

Katherine Tait, 94

Katherine Tait, 94, of Kalispell, died Tuesday, July 16, 2002, at Heritage Place Nursing Home.

She was a postmaster in Teigen.

She is survived by her daughter, Marie J. Newlin,

and her son, Kenneth Vogl.

Funeral services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in the Cloyd Chapel in Lewistown with interment to follow in the Lewistown City Cemetery.

Cloyd Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

Margaret 'Marnie' Love Talbott, 83

Margaret "Marnie" Love Talbott, 83, loving mother, grandmother and friend passed away peacefully on the Jan. 8, 2002.



Margaret was born on July 3, 1918, in Miles City, to Doris and Ed Love. She graduated from Custer County High School in Miles City in 1936. She spent one year at Linwood College in St. Charles, Mo., and then went on to attend the University of Montana in Missoula, where she was a member of the Kappa Alpha Theta Sorority. One of her most shining moments was reigning as Grizzly Homecoming Queen in 1938. She graduated in 1940 with a degree in sociology and French.

In 1942, she married Bruce McLean of Miles City. After the war, they settled back in Miles City, where they raised four children.

In 1973, she moved to Missoula, where she was an active member of the Altar Guild of Holy Spirit Episcopal Church; Republican Women; and the Community Hospital Auxiliary.

In 1980, she married Bill Talbott of Butte, who was the vice president of Montana Power. He preceded her in death in 1985.

Margaret lives on in the hearts of her four children, Wally McLean, Meg McLean Stone, Anne McLean, all of San Francisco, Marsha McLean Gifford of Whitefish; and her five grandchildren and one great-grandson.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made to The Humane Society of Northwest Montana Building Fund, P.O. Box 221, Kalispell, MT 59903 or Holy Nativity Episcopal Church, P.O. Box 1923, Whitefish, MT 59937.

Services will be held at a later date in Miles City.

Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish is in charge of the arrangements.

Alvis L. Taylor, 85

Alvis L. Taylor, 85, of Missoula, passed away at Village Health Care Center on Wednesday, April 17, 2002.

He was born Nov. 10, 1916, in Cashmere, Wash., the son of Willie C. and Jennie Taylor. He graduated from high school in Wenatchee, Wash., in 1934.

On Dec. 28, 1941, he enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps in Wichita Falls, Texas. During his enlistment, he was a member of the Hellbirds Unit and was a crew chief on B-29s, serving in both the Asian Pacific Theater and India. He received the Asian Pacific Theater Service Medal with five stars, the Good Conduct Medal, the Air Medal, the Bronze Star and Meritorious Service award before being honorably discharged on Oct. 20, 1945.

In 1947, he attended the Kansas City School of Watchmaking in Kansas City, Mo. In 1950, he began a career with the Montana Highway Department, retiring in 1981 as section foreman.

Alvis married Irene Dukleth in



1954. She preceded him in death in February, 1970.

He married Clara Neely on Oct. 25, 1976. She preceded him in death on December 22, 1998.

He also was preceded in death by his parents, Willie C. Taylor and Jennie Lewis Taylor; his stepfather, Everett Lewis; and brothers, John H. and Willie C. Taylor.

Survivors include a son, Richard Dukleth and his wife, Akiko, of Lodi, Calif.; daughters, Marcia Pauli and her husband, Roger, of Kalispell, and Karen Curry of Sunnyvale, Calif.; five grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; two sisters, Martha Lewis of Yakima, Wash., and Marlene Kilpatrick and husband, Jay, of Lakeside.

Viewing will be Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Garden City Funeral Home in Missoula. Funeral services will be held Tuesday at the funeral home at 2 p.m., with a reception following in the funeral home's community room. Burial services with military honors will be at Glacier Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell on Wednesday at 2 p.m.

The family suggests that memorials be made to the Missoula Food Bank, 219 S. Third St. W., Missoula, MT 59801.

Darryl 'DT' Taylor, 39

Darryl 'DT' Taylor, 39, of Mesa, Ariz., died peacefully, surrounded by his family on Saturday, June 29, 2002. Darryl was born with cystic fibrosis, and passed away after complications following a lung transplant he received on April 28, 2002, at UCSD Medical Center.

Darryl was born in Helena on April 8, 1963. He moved to Arizona in 1985 from Kalispell, where he lived most of his childhood. After working various jobs, he began employment at the Phoenician Resort in 1988. He remained at the Phoenician as an Engineering Maintenance Technician III for 13 years, enjoying the position, the lovely grounds, and the people he worked with throughout his career. He met his wife Cindy, a registered nurse, in 1993 during one of his hospital stays. She was his nurse. They married in 1996 in Southington, Conn., her home state.

Darryl enjoyed a childhood filled with snow skiing, skateboarding, motocross, and mountain biking. In his adult life, his hobbies included restoring a '71 Roadrunner, building model airplanes, flying stunt kites, and computer gaming.

He is survived by his adoring wife, Cindy; his mother, Peggy Taylor; his mother and father-in-law, Linda and Tom Vargo; his sister and brother-in-law, Laurie and



Joseph Campbell; as well as his niece, Brooke Campbell; a large extended family in Connecticut; the employees of the Phoenician Resort; the nurses on the

10th floor at Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center; numerous loyal friends, as well as the many people he befriended while gaming on-line.

Services will be held Sunday, July 7, 2002, at Mariposa Gardens, 6747 E. Broadway Road, in Mesa at 1 p.m. Contributions may be made in Darryl's name to the Bannister Family House, 406 Dickinson St., San Diego, CA 92103-8961, (619) 543-7977.

Darryl will be fondly remembered as a beautiful man who radiated the spirit and innocence of a child. When those who knew and loved him reminisce, they will remember him always smiling, kidding around and being ornery, candidly speaking his mind, able to repair anything, constantly cleaning, adoring his wife, his family, his dogs, and his home, all while living everyday to the fullest ... and inspiring those around him to do the same.

Paul Francis Taylor, 53

Paul Francis Taylor, 53, of Kalispell died on Dec. 9, 2002, in Memphis, Tenn. He was 53.

He was born Jan. 12, 1949, in Whitefish to Francis "Frank" and Elizabeth "Betty" Opalka Taylor.

Paul lived in Colorado Springs, Colo., from 1955-72. He returned to Montana, where he was employed for 22 years with the U.S. Forest Service. He retired from the Forest Service on July 31, 2001.

He drove for Sammons Trucking Company of Missoula at the time of his death.

His father preceded him in death.

Paul is survived by his mother in Colorado Springs. In addition, he leaves one aunt and six cousins.

Paul appreciated western Montana above all locations and he enjoyed many activities, which included fishing, canoeing, hiking, camping, traveling and reading Montana history. He loved the beauty and serenity of nature and the outdoors. Glacier Park was among his favorite places, and he spent many happy times there. Paul was a special person, kind and good. He will be sadly missed and remembered by those who knew him.

Cremation has taken place and inurnment will follow at a later time at Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

The Rev. Paul Jennings Taylor, 77, "moved to the next level of his love of Jesus" on Tuesday, Dec. 10, 2002.

He was born March 19, 1925, in Salt Lake City.

He married Marilyn Young, the daughter of Percival and Edna Lyall Young on Sept. 3, 1949.

Fr. Taylor is survived by his wife, Marilyn; and children, Cathryn Y. Spooner and husband, Kerry, Paul J. Taylor Jr., James M. Taylor; and Mary Lynn Jordt and husband, Jason; grandchildren, Autumn Esseltine and husband, Brian, Tim and Peter Hoopingarner, Erin and Sarah Jordt, Chris and Jon Cox; great-grandchild Sebastian Esseltine; brother, Samuel E. Taylor; sister, Nancy Jones; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Arthur and Priscilla Taylor; a sister, Elizabeth Allison; and a brother, Arthur Taylor Jr.

Fr. Taylor served in the U.S. Merchant Marines during World War II.

He graduated from the University of Utah in 1949, with a Bachelor of Science degree in marketing. He received managerial training with Montgomery Ward in California, and assisted in establishing and selling for the Empire Distributing Company. Fr. Taylor joined the United States Gypsum Co. in 1955 as a sales representative and later as a specialty products manager. He entered Church Divinity School of the Pacific, in Berkeley, Calif., and graduated in 1964.

Fr. Taylor was ordained a deacon in the Episcopal Church of America on June 23, 1964, at Grace Cathedral in San Francisco, Calif., and ordained to the priesthood on Dec. 19, 1964, at St. Mark's Cathedral in Salt Lake City.

In 1964, Fr. Taylor was called by the Diocese of Utah to serve as the first Vicar of the newly organized St. Stephen's Mission in Granger, Utah and at St. Barnabas in Toole, Utah.

In 1967, he served at St. John's Parish in Stockton, Calif. as associate Rector.

The following year, he began service as rector of Christ Church at Lemoore, Calif., and Ephantophany Church in Corcoran, Calif. During this time he also served as civilian chaplain to the Chaplain Corp at the Lemoore Naval Air Base, specializing with dependents of prisoners of war. He received a plaque of appreciation from the Navy for his work.



In 1973, Fr. Taylor became rector to Christ Church Parish in Kalispell. The parish served as the beginning of the Glacier Symphony and Chorale, as well as a community outreach counseling service. In 1977, the parish established St. Patrick's Church in Ferndale. Fr. Taylor retired on Dec. 31, 1988.

During his career, Fr. Taylor held many positions in the Diocese of San Joaquin, and the Diocese of Montana. He wrote a program on Stewardship, was a licensed director of Church Growth and Evangelism, and held many seminars and workshops in these areas. He was a diocesan deputy to general convention for 1969 and 1982, spiritual director of the Cursillo's program, and authored a program titled, "A Shared Faith".

In 1987, he accompanied the Youth with a Mission to China, Korea and the Philippines.

From 1989 to 1997 he served as chaplain of Kalispell Regional Medical Center, and developed the Pastoral Care Department. He was honored by the Montana Pastoral Care Association with the "Paul Taylor Award" for being "instrumental in the development and promotion of chaplaincy." Rev. Taylor was the first recipient of this award in 1994.

Fr. Taylor served as the senior chaplain to the Flathead County Sheriff's Department from 1985 until 1999. He was active in the International Conference of Police Chaplains, and served as the Montana representative for many years. He also established the Flathead Valley Volunteer Chaplain Corp.

He was a member of The American Association of Christian Counselors. In his retirement he served as interim minister to many churches.

Fr. Taylor's community involvement included acting as chairman of the Northwest Horizon Corp., Trustees of Brendan House, chairman of the Community Advisory Council of Northwest Healthcare, charter board member of Flathead Crimestoppers, serving as president of the Kalispell Ministerial Association and Flathead Valley Community College Campus Ministry Team. He organized and was a member of the Northwest Montana Critical Incident Stress Management Team, instructor to the Flathead Emergency Medical Technical Program, and seminar leader for "Death and Dying," "Anger Management," and "Spiritual Concerns for the Elderly."

Fr. Taylor cared and truly loved the people of the Flathead Valley and did all in his power to be their friend and helper. His prayers will be with them always.

A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. on Monday at Christ Episcopal Church in Kalispell. A celebration of his life will follow in the Spring Creek Room at the Hampton Inn.

Wayne Raymond Tellesch, 68

Wayne Raymond Tellesch, 68, of Coram, died of a massive heart attack on Jan. 12, 2002, doing what he loved — ice fishing with his wife and good friends Sandie and Dale Satter.



He was born on July 14, 1933, in Chicago. He moved to Dupuyer, with his parents in 1947, where he attended school and graduated in 1951. He joined the Navy in 1952 and was honorably discharged in 1956. While stationed in Hawaii, he met and married Val Bushberg and they had two sons. He then married Gayle Nelson, and in November of 1993 he was married to Pam Virdell.

Wayne worked for the Cut Bank Gas Company from June of 1972 to January of 1985. He owned and operated Fun Unlimited in Columbia Falls from 1985-

87 and again from 1989-91. He worked on the road crew in Glacier National Park in 1988 and again from 1991-92. He did pipeline inspections for Alme Construction in Cut Bank. He retired in 1992.

He was preceded in death by his father, Frank Tellesch, in 1987.

Wayne is survived by his wife Pam, mother Adeline, and son Wade, all residing in Coram; son Cecil serving in the U.S. Coast Guard in Washington, D.C.; two stepdaughters, Linda Carter of California and Shelley Martines of Hawaii; and a stepson, Martin Tellesch; and also numerous grandchildren, aunts, uncles and cousins.

The family asks that memorial contributions be sent in Wayne's name to the Montana Veterans Home Memorial Foundation, Box 250, Columbia Falls, MT 59912. No services are planned at this time.

Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is in charge of the arrangements.

Erna Tetrault, 87

Erna Tetrault, 87, died Tuesday, May 7, 2002, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.



She was born June 24, 1914, in Kalispell, to Adolph C. and Wanda (Flatt) Krause. Erna was born and raised on the family homestead off Whitefish Stage Road in Kalispell. She attended Birch Grove School and graduated from Flathead County High School in 1933. In 1935, She married Ray Tetrault and together they raised one son, Frank.

Erna enjoyed being a homemaker and taking care of her family but she also was a volunteer and nurses aide at the hospital. She was very talented and was very good at making ceramics, knitting, sewing, and painting. She was a member of Trinity Lutheran

Church and was involved in many of the ladies groups there.

Erna was preceded in death by her husband, Ray, in 1991; her parents; three brothers; and two sisters.

She is survived by her son, Frank Tetrault of Kalispell; two grandchildren, Allen Tetrault and his wife, Alma, of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Randy Tetrault of Denver; and one great-granddaughter, Amanda Tetrault.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, at 2 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church with Pastor Darold Reiner-officiating. Urn burial will take place prior to the service at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery at 1 p.m.

The family suggests memorials be sent to the Trinity Lutheran Church School Building Fund, 400 W. California St., Kalispell, MT 59901.

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

Edmond P. 'Ed' Theis, 83

Edmond P. "Ed" Theis, 83, passed away Sunday, March 3, 2002, at the Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

Ed was born Aug. 9, 1918, in Wilton, N.D. to Louis and Annie (Binsfield) Theis.

Ed married Ethel Westlund in 1950 and later moved to Orting, Wash., where he logged by horse and worked for the Manning Seed Company. He moved his family to Montana in 1969.

Ethel passed away in 1978 and Ed married Mabel Rohrer in 1980, who passed away in 1987. Ed then married Delores Hamilton in 1990.

Ed loved hunting, fishing and hard work. He started his days by walking with his wife, Delores, to one of many favorite coffee spots. Basketball and baseball were his passions. It was not uncommon for Ed to have two televisions with two different games going on at once, and being able to keep up with them.

He spent many hours in his garage, fixing anything and everything. Ed was a man of many talents. He touched many lives, all of whom will miss him. His very special dog, Barney, will also miss him. They were the best of fishing



buddies.

Ed was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, and two wives.

He is survived by his wife Delores of Kalispell; children, Debbie Sandlin of Athol, Idaho, Mike Theis and his wife Marilyn of Kalispell, Cindy DeRight and husband Tom of Armada, Mich., and Tammy West and husband Chris of Kalispell; stepchildren, Patsy Ross and husband Butch of Missoula, Carla Kiral and husband Scott of Kalispell, and Dale Schmidt and his wife Carrie of Eureka; four sisters, Irene Foley of Seattle, Arlene "Hon" Murphy and LeoJean Cole, both of Puyallup, Wash, Myrtle Carlson of Quilcene, Wash; one brother, Gilbert "Gib" Theis of Tacoma, Wash; 11 grandchildren, five great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday at 11 a.m. at the Valley Community Church of God with the Rev. Bill Harper officiating. Visitation will be held at Johnson Mortuary on Friday from noon to 6 p.m.

Memorial donations may be sent to Valley Community Church, 2149 U.S. 2 East, Kalispell, MT 59901

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

Theodore Howard Thibert, 33

Theodore Howard Thibert, 33 years of age, of Missoula, passed away on Monday, Nov. 11, 2002, near Salmon, Idaho, due to injuries sustained in a motor vehicle accident.

He was born on Jan. 3, 1969, in Missoula, the youngest of four children born to Roger and Connie (Williams) Thibert. They made their home in Kennewick, Wash., where Ted completed his schooling in the Kennewick public schools.

Ted's life-long love was racing horses. He spent 16 years as a jockey and trainer. He was a natural talented horseman. When not pursuing his first love of horses, you could find him hunting, fishing or in the great outdoors. Ted will be greatly missed by all the lives he touched in his brief life.

He leaves to mourn his passing his mother, Connie Re and her

husband, Joe of Jerome, Idaho; father Robert Thibert of Caldwell, Idaho; one sister, Tamara Schneider and her husband, Paul of Boise, Idaho; two brothers, Tim Thibert of Caldwell and Tom Thibert of Everett, Wash.; two nieces, Natalie and Tiffany; two nephews, Tee and Tyler; numerous aunts, uncles, other relatives and many friends.

Ted was preceded in death by his grandparents and three uncles, Wayne Williams, James Thibert and Francis Thibert.

Graveside memorial services will be conducted from the Pine Cemetery of Spokane (Opportunity, Wash.) at 2 p.m. on Monday with the Pastor Pat Mecham officiating.

The Jones & Casey Funeral Home of Salmon, Idaho, is in charge of arrangements.

Janivee U. Thom, 65

Janivee U. Thom, 65, died Tuesday, Sept. 24, 2002, at the Libby Care Center from natural causes.

She was a Libby resident and member of the Pipe Creek community for over 30 years.

She was born in Plainville, Kan., Jan. 2, 1937, the daughter of Charles C. and Ethel (Wise) Smith. At the tender age of three, her parents purchased a ranch in Roundup where she grew up as a rancher's daughter. Her love of horses and country living remained in her heart, and was evident in her hobbies and love of Western books and movies. She was a good neighbor, friend, loving mother and devoted wife.

Jan met and married her husband LeRoy C. Thom from Lewistown on May 29, 1953, at Roundup. Being a farmer and construction worker required them to travel frequently in Idaho, Wyoming and

Montana, where they finally settled down with their six children in the Libby area in 1967.

In addition to Western movies, Jan enjoyed gardening, needlecrafts and leatherworking. She was an avid reader and kept all the used bookstores, and frequently family and friends, scrambling to keep their shelves full of books she had not already read.

Survivors include four sons, LeRoy D. Thom and wife Zetta, Keith E. Thom and wife Jane, and Bruce W. Thom and Laurie Orr, all of Libby; and Ricky A. Thom and wife Jamie of Kinta, Okla.; two daughters, Louise Atkinson and husband Dan of Lakeside, and Rita B. Peiffer and husband Ken of Kalispell; one brother, Charles Smith and wife Lorraine of Hastings, Neb.; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Services were already held.

Austin Charles Thomas, 92

Austin Charles Thomas, 92, of Missoula, passed away at the Village Health Care Center on Thursday, Feb. 21, 2002. He was born Oct. 7, 1910, in Dover, Del., the son of Jerome and Jane Thomas.



He graduated from Proctor School and married Johanna Honey in 1931. He worked as a logger, millwright and overall handy man. Austin enjoyed camping with his family, rock hounding, metal detecting and prospecting. "Our Dad" loved going to Arizona every winter and sitting under the Arizona skies.

Austin was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Johanna, and his brothers Leslie and Oliver.

His family includes his children, Nancy Staton, Connie Smith

and her husband, Marion, Illa Phillips and her husband, Jim, Ron Thomas and his wife, Kathy, and Rob Thomas and his wife, Karen; grandchildren, Cindy Trant and her husband, Will, Ritchie Wildey and her husband, Mike, Teresa Hicks and her husband, Scott, Bill Phillips, Jennifer Phillips, Elliot, Mykel and Seth Thomas, Jeremy, Brian and Casey Thomas; great-grandchild Brian Michael Wildey; special friend Leroy Christoffer-son; sisters Bernice Proud and Lois Birky; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

At this time, services are pending. The family suggests that memorials be made to the TLC Unit at the Village Health Care Center, 2651 South Ave. W., Missoula, MT 59804.

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

Christian 'Chris' G. Thomasser, 87

Christian "Chris" G. Thomasser passed away in his sleep on Oct. 21, 2003, at his home in Columbia Falls, at the age of 87.



He was born Nov. 20, 1914, in Milwaukee, Wis., to Frank and Agnes Ferlietch Thomasser. He was one of 12 children.

Chris married Lucy Ruth Schweer in 1939. She preceded him in death in 1969. He remarried, to Mabel Flory of Oregon in 1972. She preceded him in death in July of 1993.

Chris moved to Montana in 1963. He worked at a filling station in Columbia Falls, and then at C and C Lumber Company/Plum Creek for 16 years, and retired in May of 1982, at the age of 67.

He was also preceded in death by his parents; his brother, Rudolph; sister, Marie and her husband, Ed; grandson, Isaiah Tucker; and great-grandson, Michael Alan Baker. He had lost two of his dear children, his son, Frank F. Thomasser in 1969, and daughter, Patricia A. Tucker in 1990.

He is survived by three of his daughters, CarolLynn A. Thomasser and Kathleen N. McBride, both of Columbia Falls, and Agnes M. Emerson and husband, Richard; his stepchildren on Mabel's side, Dennis, Paulette, Larry, Betty and Robbin; grandchildren, Christina Roberts, Robin and Billy McKinney, David Baker, Jason Jackson, Alicia Tucker and Shana Emerson; and great-grandchildren Kyle, Dannett, Pantara, Tamara, Leslie

and Jessica Baker, Aidan Tucker and several others.

There will be a memorial service at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses in Columbia Falls at 2 p.m. on Saturday. Friends and family who need information about burial arrangements can contact Carrie Thomasser at 892-4064 or David Baker at 756-6210.

Cecil N. Thompson, 71

Cecil N. Thompson, 71, of Whitefish died Thursday, November 28, 2002.

He was born on May 28, 1931, in Kalispell to Lawrence and Evalene Thompson.

Cecil joined the U.S. Air Force at 17, and received his high school diploma in service. He served his country for 20 years; retired as master sergeant in the U.S. Air Force. After retirement from the service he went to work in many areas, including management, resort management and as a driver for a local bus company.

His hobbies were golf, fishing, hunting, lumberjacking, family reunions. He was an active member of the Shriners and Moose lodge for many years.

Cecil will be missed and his memory will live on through his many survivors.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Patricia L. Roney; they were married on April 23, 1950, in Champaign, Illinois. He is also survived by five children and spouses as well as grandchildren and great grandchildren: Sheron Ramaley, husband John and two children Michael and Patricia of Minneapolis, Minn., Karen Sparks, husband Robert Shanks

and two sons Allen and David of Columbia Falls, Lawrence Thompson, wife Debbie and five boys Jeremy and Matthew Hamilton, Matthew, Marshal and Mitchell Thompson of Houston, Mo., Sandra Thompson and Donald Baumann and two sons Adam and Robert Graham of Minneapolis, Gary Thompson, wife Cindy and two daughters Stefanie and Rebecca of Chandler, Ariz.; great-grandchildren Bryan, Kalyb, Ciera, Trevor, Tristin, Kaileen, Leilani, Shanel, Konnor and Treavor. Also surviving Cecil are his stepmother Leona West of Whitefish, brother LeRoy Thompson of Spokane, sisters Carol Naber of Havre, and Ida Braihwaite of Kennewick, Wash.

Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. today at Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. on Tuesday at the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish, with the Rev. David V. Kauffman officiating, with Moose Rites. Interment will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Kalispell. Military graveside honors by the United Veterans of the Flathead Valley and Shriners Masonic Rites.

Verdelle Thompson, 97

Verdelle Thompson, 97, a longtime Libby teacher, died Wednesday, May 8, 2002, at the Libby Care Center.

She was born on May 20, 1904.

Surviving are her three children, Genelle Richardson, Karen Glick, and Dr. Gale Thompson.

Services will be Monday at 2 p.m. at Christ Lutheran Church with the Rev. Les Nel-

son officiating. Interment will be in the City of Libby Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Christ Lutheran Church, Libby, MT; Mission of the Loving Shepherd, Box 1481, Nogales, AZ 85628; or to Faith Seminary, Box 7186, Tacoma, WA 98407-9910.

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

Mary Clara Thomson, 82

Mary Clara Thomson, 82, passed away at Prestige Assisted Living in Kalispell on Wednesday, Jan. 23, 2002.

Clara was born Sept. 23, 1919, in Kalispell, to James G. and Marian (Mahoney) Thomson. She was raised and educated in Kalispell, graduating from St. Matthew's High School and the Kalispell Business College.

Clara worked for a number of years as Deputy County Clerk and Recorder before going to Washington, D.C., to work with the Department of State, joining the Foreign Service. She served in eight different posts, American Consulates in Monterrey, Mexico and Madras, India. She then served with American Embassies in Santiago, Chile; Vientiane, Laos; London, England; Tehran, Iran; Mogadishu, Somalia; and The Hage, Netherlands.

After retirement, she returned to Kalispell, in 1979, where she has lived ever since. She was a life member of St. Matthew's Catholic Church where



she was active in the Daughters of Isabella, and the Council of Catholic Women. She also volunteered at the hospital.

Clara was preceded in death by her parents, and is survived by several cousins.

Rosary services will be held on Monday at 7 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Mass of Christian burial will be held at St. Matthew's Catholic Church on Tuesday, at 12:10 p.m. with the Rev. Vic Langhans officiating. Burial will take place at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell.

Memorials in Clara's name may be made to St. Matthew's Catholic Church, 601 Sixth Avenue West, Kalispell, MT, 59901

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Raymond Albert Thon, 81

Raymond Albert Thon, 81, died Oct. 16, 2002, at Swedish Medical Center in Seattle.

He was born March 16, 1921, in Great Falls, the first child of Dr. Raymond Albert



Thon and Cleora Felicia Logan. When he was less than a year old, his family moved to Kalispell where his father started a dental practice and his mother's father, Sidney M. Logan, was a prominent lawyer and former mayor of the city.

Ray's roots ran deep in Montana. His ancestors included William R. Logan, the first superintendent of Glacier National Park (Logan Pass was named for him), and Joseph Toole, the first governor of the state.

Ray graduated from Flathead High School in 1939. As a B-24 pilot in the Army Air Corps during World War II, he flew 35 missions over Germany. From his base in England he wrote to his family that he had seen enough destruction and if he survived the war he would spend his life building. That vow would be realized through the GI Bill and the School of Architecture at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, where he met Lois Ann Lockwood. They were married in St. Claire Shores, Mich., in June 1949. The following year, they moved to Kalispell, where Ray built the house that would be a home for his family for 50 years.

He kept on building and began his professional life as an architect with Garris Weed. He later joined

the firm of Taylor, Thon, Schwartz, and Kirkpatrick, which became Taylor, Thon, Thompson, and Peterson. As an architect and developer, he contributed to many local and state projects, including two 11-story dormitories at the University of Montana and the Harry Adams Field House, the Missoula General Hospital, North Valley Hospital, Kalispell Regional Medical Center, the Bank of Columbia Falls, the Elms apartments, the Outlaw Inn, the Crop-Hail Building, Kalispell Junior High, and the national award-winning Libby High School.

Ray was an active member of his community, participating as an Elk, as a president of Rotary and a Paul Harris Fellow, as a president of the Montana chapter of the American Institute of Architects, and as a member of the Kalispell Regional Hospital Board and the First Presbyterian Church.

Ray was preceded in death by his parents and younger brother William Kemp Thon.

He is survived by his wife Lois Ann; his four children, Gary Raymond Thon (Glenna) of Sammamish, Wash., Wendy Thon (Tom Weingarten) of Seattle, Dr. Laurie Milner of Rochester, N.Y., and Melanie Rae Thon of Salt Lake City; his six grandchildren, Mike and Brad Thon and Melinda, Kelsey, Chris and Hayley Milner; his sisters Cleora Sheeran (Norman) of Albany, Ore., and Harriet Kienas (Al) of Libby; and a sister-in-law, Jan Thon.

A memorial celebration of Ray's life will be Saturday, Nov. 9, at 11 a.m. at the First Presbyterian Church in Kalispell. A luncheon will follow. All are welcome.

Adeline Henrietta Thorn, 76

Adeline Henrietta Thorn, 76, passed away on Saturday, March 16, 2002, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.



She was born on July 1, 1925, in Thief River Falls, Minn., to Henry and Anna (Satterland) Hogquist.

Addie received her early education in Minnesota before meeting and marrying Burt Iverson on Sept. 2, 1944, in Thief River Falls. Together they raised four children, John, Peggy, Nan and Steve. John passed away in 1969, just six months before his father Burt, who passed away in January 1970.

Addie married John Thorn in Lakeside in November 1976. John passed away in 1996. John passed away in 1996.

Addie had a tremendous love for her family and her many hobbies. She raised the most beautiful gardens and especially her flowers. Addie was very much a home body, loving to spend time with

her family, gardens and her "Be Nice Dolls" which she hand-made and sold. She spent many hours in the kitchen putting up jams and jellies. Addie was always there when needed by friend or family.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husbands, her son and two brothers, Vern and Loren.

She is survived by two daughters, Peggy Gottsacker of Salem, Ore., and Nan Potts and her husband, Lyle, of Bigfork; a son, Steve Iverson and his wife, Maryjane, of Salem, Ore.; her daughter-in-law, Johanna Iverson of Alaska; 11 grandchildren, Jennifer, Julie, Dayna, Melody, Josie, Cody, Bryce, Sheena, Mandy, Jacob and Christopher; three step-grandchildren, William, Darrell and Cheryl; and eight great-grandchildren, Esa Jr., Erikka, Haley, Mikkena, Chelsea, Iriey, Gavin and Addie Lyn, born Saturday, March 16, 2002.

Memorial services will be held on Wednesday at 2 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary, with the Rev. Ron Pierce officiating.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Viola Christine Thornburg, 83

Viola Christine Thornburg, 83, a longtime Missoula resident and native Montanan, died peacefully Feb. 7, 2002, surrounded by her loving children.

Born Nov. 23, 1918, in Sumatra, Mont., to Bruce and Evie Reeves Hayes, Viola was the youngest of five children. The family came to Montana from Kentucky in 1917 and homesteaded in Eastern Montana. She graduated in 1937 from Sumatra High.

She worked a year in Moore for a teacher after graduation, then moved to Forsyth as a housekeeper. In 1939, she went to Plains, where her beloved sister, Goldie Kicker, was living. She eventually moved on to Kalispell and ran a household for a doctor and his family. During World War II, she worked in Washington at the Hanford nuclear site. In the fall of 1944, she settled in Missoula and began working at the University of Montana residence halls and in their food services for five years. She also was employed from 1968-84 at two Missoula motels.

Viola married David Thornburg on Oct. 1, 1949.

A small woman with a big heart, Viola was strong-willed, steadfast and decent. She had the determination and perseverance to raise three children. Virtue was strong in her nature. She was unfailingly kind, possessed of good humor, was self-sacrificing, hard-working and devoted to her family. She had uncommon honesty and integrity. Her simple, quiet and dignified life was an inspiration in humility to all who were blessed to have known her. Her patience, stamina and fortitude amazed us all. Vi was a good neighbor with a gentle and cheerful disposition. She never thought of herself, but always put others first. Her lifelong passion and greatest joys were her family and

friends. She cherished the times spent with her grandchildren.

Viola was an excellent cook and baker, famous for her delicious apple pies. She was content with few possessions in life and gave of what little she had. She enjoyed her flower and vegetable gardens and had a green thumb when it came to growing African violets. She was a conscientious housekeeper, devoted homemaker and dedicated caregiver. She found joy in the smallest details of life. She gave us life, light and love; and love is stronger than death.

Viola was preceded in death by her husband, David, who died in 1974; a brother Clarence, and three sisters, Thelma, Aline and Goldie. Her spirit lives on in the hearts of her three children: son Jerry of Missoula; and daughters, Carol Burt and Gloria and her husband Dave Hanson, all of Kalispell; two grandsons, Matthew and Nick and his wife Hanni Hanson; great-grandson Avery Hanson and nephew Robert and his wife Sandy Kicker of Stockton, Mo.

Special thanks from her family to Drs. Seagraves and Sanz; Julie, Jake, Sue, Sharon and all the nursing staff on the fourth floor as well as Chaplains Elizabeth and Henry of St. Patrick Hospital for their generosity, loving kindness and extraordinary care. God bless you all for your service to us and the community for many years. Also, thank you to Viola's lifelong friends for bringing joy and comfort into her life.

At Viola's request, no services are scheduled. Cremation has taken place and a private family interment will be held at a later date. Garden City Funeral home has provided arrangements.

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

Grace Lubbes Thornton, 74

Grace Alaire (Franklin) Lubbes Thornton, 74, died at home of natural causes, surrounded by her family and friends.

She was born June 20, 1928, in the Townsend area, to William Franklin and Grace Donnelly Franklin. She was raised and went to school in that area.

After high school, she moved to Walla Walla, Wash., to live with her older sisters. There she met and married Arthur Lubbes in early 1947. They had four daughters together and were later divorced in 1958. Grace worked in the canneries in Milton-Freewater, Ore., until 1963, at which time she started beauty school in Walla Walla.

She and her daughters moved to Missoula in the fall of 1963, where she finished beauty school and worked until 1967. At that time she moved to Helena for several years until moving to Polson. In 1972, she married Warren Thornton of Glasgow. She resided there until 1980, at which time she relocated to Great Falls, where she lived until her death.

For the last two years of her life she lived at Murphy's Elderly Care and received the most superb loving care that her family could hope



for. Grace was always an avid reader, especially of the Bible and Bible-related publications.

She was associated with the Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses in every community that she lived. Her main focus in life was her relationship with Jehovah God and sharing the hope with others that is outlined in the Bible of "God's Kingdom on earth as it is in heaven." Her hope has always been to "live forever on a paradise earth, and she looked forward to seeing her family in the resurrection."

Grace was preceded in death by her father, mother and two stepfathers, two brothers, two sisters and her granddaughters, Ashli Cottingham and Dawn Foster.

Grace is survived by one sister, Ann Towsley of Maple Valley, Wash.; numerous nephews and nieces; seven grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; her four daughters, Sandi and husband, Arthur Nelson, of Kalispell, Kathy and husband, Joe Foster, of Malta, Gayle and husband, Philip Young, of Great Falls, and Cheryl Lubbes of Great Falls; and their father, Arthur Lubbes of Kalispell.

Cremation was done by Croxford & Sons Funeral Home.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. on Saturday at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 386 Seventh Ave. N., in Great Falls.

John Jacob Thuma, 63

John Jacob Thuma, 63, of Bigfork, passed away Wednesday, March 13, 2002, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center after a brief illness.

John was born March 12, 1939, in DeKalb, Ill., to Jaque and Grace (Burch) Thuma. Thuma graduated from Sycamore High School in 1958 and went on to earn a Bachelor of Arts in social science at Michigan State University in 1964.

He married Joan Schopp of Detour Village, Mich., on May 22, 1965, at the Federated Church in Sycamore, Ill.

John spent 27 years working at Duplex Products Inc., a business forms company, leaving his position of vice president of manufacturing to pursue his lifelong dream of living in Montana. Upon moving to Montana, John obtained his real estate license and began working at Paulson Real Estate in Bigfork, where he worked until the time of his death. His work ethic and integrity were matched by few.

John was an avid hunter and fisherman who had a great love of the outdoors. He enjoyed reading and had a zest for learning. He was a board member of the Bigfork Development Company, a nonprof-



it group dedicated to improving the Bigfork community. John was also a member of the Bigfork Masonic Lodge No. 150.

John loved life and was easily recognizable by his vibrant, positive, beaming personality. He was a friend to many and will be missed.

He is survived by his wife Joan of Bigfork; a son, Brett Thuma; and a daughter, Jill Privett and her husband, Tom, all of Bigfork. Also surviving is one sister, Joan Cervenka of Oak Park, Ill.; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jaque "Jake" and Grace (Burch) Thuma and two half-brothers, Jack and Bud Thuma.

Cremation has taken place under the direction of Bigfork Funeral Home.

A celebration of life/memorial service is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on March 26, at the Bohemian Grove, 9264 Hwy 35, south of Bigfork.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given in John's name to the Bigfork Development Company, P.O. Box 486, Bigfork, MT 59911; the Bigfork Elves, c/o Flathead Bank, 800 Grand Ave., Bigfork, MT 59911; or Wings Regional Cancer Support, c/o Jennifer Schaffner, 310 Sunnyview Lane, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Calvin C. 'Cal' Thurston, 77

Calvin C. "Cal" Thurston, 77, passed away on Monday, April 15, 2002, at his home in Kalispell.

Cal was born Nov. 16, 1924, in Reed Point, to Jay Edison and Glessie (Gray) Thurston.

He graduated in 1942 from Gallatin County Senior High and later attended Montana State College. He married Mary Jo Bussey on March 30, 1946, but they later divorced.

He married Elaine Lafgren Johnson on Feb. 24, 1975.

In 1952 Cal moved from Bozeman to Kalispell where he was the terminal manager for Northwest Freightlines, later to become Garrett Freightlines. He retired in 1986.

In his younger years, Cal waterskied, boated, was a skilled hunter and continued to be an avid fisherman. For many years, he taught marksmanship and hunter's safety classes to young people.

Cal proudly served his country in the U.S. Marine Air Group from 1942 to 45 in the Pacific Theatre, attaining the rank of staff sergeant.



He was a member of the Eagles and Elks Clubs. He touched more lives than he realized, was deeply loved and will be greatly missed.

Cal was preceded in death by two brother, Delbert Edison Thurston and James Chester Thurston; two sisters Agnes Shuey and Nadine Rice.

He is survived by his beloved wife Elaine Thurston of Kalispell; daughter Sue Ann and her husband Dr. Lee Robinson of Pocatello, Idaho; son Wendell Johnson of Three Forks. He was "Papa" to his three granddaughters, who also survive, Dr. Julie A. Robinson and her husband Neil Davidson of Seabrook, Texas, Heather Ann Brann and her husband John of Richland, Wash., and Maren Sue Robinson of Chicago, Ill; and great-granddaughter Maggie Rose Davidson; brother Norm Thurston of Bozeman and brother-in-law Everett Shuey of Butte.

At his request, cremation has taken place and there will be no public services. Private scattering of the ashes by the family will take place at a later date.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is in charge of arrangements for the family.

Edward N. Thyen, 68

Edward N. Thyen, 68, of Columbia Falls, passed away Friday, Jan. 11, 2002, at home.

Ed was a Columbia Falls resident for 12 years and formerly of Hobart, Ind. He was a U.S. Air Force Veteran with 20 years of service, serving in the Korean and Vietnam wars. He was a member of the American Legion Post #108. He owned a mobile home maintenance business in Delaware, which he operated for 10 years.

Ed was preceded in death by his father Louis Thyen, and brother Robert Thyen, and stepson Morey Roberts.

He is survived by his wife Frankie "Jean" Thyen of Columbia Falls; daughter Lory Thyen of Albuquerque, N.M.; five stepchildren, Curt Egtvedt of Wenatchee, Wash., Terry (Janine) Egtvedt of Santa Teresa, Texas, Cindy and her husband, Joe, Morrissey of Mukilteo, Wash., Linda and her husband,



Bob, Walters of Lafayette, Colo.; seven grandchildren; three great grandchildren; his mother Eva Thyen of Portage, Ind.; sisters Eva and her husband, Ray, Boessel of Wirt, Minn. and

Jane and her husband, James, Krause of Hobart, Ind.; and brother John and his wife, Joan, Thyen of Hobart, Ind.

A graveside memorial service will be held on Tuesday at 2 p.m. at St. Richard's Catholic Church Cemetery in Columbia Falls. The Rev. Chrysta Bourne will officiate.

The family has requested the memorial contributions be sent in Edward's name to Home Options, 175 Commons Loop Suite 100, Kalispell, Montana 59901.

Virginia K. 'Ginger' Tice, 92

Virginia K. Tice, 92, known as "Ginger" to her family and friends, passed away peacefully Oct. 7, 2002, at Immanuel Lutheran Home.

She was born in Boulder, Colo., in 1910, and moved with her family to Bozeman in 1912. She completed grade school in Bozeman, high school in Wilsall, and earned her Bachelor of Science degree from Montana State University in Bozeman.

She taught high school in Perma, Cascade and Helena before her marriage to Moore Tice. The couple relocated 37 times, as they moved from one civil engineering project to another while Virginia's husband served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. While living in upstate New York during the 1950s and '60s, Virginia worked as a caseworker for the New York State Welfare Department.

Her interests outside of work

included gardening, sewing, reading, classical music and jazz. She traveled extensively throughout the United States and Alaska. She also traveled throughout Canada and Mexico. Her greatest accomplishment, however, was being a loving and caring wife, and "world's greatest mother and Granny."

Virginia is survived by her sons, Ralph Tice of San Antonio, Texas, and Terry Tice of Sacramento, Calif.; sister, Ethel Miller of Salem, Ore.; six grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home, with the Rev. Peter Ramseth officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Immanuel Lutheran Home.

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

Keith M. Tidball, 69

Keith M. Tidball, 69, of Kalispell, died Wednesday, July 17, 2002, at his home in Apache Junction, Ariz.

He was born June 9, 1933, in Faith, S.D., to Volney and Mae (Richards) Tidball. He graduated from Faith High School in 1951.

On Oct. 3, 1953, he married Lois Marie Reynolds in Sturgis. He was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1953 and served in Korea. Upon completion of his military service, they lived in Faith until 1962, when they moved to Kalispell.

He worked in the C&C Plywood plant, later purchased by Plum Creek, in Kalispell, until his retirement in 1993. Following his retirement, he moved to Apache Junction, Ariz., where he lived during the fall and winter months.

He returned to the Kalispell area during the summer months, until failing health caused by complications of diabetes prevented his return in 2002.

He was preceded in death in 1992 by his wife.

He is survived by his son, Richard Tidball and his wife, Emily, two grandsons and a granddaughter, all of Sammamish, Wash.

Graveside services will be Friday at 2 p.m. at Glacier Memorial Gardens. The family suggests memorials be made to the American Diabetes Association.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Marie C. Tims, 95

Marie C. Tims, 95, died Tuesday, Dec. 31, 2002, at Mountain View Manor in Eureka.

She was born Dec. 17, 1907, at Middletown, N.Y., to Jared O. Carson and Minnie Pitsch Carson. At the age of 15, she moved to Hackettstown, N. J.

She married Clarence L. Tims on April 7, 1928.

She and her husband moved to Dover, N.J., in 1931, and she worked as a licensed practical nurse. She remained in New Jersey for many years until moving to Eureka in 1976.

She was a foster mother for the state of New Jersey for 14 years, devoting herself to caring for 10 children.

Her husband, Clarence, preceded her in death in September of 1974. She was also preceded in death by an infant son and four brothers.

She is survived by a son, Roger Tims, and wife, Joan, of Parsippany, N.J.; a daughter, Shirley Appleby, and husband, Don, of Eureka; five grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. at First Baptist Church in Eureka with the Rev. Carl Pershall officiating; interment will follow at Tobacco Valley Cemetery. Visitation will be from 2-8 p.m. Friday and until noon Saturday at Nelson and Vial Funeral Home in Eureka.

Lorraine Vernice Torkelson, 73

Lorraine Vernice Torkelson, 73, a longtime Whitefish resident, passed away at her home on July 9, 2002, after a long illness.

She was born June 4, 1929, in Whitefish, and was raised and attended schools there. She graduated from Whitefish High School in 1947, and then attended college in Havre for a year where she studied business administration.

She married Tork Torkelson on July 23, 1949, in Couer d'Alene, Idaho, and the couple lived in Spokane and various places throughout Washington, Idaho and Montana. They came to Whitefish in 1957, and have resided here since.

She worked in the BN District Accounting Office for a time and then went to work at the BN Park Credit Union as manager until retiring in the late '90s.

She belonged to the Women of the Moose and the Eastern Star.

She enjoyed golfing, camping, traveling and any activity with her family.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Vern and Elizabeth Brown, and two brothers, Dean and Delbert Brown.

She is survived by her husband, Tork Torkelson, at the family home in Whitefish; a son, Wayne Torkelson and wife, Roberta, of Whitefish; two daughters, Laurel Torgerson and husband, Dallas, of Polson, and Karla McKellar and husband, Joe, of Whitefish; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; and by many other relatives and friends.

A memorial service will be at 3 p.m. on Friday at the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish with the Rev. David V. Kauffman officiating.

Memorials can be made to the Flathead Hospice.

Lillian Margaret (Walter) Topp, 63



ple until her retirement on Aug. 23 of this year due to her illness.

Lillian loved playing games and would play cards with her sisters and brothers late into the night when she was young. This passion for games led her to playing basketball during gym in high school, and bowling and softball after graduation. She would spend many hours around the kitchen table playing cards, Yahtzee, Aggravation, Monopoly and Scrabble with her children and grandchildren over the years. Lillian first played women's softball while in Sidney and the enjoyment it brought drove her desire to be instrumental in starting the first women's softball league in Kalispell. She and others began the league in 1970 with three teams participating; "B and B Stores," a hospital team called the "Pill Pushers," and "Moose's." She loved the sport and continued playing women's league until 1973, when she wanted her daughter to have the opportunity to play softball as a youngster. She then shifted her efforts and was instrumental in organizing a girls' league.

Lillian and others worked and fought to establish the Girls Softball Association, which served 7-year-olds through high school-aged girls from around the valley. The program thrived and had grown to more than 400 participants at the time she retired in 1989. She faithfully served on the board of directors for 16 years, many of those years as president of the league. She watched, coached and encouraged her daughters as they enjoyed the fruits of her labors. Lillian spent many hours in gyms, bowling allies and at fields watching her children and grandchildren play basketball, volleyball, softball, baseball, soccer, bowling and track. She was always encouraging her children to play and enjoy sports. Later in her years she enjoyed watching "her" team, the Atlanta Braves, on TV.

Sports filled many of Lillian's hours and she still found time to reach out to others with another one of her gifts, sewing. She sewed clothes for her family, quilts for her children, grandchildren and friends, each unique and special. She would embroider dish towels, make pillows and pillowcases. She didn't need a special occasion to

give; it came naturally to her, and she did it with a joyous and loving heart. She continued to use this gift until it became too difficult due to her illness.

Throughout her life, her children and grandchildren were important to her. This showed through support of them in their activities, but also in her activities to provide spiritual and individual growth. She would read stories to them, listen to their stories, help with homework and pray with and for them.

Her father, Sebastian Walter, preceded her in death.

She is survived by her mother, Anna, of Steele, N.D.; her husband, Fred, of Kalispell; and her six children, daughters, Marcia of Portland, Mary and her husband Chris Bogan, of Beaverton, Ore., and Melissa and her husband Jim Osterman, also of Beaverton; sons, Daniel and his wife Grace and family, of Colorado Springs, Colo., David and his wife Denise and family, of Kalispell, Douglas and his wife Helen and family, of Missoula; and 11 grandchildren and five stepgrandchildren.

She is also survived by her brothers, Mike Walter and his wife Irene, of Bismarck, N.D., Father Ben (Chris) Walter, pastor of St. Leo's parish in Minot, N.D., Steve Walter and his wife Helen, of Canon City, Colo., Gene Walter and his wife Marie, of Pocatello, Idaho, Jerome Walter, and Joe Walter and his wife Suzie, of Escondido, Calif.; and her sisters, Rose Papke of Wahpeton N.D., Mary Ann Schmitcke of Fargo, N.D., Violet Christensen and her husband Les, of Missoula, Diane and her husband Greg, of Turtle Lake N.D., and Ann Redding and her husband Kenneth, of Evansville, Ind.; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

All her life she had a close relationship with the blessed mother; from childhood to adulthood she would ask the blessed mother to intercede for her whenever she needed spiritual support. She was a loving and generous person who thought creatively to bring about change for the betterment of her family and community. Her determination, smile and strength of will shall live on in the hearts of those she leaves behind.

She was a wonderful daughter, loving wife, mother and grand-

mother and she will be missed greatly. "She has left us physically but not spiritually and someday we will see her again in Paradise. Oh, what a day that will be when we see her again."

A vigil service with the rosary will be at 7 p.m. Friday at St. Matthew's Catholic Church in Kalispell. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Matthew's, with interment to follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell. Celebrant will be Father Vic Langhans, with Father Ben (Chris) Walter, Father Kevin O'Neill, V.G., and Father Stan Malnar concelebrating, assisted by Deacon Mike Britton.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday at Buffalo Hills Funeral Home.

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

Memorials sent to the Lillian Topp memorial fund will be used to benefit St. Matthew's School.

Thomas Lynn Tope, 55

Thomas Lynn Tope, 55, of Polson, died of natural causes Sunday, Nov. 3, 2002, while participating in a Sporting Clay Tournament in Polson.



Tom was born July 3, 1947, to Bill Tope and Alice Lindsey Tope in Fort Benton. He was a 1965 graduate of Fort Benton High School and attended the University of Montana on a scholarship. Tom played the saxophone in band, sang in the choir, played football, basketball and loved all sports.

In 1968, he and Anna Robertson were married and had three children. Tom and Anna later divorced in 1981.

Tom ranched and farmed over 10 years in the Fort Benton area. He then moved to Eureka, where he held ownership in the Crystal Lake Golf Course and worked to create a beautiful mountain recreational facility. Later, after his achievements at Crystal Lake, he moved on to work full time as a contractor, builder and owner of TLT Construction in the Flathead Valley.

In 1995, he met Gayle Brueggeman and the two formed a union and commitment as partners in life. Together they worked as Tom rebuilt their home and they made all of their plans.

Tom was not only a master builder, but an artist at what he did. In every project he had great pride and no one was ever disappointed in his end results. He didn't need a blueprint; you only had to tell him what you wanted and he would create it for you. He built homes all over northwest Montana to the Yukon. One of the Flathead Lake homes Tom built was featured in Architectural

Digest, and everyone knew all of the other ones should have been.

Tom's theory was, "You work hard, and then you play."

Throughout his life Tom loved excitement and fun and it showed in everything he chose to do. He lived life to the fullest. He flew planes, hunted, hiked, fished, canoed, rode horses, roped, golfed, skied or whatever he felt like doing. He did it because it could be done. He often played his guitar and sang. He loved people and wanted to know everyone. Tom was never without something to say and would tell you the way it was.

He was a member of the Elks, National Rifle Association, Foundation for North American Wild Sheep and Big Sky Sporting Clays.

Tom was preceded in death by his parents, Bill and Alice Tope; and Les Taylor, his mentor.

He is survived by his life partner, Gayle Brueggeman-Tope, at the family home in Polson; three children, Jon Tope and Rene of Eureka and his children, Jordan and Taylor, Tanya Sherwood and husband, Josh, and their children, Kadin and Madison, all of Eureka, and Matt Tope of Eureka, and his daughter, Brittany; two stepsons, Ryan Brueggeman and his daughter, Lauren, and Kyle Brueggeman, all of Polson; two brothers, Rocky Tope of Anchorage, Alaska, and his daughter, Lindsey, and Billy Tope of Eagle River, Alaska, and his children, Jesse and Haley. He is also survived by Elsie Brown of Dayton; two aunts, Pat Johnston of Fort Benton, and Aime Grande of Great Falls; cousins, family and thousands of friends.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Grogan Funeral Home in Polson. A reception will follow the services.

Memorials may be made to the donor's choice.

Maurice Tracey, 85

Maurice Tracey, 85, of Columbia Falls died Sunday, Sept. 29, 2002, at Colonial Manor in Whitefish.

Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. on Thursday at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. A vigil service will be held at 7 p.m. also on Thursday, also at the

Columbia Mortuary.

A Mass of the Christian Burial will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday at St. Richard's Catholic Church in Columbia Falls with the Rev. Joe Pat Moran officiating.

Burial will follow at Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

Carolyn E. Travers, 89

Carolyn E. Travers, 89, passed away Wednesday, May 29, 2002, at Immanuel Lutheran Home.

Carolyn was born April 29, 1913, in Watertown, S. D. Her father was a doctor and her mother was a homemaker. Carolyn was an only child.

The family moved to Memphis, Tenn., when Carolyn was a child. She accepted Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord at an early age and lived for Jesus throughout her life.

Carolyn graduated from Memphis State University and continued at the Kansas City Conservatory of Music. She directed school choir and theatre productions. She was awarded the "Keys to the City" of Memphis by the Mayor.

Carolyn also won the "First Chair of America" Music Award.

She married Martin Travers in Memphis on July 2, 1960. They moved to Kalispell, in 1975, and have resided here since.

Carolyn is survived by her husband Martin of Kalispell; two daughters, Carol Lynn McCalla and Mary Ellen Monforton and husband, Gerry, of Kalispell; four grandchildren, Matthew Monforton of Los Angeles, Jason Monforton of Denver and Andrew and Daniel Monforton of Kalispell.

Graveside services will be held on Friday at 3 p.m. at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary.

Martin J. Travers, 84

Martin J. Travers, 84, "went home to be with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ" in the early morning hours of Wednesday, Oct. 30, 2002, at Lake View Care Center in Bigfork.

Martin was born March 17, 1918, in New York City, to Joseph and Bertha Travers. He grew up in Asbury Park, N.J., where he was educated.

Martin served in the U.S. Army during World War II, receiving decorations, among which were three bronze stars.

He was a truck driver for many years, after which he became a car salesman, achieving many awards. He later moved to Memphis, Tenn., where he married Carolyn Butin McCalla. In 1975, they moved to Kalispell where the family has resided since.

Martin was preceded in death by his wife, Carolyn; son, Martin

Travers Jr.; three brothers, Nickolas, Charlie and Michael Travers; and nephew, Steve.

Martin is survived by his daughters, Joyce Popek of New Jersey, Beverly Gaynor of Ohio, Carol Lynn McCalla and Mary Ellen Monforton and husband, Gerry, of Kalispell; four grandchildren, Matthew of California, Jason of Colorado, and Andrew and Daniel Monforton of Kalispell; and several great-grandchildren; sisters, Jenny Bouza of Greenwich, Conn.; nieces, Bettina, and Barbara Polizzi of New York; nephews, John, Joseph and Robert; brothers, Joseph and Jerry Travers of New Jersey, and Phillip Travers of Arizona, as well as other nieces and nephews.

No services are planned.

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

Carolyn Sue Travis, 49

Carolyn Sue Travis, 49, passed away on Wednesday, Jan. 9, 2002, as the result of a traffic accident near Bigfork.

Carolyn was born on Aug. 9, 1952, in Englewood, Colo. She attended schools in Englewood, graduating from Englewood High School in 1970.

After high school, she attended community college for two years before going to work for Mountain Bell in Denver. Carolyn stayed at Mountain Bell for 13 years before resigning because she was denied a transfer to San Diego, Calif., to be near her future husband, Larry Roper.

Carolyn went to work for Hughes Aircraft and Starnet Corporation, serving in several sales positions.

She and her husband moved back to Colorado in 1992. Shortly thereafter, when she was diagnosed with progressive multiple

sclerosis, she was forced to retire from working. Carolyn was very light-hearted about her disease, saying many times, "I can think of many worse diseases to have."

Carolyn and her husband Larry moved to the Flathead Valley in July of 2000, searching for a better place to spend what years they had together. Tragically it wasn't the MS that took her life but an automobile accident.

She is survived by her husband Larry, of Bigfork; a sister, Jennie; and a brother, Albert.

Visitation will be Monday from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. with the Rev. Tim Bartholomew officiating. Cremation will take place following the memorial service.

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

Frances Travis, 82

Frances Travis, 82, of Butte, died Tuesday, May 21, 2002, at her home, surrounded by her family.

She was born Frances Peterson on Sept. 17, 1919, in Hettinger, N.D., the daughter of O.T. and Lillian (Lund) Peterson. She was the youngest of six children. Her father died when Frances was 3 and her mother moved her young family to Kalispell, where Frances grew up. She graduated from Flathead County High School in 1938 and from Montana State College in Bozeman in 1942.

She married Jim Travis of Sun River in 1941, and they had four children. Throughout 54 years of married life, they lived in Bozeman, Great Falls and Butte. Frances was a schoolteacher and taught at Divide School, Girls Central High School, Butte Junior High and West Junior High.

Frances retired in 1980, but remained active in Butte. She was the first reader of the First Church of Christ Scientist. She was a volunteer at the Arts Chateau and a

member of the Butte Republican Women, Philanthropic Educational Organization, Butte Retired Teachers Association, American Association of University Women and Homer Club.

Throughout her life she was an avid, if not an aggressive, bridge player. She was just as happy with the low prize as the high prize.

Her husband, Jim, died March 3, 1995. Her four children were at her side when she died.

Survivors include her children, Jim Jr. and his wife, Karen, of Ashley Lake near Kalispell, Bruce Travis and his wife, Jeannie, of Cherryville, N.C., Bob Travis and his wife, Susan, of Bettendorf, Iowa, and Diane Travis of Denver; eight grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; a sister, Helen Larson, of Kalispell; and sister-in-law, Faith Peterson, of Fort Collins, Colo.

She will be sorely missed by her many family members, friends and good neighbors.

Services have been held in Butte.

Lisa Marie Trebas, 39

Lisa Marie Trebas, 39, passed away on Saturday, Dec. 21, 2002, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

Lisa was born on Jan. 25, 1963, in Auburn, Wash., to Fred and Sandra (Buckley) Dahl. Lisa had attended high school at Columbia Falls, and the Missoula School of Taxidermy.

Lisa had worked for Columbia Falls Aluminum Company, and was the owner/operator of Master-piece Taxidermy. She was president of the N.W. Montana Longbeards, a board member of the state chapter of N.W.T.F., a 4-H leader, and a member of the Montana Taxidermist Association.

She was preceded in death by her grandfather, Fred L. Dahl, and grandparents, George and Rose Buckley.

She is survived by her parents,

Frederick and Sandra Dahl of Columbia Falls; her daughter, Sue Ann Hamdan of Kalispell; her husband, John H. Trebas of Kalispell; three brothers, Tim Dahl of North Bend, Wash., F. Clayton Dahl and Troy Dahl, both of Columbia Falls; grandmother, Edith L. Dahl of Columbia Falls; and numerous other family members through her marriage.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home with the Rev. Tim Bartholomew officiating. Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery.

Memorials may be made in Lisa's name to an account for Sue Ann Hamdan, c/o of Wells Fargo Bank, P.O. Box 98, Kalispell MT 59903.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Virginia Dart Tredway, 84

Virginia Dart Tredway, 84, died at her home in Columbia Falls, on Tuesday, April 2, 2002.

She was born Aug. 20, 1917,

in Elko, Nev., to Mable (Smith) Dart and Glen Dart.

Services are pending at this time. Columbia Mortuary is caring for the family.

Rudolph L. Trevino, 73

Rudolph L. Trevino, 73, passed away Sunday, Jan. 20, 2002, at his home in Kalispell.

He was born April 5, 1928, in St. Paul, Minn., to Leopold and Charlotte Trevino.

On June 21, 1947, he married Alice Fuerstenberg in Stillwater, Minn. They worked in the field of heavy construction for many years, she as an office manager and he in the tunnels, such as the Trego Tunnel and the Oroville, Calif. dam. This gave them the chance to travel and see much of the U.S. He had a great love for books and learning.

He is survived locally by his



wife of 54 years, Alice Trevino of Kalispell; his children, Charlotte Trevino and Diane Brown of Spokane, James and his wife Debbie Trevino of Las Vegas, Mary and her husband Mike Osler of Kalispell, Janette and her husband Mike St. Peter of Eureka and Dianne and her husband Arthur Davis of Kalispell; three sisters, 13 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held at a later date. Arrangements are under the direction of Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

Iverene Mary Triepke, 90

Iverene Mary Triepke, 90, of Lewistown, died Monday, July 29, 2002 at the Colonial Manor in Whitefish.

She is survived by her daughter, Rosetta Burke, of Columbia Falls; and her sons, Walt Ayers of Kalispell and Don Ayers of Edmonton, Alberta.

Graveside services will be at

3:30 p.m. Friday at Lewistown City Cemetery. The Cloyd Funeral Home of Lewistown is assisting the family with arrangements.

The family requests that memorial be sent to the American Cancer Society or the charity of one's choice. They may be left at the Cloyd Funeral Home.

Thomas Neil Triplett, 49

Thomas Neil Triplett, 49, formerly of Kalispell, passed away Tuesday, April 2, 2002, at home.

He was born Dec. 9, 1952, in Kalispell, to Ed and Beverley Triplett.

Tom graduated from Flathead High School and went to Portland, where he lived until his death.

His entire work life was devoted to helping others. He worked as a caregiver for the elderly, quadriplegic, mentally handicapped and anyone who needed the kind, tender care he was so able and willing to give.

Tom was one of the Volunteers of America, who took handicapped people on trips to such places as Mexico, Ireland, Disneyland and Florida, who would not have been capable of visiting those places alone.

He also served on a community committee in Portland devoted to



improving working standards and better pay for nursing home caregivers. His dream was to someday have a facility of his own to care for elderly people in conjunction with a day-care center for children.

He will be sorely missed, not only by his family, but by great numbers of those his life has enriched.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, a niece and nephew.

Tom is survived by his parents, Ed and Beverley Triplett of Kalispell; sisters, Beth and her husband, Dave Oetinger, of Oregon City, Ore., Danielle and her husband, Bill Prichard, of Kalispell; brothers, Steven Triplett of Vancouver, Wash., and Bill Triplett of Laguna Niguel, Calif.; and several nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles and numerous cousins.

A celebration of his life will be held Sunday at the Smith Valley School gymnasium. There will be a memorial service at 2 p.m. followed by a potluck dinner for all his family and friends.

Charles L. Truax, 63

Charles L. Truax, 63, a Whitefish resident, died Friday, Aug. 2, 2002, at North Valley Hospital of natural causes. He was a self-employed log-

ger and truck driver.

A gathering for family and friends will be this afternoon at the family home near Whitefish.

Edith Ellen Tucker, 87

Edith Ellen Tucker, 87, passed away on July 18, 2002, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

She was born on July 24, 1914, in Parkers Prairie, Minn., to Lee N. and Anna (Beck) Counsell. Edith was able to attend some schooling but mostly grew up working on the farm. In 1934, Edith, along with her mother, brothers and sister moved to Kalispell, settling in the Egan District.

Edith then worked and lived in Whitefish before meeting and marrying Orville Tucker. They moved to Walla Walla, Wash., where she worked for Bird's Eye Frozen Foods.

After Orville's passing, Edith returned to Kalispell, residing on First Avenue West until she had a massive stroke.

Edith was preceded in death by her parents; one sister, Viva Peterson; and two brothers, Clinton and Marion.

She is survived by one sister, Gladys Hobbs, and one brother, Clarence Counsell, both of Kalispell; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Cremation has taken place and the cremated remains will be buried next to her husband in the Douglas Grove Cemetery in Comstock, Neb.

The family suggests memorial gifts be given to the Harmony House, 230 Fourth Ave. W., Kalispell, MT 59901 or A Ray Of Hope, 2680 U.S. 2 E., Kalispell, MT 59901.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Leo L. Turk, 81

Leo L. Turk, 81, died Tuesday, Jan. 29, 2002, in Columbia Falls.

He was born Jan. 9, 1921, in San Antonio, Texas, to Jim and Dora (Cooke) Turk.

Leo is survived by his wife, Mary Turk, of Dayton.

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

John Kenneth Turner, 87

John Kenneth Turner, 87, died at his home in Kremlin Jan. 3.

He was born near Sand Coulee Oct. 14, 1914.

During his life he was a farmer for many years and an avid hunter most of his life. He also built and operated bowling alleys and built and sold houses. Later he became a parts man, a pilot, a salesman and a school teacher. He sold aerial photographs for several years. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity, the Scottish Rite and the Shrine.

He was preceded in death by his parents, four sisters and two

brothers.

He is survived by Edith, his wife of 62 years, sons Ivan and wife Mariana Turner of Bigfork, and Wayne and wife Jan of Big Sandy; daughters Fay and husband Wes Wolf of Kalispell, Judy and husband Dick Seibert of Zillah, Wash., and Jan and Putte Kuno of Aransas Pass, Texas; nine grandchildren and numerous great grandchildren.

In accordance with his wishes, cremation has taken place and the family will gather at a later date for a private memorial.

Vernon Turner, 82

Vernon Turner, 82, died on Sunday, Aug. 11, 2002 at Lakeview Care Center in Bigfork.

He was born on May 15, 1920 to Noble R. and Lydia Brust Turner in Kalispell.

Memorial services will be held at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at Lakeview Care Center. United Veterans of the Flathead Valley will do the military honors. Bigfork Funeral Home is caring for the family.