

Gloria Jean Seyed-Saadat, 62

Gloria Jean Seyed-Saadat, 62, died Friday, April 26, 2002, at her daughter's home in Kalispell.

She was born Sept. 4, 1939, in Gardner, Ill., to Eugene and

Loretta Jennings.

Cremation will take place and services will be held at a later date.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Kathy (Sonntag) Samland, 52

Kathy (Sonntag) Samland, 52, passed away Thursday, Jan. 17, 2002, at University Hospital, Seattle, after a valiant battle with liver disease.

Kathy was born Feb. 17, 1949, in Wenatchee, Wash., the second of three children born to Robert and Helen Metcalf Sonntag. She attended schools in Kalispell, and graduated from Flathead High School in 1967. She received a bachelor's degree in nursing from Montana State University in 1971.

She worked for many years as a nurse, and recently as a nurse care consultant for Department of Social and Health Services.

She married Ted Samland on Aug. 26, 1972, in Great Falls, and together they had two children, Jennifer and Tim.

The family followed Ted's military career to California, the Philippines and Louisiana until his retirement and move to Olympia in 1987.

Kathy was a Girl Scout leader for 25 years. She enjoyed sewing, knitting and cross-stitch, as well as camping and trips to Ashley Lake. She sang in church choirs and was an active member of First United Methodist Church.

Kathy is survived by her husband, Ted Samland; and their two children, Jennifer and Tim of Olympia; two sisters, Bobbie and her husband, William Roberts of Richland, Wash., and Carol and her husband, Scott Grosswiler of Kalispell; and by her father, Bob Sonntag.

Ralph P. Sanders, 93

Ralph P. Sanders, 93, died March 16, 2002, at his home in Kalispell.

He was born Aug. 14, 1908, in Edinboro, Pa., to Henry and

Lyla Sanders.

Arrangements are pending at this time.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Daniel Sanford, 29

Daniel Sanford, 29, of Columbia Falls, passed away Saturday, May 11, 2002.

He was born Sept. 25, 1972, and raised in the Flathead Valley.

He loved all things. His favorite times of the year were spring and summer. He enjoyed being outside working with his animals. During the spring, all the baby animals are being born and he was right there to make sure they were all right and shortly after, he would have a name for them. He loved barbecues with his family. His nephews and nieces were very special to him; they were "his kids."

He enjoyed watching movies and going to the drive-in. His favorite actor was John Wayne. He enjoyed listening to music. The holidays were always very special to him because then the family would be together. He was loved by all and will be greatly missed.

Daniel is survived by his parents, Larry and Patsy Sanford of Columbia Falls; brothers, Larry and wife Kathy and John and wife Renee Sanford and children Alma, Luke (Johnathan), Ada, Mikala,



Patsy, Danielle and Joseph, all of Beaumont, Texas; Lonny and Rhonda Sanford of Aguanga, Calif., Robert and Shayne Sanford and Leslie and Lanny Sanford of Columbia Falls, David and his wife Julie Sanford and their son Travis of Dayton, Nev., Duane and his wife Amanda and their children Britney, Cory, Kayce, Marlena and Octavia Sanford and Francis and Steven Sanford of Kalispell; sisters, Lorna and husband Greg Biby and Wanda and her husband Glen and their children James, Patrick, Tyler and Kendra Wood and Laurel and Ruth Sanford of Columbia Falls, Lucinda and her husband Bob and their children Jay, Anthony and Amy Shultz of Whitefish; nieces and nephews, Carl and his wife Angie and their children Michael and Kayla Horn of Kalispell, Angie and her husband Matt and child, Chava Berry, of Aguanga, Kelly Slaymaker of Kalispell; and step-grandchildren, Brandon Lingle of Missoula; Ken, Jennifer, Marsci and Kristine Spielbrush of Oregon and Kristine Davidson of Nevada.

Viewing will be today from 1 to 8 p.m. at the Columbia Mortuary. The funeral will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. at the Columbia Mortuary and burial will follow at the Woodlawn Cemetery.

John S. Sauls, 52

John S. Sauls, 52, a Whitefish resident, passed away Wednesday evening, Feb. 27, 2002, after a valiant struggle with cancer at his home.

He was born March 6, 1949, in Newark, N.J., the son of John and Jean Sauls. He was raised and attended schools in that area and graduated from Cateret High School in 1967.

John began his business journey in New Jersey at the bottom and soon realized that he could perform at the top as well as anyone. Atlantic Connector Company was started in the garage of his home in 1976. The C.T.I. was formed in 1986, as an authorized connector distribution company and will continue to function and grow through his family and friends.

John loved life and had many interests including hunting, fishing, skiing, traveling, horses, cars and motorcycles, collecting art and antiques, music, long scenic rides, sushi, and times spent with family and friends telling stories and socializing. His view of life might be found in a quote from Jimmy Buffet, that he had kept in

the front of his journal, "Some of its magic and some of it's tragic, but it's been a good life all the way."

He is survived by his partner, Janen Morris in Whitefish; his father, John Sauls in Port St. Lucie, Fla.; daughters, Tracey and her husband Michael Cunningham in Howell, N.J. and Jessica Sauls in Whitefish; sons, Sean and Justin Sauls, both of Whitefish; a sister, Joyce and her husband Mark Parisio in Marietta, Ga.; a brother, David Sauls in Whitefish; a grandson, John "Jack" Cunningham. His dog companions Razz, Rocky and Sammy will miss him.

Visitation will be Friday from 1 to 8 p.m. with a Christian wake service at 7 p.m. at the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish. A mass of Christian burial will be Saturday at 11 a.m. at the St. Charles Catholic Church with the Rev. Charles Roman as celebrant.

Cremation will follow services in Whitefish.

The family suggests that contributions can be made to the Children's Oncology Camp foundation (Camp Mak-a-Dream) Bldg. No. 32, Fort Missoula, P.O. Box 1450, Missoula, MT 59806.

Leslie G. Sathre, 62

Leslie G. Sathre, 62, of Troy, died Tuesday, March 12, 2002, at St. John Lutheran Hospital in Libby.

He was born at Park Rapids, Minn., on Jan. 27, 1940, to Darwin and Edna Sathre.

Survivors include his parents, two sisters and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by two sisters.

Services will be at Clyde Park.

Memorials may be made to any chapter of the Humane Society.

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

Manuella 'Mandy' Scarkino, 84

Manuella "Mandy" Scarkino, 84, passed away on Feb. 26, 2002, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

She was born Feb. 27, 1917, in Patterson, La., the 10th of 11 children born to Matthew and Carrie (Cardella) Dragna. Mandy's early years were spent in Louisiana, but later the family moved to California.

After graduation from high school, Mandy pursued training to become a beautician. She began her career after beauty school as a shampoo girl in a posh salon in Brentwood, Calif. She was ambitious and hard-working and eventually owned and operated her own salon.

Mandy was introduced to Anthony "Tom" Scarkino by an uncle. They were so taken with each other they eloped in 1936. On Aug. 26, 1937, Mandy and Tom reaffirmed their vows in an official church wedding. The family moved many times following construction work but wherever they lived Mandy would operate a salon.

After Tom's retirement in the

late 1970s, they moved to Riverside, Calif., and after Tom's death in 1984, Mandy returned to Pasadena, Calif., to care for an ailing sister. In 1991, she moved to Montana to live with her daughter.

Mandy was an avid reader, an excellent cook and a member of the Catholic Church. The excitement of horse races provided many hours of entertainment in past years. Recently she enjoyed sitting by the window to watch the birds come to the feeder. Mandy loved children and was the proud grandmother of nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Mandy was preceded in death by her husband, one brother and three sisters.

She is survived by her daughter, Judith Shouler of Kila; two sons, John Scarkino of Kalispell, and Robert Scarkino of Henderson, Nev.; three brothers; and three sisters.

No services are scheduled at this time.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Peter Paul Schaan, 85

Peter Paul Schaan, 85, a longtime prominent Mission Valley resident, passed away Saturday, Nov. 30, 2002, surrounded by his family.



Peter was born to Joseph and Catherine (Miller) Schaan, the son of Volga-German immigrants, on July 12, 1917, in Rugby, N.D. Raised and educated in North Dakota, he started hopping the rails at 18 ending up in Montana at age 21.

He worked as a ranch hand in the Missoula and surrounding areas, but he knew there had to be a better way to make a living with cattle so he became a cattle buyer and auctioneer.

Peter married Frances Warner on April 14, 1942, in Missoula, before starting his service in the U.S. Army in World War II in October of the same year. Upon return from active duty, he and his wife made their home in Missoula, and Peter resumed his cattle-buying and auctioneering business. A pioneer in Montana's rapidly growing cattle business of the '40s and '50s, Peter traveled extensively, helping to set up the auction grounds in Baker, Ore., and Hermiston, Ore., as well as Spokane, Kalispell and Missoula.

Peter traveled well into the 1980s on cattle-buying ventures and had an extensive following at livestock auctions, where he had been an auctioneer for many years in Kalispell and Missoula.

After 20 years of marriage, Peter and Frances were blessed with a son and daughter in 1961. In 1972, Peter and Frances bought a ranch in the Moiese Valley, where they raised their children. Retiring in the 1980s, they sold their ranch and moved to the St. Ignatius area, where he still kept a few head of cattle, but slowed down considerably. In 1995 Peter lost Frances, his wife of 53 years, and moved to Ronan.

Peter was an active man, who had a deep love for the cattle that were his livelihood, but when time permitted he loved a good card game, especially poker. He was a member of the Charlo, Ronan and St. Ignatius Catholic communities and a member of the Knights of Columbus, an organization that he was very active in when he lived in Missoula. Peter was a kind and loving father, grandfather, brother and friend. He will be greatly missed.

Also preceding him in death were his parents, Joseph and Catherine Schaan; brothers, Joe, Jack, Frank, Albert, Paul, Dan and Bill; and a sister, Sister Mary Anne Schaan.

Survivors include his children,

Tony Schaan of Helena, and Mary and husband Ken Rodda of Ronan; sisters, Theresa Schaan, Agnes Lucy, and Sister Mary Magdeline Schaan, all of North Dakota, and Celestine Syverstad and Mary Schaan, both of Seattle; grandchildren, Jasen and wife Roberta and Shawn Rodda, Michael Anne (Schaan) Spence, Jessica and Amanda Schaan; and a great-grandson, Erik Miles Rodda; as well as numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

A visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday at the Foster Durgeloh Funeral Home in St. Ignatius at which time will continue in the St. Ignatius Catholic Mission where the rosary will be recited at 7 p.m. Thursday.

Mass of the resurrection will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Friday in the St. Ignatius Catholic Mission with Father Andrew Maddock S.J. and Father Gary Reller as co-celebrants.

Interment will follow at the St. Ignatius Catholic Cemetery where the military honors will be presented. Pallbearers will be Adam Kirsch, Fredrick Tapia, Jasen Rodda, Shawn Rodda, Bob Lulow, Bob Schaan, Rod Mcintire and Lee Hestekin. Honorary bearers are Ken Rodda, Jessica Schaan, Michael Anne Spence, Pat Schaan, Ken Piedalue, Bob Peterson, Delos Robbins Joe Seymour, Kathy Nelson and Kathy Whalen.

Marie Birdwell Tolbert Schaefer, 84

Marie Birdwell Tolbert Schaefer, 84, passed away Jan. 18, 2002, at her residence in Harlem, Mont., due to natural causes.

Marie was born on April 26, 1917, in Harlem to James and Christina Rutherford Birdwell. She was raised in Harlem and graduated from Harlem High School in 1935.

She married Loren Tolbert on Oct. 11, 1935, in Wallace, Idaho. He passed away Feb. 10, 1941, and she married Hank Schaefer on June 13, 1941, in Great Falls. He passed away July 19, 1992.

Marie was a member of the Harlem VFW Auxiliary and was a past state president. She served on the Montana Seed Show Committee for many years. She worked for 35 years for the Harlem School District, until her retirement.

She is survived by two daughters, Myrna and her husband,

John, Nicholson of Shelby, and Jeanie and her husband, Don, Phillips of Whitefish; two sons, James and his wife, Betty, Tolbert of Cheyenne, Wyo., and Robert and his wife, Christina, Tolbert of Kalispell; daughter-in-law Alva Stewart of Havre; son-in-law Jack Waugh of Polson; 17 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents, five brothers, a sister, a daughter, Peggy Waugh, and a son, Kenneth Schaefer.

Funeral services will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the Harlem High School gymnasium, with burial following in the Harlem Cemetery. Memorials may be sent to one's own choice.

Arrangements are being handled by Edwards Funeral Home of Chinook.

Helen T. Schagel, 92

Helen T. Schagel, 92, a native and lifetime resident of the Tobacco Valley, died Tuesday, June 18, 2002, at Mountain View Manor in Eureka.

She was born Feb. 25, 1910, at Eureka, to William G. and Catherine McGregor Schagel. She was raised and educated in Eureka, graduating from Lincoln County High School in 1928.

Following her graduation, she was employed as a receptionist and secretary for a local attorney and, in 1933, began working as local representative of the Montana Welfare Commission and later the Employment Service. She also had operated an insurance agency as well as an accounting and tax-preparation service. She retired from public service in 1975, but continued to operate her insur-

ance, tax and accounting business until her full retirement in 1985.

She is also remembered by many as being cashier at the Majestic Theater in Eureka, a job which she held for more than 50 years. She had been a lifelong member of Our Lady of Mercy Parish in Eureka.

Helen is survived by one brother, William Schagel of Omak, Wash., and by numerous nieces, nephews and lifelong friends.

Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated Saturday at 1 p.m. at Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church. Interment services will follow at Tobacco Valley Cemetery. Rosary will be Friday evening at 7 p.m. at the church.

Arrangements are under the care of Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Eureka.

Brett Schellinger, 19

Brett Schellinger 19, of Whitefish, died Saturday, Oct. 26, 2002, due to injuries sustained in a car accident outside of Whitefish.



The middle child of Kathy and Randy Schellinger, Brett was born Sept. 23, 1983, in Whitefish and graduated this past June from Whitefish High School.

Brett was a "today" sort of kid, always living for the now and embracing the present with fire and energy. From speeding down the slopes of Big Mountain at age 4 and later becoming a member of the Big Mountain Alpine Race Team to learning to "dock-start" on one water ski at age 7, Brett Schellinger lived his life with overwhelming fervor and a hunger to seek out every opportunity for an adventure. But while he was seemingly fearless and overly strong when facing a physical challenge, Brett always had an unforgettable smile and a hug or pat on the back for all the people he encountered everyday.

Our fondest memories of Brett are selling golf balls on Whitefish Lake Golf Course with his cousins, tramping through the woods behind his house with his brothers and friends, and the many camping trips to Tally Lake with his family and close relatives. Brett enjoyed spending countless hours skiing and riding the wave runner on Flathead Lake, where his family has a summer home. In addition to it all were baseball games, ski races, occasional hunting trips and hanging out with his friends.

Brett worked for the family business at Schellinger Construction, with family friends at Sonju's Auto Body, and with Richau Construction.

Recalling how he always gave away his lunch money to a fellow peer in need, his parents decided to have his organs and tissues donated.

Brett was preceded in death by his grandmothers, Polly Schellinger and Lorraine Lidstrom, both of Whitefish; and his cousins,

Josh and Jason Muterspaw of Las Vegas.

He is survived by his parents, Randy and Kathy Schellinger of Whitefish; his older brother Matt and younger brother A.J., both of Whitefish; his grandfathers Cliff Schellinger of Eltopia, Wash., and Vincent "Babe" Lidstrom of Whitefish; his aunts and uncles, Shelley and Pat Dolan of Billings and their children, Heather Bergeson and her husband Robb of Billings, and Nathan Dolan and his wife Jessica of Missoula; Al and Sandy Schellinger and their children, Nicci and Kyle, of Whitefish; Kristi Schellinger of Whitefish and her children, Dustin and Jesse Ohs of Coeur d'Alene; Dar Muterspaw of Las Vegas; Klaus Arpia and his children, Patrik, Kia and Casper of Finland; Heidi and Mike England and their children, Aaron, Sara and Zack, all of Whitefish; Greg and MaryAnn Lidstrom and their children Amanda and Karl of Kalispell; Claude and Linda Lidstrom and their son Tyrell of Kalispell; Jodie and Mary Lidstrom and their children, Samantha and Sarah of Missoula; Ed and Sherry Flink and their children, Tera and Erik of Whitefish; as well as his girlfriend Leah Tracy; best friends Brettaigne Blodgett and Troy Kaber; and innumerable friends, many of whom were more like brothers. In addition are many extended family members, family friends, and a multitude of close friends, all of whom he cared for deeply.

Services for Brett will be held at Christ Lutheran Church in Whitefish on Wednesday at 2 p.m. and a reception at the church will immediately follow, and will continue at the Schellinger home. A public viewing will be Tuesday from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish. Following the viewing, friends and family are encouraged to gather at the Schellingers to share favorite memories of Brett.

Donations will be given to the Flathead Valley Ski Education Foundation and can be sent to the American Bank of Whitefish, Attn: Duane Bauch, RE: Brett Schellinger Scholarship. Checks should be made to FVSEF.

Martha Abigail 'Gail' Schiefelbein, 77

Martha Abigail "Gail" Schiefelbein, 77, passed away at the Brendan House in Kalispell, on Thursday Oct. 3, 2002.



She was born on Nov. 25, 1924, in Cut Bank, to Charles and Mary (Sauer) Ferres.

Gail served with the Evergreen School District as school board clerk and secretary. She retired from there after 21 years of service. She was also a member of the Eagle's Club and the Moose Lodge.

Gail is survived by her daughter, Sherry Spek of Kalispell, and her children, Tamara Burnett of

Anchorage, Alaska, and Anton Spek III of Great Falls; Gail's son, Kenneth and Ruth Schiefelbein, and their children, Kyle, and Katie of Starbuck, Minn., and Dion of Three Forks; three great-grandchildren; and one brother, Ike Ferres and wife, Jeanette, of Eureka.

A graveside urn burial will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday at Glacier Memorial Gardens with Kyle Schiefelbein officiating. Friends and family are invited to gather at the Schiefelbein home following the services for a time of fellowship and visiting.

The family suggest that memorial contributions be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

Jacob Schilling, 89

Jacob Schilling, 89, passed away Tuesday, Oct. 1, 2002, at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.

He was born March 29, 1913, in Beulah, N.D., to Jacob and Magdalena Schilling. He spent his early life in Beulah and moved to Chinook in 1938, where he was employed at the water plant.

Jack served with the U.S. Army from June 1944 to April 1946. He was a light artillery gun crewman serving in the Rhineland and Central Europe.

He married Betty Ross on Jan. 10, 1952, and they moved to Columbia Falls, where he was employed by Kelly Lumber. He worked at the Columbia Falls grade school as a custodian for many years, retiring in 1974.

Jack's granddaughters were his No. 1 priority in life and his gentle ways were known by all. He could be seen walking uptown daily and had a smile and wave to all, before moving to the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls in 1995, where he resided until his death.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Betty; his daughter, Sandra; his son, Randall; his sisters, Bertha Helm of Mandan, N.D., Freida Knettel and Pauline Magda of Chinook; and his brothers, John Schilling of Chinook, George Schilling of Kalispell, and Albert Schilling of Eugene, Ore.

He is survived by a son, Michael Schilling, of Kalispell; a daughter, MaryBeth Arnold and her husband Will, of Columbia Falls; two granddaughters, Brooke

Brennan and her husband Mike, serving with the United States Air Force at Elgin AFB in Florida, and Maggie Bigelow, employed as a financial manager at Ramstein AFB in Germany; and his sisters, Martha Goehring of Beulah, N.D., and Louise Gruiazie of Chinook.

Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. Friday at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. A graveside service will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Kalispell. Pastor David Jones of the United Methodist Church in Columbia Falls will officiate. Military graveside honors will be conducted by the United Veterans of the Flathead.

The United Methodist Church will host a gathering of friends after the service.

Edward John Schleinger Jr., 45

Edward John Schleinger Jr., 45, passed away on Saturday, July 13, 2002, as the result of an industrial accident.

Ed was born Feb. 17, 1957, in Billings, to Edward and Beverly Taylor Schleinger Sr.

He attended schools in Billings, graduating from Billings West High School in 1975. He married Thomasine "Tomnie" Long, on April 2, 1983, in Sidney. They moved to the Flathead Valley in 1989, where they owned the Big Mountain one stop for nine years. He had worked for Frontier Transportation for the past four years as a truck driver.

Ed was an avid outdoorsman, who truly enjoyed hiking, fishing, hunting, snow skiing and snowcat-



ting.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents and one aunt.

He is survived by his wife, Tommie; his daughter, Joy Schleinger; a son, Mike Eckley; his parents, Ed and Bev Schleinger; one sister, Deana Schleinger; grandmother Nora Taylor; niece, Brittany Schleinger; nephew, Brandon Schleinger; and loved by many aunts, uncles and cousins.

A memorial reception will be held at 7 p.m. today at his home, 902 Kalispell Ave., in Whitefish.

Ed's ashes will be buried at 2 p.m. Friday, July 26, 2002, at Sunset Memorial Cemetery in Billings.

The family requests memorials be made to the Joy Schleinger Trust Fund, care of 1st Security Bank, P.O. Box 910, Bozeman, MT 59715.

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

Jacob Schmidt, 81

Jacob Schmidt, 81, of Troy, died on Friday, Nov. 1, 2002, at the Columbia Falls Veterans Home.

He was born on May 25, 1921, in Laurel, to Heinrich and Elizabeth Schmidt. He was raised and educated in Laurel.

A veteran of military service in World War II, he served in the Southern Philippines at Luzon. He later served in Germany with Berlin Air Lift and at Malmstrom Air Force Base in Great Falls. He retired with the rank of staff sergeant from the Air Force Reserve.

He worked in the mining industry in Kellogg, Idaho, and also lived in Spokane. He moved to Troy in 1977.

He loved hunting and fishing and was fond of the Bob Marshall Wilderness area. He had a great love of animals, and a keen sense of humor.

He is survived by his daughter, Heidi Schmidt-Cool, of Las Vegas; two brothers, Ted Schmidt of Fresno, Calif., and Rudy Schmidt of Ephrate, Wash.; three sisters, Marie Lofing of Albuquerque, N.M., Clara Wittmer and her husband, Ed, of Aurora, Colo., and Ruth Pope and her husband, Phil, of Billings.

Burial will be at the Montana Veterans Home Cemetery in Columbia Falls. Services will be conducted at a later date.

Madge M. Schmidt, 68

Madge M. Schmidt, 68, passed away Monday, June 3, 2002, at her home near Columbia Falls.

She was born April 6, 1934, in Penrose, Colo. to James W. and Mattie M. Mayfield.

She attended school in Stone City and Pueblo, Colo.

Madge was married to Joe Schmidt on Dec. 31, 1952, in Cannon, Colo. They lived in Colorado until moving to and settling in Columbia Falls in September 1971. They also spent six years in Arizona at their second home.

She worked as a seamstress, nurse's aide at the Montana Veteran's Home in Columbia Falls, upholsterer in a family-owned restoration business and she co-owned and was the artist of Birdhouse Ceramics with her daughter, Cindy.

Madge was a member of the Assembly of God Church in Columbia Falls.

She loved visiting, loved birds and was an avid flower-gardener,



and she was proud of her family and friends.

Madge was preceded in death by her parents, James and Mattie Mayfield; brother, Lester Mayfield; sister, Alice Mayfield; and twin grandsons.

She is survived by her husband, Joe, of Columbia Falls; a son, Gary Schmidt and his wife Fay, two daughters, Cindy Schmidt and her husband George Riley, and Lorna Jackson and her husband Frank, all of Columbia Falls; five grandchildren, Shawn and Marvin Stevenson, Katrina Treat, Jessica Craig, Amanda Jo Riley, and Frankie Jackson; four great-grandchildren, Brittany Stevenson, Brienna, Anthony and Samuel Craig, and many more by marriage; a brother, James W. Mayfield Jr. of Amarillo, Texas; and a sister, Marian Faulkenstein of Opp, Ala.

A memorial service will be held Saturday at 4 p.m. at the family home at 360 Woodland Road near Columbia Falls. Pastor Darrell Newby will officiate.

Inurnment of her remains will take place June 15 in Penrose, Colo.

Vivian Irene Sipe Schmidt, 78

Vivian Irene Sipe Schmidt, 78, passed away after a brief illness on April 23, 2002, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center, with three of her seven sons at her bedside.

Vivian Chouinard was born July 30, 1923, in Pawtucket, R.I.

While serving in the U.S. Army, she met Keith B. Sipe; they later married on April 18, 1945, in Seattle, and had seven sons. Keith passed away in December 1959.

In September 1977, she married Carl Schmidt and in December 1985, he passed away.

Vivian worked for B&B Bakery, and then for First Interstate Bank. She was the district commander of the American Legion. She was a past president and poppy chairman for the American Legion Auxiliary. She was also on the board of directors at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls, and a member of the fraternal order of the Eagles Auxiliary.

She raised seven rambunctious and strong-willed boys alone. She loved to read, go to plays, dance, crochet, play dominos and enjoyed her birthday party dinners with her friends. She loved baseball,



whether it was watching her sons play or enjoying the Seattle Mariners.

Her parents, husbands and her brother, Larry, preceded her in death.

She is survived by sons, Brian Sipe and his wife, Jolene, of Kalispell, David Sipe and his wife, Jennifer, of Whitefish, Robin Sipe and his wife, Karen, of Missoula, Richard Sipe and his wife, Joan, of Kalispell, Craig Sipe and his wife, Maureen, of Bothell, Wash., Mark Sipe and his wife, Susan, of Seattle, Kevin Sipe and his wife, Susan, of Frazier Park, Calif.; her brother, Donald; her sister, Donna; 14 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Cremation has taken place and a celebration of Vivian's life will be held at 10 a.m. Friday at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Inurnment will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery with military honors by the United Veterans of the Flathead Valley. A reception for family and friends will be held at the Eagles.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the American Legion Baseball Association or to Kalispell Lakers Baseball, P.O. Box 8444, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Leona Schwan, 72

Leona Schwan, 72, passed away peacefully at her home in Hungry Horse on Saturday, Sept. 7, 2002.

She was born Oct. 5, 1929, in Babb, to George and Rebecca (Whitford) Salo, s.

She received her early education in Babb before moving to Havre where she met Anton Schwan Jr. They later married in Malta.

Leona worked various jobs in Havre, including working as a waitress at Charlie's, as a nurse at the Sacred Heart Hospital, and she was also employed at the Salvation Army Thrift Store.

She was active in the local Catholic church, was a member of the St. Ann's Circle, and very much enjoyed volunteering at St. Judes Havre Central School. Her interests included sewing, quilting, cooking, bowling and playing games with her kids. She also



enjoyed bingo, her animals, berry-picking and gardening.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Anton, in 1997; two sons, Andrew and Terry; and her parents.

She is survived by three daughters, Sande, Marcy, and Trudy; four sons, Darryl, Harlan, Jamie, and Randall; 13 grandchildren, Lantha, Rich, Jennifer, Tony, Tyrone, Justin, Jordan, Chauncy, Becky, Charlie, Renelle, Brooke, and Whitney; six great-grandchildren; three sisters, Terry, Bing, and Elvena; and three brothers, Joe, Lee, and Ron. She is also survived by her best friend and cousin, Hazel Alvarado, and her niece, Blue Christopherson.

No services are scheduled at this time.

The family suggests memorials be given in her name to St. Judes Havre Central School, 420 7th Ave., Havre, MT 59501.

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

Norman Joseph Schwartz, 57

Norman Joseph Schwartz, 57, passed away on Saturday, June 1, 2002, at Duck Lake near Babb.

He was born Jan. 28, 1945, in Wadena, Minn., to Hubert Joseph and Exia (Burkhart) Schwartz.

Norman was a graduate of Wadena Technical School in Wadena, and the Lutheran Brethren Bible School in Fergus Falls, Minnesota. He married Sandy Redfield on Dec. 2, 1967. They had been married 35 years.

He spent four years in the U.S. Air Force as an avionics technician and had worked in that position for Wycliffe Bible Translators in Washaw, N.C., and at Rocky Mountain Avionics in Kalispell. He currently owned and operated Rocky Mountain SuperVac.

Norman was a certified EMT in North Carolina, and a member of the Royal Montana Rangers. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, camping,

and hiking.

He was preceded in death by his father, Hubert Schwartz.

He is survived by his wife, Sandy of Kalispell; two sons, David Schwartz of Monroe, N.C., Matthew Schwartz of Phoenix, Ariz.; daughter, Denise Schwartz of Kalispell; brother Richard Schwartz and sister Betty Switala; grandchildren Brittany, Briana, and Bridget Schwartz.

Visitation will be held from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday at Johnson Mortuary Chapel.

Funeral services will be held at 4 p.m. on Friday at the Christian Center Assembly of God with Pastor Robert Ross officiating. This service will be held jointly with Cyril "Cy" Neether.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Walter 'Walt' Leslie Scott, 85

Walter "Walt" Leslie Scott, 85, of Plains, passed away Sunday, April 7, 2002, at Clark Fork Valley Hospital in Plains, of natural causes.

He was born Dec. 31, 1916, in Evansville, Ind., and moved to Plains as a toddler with his father and mother, William and Kate Scott.

In 1937 he married Carrie Mine- myer. They had one son, Pete, and were divorced in 1971. In the fall of 1972, he married Deanna "Dee" Patton.

Walt worked at the Diehl Lum- ber Mill on Camas Prairie and in Plains. When that mill closed, he worked in Washington before going to work for W.I. Forest Prod- ucts in Thompson Falls until his retirement.

After retirement, Walt stayed busy at many jobs including plumbing, tearing down the old school, hauling gravel in his dump truck, haying, changing irrigation pipe and rebuilding the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing, bike and car rides and taking walks with his dog, Penny. He could be seen at the VFW talking with his friends. "He will be missed by many but will be forev- er in our hearts."

He was preceded in death by his mother and stepfather; broth- ers, Bud and Bob Walbridge and Lionel Scott.

He is survived by his wife, Dee Scott of Plains; son and daughter- in-law, Pete and Lorna Scott of Augusta; daughter and son-in-law, Libby and Alan Combs of Kalispell; stepdaughter, Lucille Moullet and her husband, Mike, and stepson, Albert Neate and his wife, Leona, all of Broadus; two brothers, Mar- shal Walbridge and his wife, Lil-

lian, of Oregon, and Harold Wal- bridge of Idaho; one sister, Ethel Peter of New Mexico; 11 grandchil- dren; five great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Graveside services will be held on Saturday at 2 p.m. at Plains Cemetery with the Rev. Roy Williams officiating. A luncheon will follow at the Plains VFW Hall.

Coffelt-Bunch Funeral Service is in charge of arrangements.

Betty Sias Scott, 79

Betty Sias Scott, 79, died Aug. 9, 2002, at her home, Prestige Living Center.

She was born Oct. 3, 1922, in Chi- nook to Margaret Vanden Sias, a teacher, and DeForest Jeremiah Sias, an attorney. She always felt much blessed in having such good parents.

She was a graduate of the Uni- versity of Montana Law School. She spent the last 30 years of her working life in the practice of fam- ily law for the Department of Social and Health Services in Spokane, Wash., retiring at age 72.

Prior to that, she was believed to be the first woman accepted as a law clerk by the Montana Supreme Court and had careers as a law clerk for the California State Attor- ney General's Office in San Fran- cisco, as a teacher in a one-room school in rural Montana, as a librarian, and as a social worker for the Child Protective Services Division of the Montana Depart-



ment of Social and Health Services.

In 1950, she married Dr. Donald C. Scott, who survives. She is also survived by her daughter Margaret Bronder, son-in-law Theodore J. Bronder and their two children, A'Lisa and Katharine of Whitefish; and her son Byron D. Scott, daugh- ter-in-law Linnea Johnson-Scott and their son, Leif, of Rochester, Minn. She was preceded in death by her parents, her sister Jeanette Waugh and her brother Robert V. Sias.

Betty Scott gave her support to various causes throughout her life- time, among them the American Civil Liberties Union, the Sierra Club, Amnesty International, Habi- tat for Humanity and the Southern Poverty Law Center. She was the state vice president of the League of Women Voters when it was first formed in Montana in the mid- 1950s. She was a 50-year member of the Montana Bar Association.

For those who wish to con- tribute a memorial, the family sug- gests Hospice, 1260 Burns Way No. 3, Kalispell, MT 59901. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

Jean Stevens Seifert, 80

Jean Stevens Seifert, 80, for- merly of Libby, died Wednes- day, Sept. 11, 2002, in Spokane.

She is survived by her chil- dren, Paul John Seifert, Ann Bean, "Lily" Sue Seigner, of Spokane, Steve Seifert of Kalispell and Jim Seifert of Troy.

Mass of the resurrection will

be celebrated at 11 a.m. Tues- day at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Troy. A vigil and rosary service will be at 7 p.m. Monday at the Troy Church.

Local arrangements are under the direction of Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Lib- by.

Jennifer Lynn 'Jen' (Olson) Servo, 22

Jennifer Lynn 'Jen' (Olson) Servo was murdered by strangulation and head trauma Sept. 16, 2002, in her apartment, one week before her 23rd birthday.



Funeral services with full military honors will be Thursday at Northridge Lutheran Church in Kalispell at 2:30 p.m. Cremation is taken place, and her remains will be scattered over Flathead Lake at a later date.

Jennifer was born on Sept. 23, 1979, to Sherry Servo Olson and Norman Olson in Whitefish. She was raised in Columbia Falls, where she was involved in the Columbia Falls swim team, volleyball, was manager for the boy's basketball team, and cheerleader throughout high school. Jennifer was nominated by her teacher, in Fairbank, to the United States Achievement Academy as a United States national award winner in history and government. The criteria for selection were a student's academic performance, interest and aptitude, leadership qualities, responsibility, enthusiasm, motivation to learn and improve, citizenship, attitude and cooperative spirit, dependability and recommendation from a teacher. Her family and friends were extremely proud of this award.

Jennifer also worked at the Big Sky Waterslides in Columbia Falls through high school, as well as at Mary & Leo's grocery store. She worked at Marina Cay in Bigfork during college summer vacation, falling in love with the beautiful lake town.

In 1996, when she turned 17, Jennifer decided to join the Army Reserves, much against her mother's wishes. She said it would help pay for her college, be an adventure and allow her to travel to places she would not have seen otherwise. Knowing once Jennifer made up her mind there was no changing it, Sherry unwillingly signed the enlistment papers, later realizing this would mold Jennifer into a very confident, mature young woman. In the summer of 1997 she went to basic training.

Jennifer went to her monthly training sessions in Missoula and was a specialist in the 347th Quartermaster for almost six years. She was trained in water purification, and later accepted the duties of retention officer for her unit. During IT training, Jennifer was made

the squad leader in her barracks. She was proud of the way she could handle the machine guns and learned how to throw grenades. The Army taught her all the things that helped make her into a very confident, mature young lady, knowing she could do anything she set her mind to. The words, "I can't" were not in her vocabulary.

Jen graduated from Columbia Falls High School in 1998. She left on graduation night to go to her Army IT training, not able to attend her graduation party. Her mother tried to get her to put the date back on the training so she could share the memories of the party with her friends, but Jen said it would not fit into her schedule for college; she wanted to move forward to the next step that would take her to her goal of reporting.

During her freshman year of college, her Army Reserve Unit was sent to El Salvador to purify water for the people after a hurricane destroyed half of the country. She was so excited about going to do what she was trained to do, and to help these poor people.

Jennifer attended University of Montana from 1998 to 2002, and was accepted into the journalism school her junior year. She got her first television job her freshman year at KPAX-TV in Missoula. Jen accepted the job at KPAX-TV despite the early hours and a full load at school. She was willing to do anything to get her "foot in the door," and before long did a few stories for the evening news.

In her junior year, Jennifer went to work for KECI-TV, where she would gain experience in reporting. She completed her internship for the station in the summer of 2001. While at KECI-TV, Jen balanced a full university workload in addition to reporting news on the weekend newscasts. Weekend newscasts reach most of western Montana.

Jen tackled the news business with integrity and ambition. Her parents and grandparents were so proud to see her reporting on the news. Jen also worked as news anchor for KUFM Public Radio Station during her senior year, where she was heard every day on the 5 o'clock news. Only the best journalism students get this opportunity. Jennifer was involved in the station, winning the regional Edward R. Murrow Award.

Jennifer graduated from University of Montana in May 2002. She was offered her first full-time news reporter job from KRBC

Television News in Abilene, Texas. She was so excited to be on her way to her new career, knowing this was a stepping stone to the bigger markets. Her mother helped her move to Texas, an adventure for both as they were Montana girls not experienced in driving in the big cities. They made it, getting lost only once, and were proud of themselves for this accomplishment.

It was a very special week together, and will be cherished by her mother forever. Getting Jennifer settled in her new apartment was fun. She said, "Life is good; I have my own apartment with a swimming pool, a new job reporting, my cat, and cable TV." Jennifer gained many friends in the short time she worked at KRBC-TV.

Her goal was to follow in the footsteps of Katie Couric, and become a national TV news anchorwoman. With Jennifer's determination and toughness of spirit, there was no doubt from anyone that knew her that she would reach her goals.

She stated that after she was successful she wanted to come back to Montana, loving the Flathead Lake area. Her dream was to live on Flathead Lake in a big house, with all her family around. Her ashes will be spread on Flathead Lake at a later date.

Jen loved to go sailing when there wasn't much wind, enjoying the sunbathing and swimming at Flathead Lake. The North Flathead Yacht Club was one of her favorite places to go, saying it was like going on vacation, escaping worries of work and school. She loved to shop, anywhere, anytime, even on a college student's wages.

Jen loved skiing, hiking in Glacier Park, going to lakes with her friends and family, camping with her grandparents, sister, and cousins when she was little, and teasing her stepdad and brothers, whom she loved so much. She loved her cat, Mr. Binx, that her boyfriend, David Warren, gave to her.

Jen's favorite thing to do when she came home from college was to go to Moose's for pizza. Jen was so sad that she couldn't be with her sister, Christa, when her baby girl was born on July 21. Jen wanted to be Mallory's favorite aunt.

Survivors include her parents, Sherry and Tom Abel of Kalispell, and Norman Olson of Columbia Falls; her sister, Christa Slaten and her husband, Mark, and niece, Mallory Kate Slaten, of Spring-

field, Ore.; brothers, Eric Abel and his wife, Lien of Cambridge, Mass., and Eddy Abel of Portland; grandparents, Garfield and Norma Servo of Columbia Falls, Inga Olson of Columbia Falls, and Ed and Lucille Abel of Kalispell; aunts, Joyce Mueller and Karen Servo; cousins Jake, Michelle and Joel of Springfield, Lynn Dodds and her husband Roy of Elk River, Minn., and Jennifer Abel of Kalispell; uncle, Ron Olson of Mesa, Ariz.; as well as many great-aunts, -uncles and -cousins. She was fortunate to have many good friends.

She was preceded in death by her grandfather, Dewey Olson, and her great-grandparents.

Jennifer will be greatly missed by her family and friends. She touched more lives than anyone will ever know.

Memorials may be made to the University of Montana journalism school, Northridge Lutheran Church or the donor's choice.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Kathryn Seter, 57

Kathryn Seter, 57, of Troy, died Sunday, Nov. 3, 2002, at St. John's Lutheran Hospital from natural causes.

She is survived by her four children, Billy Seter of Eureka, Tina Young of Kalispell, Denise Seter of Elko, Nev., and

Joyce Seter of St. Mary's, Idaho.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church in Eureka.

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

Lillian Sexton

Lillian Sexton was born in Kalispell on Dec. 29, 1927, and was "welcomed into Heaven" on Sept. 29, 2002, by Kenneth Wayne Sexton, her late husband of 51 years.

She retired from Delecató Winery where she worked as a wine hostess for several years. She loved her job.

She was the best mother and grandmother. She was very devoted to her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Survivors include her daughter, Brenda Briggs; son, Steve Sex-



ton; son-in-law, Greg; grandchildren, Trina, David and Amanda Briggs, Kerri Sexton, and Devin and Migual Perez; great-grandchildren, twins Jayden and Jazzlynn Kawazoe; brothers, Chet, Bud, Clarence and Willis Johnson; and several nieces and nephews.

We all love her and will miss her very much.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday at Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Interment will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Visitation will be held from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Thursday at Johnson Mortuary.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

David Shaner

David Shaner passed away at home in the care and comfort of his wife, Ann, after a prolonged bout with ALS. David was born in Pottstown, Pa., in 1934. He recognized his passion for the arts early in life, earned a master of fine arts degree in ceramic design from Alfred University in Alfred, N.Y., and served as assistant professor of art at the University of Illinois.

In 1963, he moved his family west to Helena, where he directed the Archie Bray Foundation, steering it to financial stability, maintaining the facility, and continuing its vision to provide serious ceramic artists a fine place to work.

In 1970, he moved to Bigfork where he made pots in his studio for almost three decades. He shared his ceramic expertise through workshops at numerous universities and art centers across the country. He leaves a legacy of

art work gracing many homes and art museums. His love and commitment to art, music, gardening, nature, and his stewardship of the environment indelibly touched his family and enriched the lives of many friends and colleagues.

He is survived by his wife, Ann; two sons, Daniel and Cedric, both of Fort Collins, Colo.; two daughters, Catherine and her husband, Mike Gilbert of Missoula, and Coille and her husband, Jay Putman of Omaha, Neb., and four grandsons.

A family memorial will be held later in the summer.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Studio Building Fund, Archie Bray Foundation, 2915 Country Club Road, Helena, MT 59602.

Arrangements are under the direction of Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

Timothy Ray Shelley, 35

Timothy Ray Shelley, 35, of Phoenix, died Tuesday, Dec. 31, 2002, peacefully at his home. Funeral services are pend-

ing at this time. Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is in charge of the local arrangements.

Thomas Warren Sheridan, 55

Thomas Warren Sheridan, 55, of Kalispell, died Jan. 8, 2002, in Phoenix, Ariz.

He was born Jan. 8, 1947, in Philadelphia, Pa. to Francis Warren and Juanita Rose (Nicker-son) Sheridan.

Tom lived in Waukegan, Ill., as a child and moved to Chicago, where he graduated from Senn High School.

He entered the U.S. Army in 1967, graduated from the U.S. Army Airborne School at Fort Benning, Ga. and was assigned to the 101st Airborn division at Fort Campbell, Ky.

He was deployed to Vietnam with the 101st in December 1967 and received his first Purple Heart on Jan. 3, 1968, for grenade wounds to the face. After returning to his unit, he fought with distinction in the Tet Offensive of 1968, where he was awarded the Bronze Star and the Army Commendation medal. On March 6, 1968, he received his second Purple Heart for multiple gunshot wounds to his arms, legs and buttocks. After being sent to



Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, D.C., he received a medical discharge; then he attended the University of Illinois, Circle Campus, majoring in political science.

From Chicago, Tom moved to Denver, where he enjoyed the beauty of the Rocky Mountains, before moving on to San Diego and Los Angeles.

Tom worked as an electrician and painter, while volunteering many years to work with veterans outreach programs. He moved to Kalispell, in 1994, where he worked as a painter until his death.

"Tom was one of those people that you meet once in your lifetime." His greatest joy was protecting and bringing happiness to his many, many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Francis and Juanita Rose Sheridan.

He is survived by his sister, Patricia Sheridan, of San Diego and a nephew, Sean.

Memorial services will be held Saturday at 1 p.m. at the Old Steel Bridge with military honor guard and 21-gun salute. A gathering at Tom's house will follow the service.

"We all loved you, my brother."

Inez 'Inie' Shock, 77

Inez "Inie" Shock, 77, passed away Friday, Nov. 8, 2002, in Missoula.

Inie was born August 29, 1925, in Detroit Lakes, Mich. to Bert and Sophie (Aggerholm) Williams.

Inie was raised and graduated high school in Detroit Lakes, Mich.

She married Orville Shock in Detroit Lakes in 1944. They had been married for 58 years.

After moving to Kalispell, she went to work for Wheeler Jewelers, and then worked for the Kalispell Mercantile as a department manager.

Inie is survived by her husband

Orville of Kalispell; two sons, Thomas Shock of Cuf Bank, and Michael Shock of Yelm, Wash.; one sister, Maxine Herting of Milwaukee, Wis.; four grandchildren, Cindy Bucklin, Chad Shock, Mindy Shock and Charisma Shock; three great-grandchildren, Alex Vernon, Isabel Bucklin and Charisma Shock.

Private memorial services are pending at this time. The family suggests memorials to the Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch in Billings. Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Emilie Shoebtham, 91

Emilie Shoebtham, 91, of Whitefish, died on June 19, 2002. A graveside urn burial will take place at the family plot in

Seattle.

Arrangements are under the direction of Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

Lincoln Neil Shonkwiler, 87, of Hamilton, passed away Friday, Nov. 29, 2002, at the Marcus Daly Hospital.

Lincoln was born in Hartley, Iowa, on July 25, 1915, the fifth of eight children of Simon Arthur Shonkwiler and Lilith Combs Shonkwiler. He spent his boyhood years on nearby farms in Spencer, Estherville and Terrell. His father, a horse trader, spent nearly every day on the road in the winter time, buying horses for milk wagons in Chicago and for farms in Vermont.

"Dad was a good judge of horses, and he used to take Linc around with him," said Roger Shonkwiler, 84, of Estherville. "Linc got so he liked horses real well."

War put an end to the family's farming business. One brother enlisted and three more were drafted, including Lincoln, although he was soon discharged because of a broken arm that had been badly set. Unable to get enough hired help to maintain the farm, his father sold out in the fall of 1944, and Lincoln cast about for something else to do. He first leased a gasoline filling station in Estherville. But after meeting his future wife, Evagene Sanders, during a brief stint at the University of Minnesota, Lincoln resolved to find another profession.

He and Evagene were married on Oct. 6, 1945, in Minneapolis. They settled in Estherville, where Lincoln began work as a teller at the Emmet County Bank and spent summers commuting to the School of Banking at the University of Wisconsin. During their years in Estherville, their three children, Nancy, Barbara and Chuck, were born.

In 1956, Lincoln joined a group of businessmen to form the Skokie Trust & Savings Bank, and the family moved to Skokie, Ill., a rapidly growing suburb north of Chicago. He eventually was named president of the institution. But the city life held no magic for Lincoln, who missed an agricultural community with plenty of room for horses. He becoming acquainted with Hamilton through Iowa friends, Ken Kautz, who was managing the Bitterroot Stock Farm, and the previous owner of Ravalli County Bank, R. Wickham Baxter. He purchased the bank from Baxter in late 1966.

Among employees who knew him from his first days in Hamilton is Geraldine Solander, then a bookkeeper, now vice president and cashier. "Back then, we were still using mechanical posting machines, punching buttons," she said.

Lincoln's leisure time in those early years was often spent with like-minded businessmen who loved horses. "We rode quite a lot back then," said Ford's Department Store owner Tom Ford. The two formed a trio with Ned Applebury, now deceased, for mountain trips on horseback.

Lincoln soon became interested in horse racing through the influence of Chuck and Gordon Nicholas, two other Montana bankers with ties to Iowa. From Chuck, he bought Iron Kitty, a gray thoroughbred who did well at major races. "Linc used to call her the fog cutter," said Clint Stuart, an Oklahoma-based trainer who often worked with Lincoln. "He had gone to Santa Anita to see her run, and a big fog came over the track so that nobody knew who was winning until she came out in front."

Lincoln was proud of Iron Kitty's line, which continues. "He had other horses that did pretty well, too, though not at the top like Iron Kitty," Stuart said. "But he didn't care where they raced. He just enjoyed it as it came. He just liked winning and watching them run." In all, Lincoln's horses won more than 100 races. In 1999 and 2000, he was named Washington Breeder of the Year.

Lincoln served as president of Ravalli County Bank until his son, Chuck, succeeded him in 1983. He continued to serve on the board of directors of the bank until this year. He also served on the Marcus Daly Hospital board for 26 years and was past president of the Hamilton Chamber of Commerce. He was a member of the Hamilton Lions Club and the Order of Elks Lodge No. 1651. He and Evagene were active at the First Presbyterian Church in Hamilton, where Evagene often performed in the bell choir.

The last few years had brought devastation to life as they knew it for both Lincoln and Evagene. Even as he supported Evagene in her struggle with Parkinson's disease, he suffered a series of strokes

that left him increasingly disabled.

Lincoln was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Oliver, Richard and Doug Shonkwiler; and sisters, Ruth Willey and Virginia Shonkwiler.

Surviving are his wife Evagene; daughters, Nancy Malitz and her husband Lawrence B. Johnson of Detroit, Mich., and Barbara Lee and her husband Tom Lee of Kalispell, son Chuck and his wife Niki Shonkwiler of Hamilton. There are five grandchildren, Holly Paugh and her husband Harley of Durham, N.C., Adam and Tim Shonkwiler of Hamilton, and Cori and Lori Lee of Kalispell. Surviving also are his brother, Roger Shonkwiler of Estherville, Iowa; and sister, Ann Evans of Newport Beach, Calif.

Certain that Lincoln would prefer to be remembered in his vigor, his family has elected to celebrate his life at a memorial service at 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 23, 2002, at the First Presbyterian Church, followed by a 4 p.m. reception at the Banque Club. People who knew Linc are warmly encouraged to bring stories, pictures, memorabilia and memories to share with others.

A visitation with the family present will be held from 2 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 5 at the Dowling Funeral Home.

The family suggests memorials to the Hamilton School Foundation, Administration Center, 217 Daly Ave., Hamilton, MT 59840 and the Bitterroot Humane Society, 262 Fairgrounds Road, Hamilton, MT 59840.

Ronald E. Brothers of Dowling Funeral Home and Crematory, 415 South Second Street, Hamilton, 363-1111, is caring for the Shonkwiler family.

Patricia S. Shorey, 80

Patricia Singer Shorey, 80, passed away Friday, Jan. 25, 2002, at her home in Lakeside, surrounded by her family.

She was born on Aug. 2, 1921, in New York City, to Arthur and Isabel Singer and was raised in Mountain Lakes, N.J.

She received a bachelor of science degree in home economics from Seton Hill College in 1943. On Oct. 13 of that year, she married Harry S. Shorey Jr. in Boston.

Following her marriage, she completed an internship at Beth Israel Hospital in Boston and became a registered dietitian. She worked as a dietitian at Riverview Hospital and at Arnold Walter Nursing Home, both in Red Bank, N.J., and was also an independent consultant. She was instrumental in launching the Meals on Wheels program in Monmouth County, N.J.

She retired in 1992, and she and her husband Harry moved to Lakeside.

She was an avid tennis player and also liked interior decorating, art and reading. She particularly enjoyed vacationing with her family at Long Beach Island on the Jersey Shore.

She is survived by her husband, Harry S. Shorey Jr. of Lakeside; her children, Isabel Noble and her husband, Cecil, of Kalispell, Harry S. Shorey III and his wife, Hannah, of Plano, Texas, Jan LeBaron and her husband, Bill of Oceanport, N.J., Peter Shorey and his wife Lynne of Eugene, Ore., and Carol Reid and Dale Franck of Thompson Falls; 11 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Memorial donations may be sent to Home Options Hospice, 175



Commons Loop
Suite 100,
Kalispell, MT
59901.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday at Johnson Mortuary in Kalispell.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Jan Marie Shostak, 48

Jan Marie Shostak, 48, of Polson died Saturday, Oct. 12, 2002, while at work at Evergreen Health and Rehabilitation Center in Polson.

She is survived by her husband, Roy Shostak, of Polson; and two daughters, Shelly King of Fort Worth, Texas, and Tina Learn of Kalispell.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday at the Grogan Funeral Home in Polson and cremation will follow. A memorial service will be at 3 p.m. Saturday at Grogan Funeral Home.

A private interment will take place at Lakeview Cemetery in Polson.

Ray Siefke, 80

Ray Siefke, 80, died Friday, July 12, 2002 at his home in Libby.

He was born to Paul Otto Siefke and Artency Hawn Siefke on Oct. 30, 1921, in Deer Park, Wash., and came to Libby with his family in 1922. He remained in Libby, where he was raised, working as a logger in the area for many years and on the Libby Dam project.

He married Trudy Price in 1966.

He enjoyed prospecting as well

as fishing and hunting.

He is survived by his wife Trudy of Libby; his children, Tim Siefke of Libby, Jeannette Cummings of Troy, Shirley Hurst of Libby, Wayne Siefke of Bothel, Wash.; Diane Lieschke of Missouri, Bruce Siefke of Kalispell, and John Siefke of Libby; a brother, Bob Siefke of Great Falls; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Michael T. Simmons 'Raftin' Mike,' 41

Michael T. Simmons "Raftin' Mike," 41, died Monday, June 24, 2002, at his home near Columbia Falls.

He served in the Army from 1978 to 1982.

He is survived by his wife, November Simmons of Columbia Falls; his daughter,

Angel Michel Simmons; and his parents, Robert and Joyce Simmons of Illinois.

A memorial gathering will be held Thursday at 1 p.m. at the Packers Roost.

Arrangements are by the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

Dorris Simpson, 85

Dorris Simpson, 85, departed this world on Saturday, May 11, 2002.

Dorris was born to Albert and Gladys Dickinson in Denver on Oct. 10, 1916. She was the eldest of two daughters.

The family moved to LaVeta, Colo., where they raised cattle, sheep and chickens. Her cousins, Bob and Arthur Dickinson, lived with the family during this period, and were like brothers to Dorris and her younger sister, Nina Jean.

Dorris graduated from high school when she was 16, and proceeded to cosmetology school to become a hairdresser.

She married William F. Simpson in 1936. They lived in Walsenburg, Colo., until moving to Los Alamos, N.M., in the late 1950s.

They moved to Roswell, N.M., upon their retirement and continued to travel with their trailer.

Dorris lost her best friend and love of her life in January 1997, when her husband died after 50 years of marriage.

She moved to Montana in 1999 to be near Susan Swisher, her niece, and family members.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bill, and her sister, Nina Jean Callahan.

She is survived by her cousin, Arthur Dickinson of Houston; nieces, Susan Swisher of Bigfork, Jean White of Adelanto, Calif.; and a nephew, Bill Krier, of Midlothian, Va.

Private family services will be held. Bigfork Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Helen Winifred Hegland Simundson, 93

Helen Winifred Hegland Simundson, 93, died Monday, May 6, 2002.

Helen was born Aug. 27, 1908, on a farm outside Torquay, Saskatchewan. The oldest of six children, Helen immigrated with her family to Plentywood, in 1912, where they homesteaded. Her father was a farmer and inventor.

Helen graduated from Plentywood High School and later from Deaconess Hospital in Minneapolis as a registered nurse.

On June 30, 1932, she married Sigurd Simundson, a graduate of St. Olaf College and Luther Theological Seminary in Minneapolis.

Their first parishes (five churches) were at Zahl, N.D., where they lived for seven years. From there they moved to Plaza, N.D., where their three children were born, Marilyn Simundson-Olson, a retired foreign language teacher of Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., Judith Simundson, Norwegian folk artist living in Dubuque, Iowa, and David Simundson, an ophthalmologist living in Larkspur, Calif.

In 1945, the family moved to serve four parishes at McVille, N.D. In 1952, they transferred to Mohall, N.D., where Helen was a nurse at Renville County Memorial Hospital. After 16 years she and Pastor Simundson moved to Wilcox, Ariz., serving that parish

and a mission church in Douglas. Her husband served those two congregations in southern Arizona before his retirement. He died Dec. 30, 1978, and is buried in Mohall.

Helen continued to live in Tucson, for another three years, then moved to Missoula, to be near her sister, Alma Jakobson. She traveled to Florida, California, Hawaii, Canada, Norway, and Sweden. In 1992, she moved to Buffalo Hill Terrace Apartments in Kalispell. Helen moved to Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell, on May 22, 1995.

Helen is survived by her daughters, Marilyn Simundson-Olson, and Judith Simundson; her son, Dr. David Simundson; grandchildren, Todd Olson, Leslie Mey, Erik Mahlberg, Peter Mahlberg, Bjorn Simundson, Brett Simundson, and Krista Simundson; great-grandchildren, Lauren Mey, Ryan Mey, William Olson and Sydney Olson; and her twin siblings, Bill Hegland and Alma Hegland Jakobson; and numerous nieces, nephews, and their children.

Helen Simundson's memorial service will be held at Immanuel Lutheran Home on Sunday at 1:30 p.m. in the activity room. She will be buried in the Mohall Cemetery next to her husband on Wednesday at 1 p.m.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Pauline A. Simurdak, 81

Pauline A. Simurdak, 81, died Friday, March 15, 2002, at the Libby Care Center.

She was born at Malden, Wash., to Edward and Maggie Siegel.

Survivors include her husband, Frank of Libby, two daughters, three sons, 11 grandchildren and six great-

grandchildren.

Mass of the resurrection will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church with the Rev. Ray Hannigan as celebrant. Interment will be at the city of Libby Cemetery. Parish vigil services will be Tuesday evening at 7 p.m. at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home.

Naomi Gertrude Sizemore, 75

Naomi Gertrude Sizemore, 75, a Whitefish resident, passed away Tuesday, Nov. 26, 2002, at the Colonial Manor in Whitefish of natural causes.

She was born Feb. 9, 1927, in Thompson Falls, the daughter of William and Margaret Dubia. She was raised and attended school in the Thompson Falls area.

Naomi married Buddy Sizemore on Jan. 8, 1944, in Superior, and the couple lived in Wallace, Idaho, and Thompson Falls. She worked in hospitals there and was a homemaker. They came to Kalispell, in 1959, and she worked at the Flathead County nursing home until her retirement in 1987.

She started bowling after retirement and was a member of the Women of the Moose. She was a puzzle enthusiast and enjoyed arts and crafts. She was a loving mother and grandmother.

Naomi was preceded in death

by her parents; her husband in 1973; and a brother, Alden Dubia.

She is survived by three sons, Franklin and Judy Sizemore, David and Judy Sizemore, and William R. Sizemore, all of Columbia Falls; two daughters, Judy Sizemore of Whitefish, and Sue and Raymon Bridwell of Columbia Falls; two brothers, Bob Dubia of Fairbanks, Alaska, and David Dubia of Plains; three sisters, Iva Dubia of Anaconda, Alma Hack of Chehalis, Wash, and Katherine Sorlie of Trout Creek; 13 grandchildren, and 18 great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 1 to 7 p.m. Friday at the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home with the Rev. Darrell Newby officiating. Burial will follow at the Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Kalispell.

Virginia 'Jenny' Skaarland, 58

Virginia "Jenny" Skaarland, 58, passed away Oct. 23, 2002, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center from a cerebral aneurysm.

Jenny was born Nov. 12, 1943, in St. Paul, Minn., where she was also raised and attended school.

Jenny married Lawrence E. Skaarland on April 1, 1980, in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

She worked tying flies for Dan Bailey's in Livingston, and as a loving wife and mother to her children.

She enjoyed her Bible study group, collecting her favorite things, and she enjoyed donating much of her time to many causes in the Flathead Valley.

Jenny was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Christina Jo

Ruff.

She is survived by her husband of 22 years, Lawrence Skaarland of Kalispell; daughters, Jean M. Ruff, Denise Frederick, Kimberlee K. Flanagan; son, Lee Skaarland; brothers, Richard Robinson, Robert Robinson, and Daryl Robinson; sisters, Kathy Bobzin and Donnett Thompson; grandchildren, Joseph Frederick, Rachel and Jonny Flanagan, Christy and Amber Peden and Kaden Skaarland.

Memorial services will be held at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home Chapel on Wednesday, at 1 p.m. with the Rev. Tim Bartholomew officiating.

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

Henry Skranak, 80

Henry Skranak, 80, a longtime Libby resident, died Thursday, April 11, 2002, at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Seattle.

He was born Dec. 8, 1921, at Havre, to Medhadej "Mike" Skranak and Frances (Bobek) Skranak. He came to Libby, with his parents at the age of 2, where he was raised and educated.

He enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1942, serving with the 209th Combat Engineers Battalion in Burma during World War II. He was honorably discharged in 1945, and was a recipient of the Purple Heart.

He married Winifred May Handley on Sept. 29, 1949, in Libby. He had been co-owner and operator of Skranak Brothers Construction for many years until his retirement.

He had enjoyed hiking in the outdoor wilderness areas surrounding Libby as well as pursuing his favorite hobbies of mining and prospecting.

His wife, Winifred, preceded him in death in 1994; he was also preceded in death by a son, Paul in 1972, as well as an infant daughter and son.

Survivors include his daughter, Mary Iverson and her husband, Denny, of Kalispell; sons, Jim Skranak of St. Maries, Idaho, Alan Skranak and his wife, Diana, of Arlington, Wash.; a brother, William Skranak of Kalispell; and his grandsons, Joseph Graham Skranak and Samuel Henry Skranak.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. at the City of Libby Cemetery with Deacon Andy Dorrington officiating.

Military honors will be provided by the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion.

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

Robert 'Bob' Proper Skinner, 80

Robert "Bob" Proper Skinner, 80, passed away on Monday, March 4, 2002, at the North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

He was born on July 14, 1921, in Seattle, to Robert F. and Verne (Proper) Skinner.

Robert graduated high school in Seattle and attended college at Seattle Pacific University. After finishing his schooling, he served in the United States Air Force during the Italy campaign from 1942 to 1945.

After his discharge from the service, he went to work for the Bureau of Reclamation as a lab inspector for dams, beginning at the Hungry Horse Dam. While there, he met Lou Ressler and they were married on Sept. 15, 1951, in Hungry Horse. He then went to work at the Tiber Dam, the Prineville Dam in Prineville, Ore., the Haystack Dam near Redmond, Ore., and on to The Dalles irrigation system in The Dalles, Ore.

In 1964, the couple moved to Yakima, Wash., where Robert



worked as an apple and cherry farmer for 25 years before retiring in 1989 to Whitefish.

Robert regularly attended the First Presbyterian Church in Whitefish and was a 32-degree member of the Masonic Lodge. He enjoyed music and sightseeing.

Robert was preceded in death by one brother, Richard; and his parents, Robert and Verne (Proper) Skinner.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Lou Skinner of Whitefish; several nieces and nephews; and a cousin, Skip Skinner of Port Townsend, Wash.

Visitation will be Thursday from noon to 6 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary. Graveside services will be held Friday, at 11 a.m. at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery with the Rev. Andy Kennaly officiating. A memorial service will follow the graveside service at noon at the First Presbyterian Church in Whitefish.

The family suggests that memorial donations be sent to the First Presbyterian Church, 301 Central Ave., Whitefish, MT 59937.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Betty Lou Slauson, 73

Betty Lou Slauson, 73, of Libby, died Thursday, Dec. 19, 2002, in Puyallup, Wash.

She is survived by her husband, Richard Slauson of Libby; daughters, LaRelle Alcock of Bonney Lake, Wash., Patricia Kelly of Sammamish, Wash., Collette Hash of Buckley, Wash., and Kim Olsen of

Libby.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Wallace Smith officiating. Interment services will follow at the City of Libby Cemetery. Visitation will be from 3 to 8 p.m. Sunday and until noon on Monday.

Samantha Evelyn Slish, 9 weeks, 5 1/2 days

Samantha Evelyn Slish, 9 weeks, 5 1/2 days, passed away on Monday, Nov. 4, 2002, of S.I.D.S. (Sudden Infants Death Syndrome.)



She was born at Kalispell Regional Medical Center on Aug. 27, 2002, at 6:08 p.m.

She was dearly loved by all who knew her and held her, and will be missed by all of the hearts she touched.

Samantha is survived by her parents, MA2 (SW/AW) USN Eric and Annette Slish of Hungry Horse stationed at Naval Station Everett, Wash.; her four-year-old brother, Kenny Slish; her grandparents, Ken and Flora Sorley of Hungry Horse, Michael Slish of Citrus Heights, Calif., Karen Johnson of

Galt, Calif.; two great-grandmothers, Mary Law and Irene Myers of Citrus Heights; three aunts, Shannon Slish of Citrus Heights, Laura Seurer of Boise, Idaho, and Pauline "Poe" Benson of Bigfork; two uncles, Michael Slish of Elk Grove, Calif., and Brad Slish of Wilton, Calif.; three cousins, Breana, two-years-old, and Brailyn, five-weeks-old, Seurer of Boise, and Dillon Slish of Citrus Heights.

"The memories with her loved ones will be long and forever cherished in our hearts."

There will be an open viewing on Monday from 3 to 8 p.m. at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. A funeral service will be held on Tuesday at 1 p.m. at Northridge Heights Church of God in Kalispell, Rev. Terry Harper officiating. Interment will follow at Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

Ruth Margaret Sliter, 68

Ruth Margaret Sliter, 68, died Dec. 9, 2002, in Kalispell.

She was born Dec. 24, 1933, in Kalispell to Walter and Anna (Timm) Franz. Ruth was raised in Kalispell and received her early education here. She attended Flathead County High School then went to the University of Montana earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in foreign languages.

In 1956, she married Joe Sliter in Kalispell and they enjoyed 30 years together.

Ruth entered the teaching profession and taught for 20 years first in Somers, then Trinity Lutheran School and Bigfork High School where she taught Spanish and German.

She enjoyed working in the community by being involved in Samaritan House, A.F.S., Bethany Lutheran Church, Violence Free Crisis Line and numerous other volunteer activities.

Among her many interests were her grandchildren, her former students and traveling.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Joe; her parents, Wal-



ter and Anna Franz; her sister, Elfrieda and husband, Pat Knutson.

Ruth is survived by her best friend, Harry Farrington of Kalispell; three daughters, Su Dalton and husband Tim "JR", Bobbi Wolstein and husband, Mike; and Jan Boon and husband, Dan, all of the Flathead Valley; one sister, Louise Furlong and husband, Noel, of Kalispell; grandchildren, Lindsey, Ben, Lauren, and Lesley Dalton, Frannie and Joe Wolstein, and Danny Boon; with many nieces and nephews; also her life-long friend, Marge LeDuc; and she was very fond of her dog, Dakota.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. on Thursday at Bethany Lutheran Church in Bigfork. Visitation will be today from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel.

The family suggests memorials be made to Samaritan House, P.O. Box 592, Kalispell, MT 59901, or Bigfork Booster Club for the Track and Football complex, P.O. Box 204, Bigfork, MT 59911, or Bethany Lutheran Church, P.O. Box 398, Bigfork, MT 59911.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Greg M. Sloan, 45

Greg M. Sloan, 45, died Thursday, Sept. 19, 2002, at his home in Whitefish.

He is survived by his wife, Delores Sloan, of Whitefish;

and his three sons, Jason, Cody and Tyler.

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

Ronald Evan Slover, 61

Ronald Evan Slover, 61, of Libby, died of natural causes Friday, May 31, 2002, at his home in Libby.

He was born Jan. 3, 1941.

He worked as a timber faller.

Survivors include two sons, David Slover of Elko, Nev., and Jeff Slover and his wife, Saowalak, of Missoula; and

two daughters, Cindy Ryan of Everett, Wash., and Julie Huisentruit and her husband, Roger, of Elko, Nev.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home Chapel.

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

Cletus 'Clete' G. Smith, 72

Cletus "Clete" G. Smith passed quietly on Monday, Nov. 4, 2002, at St. John's Hospital in Libby.

He was born on Sept. 11, 1930, in Troy, graduating from high school there in 1948 where he was busy with both athletics and academics.

His next years were spent attending the University of Montana, majoring in liberal arts and journalism, and a two-year stint in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He was a proud member of Sigma Chi fraternity and played freshman basketball for Jiggs Dahlberg.

The next 35 years involved a successful career in the sports apparel industry, holding executive advertising and marketing positions with several leading companies, including White Stag and Head Sports Wear. In this work he was privileged to travel the world and made friendships with many sports and entertainment celebrities.

Upon his retirement in 1990, he elected to return to his favorite place in the world, Lincoln County in Montana, where he purchased Elkhorn Lodge on the beautiful Kootenai River.

Fly fishing and golf were his

retirement passions. He loved the challenge of the rainbow trout and playing golf with his buddies at Cabinet View Country Club where he served several years on the board of directors with a fierce dedication and determination that came from his heart.

Cletus was well informed about world and domestic affairs and loved any discussion where he could be the devil's advocate.

Clete was preceded in death by his parents; grandparents; and his two favorite uncles, Smith P. McNeill and Leland McNeill.

He is survived by his daughter, Laurie Alexander, and her three children, Laurie Rakis, Dustin and Richard Thomas, all of Sacramento, Calif.; a sister, Virginia M. Stevens, and her three children, Craig Stevens of Troy, Vilene and Vonrene Stevens of Yuba City, Calif.; and four great-grandchildren.

A memorial celebration is planned for 2 p.m. Saturday at the Cabinet View Country Club in Libby.

Memorial donations may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

Donella Smith, 78

Donella Smith, 78, died Oct. 11, 2002, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

She is survived by her husband, Donald Smith; sons, Eric and Alex Smith; and daughter, Merle Jaques.

Cremation has taken place, and memorial services will be held at a later date in Idaho.

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

Fay Anne 'Mama Fay' Baden Smith, 66

Longtime Fairbanksian, Fay Anne "Mama Fay" (Baden) Smith, 66, died on Thursday, July 11, 2002, at Fairbanks Memorial Hospital.



Fay was born in Baker, on May 30, 1936, to William Arthur and Irene Wynona Baden. Her family moved to Kalispell, where she lived with her parents until graduating from Flathead High School in 1954.

Later, Fay moved to Dillon, where she was married in 1966. After a move back to Kalispell, Fay eventually moved to Fairbanks, Alaska, in 1973.

Fay spent her career in the restaurant and bartending business. She loved baking, coloring, playing dominoes and cribbage with friends, knitting and watching movies.

"Our Mom's life was touched

by many people. Her friends and acquaintances were a very important part of her life. "We're sure she will miss all of you as much as you will miss 'Mama Fay.'"

Fay is survived by her brothers, Gary Baden, of Malta and Norman Baden, of Lewistown; her sister, Lyn Baden, of Missoula; her sons, Michael Baden of Kalispell, Brian Baden of Colton, Calif., Dennis Baden, Mark Smith and Steven Smith, all of Fairbanks.

A memorial service will be held today at Saint Matthew's Episcopal Church in Fairbanks with the Rev. Scott Fisher officiating. A reception will follow the service across the Chena River at the Fairbanks Elks Lodge.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to: Parkinson's Disease Foundation, 710 West 168th Street, New York, NY 10032-9982

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

Marjorie L. Smith, 87

Marjorie L. Smith, 87, passed away on Sunday, Dec. 29, 2002, in Las Vegas.

Marjorie was born in White Earth, Minn., on July 13, 1915, to Frank and Julie Cajune.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and 10 brothers and sisters.

She was an enrolled member of the White Earth Indian Reservation and attended Haskell Government School in Oklahoma. She moved to Montana in 1941 and lived in Dixon and West Glacier prior to moving to Arizona and finally residing in Las Vegas. She

was married to Richard L. Smith for more than 60 years and they had five children.

Marjorie is survived by her husband, Richard L., of Las Vegas; daughters, Nancy Jo and husband Virgil Hall, of Great Falls, and Mary Louise of Las Vegas; and sons, Richard W. and wife Lorinda Smith, of Whitefish, and Joseph E. and wife Sue Smith, of Columbia Falls; nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

"Her warmth and loving smile will be with us forever."

Services were Jan. 4 in Las Vegas.

Maurine Lucile (Thomas) Smith, 92

Maurine Lucile (Thomas) Smith, 92, a longtime Eureka resident, died on Friday, March 29, 2002.

She was born on Nov. 7, 1909, in Rib Lake, Wis., to Jessamine and Frank Thomas.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas Smith.

Survivors include one daughter and two grandchildren.

Services will be Thursday at 2:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Eureka.

Local arrangements are under the direction of the Nelson and Vial Funeral Home in Eureka. *

Stephanie Jo Smith, 35

Stephanie Jo Smith, 35, of Libby died Friday, Oct. 25, 2002, at St. Pat's Hospital in Missoula from complications due to surgery.

She worked at Empire Foods for five years, the Farm to Market store, and had also cleaned for Dr. Woods.

Survivors include her husband, Gerry Smith of Libby; six sons, Matthew and Aaron

England of Libby, Jordan Smith of Libby, Nathan, Joshua and Jacob Smith, all of Onalaska, Wash., and her parents, Joseph Lopez of Los Angeles, and Susan Willett of Libby.

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

Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday.

Sylvia 'Eunice' Smith, 79

Sylvia "Eunice" Smith, 79, formerly of Polson, died on Sunday, May 26, 2002, in Mesa, Ariz., after a battle with various illnesses for many years.

She had co-owned Smith Motors and the Phillips 66 station in Polson for many years.

She is survived by her son,

Phillip Smith, of Scottsdale, Ariz., and two daughters, Janice Smith-Kasson of Tempe, Ariz., and Marcia Smith-Rosser of Knoxville, Tenn.

Cremation has taken place. Burial will take place in Lakeview Cemetery at a later date and a memorial service will be held in Polson at that time.

Tanya I. Smith, 51

Tanya I. Smith, 51, of Troy, died Monday, March 4, 2002, at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., of respiratory failure.

She was born Sept. 15, 1950, in Helena, to Ted and Martha Birch DeVere.

Local survivors include her husband Duane Smith; daughters, Mae Smith, Geneis Smith,

Montanna Smith, and Kelli Dimond, all of Troy, Sandra Bollinger of Libby; son Derek Smith of Troy; parents; one sister; and adopted mother; and six grandchildren.

There will be a family gathering Sunday from noon to 2 p.m. at the Nelson and Vial Funeral Home in Libby.

William D. Smith, 81

William D. Smith, 81, passed away on Tuesday, June 11, 2002, at his home in Plains.

He was born on June 6, 1921 at Bennett, Texas.

He enlisted in the U. S. Marine Corps following his junior year in high school and served for five and a half years, participating in most of the landing operations from Midway to Okinawa until his discharge from Charleston Naval Hospital. Next to his family, his greatest love was for the Marine Corps and he felt great pride in having served in it.

He married Mary Hibbs at the Citadel Baptist Church in Charleston, S.C. on Sept. 30, 1945. He attended Texas Tech University and did graduate work at several other universities.

He was employed on the first Minuteman missile site at Malmstrom Air Force Base in Great Falls and then made the rounds to all of the SAC bases for the next 20 years, retiring as base manager for

Rockwell in 1984. He was very proud of his work in the aerospace industry and felt that it helped keep America strong.

Bill was a member of the First Lutheran Church of Plains, the Elks Lodge at Polson and was a lifetime member of Horse Plains VFW Post No. 3596.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Billie E. Smith and Bobby L. Smith; and one sister, Iris Beaird.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 56 years, Mary H. Smith of the family home at Plains; three sons and their families, James D. Smith, Cheri and Erin, of Key West, Fla., Gerry L. Smith, Kathy, Melissa and Crystal, of Kalispell, and Gregory G. Smith, Lisa and Hannah, also of Kalispell; and one grandson, William Todd Morgan of Grafton, N.D.

Private family services and interment will be held.

Coffelt-Bunch Funeral Service is in charge of arrangements.

Ilse Smolenski, 77

Ilse Smolenski, 77, died of cancer in Sequim, Wash., on March 24, 2002.

She was born in Dortmund, Germany, to Josef and Dina (Flesch) Sojka on Jan. 5, 1925.

She married Louis Smolenski at Great Neck, N.Y., on Aug. 25, 1947. She was a professional ice-skating instructor at Long Island, N.Y. She was a member of the United States Figure Skating Association.

The Smolenskis lived on Farm to Market Road in Kalispell for many years. They owned and oper-

ated the McCulloch Shop on Idaho Street in Kalispell. Twenty years ago, she and her husband moved from Kalispell to Sequim.

Among her favorite pastimes were playing bridge and bingo.

She is survived by her husband; and her sister-in-law, Monica Smolenski, of Richardson, Texas.

Services have already occurred in Port Angeles, Wash.

Memorials may be made in her name to Hospice of Clallam County, P.O. Box 2014, Port Angeles, WA 98362.