.

Harley was born on Aug. 10, 1935, in Kalispell, to James and Madge James Stevens. He was raised and educated in West Glacier.

He married Ella Mae Rhodes on March 28, 1969, in Burien, Wash. They lived in the Flathead Valley off and on his whole life. They moved to Libby four years ago and that is where he was residing when he passed away.

Harley was an avid outdoorsman who loved fishing.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and siblings, Willis, Betty, Jack, Gerene, Kenneth and Sharon.

He is survived by his wife, Ella Mae; stepdaughter, Vickie Jean Woods; granddaughters, Brittany Ann and Tiffany Lynn; grandson, Jamie; one great-grandson; and two brothers, Roger and Steve.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home with the Rev. Glenn Burfeind officiating. Burial will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Neil W. Stevens, 79

Neil W. Stevens, 79, passed away at his home on Wednesday, Dec. 11, 2002, in Lakeside. He was born on Feb. 17, 1923, in Polson to Charles and Martha (Roof) Stevens.

Neil was in the Army from February 1943 to February 1946. He served in the Light Armored Division of the 3rd Army under Gen. George Patton in the European theater. He fought in three major battles, including the Battle of the Bulge.

Neil spent 50 years in the automotive repair business, operating his own shop for the past seven years. He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Vet-

erans of the Battle of the Bulge.

He was preceded in death by his parents, four brothers and one sister.

He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Betty Walker Stevens; two daughters, Pamela McCarthy and Penny Stevens; a dear son-in-law, Don McCarthy; a very special grandson, Ryan McCarthy; and three brothers, Douglas "Nute," Glen, and Lloyd Stevens.

The family suggests memorial gifts be given to the Lakeside Quick Response Unit, P.O. Box 911, Lakeside, MT 59922.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Rachel Mae Anderson Stevens, 68

Rachel Mae Anderson Stevens, 68, of Helena, passed away Thursday afternoon, Sept. 19, 2002, in Helena, of a heart attack.

She was born July 15, 1934, on a farm near Kalispell, daughter of William and Rozella Anderson. She attended school near Lake Blaine and in Kalispell. Rachel's grandparents homesteaded at the north end of the Flathead Valley and many cousins still live here.

On Dec. 7, 1951, Rachel married John "Jack" Heller in California. They moved often with their three children, following her husband's military career.

She married Jerry Stevens on July 19, 1980, in Helena, where they built a beautiful log home north of town. Rachel enjoyed the peacefulness and delighted in the wildlife that came through their place. She kept Jerry busy building bluebird houses and filling hummingbird feeders.

Her health was poor for a number of years, but she enjoyed life, her family and many friends. She was well known for her home cooking and for the many items she created for others with her needlework.

This past year, Rachel became a member of New Life Lutheran



Church and often spoke about her "wonderful church family."

Survivors include her husband, Jerry Stevens, and stepdaughter, Shannon Stevens of Helena; her three children, Charlotte and Karl Schmiedeskamp of Las Vegas, John Heller Jr. of Phoenix, and Leora and David La Graffe of Alexandria, Va.; grandchildren, Heather Steingreubl, Peter Schmiedeskamp and Kirsten Heller; sisters, Ione and Jon Schumacher of Missoula, and Elizabeth "Betty" Burton of Kalispell; brothers, Forest Anderson of St. Croix Falls, Wis., and Dale Anderson of Kalispell; brother-in-law, Larry and Patty Stevens; sister-in-law, Betty and Bill Peterson; many nieces and nephews; and special friends and neighbors, Fred and Jill Farnam of Helena and their children and grandchildren were a much-beloved part of her life.

She was preceded in death by her parents and, most recently, by her aunt, Frances Berry.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. on Monday at New Life Lutheran Church in Helena. A family graveside service will take place at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the Fairview Cemetery in Kalispell.

Family suggest that memorials may be given to the American Cancer Society and New Life Lutheran Church.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Hagler-Anderson Mortuary.

David R. Stiffey, 58

David R. Stiffey, 58, died Dec. 16, 2002, at Colonial Manor in Whitefish.

He is survived by his daughter, Denise Bollman, and son,

Richard Bollman.

Cremation will take place and private services will be at a later date. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Gregory H. Stockner, 47

Gregory H. Stockner, 47, of Missoula died Monday, Sept. 9, 2002, from injuries sustained in a logging accident near Phosphate.

He was born May 8, 1955, in Kalispell, to Vernon Stockner and Loretta Fortine. He was raised in Eureka where he attended grade school and moved to Missoula where he attended Hellgate High School and graduated in 1974.

On Aug. 27, 1983, he married Patti Rautz and together they had two children, Dustin, 18, and Cody, 15.

They moved to Kodiak, Alaska, in 1983, where Greg worked for Felton Construction, then moved to Washington and continued to work for Felton Construction until 1989 when the logging business, GT Enterprises, was started with his friend Tom and continued in operation until present.

He was preceded in death by his stepfather, Allen Garrison;

brother-in-law, Wayne Rautz; grandparents, Ken and Ressie Stockner, and Louise Garrison.

Survivors include his wife Patti, and sons Dustin and Cody at the family home in Missoula; his son Greg Jr. and wife, Kristy, and grandson, Tyler, of Clayton, Wash.; his father Vernon and wife, Dorothy Stockner; mother Loretta Fortine; sisters, Jeanie and husband, Dave Henley, Bobbie and husband, Harry Brock, Vicky and husband, Ben Pluid, and Becky Kiser; brother, Tag and wife, Kim Garrison; stepsisters Brenda and husband, Steve Rollins, Dawn and husband, Brad Trumbull, and Jill Wade; and numerous other family members and friends.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. today at Sunset Memorial Funeral Home in Missoula with the Rev. Dan Dixson officiating.

Interment will follow in Sunset Memorial Cemetery.

Isabel 'Izzy' Stoll, 87

Isabel "Izzy" Stoll, 87, passed away Aug. 2, 2002, at her home in Kalispell.

She was born June 23, 1915, in Wisconsin, to Charles and Emma Burmiester.

In 1933, she married Edward Stoll and together they farmed until 1952 when they moved to Whitefish. Isabel cooked for North Valley Hospital until her retirement.

She was an avid quilter who also enjoyed fishing and spending winters in Arizona with her husband.

She was preceded in death by

her husband, parents, four brothers and one sister.

She is survived by her daughter, Gladys Haas; son Richard Stoll; sister Beate; seven grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday at Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be made to Hospice, 1280 Burns Way, Kalispell, MT 59901, or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Elizabeth A. 'Bette' Stollfuss, 76

Elizabeth A. "Bette" Stollfuss, 76, passed away Tuesday, Nov. 26, 2002, at Brendan House in Kalispell.



Bette was born June 2, 1926, in Toronto, Ontario, to Samuel and Lillie Carson Hall.

Bette attended public school and three years of vocational school in Toronto.

She married John Stollfuss April 6, 1946, at Fairlawn United Church in Toronto. She worked at Campbell Finance in Toronto. She entered the United States as a war bride and lived in the Kalispell area for 21 years.

In 1967, she moved to the family ranch west of Marion, where she cooked for haying crews and drove tractor or truck in winter to help feed the cattle. She was a volunteer librarian in Evergreen School for seven years.

Ill health and a major operation in later years confined her to a wheelchair and walker but she continued to do housework and cook.

She enjoyed playing piano and the accordion.

The family wants to give a special thanks to the nurses and staff of Brendan House.

Bette was preceded in death by her parents and one brother.

She is survived by her husband of 56 years, John E. Stollfuss of Marion; one son, Larry Stollfuss and wife, Donna Rae, of Carter; two grandsons, Joshua Stollfuss of Allen Park, Mich., and Jacob Stollfuss and wife, Linda, of Cleveland, Ohio; one sister, Emily Ogden and husband, Jack, of Toronto; nieces, Debbie Ogden and son of Stouffville, Ontario, Janice Muynaugh and family of London, Ontario, Wayne Hall and family of Kitchener, Ontario, Jill Ward and family of Kitchener; and special cousin, Elwyn Thomas of Cornwall, England.

The family suggests memorials be sent to Brendan House, 350 Conway Dr., Kalispell, MT 59901.

Memorial services will be held on Saturday at 1 p.m. at the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with Pastor Glenn Burfeind officiating.

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

Ardelle Storbakken, 63

Ardelle Storbakken, 63, of Libby, died Tuesday, Oct. 1, 2002, at the Libby Care Center following a courageous battle with multiple sclerosis.

She had worked at both First National and Lincoln Security Banks.

She is survived by her daughters, Ann Howard and Kathy Olson of Kalispell; and

sons, Carl Howard of Santa Paula, Calif., and Keith Howard of Libby.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Nelson and Vial Funeral Home in Libby.

Services will be at 11 a.m. on Saturday at St. John Lutheran Church in Libby.

Interment services will follow at the City of Libby Cemetery.

Verna Jeanne Stout, 62

Verna Jeanne Stout, 62, died Sept. 30, 2002, at her home in Kalispell.

She is survived by her husband, Clyde Stout; sons, Clyde Stout II, Mark Stout and John

Stout.

Cremation has taken place and no public service is planned.

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

Alleene E. Stotts, 84

Alleene E. Stotts, 84, lifelong Montana resident, passed away July 9, 2002, in Kalispell

She was born April 23, 1918, in Rothiemay, to William and Ethel Galbraith. She attended and graduated from Whitefish High School in the class of 1936.

Alleene married Morgan R. Stotts in 1937. Morgan was a fireman for the city of Kalispell and many lasting friendships were made throughout the state with other firefighters. She worked for Flathead County in the office of the surveyor and county assessor for many years. Both were very active in all Masonic organizations; Alleene being a Mother Advisor for the Rainbow Girls and Past Matron of the Order of Eastern Star. The Presbyterian Church was also very special to her. Her work and Masonic affiliations created a huge circle of friendships. She remained active in these organizations until ill health limited her activities. Morgan and Alleene tried traveling in a motor home, only to realize that they were living in what they considered "God's Country" and returned and forever stayed at their home in Montana.

Alleene was the proud mother

of four children. She was preceded in death by her daughter, Marschell Logan.

Alleene also was preceded in death by her parents, William and Ethel Galbraith; sisters, Dora, Evelyn, Lucille, Vella, and brother, Douglas.

She is survived by Morgan of Kalispell; and children, Jim and his wife, Adeline, of Henderson, Nev., Dick Stotts and his wife, Lorraine, of Kalispell, and Mike Stotts and companion, Kathy, of Kalispell. A joy of her life was to be able to see her grandchildren become adults. They are: Kim and Keith and Erin of Henderson, Bob of Missoula, Craig of Twin Falls, Idaho, Shawn, presently serving in the U.S. Army, Frederick of Iowa, and Scott of Washington. She is survived by numerous great-great-grandchildren and several special nieces and nephews and their children. She loved her family dearly and all will miss "Grandma" a great deal.

At her request, there will be no services held. The family suggests that in lieu of flowers, memorials be made to Shriner's Hospital.

Arrangements are under the direction of Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

Morgan R. Stotts, 88

Lifelong Kalispell resident, Morgan R. Stotts, 88, passed away on Dec. 1, 2002, of natural causes at the Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

Morgan felt his actual life ended on July 9, 2002, when he lost the love of his life, his wife Alleene, after 64 years of marriage. He did live on with family; however, he anxiously awaited the time when they could be reunited. His wit remained quick, evidenced by his reply recently to a health care worker. He was asked if he had grown up in Kalispell, to which he replied, "Kalispell grew up with me."

Morgan was born on Oct. 15, 1914, to Robert and Ida Gregg Stokes. He was raised and adopted by Arthur and Artyble Stotts. He attended schools in Kalispell and entered the Montana National Guard and served with Company F. He was in the Army Air Corps during World War II until he was released to be at home with his wife and three infant children.

Morgan began a career that spanned 23 years as a firefighter with the Kalispell fire department. He retired as the assistant chief of the fire department in 1967. He worked for a brief time at the Montana Liquor store until ill health forced his retirement.

He was a very active fisherman and often times referred to as the "Mayor of the Steel Bridge." He was also an avid hunter and spent many hunting seasons living in hunting camps, surrounded by others that shared the same passion. Many stories have been told of the circle of friends that enjoyed the nature of the North Fork.

Both Morgan and Alleene were very active in Masonic organizations. They belonged to all of them and gained many close friends through these fraternal organizations. Both were members of the First Presbyterian Church and enjoyed the many visits of church

members at their home when their health did not allow them to go to the church.

Morgan was a very proud father of four children. Three of them now survive him, Jim and his wife, Adeline, reside in Henderson, Nev., Dick and his wife, Lorraine, reside in Kalispell, as does Mike and his companion, Kathy; and son-in-law, Charles Logan of Iowa.

He and "momma" had the joy of seeing their grandchildren grow to adults. Kim, Keith and Erin, all reside in Henderson, Bob lives in Missoula, Craig lives in Twin Falls, Idaho, Frederick lives in Iowa, Shawn is in the U.S. Army in Texas, and Scott resides in Washington.

They were able to spend some time with great-grandchildren, Morgan and Ashley, Zachary and Brandon, and Samantha. Although he never met with Noah and Charles; they reside in Iowa. "Morgan can tell Alleene of their new great-granddaughter, Brinlee, and great-grandson, Benjamin."

He is also survived by sisters, Starling Hay of Texas, and Mercedes Munro of North Carolina; and brother, Charles Emmons, of New Mexico. He has numerous nieces and nephews and was looked upon very fondly by all of them.

Morgan was preceded in death by his parents; and brothers, Clarence, Jack and George Stokes; and sister, Alice Kienas. He had been very anxious to be with his daughter Marschell Logan, and wife, Alleene, who also preceded him in death.

Although Morgan did not want public services, there will be a celebration of Alleene and his lives at a time to be announced later.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, memorials be made to the Masonic Home or Shriners Hospital.

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

Catherine Anne 'Cathie' Street, 51

Catherine Anne "Cathie" Street, 51, a Whitefish resident, passed away at her home near Whitefish on Thursday, July 11, 2002, after a long illness with cancer.



She was born Aug. 12, 1950, in Helena, the daughter of Dallas and Donna Lou Moore. Catherine attended school in Belgrade, and graduated from there in 1968. She had been a cheerleader, majorette and homecoming queen.

She married John Street on Feb. 6, 1981, in Whitefish. The Streets moved to Alaska in 1982, and Catherine worked at various secretarial jobs. The family returned to Whitefish in 1994, and she went to work for the Flathead County District Court.

Cathie loved shopping, camping and visiting with friends. She always had a smile on her face and could see the good in everything she encountered. She will be missed by all.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

She is survived by her husband, John, at the family home; a daughter, Shannon, at home; father Leo Zahara in Belgrade; sis-

ters, Kimberly Crosby in Belgrade and Carrie Clark in Florida; a brother, Craig Zahara in Bozeman; and by an extended family, nieces, nephews and loving friends.

Memorial services will be 10 a.m. Tuesday at the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish with the Rev. David V. Kauffman officiating.

The family has suggested that memorials can be made to the BN Credit Union in Whitefish or to the Flathead County Hospice in Kalispell.

James B. 'Jim' Stringham, 55

James "Jim" B. Stringham, 55, passed away on Sunday, Nov. 10, 2002, at his home in Kalispell.

Jim was born on Nov. 23, 1946, in Pocatello, Idaho, to Melvin and Sylvia Stoddard Stringham. He was raised in Sheridan and Kalispell. He graduated from Flathead High School in 1964. Jim attended Flathead Valley Community College and Ricks College, where he received his associate degree in science.

He married Kathleen Clawson in 1971 in Cardston, Alberta.

Jim had worked for School District No. 5 for 12 years as a custodian. He was known by thousands of students as "Mr. Jim." He had worked at Edgerton, Elrod and Flathead High School. Jim would often arrive at school early, and sometimes stay a little late to be with the students he so dearly loved.

He was a life-long member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He had been involved with the Boy Scouts his

whole life. He loved the outdoors, especially walking among "God's creations," and had a great love for his religion, and he often shared both with his family. He was also an avid lover of history and he studied it often.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his wife, Kathleen; daughters, Tracie Marie Zadrozny and Vicky Lynn Clawson; one son, Scott David Stringham; two brothers, Lonnie Stringham of Oakley, Idaho, and Bud Stringham of Cottonwood, Idaho; four grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on Whitefish Stage Road. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

The family request memorials in Jim's name be given to the Boy Scouts of America.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Elizabeth Nicole Strowbridge, 16

A tragic car accident took the life of Elizabeth Nicole Strowbridge, 16, on July 12, 2002. She died at St. Patrick Hospital in Missoula.

She was born on Dec. 26, 1985, in Honolulu, to Ken and Katrina "Kitty" Strowbridge. She lived the majority of her life in Charlo. She was an honor student at Charlo High School, where she would have been a junior. She enjoyed being on the softball and volleyball teams. The dance team was her favorite sport. She was an avid hunter and fisherman and loved camping and being outdoors with her family and friends.

Others who enjoyed her life are her younger brother, Judd; maternal grandparents, Ervin and Merrietta Roberts, of Lebanon, Ore.; paternal grandparents, Kenneth and Virginia Strowbridge of Kalispell; godparents Dan Nedved and Linda Collins; her aunts and

uncles who helped to spoil her rotten are Anita and Bryan Osborne, Rodney Roberts, Sharon and Bill Brittenham, and Scott and Kendi Strowbridge, all of the Flathead Valley area; and aunt, Glenda Whitehead, and uncle, Chad, of Lebanon. She also enjoyed her numerous cousins, extended family and friends.

Elizabeth brought laughter and smiles to all of the lives she touched. She used to say "Life is like a penny, you can spend it any way you want to, but you can only spend it once."

A celebration of the life service will be held Wednesday at the Charlo School Gymnasium at 2 p.m. Memorials may be made in Elizabeth's name to the Charlo School Dance Team.

Shrider's Mortuary of Ronan is assisting the family with arrangements.

Charles Daniel 'Dan' Stuart, 69

Charles Daniel "Dan" Stuart, 69, "went to meet his maker" on Sept. 3, 2002, after a battle with prostate cancer.

Cremation has taken place and services were held in Huhin, Thailand, his home these past several years.

Dan was born Nov. 22, 1932. He served his country for four years in the Navy. Later, he graduated from Montana State University to become a teacher for several years. He taught in Hardin, Casper, Wyo., and the Yellowstone Boys Ranch near Billings.

However, it turned out that people were his main career. Stuart House of Vacuums was a successful business he created for some 20 years in Billings. You may remember "Dan the Vacman" commercials if you had lived there in the 1980s. Dan's first two wives, Sylvia and Jean, were a huge part

of its success.

He was also a talented pool shooter and loved the game of golf.

The best of Dan was to father four great kids who grew up and became responsible adults.

Dan was preceded in death by his father, Charles P. Stuart; his mother, Mildred B. Hartman; and stepfather, George F. Hartman.

He is survived by his children, Chuck of Thailand, Denise of California, Clint of Washington, and Letitia Jones of Montana; his wife, Katia of Thailand; one brother, George Hartman of Wyoming; one sister, Pamela Griffin of Montana; one granddaughter, Rachael Mae Roof, and one great-granddaughter, Alexis Mae Bowman, both of California; and numerous nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Dan was dearly loved; his sense of humor and great smile will be missed forever.

William A. Stuart, 75

William A. Stuart, 75, passed away Saturday, March 2, 2002, in Kalispell.

He was born July 15, 1926, in Brighton, Colo.

He served in the U.S. Army in World War II on European duty. He received the Purple Heart at the Battle of the Bulge as a tank commander who liberated prisoners from concentration camps. He was a staff sergeant, honorably discharged and attended counterintelligence school in Oberammergau, Germany. While there he married Bertha T. Bauer; the marriage lasted 12 years.

He began work in 1957 with the Santa Fe Railroad in San Diego, Calif., with passenger service. He worked for Amtrak as a station master, serving in Barstow, Needles, Pasadena, Pomona and San Bernardino, Calif.

In 1975, he married Norma D. Miller.

William enjoyed woodworking, sightseeing, bargain hunting and his grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Bertha T. Bauer in



1998, and his second wife, Norma D. Stuart in 1999.

He is survived by daughters, Sandra A. Smith of Rexford, Traudi Schubert of Oberammergau, Helen Atkinson of Virginia Beach, Va., Roberta Biggs of Perris, Calif., and Melody Bias of Glendora, Calif.; sons, William G. Stuart of San Gabriel, Calif., Raymond A. Stuart of Pueblo, Colo., Norman L. Miller of Montclair, Calif.; sisters, Grace Steinbock of Fort Collins, Colo., Ella Mae Hartman of Brighton, Colo.; brothers, Vernon Stuart of Eugene, Ore., and Harold Anderson of Holdridge, Neb.

Also surviving are grandchildren, Teri Ann Doherty, Bronwyn Stuart, Michael Stuart, Courtney Payan, Casey Biggs, Andrea Miller, Sara Bias and Heather Bias; great-grandchildren, Aysha Carter, David Swanson, Sara Swansonk, Danielle, Joshua and Ashley Jane Stuart and Timothy Payan Jr.

A memorial service with veterans honors will be held on Saturday at 1 p.m. at the Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

Arrangements are under the direction of Buffalo Hill, caring for the family.

Clarice Elaine Sullivan, 75

A memorial Mass for Clarice Elaine Sullivan, 75, will be celebrated at St. Charles Catholic Church in Whitefish at 10 a.m. Friday.

She died Dec. 20, 2001.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to the

American Lung Association, American Heart Association, the Studio or the charity of their choice.

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

Eddice (Dochterman) Sullivan, 84

Eddice (Dochterman) Sullivan, 84, of White Bear Lake, Minn., died Sept. 8, 2002. She lived in Whitefish from 1957-59.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at House of Hope Presbyterian Church in St. Paul, Minn. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. until the ser-

vice. Interment will be in Fort Wayne, Ind.

Memorials are suggested to House of Hope Presbyterian Church or Habitat for Humanity.

Arrangements are under the direction of Holcomb-Henry-Boom North Chapel in Shoreview, Minn.

Father Joseph Patrick Sullivan, 70

Father Joseph Patrick Sullivan, 70, of Helena, passed away May 20, 2002, after a four-year battle with Alzheimer's disease and related complications.

He was born to Jerry and Nora McGrath Sullivan on March 14, 1932, in Butte. Joe Pat attended Butte Catholic Schools, graduating from Butte Central in 1950.

He attended the College of Great Falls for two years and transferred to Carroll College his junior year. He graduated from Carroll in 1954. Father continued his education at St. Bernard's Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa, and was ordained a priest in the Immaculate Conception Church in Butte on May 31, 1958.

An accomplished student and athlete, Father Joe Pat played on football and basketball teams at Butte Central High School, including the 1950 state champion basketball team. He also excelled in both football and basketball at Carroll College, earning all-conference honors in both, and played on Montana Collegiate Conference Championship teams for the "Fighting Saints." He is a member of the Butte Athletic Hall of Fame and the Carroll College Athletic Hall of Fame.

Father Joe served the Western Montana Diocese for 40 years in several capacities. He retired for health reasons in March 1999. Father served on the faculty of Carroll College from 1958-72, teaching theology. During that time he received his Master of Arts in theology from Catholic University in Washington, D.C.

While serving on the faculty of Carroll College, Father also served as priest director of Legendary Lodge on Salmon Lake during the summer months.

In July of 1972, he was assigned as co-pastor of St. Rose of Lima parish in Dillon, serving until February 1974, when he was assigned as associate pastor of St. Ann's Parish in Butte. In July 1977, he became the first pastor of Holy Spirit Parish in Butte. He

was assigned to the St. Helena Cathedral pastoral team in April 1983 and shortly thereafter as co-pastor of St. Richard's Parish in Columbia Falls.

In June 1984, Father Joe Pat began a new phase of his pastoral ministry as priest chaplain of St. Patrick's Hospital in Missoula. His final parish assignment was again in St. Richard's Parish in Columbia Falls, serving from September 1994 until he was granted senior status in March 1999.

As a priest, Father Joe Pat had a unique ability to bring people to the church. He was truly a priest that could reach out to all in an unthreatening and loving manner. His wonderful sense of humor was a delight to all who knew him. He was a friend to everyone, and remembered details, relationships and events until Alzheimer's robbed him of this unique ability.

He was preceded in death by his parents; several uncles and aunts; cousin, Emmett Murphy; niece, Cathy Sullivan Servantius; grandnephew, John Schmitt; and brother-in-law, James Robinson.

He is survived by his sister, Geraldine "Gerry" Robinson of Helena; brothers and sisters-in-law, Jack and Pat Sullivan of Butte and Jerry and Jean Sullivan of Billings; numerous nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews. He is also survived by his friend, companion and caregiver, Billie Jean Hill of Helena.

Visitation will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Monday at Retz Funeral Home in Helena and again from 4 to 7 p.m. at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Butte. Vigil service is scheduled at 7:30 p.m. Monday at St. Ann's.

Mass of Christian Burial will also be at St. Ann's at 11 a.m. on Tuesday. His cremated remains will be interred with his parents at a later date.

Memorials in Father Joe Pat's name are suggested to the Sullivan Scholarship Fund at Carroll College or to Butte Central High School.

Edwin L. Sunde, 90

Edwin L. Sunde, 90, of South Pasadena, Calif., passed away Sunday, June 9, 2002.

He was born in Webster, S.D. to John and Olga Sunde.

He moved to Kalispell at the age of 7, where he attended grade and high schools.

He married Dorothy Mise of Whitefish on March 27, 1937. To this union a son, Rodger Wright Sunde, and a daughter, Leslee Ann Sunde, were born.

He was a member of the Army National Guard's "Company F" and served in the Army during world War II, attaining the rank of major. As a young man, he sold household appliances for Frank Macintosh. He then moved to Southern California to sell real estate. He returned home every summer to enjoy his favorite pas-

time, golfing the golf courses in the Flathead.

Ed was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy, on Oct. 24, 2001; son, Rodger, on Dec. 17, 2001; his parents; four brothers, Mike, Fritz, Leo and LeRoy Sunde; and two sisters, Ella Mohn and Julia Lasater.

Survivors include his daughter, Leslee Ann and friend, Jay, of Long Beach, Calif.; sister, Mildred Packard, of Helena; daughter-in-law, Ronnie Sunde, of Pasadena; three grandchildren, Bobbie Lynn, Ed and Taylor Sunde; two great-grandchildren, Dillon and Dakota; many relatives in Montana and California; and his loving caregivers, Letty and Mario Caba, Ruth and Gerry.

Cremation has taken place. As per his wishes, no services are planned.

Mary Lucile Swanson, 90

Mary Lucile Swanson, a beautiful Montana girl, beloved wife, mother and devoted grandmother passed away peacefully on Thursday, April 4, 2002, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home at the age of 90. Her three daughters were at her side.

She was born on July 6, 1911, in Kalispell, to Almina "Minnie" Front and Walter Benjamin Jordan. Lucile went to school in Kalispell and helped out in the family business, Jordan's Cafe.

After graduating from Flathead County High School she attended Western Washington University in Bellingham, Wash., where she was granted a teaching certification in 1932. Subsequently she received a bachelor's degree of education from Roosevelt University in Chicago, in 1955. Lucile's teaching career in the primary grades spanned 20 years in the communities of Park Forest, Dundee and Des Plaines, Ill.

She was affiliated with the Daughters of the American Revolution; Delta Kappa Gamma, women's honorary in education; Lodge No. 140 Sons of Norway in Kalispell; and was a member of Christ Church Episcopal.

Lucile was married on Dec. 31, 1933, to Olaf Eugene Swanson, whom she met in Bellingham, Wash.



Together they raised three daughters, who also became teachers.

Lucile, who was affectionately called "Teal," was a woman of many accomplishments, but what meant most to her was her family. The beauty of her person and her spirit made all who came in contact with her feel special. Even as she valiantly battled with Parkinson's disease and its limitations, her caregivers at Immanuel Lutheran Home were privy to her love and kindness. Their tender care was her comfort.

Lucile was preceded in death by her husband, Olaf Eugene; her parents; one granddaughter, Wendy Christine Sutfin; and her sister, Anne Jordan.

She is survived by three daughters, Margene Berry and Janet Sutfin, both of Alexandria, Va., and Linda Jenkins of Fullerton, Calif.; a sister, Wilma Jordan Myers of Lakeside; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday at Christ Church Episcopal with the Rev. William Baumgarten officiating.

The family suggests memorial gifts be given in the name of Mary Lucile Swanson to Immanuel Lutheran Home, 185 Crestline Ave., Kalispell, MT 59901 or Christ Church Episcopal, Mary Lucile Swanson Memorial Fund, 215 Third Ave. E., Kalispell, MT 59901.

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

Elizabeth Anna Swedberg, 91

Elizabeth Anna Swedberg, 91, died Oct. 22, 2002, at her home in Kalispell.

She was born Feb. 5, 1911, in Hopkins, Minn., to Johannes and Marie Jensen. She was raised on a homestead in Fallon, and received her early education there.

She met and married Clarence Oscar Swedberg on Aug. 29, 1929, in Terry, and they moved to the Flathead Valley in 1933.

She was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Kalispell. Her interests were her



flowers and her garden.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and three brothers, Chester, Axel and Dan Jensen.

She is survived by one son, John Swedberg and wife, Betty, of Kalispell, and two granddaughters, Julie of Bozeman, and Joni of Issaquah, Wash.

Funeral services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. at Bethlehem Lutheran Church with Larry Stapler officiating. Burial will precede the service at Conrad Memorial Cemetery at 10:15 a.m. Saturday. Visitation will be Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Harvey Swenson, 94

Harvey Swenson, 94, passed away Wednesday, Jan. 23, 2002, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

Harvey, the 10th of 11 children, was born on Jan. 20, 1908, to Martin and Julia Swenson at El Paso, Wis. At age seven, he and his family came west to homestead at Turner. He joined the Montana National Guard in Helena in the early 1930s.

On June 23, 1935, he married Esther Stroklund in Helena. They moved to the Flathead and resided here until 1946, when they moved to Eureka. Esther died in November 1950.

Harvey married Olive "Sis" St. Peter on Dec. 26, 1952. She died in February 1980.

Harvey was manager of the Farmers Union service station from 1946-56. He then went to work at the Hurst Mill at Fortine until the construction of the Flathead Tunnel. He worked at Drews Man-

ufacturing at Trego during that era. He went back to the Hurst Mill, which became Plum Creek and he retired from there at the age of 72.

He loved to fish and was an avid golfer and bowler.

Preceding him in death are his parents, six brothers and four sisters.

Surviving him are three daughters, Norma Osler and Sandra Robideau of Eureka and Debra Youngberg of Belgrade; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

"He will be missed; but our family is thankful for the long time we had him with us."

The family suggests that memorials may be made to the Mountain View Nursing Home.

Funeral services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Eureka.

Stanley Swenson, 79

Stanley Swenson, 79, of Hungry Horse, lost his battle for life, Monday, Feb. 18, 2002, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center, due to kidney failure.

He was born in Devils Lake, N.D. on Jan. 18, 1923, to Hans Peter and Odberg Swenson.

Stan joined the U.S. Army on Jan. 27, 1944. He received the Army of Occupation Medal, Germany-European-African-Middle Eastern Theater Service Medal, and two overseas service bars. He was issued a honorable discharge on May 20, 1946.

He worked for Canyon Logging in Martin City for many years. He had been retired for many years before his death.

Stan enjoyed traveling, playing cards, family gatherings, snow catting, and all his friends. He also enjoyed riding his lawn mower every summer between Hungry



Horse and Martin City to mow the widow ladies lawns.

He was loved by many who knew him and he will be greatly missed.

He was preceded in death by his wife Elvera; one brother Art; and his parents.

Stan is survived by his stepdaughter, Sandie Satter of Lake Five; three stepsons, Virgel and Glenn of Minnesota and Ron of Illinois; his half sisters, Sylvia Anderson of Bagley, Minn., and Gladys Lofthus of Fairbanks, Alaska; his half brother, Leonard Engerbratson of Bagley, Minn.; his brother, Earl Swenson of Pasco, Wash.; his grandchildren, Penny Hardy of Columbia Falls, Marv Djonne of Denver, and numerous out-of-town grandchildren; his nieces, Christy, Kim and Randa of Columbia Falls; and a nephew, Roger of Columbia Falls.

Burial will be in the Montana Veterans Home Cemetery in Columbia Falls. No services are planned at this time.

Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is in charge of arrangements.

Gerald 'Jerry' T. Sullivan, 69

Gerald "Jerry" T. Sullivan, 69, died Feb. 1, 2002, at his daughter's home in Bigfork.

He was born March 20, 1932, in Kalamazoo, Mich., to Howard and Blanche Sullivan. He attended grade school and graduated from South High School in Grand Rapids in 1950.

On July 25, 1953, he married Lois McDaniel in Grand Rapids. His early professional career was spent working in movie theaters in Grand Rapids. He later worked for discount stores in Grand Rapids and Muskegon, Mich., Milwaukee, Wis., and Bedford, Ohio. He moved to Boise, Idaho, in 1962, where he worked for Boise Wholesale Dry Goods.

He moved to Montana in 1965 where he worked for Buttrey Department Stores in Billings and Great Falls. Jerry and his family moved to Bigfork in 1976 to open Sullivan's Department Store. When the store closed in 1980, he worked for KCFW-TV and The Daily Inter Lake in advertising sales. He also worked at KECI-TV in Missoula. He worked for Hillstead's Department Store as the store manager, advertising manager and served on their board of directors.

Jerry was a volunteer for Tamarack Time for a number of years. One of the highlights of his life was being cast as the governor of Wyoming in the movie, "Heaven's Gate". For only two speaking lines, he was awarded star treatment. An accomplished artist who won awards for his work, he derived joy in his later years by



drawing pictures for his children and then his grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a son Rick Sullivan and grandson Craig Sullivan.

Jerry is survived by his wife Lois, daughter Debbie and husband Les Ingram and their children Bailee and Taylor; his son Jeff Sullivan and his children, Lori and Brian and great-grandson Reiley; his daughter Cristi and her husband Bob Hand and their daughter Kylee, all of Bigfork. He is also survived by a daughter-in-law Dawn Noble and her son Jeremy Sullivan of Missoula; a brother Richard Sullivan and his wife Jane of Wheaton, Ill, and their children Mike and Natalie Sullivan and son Trent; Patty and Bill Anderson and their children Laura, Caroline and Will; Kathy and Jim Kempf and son Josh; and Bill Sullivan.

He is also survived by sister-in-law Shirley Fuller, niece Cathy Buckingham and nephew Clay Bloomquist of Phoenix, Ariz.

Services will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. at Community United Methodist Church in Bigfork. There will be a reception following the service at the church. A gathering of family and friends will be held at 5:30 p.m. at the Garden Bar.

Cremation has taken place. As a final tribute to Jerry, his dear friend Donny Marincic will carry his ashes when he rides his horse in the opening ceremonies of the Olympic Games on Friday, so they can have "one last ride together."

Memorials can be made to Flathead Spay and Neuter Clinic, P.O. Box 2095, Whitefish, MT 59937

Arrangements are under the direction of Bigfork Funeral Home and Crematory.

Ellen Brice Swope, 92

Ellen Brice Swope, 92, longtime Lonepine resident, passed away on Thursday, April 18, 2002, at Evergreen Nursing Home in Polson.

She was born on Feb. 16, 1910, in Middleton, Wis., the daughter of Willis and Fern (Stark) Green. At the age of 2, she moved to Montana with her family. In 1930, she graduated from Miles City High School and then received her degree from the business college there.

On Nov. 6, 1933, she married Charles Fredric Swope at Miles City. The couple moved to Lonepine in 1952, where they ranched. They also had ranched in the Polson, Kila, Belgrade, Livingston and Thompson Falls areas.

Ellen loved music and played for country dances and other social gatherings. She could play many instruments, including the ukulele, harmonica and piano. She still enjoyed playing the piano for her fellow residents at St. Joseph Assisted Living Center in Polson, where she had made her home since 1999.

She was a lifetime member of the Order of the Eastern Star, having been a member since 1942. She was also a member of the Montana Cowbells, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, the Adarin Club and the grange.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1989, and by two grandchildren.

Ellen is survived by five sons and their wives, Chuck and Ramona Swope of Hot Springs, Clarence Swope of Broadus, John and Nancy Swope of Lonepine, Lee and Nelda Swope of Astoria, Ore., and Ronnie and Carol Swope of Polson; four daughters and their husbands, Fern and Rex Merritt of Polson, Kathleen Timlick of Burien, Wash., Bertha Goettlich of Hot Springs and Evelene and George Fulton of Broadus; 28 grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be Monday from 11 a.m. until the service at 2 p.m. at the Lonepine Hall with the Rev. Jim Hunter of the Hot Springs Bible Church officiating. Graveside rites by the Order of the Eastern Star will follow at Murray Memorial Cemetery in Lonepine. A luncheon will follow at Lonepine Hall.

Memorials may be made to the Lonepine Rural Fire Department, 63 Garden Creek Road, Hot Springs, MT 59845, or to the charity of the donor's choice.

Coffelt-Bunch Funeral Service is in charge of arrangements.

Margaret (Mackaman) Stai, 80

Margaret (Mackaman) Stai, 80, of Kila, passed away Jan. 18, 2002, in Great Falls Hospital of natural causes.

She was born Aug. 12, 1921, in Bemidji, Minn.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lloyd Stai in 1985, parents Lody and Flora Mackaman and brothers Sam and Daniel Makaman.

She is survived by her daughters, Geraldine Dolin of Spokane, Sandra Stai of Great Falls; and a son, Lloyd Stai Jr., of Hesperia, Calif.; two sisters, Ruth Wintworth, Bonnie Quiran; and a brother, Larry Mackaman; six grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Margaret was a homemaker



whose hobby, besides her home, yard and her flowers, was doting on her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She loved to be in the company of her family

and friends.

Viewing will be Saturday at Johnson Funeral Home, 525 S. Main St., Kalispell from noon to 1 p.m. with graveside services at Glacier Memorial Gardens at 1:30 p.m., with the Rev. Stephen Snipstead presiding.

Memorials are suggested to Faith Free Lutheran Church, 405 Liberty St., Kalispell, MT.

Daniel Luther Stetler Sr., 85

Daniel Luther Stetler Sr., 85, of Missoula, passed away Jan. 21, 2002.

He was born in Fultonham, Ohio, on Oct. 17, 1916, to Isaac Herman Statler and Emma Louise (Fuhrer) Stetler. He and nine siblings were raised in Doylestown, Ohio. He attended Wittenberg College in Springfield, Ohio.

In 1939, he married Esther Jane Townsley in New York. Dan was employed by General Tire and Rubber Co. for 20 years in Akron, Ohio, then transferred and worked five years as senior salesman in Chicago. He retired from that business and moved to Missoula in 1965 and became a partner with his brothers at Western Montana Marble and Granite. In the early 1970s, he and his wife moved to Lakeside, where they spent their summer months. They enjoyed wintering in Arizona and traveling in RVs throughout the country.

In addition to his family, he had two passions in life, golf and barbershop quartet singing. Dan acquired his love of barbershop music in Ohio as a young man and carried it with him to Illinois and then on to Montana, where he became the founder and first director of the Rocky Mountaineers of Missoula. When he retired to Lakeside, he was instrumental in founding a chapter of



the SPEBSQSA (Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barbershop Quartet Singing in America) in the Kalispell area.

As a golf enthusiast, he won numerous trophies. At age 80, he scored his second hole-in-one at Larchmont Golf Course.

He was preceded in death by his two sisters, Ruth Sullivan and Meta Murin, and a stepsister, Eileen Selkregg.

Survivors include his wife, Esther; three children, Daniel L. Stetler Jr., Ted J. Stetler and Sherry (Stetler) Cutting; nine grandchildren, Daniel L. Stetler III, Anne Stetler, Michael Stetler, Matthew Stetler, Jill (Stetler) Nyman, Keri Stetler, Timothy J. Stetler, Sarah Johnson and Michelle Beck; four great-grandchildren, Shannon Nyman, Madison Stetler Ellis, Keith Scott Jr., and Sydney Stetler; three brothers, Herman Stetler of California, Mark Stetler of Nevada, and Harry Stetler of Missoula; two sisters, Ada Hendershot of Texas and Esther Williams of Ohio; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Services are scheduled for 11 a.m. today at Garden City Funeral Home, Missoula. Entombment will follow at the Sunset Memorial Gardens Mausoleum. A reception will follow at the funeral home's community room.

The family request that donations be sent to Opportunity Resources of Missoula, 2821 S. Russell St., in lieu of flowers.

Jesse R. Storey, 58

Jesse R. Storey, 58, died on Saturday, Feb. 2, 2002, at his home in Kalispell.

He was born Dec. 8, 1943.

He is survived locally by his companion, Pearl Fowler.

No services are planned at this time.

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

Mae B. Lansberry Sturtz, 81

Mae B. Lansberry Sturtz, 81, of Lewistown, died Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2002, at the Central Montana Medical Center of natural causes.

She was born Aug. 3, 1920, in Lewistown, the daughter of Allen and Bella Lansberry. She was born in the Brice Hospital which is now the Pinecrest Apartments. She lived at Battrick where her parents were homesteading. She lived there until she was 10 and completed the fourth grade. The family then moved to Lakeside and she completed her schooling in Kalispell.

She then moved to Seattle, and on July 4, 1942, she was united in marriage to William Sturtz. In 1945, they moved to Jordan, living there until 1951, when they moved into Lewistown. She was a homemaker and enjoyed sewing.

She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church; CMMC Auxiliary; American Legion and Eagles Auxiliary; and Women of the Moose; and was a volunteer at the Senior Center and the Treasure Depo.

She is survived by two sons, John "Butch" of Lewistown and James of Salt Lake City, Utah; three daugh-

ters, Mickey Dunlap and husband Marvin and Gloria Taylor and husband Charles of Lewistown, and Barbara Sevey of Salt Lake City; one brother, John Lansberry of Bremerton, Wash.; six grandchildren, Doug Dunlap of Lewistown, Dean Dunlap and his wife Kim of Great Falls, Susan Martin and her husband John of Lewistown, Sherry Hill and her husband Willey of Simms, Kelen Sevey and Dustin Sturtz of Salt Lake City; eight great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 2000; one son, Dale; one daughter, Sally; one grandson, Dan Dunlap; and one brother, Frank.

Memorial services will be Thursday in the First Presbyterian Church. Inurnment will be in the Lewistown City Cemetery at a later date. Cremation has taken place.

The Cloyd Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Friends may make memorials to the CMMC Auxiliary, Fergus County Council on Aging or the charity of their choice and they may be left at the Cloyd Funeral Home.

Elwood 'Woody' R. Syme, 69

Elwood "Woody" R. Syme, 69, died in Trego on Friday, Feb. 8, 2002.

He was born April 8, 1932, in Lyman, Wyo., to James Haidan and Ada Syme. Woody was

raised and educated in Lyman.

Married to Joan for almost 40 years, he worked as a purchasing agent with Plum Creek. After graduating from high school, Woody found employment with an armed forces vehicle refurbishing shop, (since he repeatedly attempted entering into the armed forces but was told he could not due to the "fact" he was missing his left arm) fixing vehicles used in the war.

He found employment at Northrop as a laborer first as an aerospace riveting tech and eventually moved up the ranks and eventually landing a job of "rep." After several years in this position, the war ended and he was laid off from Northrop and almost immediately landed a job at Boeing, where he had the responsibilities of an electronics and manufacturing inspector.

Woody was laid off from Boeing in the early '70s and found employment as an apartment manager for Lynnwood Garden Village, a 500-unit complex.



Entrepreneur was the next step with owning a one-hour Martinizing in Surrey, B.C., Canada. After selling the cleaners, moving to Montana was the obvious next step for Woody. He landed a night watchman job at Plum Creek medium density fiberboard plant. He moved to the radial arm saw, CPS saw, then acted as purchasing agent for the remainder of his employment.

Woody loved the outdoors and everything that came with it, hunting, fishing and camping; as well as ammo reloading and skin diving. He also enjoyed painting, reading and watching Joan sew.

Woody was affiliated with the Eagles, where he was secretary of treasury; a proud member of the National Rifle Association and a regular at Jerry's Saloon.

Woody was preceded in death by his brothers, James and Gary, and his mother and father.

He is survived by his wife Joan, son Scott and two grandchildren, Brookelyn and Brandon.

A memorial will be held Thursday at 2 p.m. at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

The family asks that memorial contributions be made to the Joan Syme fund at Glacier Bank in Columbia Falls.

Linda Jean Syverson, 42

Linda Jean Syverson, 42, died Wednesday, April 3, 2002, at her home in Kalispell, after a long battle with cancer.

She was born on Feb. 3, 1960, in Berlin, Wis., to Elmer and Janice (Harper) Hoest. She grew up in Lakeside, Calif.

She married Alan Dean Syverson on Jan. 12, 1980, and in May, they made their home in the Bozeman area where their son, Jeb, and daughter, Cali, were born.

Linda worked at Montana State University for eight years and is remembered by her co-workers for her bright smile and her ability to do the work of many.

Linda and Alan owned and operated House of Hobbies in Bozeman for several years. She loved sharing her talents and crafts. She especially enjoyed making beautiful floral arrangements. Linda's good friend, Sandi Lenne-man, owned The Encore, where Linda enjoyed working on and off through the years.



In May of 1999, the family moved to Kalispell, where Linda continued her courageous battle with cancer.

She was a devoted mother and wife and will be missed by all of her family and close friends across the world, who loved her and meant so much to her. Linda had a vivacious spirit for life, for friendships and for the God she so loved and served.

Linda is survived by her husband, Alan; son, Jeb, 12; and daughter, Cali, 8, of Kalispell; her parents, Elmer and Janice Hoest of Prescott, Ariz; sisters, Sarah Baldino and Christa Syverson, and brother Sam and his wife, Mary Hoest, all of California.

Visitation will be held Monday from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Memorial services will be held at the Salvation Army Chapel on Tuesday at 11 a.m. with a graveside service at Conrad Cemetery. A reception will follow at the Salvation Army Chapel.

The family requests memorials in Linda's name be made to the Jeb and Cali Syverson trust fund in care of Alan Syverson, 1935 Four Mile Drive, Kalispell, MT 59901.