

## Diane Agnes Wigner, 49

Diane Agnes Wigner, 49, died Sept. 23, 2002, at her home in Kalispell.

She was born March 8, 1953, in Kalamazoo, Mich., to Jess and Sadie Wigner.

Diane was raised and educated in Kalispell.

She was a wonderful homemaker and child-care provider. She enjoyed spending time with her family, listening to music, camping, huckleberry picking, dancing and playing with her grandchildren. She always tried to take care of others and was a great listener.

Diane married Marvin Evans in Kalispell, on Dec. 4, 2001.

She was preceded in death by her father, Jess Wigner; brother,



Jess Wigner Jr.; nephew, Kenny Walden; niece, Beth Yellott; and father-in-law, Adolfe Daus.

She is survived by her husband, Marvin Evans, of Kalispell; her mother, Sadie Rose, of Kalispell; six children, Jesse and Brett Fauth, Amy, Debbie and Andrea Daus, and Andy Wigner; six sisters, Lorraine, Julie, Dee Dee and Irene Wigner, Tammi Kennedy, and Arlene Rose; four brothers, Steve and John Westermeyer, and Bobby Joe and Mark Wigner; six grandchildren, Mariah and Natasha Fauth, and Christopher, Kayla and Alexander Hamilton.

A memorial service will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

## Glenn Wildebour, 75

Glenn Wildebour, 75, died on Sunday Dec. 1, 2002, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

Arrangements are pending with Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory.

## Robert E. Wilkins, 75

Robert E. Wilkins, 75, of Libby, died Sunday, Nov. 10, 2002, in Spokane, from complications of asbestosis.

He had worked for the Lonolite Co. in Libby for 25 years, then W.R. Grace and Co until his retirement.

He is survived by his sons, Larry Wilkins and Don Wilkins

of Libby, Nels Wilkins of Helena, and Robert Wilkins; and his daughter, Mary Alice Stinebeck of Vancouver, Wash.

Services will be Friday at 2 p.m. at the Libby Christian Church. Visitation will be 1-8 p.m. Thursday and until noon Friday at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home.

## Geraldine May Williams, 95

Geraldine May Williams, 95, passed away at Colonial Manor in Whitefish, on Jan. 10, 2002.

Geraldine was born in Lochgall, County Armagh, Northern Ireland, in 1906. She immigrated to Ontario, Canada, in 1926, and married John A. Montgomery in 1928. She had one son, John "Monty" Montgomery, in 1931. They moved to Southern California in 1946 after the war. John A. passed away in 1961.

Later Geraldine married Fisher Hunter, who passed on in 1981.

She later married Theodore Williams, who passed on in the early '90s.

She is survived by her son, John "Monty" and his wife Rosalie of Marion; grandsons, Michael Scott and his wife Deba of Bellevue, Wash., and Donald George and his wife Chris of Ellensburg; great-grandchildren, Val Michael of Bellevue, Dani Jo and Samantha of Ellensburg.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Johnson Funeral Home.

## Lloyd Owen Williams, 82

Lloyd Owen Williams, 82, died Dec. 29, 2002, at Heritage Place in Kalispell, of natural causes.

He was born Dec. 22, 1920, to Lloyd W. and Myrtle Williams in Minneapolis. He grew up in Portland and San Diego, Calif.

Lloyd was a Merchant Marine. Lloyd married Carol Brown in 1970 in Glendora, Calif. They were married for 32 years. He worked as an engineer for Bell Telephone in the San Diego area until he retired. Lloyd was an active mem-



ber of Central Bible Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Lloyd W. and Myrtle Williams, and a daughter, Cynthia.

Lloyd is survived by his wife, Carol F. Williams; daughters, Christine Williams and Valerie Jenkins and husband, Mel; son, Daniel Williams; stepson, Bryan Brown; and grandchildren, Andrew, Bethany, Christiana, and Deborah Jenkins.

Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. Monday at the Central Bible Church. Burial will be at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Memorials are suggested to the Gideons International Bible Company.

## Loretta Mae Williams, 73

Loretta Mae Williams, 73, of Bigfork, passed away on Sunday, Nov. 17, 2002, in Great Falls.

Loretta was born July 6, 1929, in Eagle, Colo. She was raised and educated in Colorado and Arkansas. She was placed in the Denver Children's Home until she was adopted by Ruth and Jack White of Bigfork. She lived in several different places and moved to Arkansas. She and her sister loved playing in the woods at Bigfork, where she always brought home some kind of wildlife to show off to her parents.

She met Donald L. Williams in Russelville, Ark., and they were married May 22, 1947, in Russelville. They lived there for a number of years before moving to southern California. They moved to Salt Lake City and worked at Holy Cross Hospital. In 1990, they moved back to Bigfork to retire. She and Donald celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1997.

Loretta was involved in 4-H home economics, won best cook in Arkansas, and won a trip to Chicago, where she met Frank Sinatra. She enjoyed embroidery and loved poetry, fishing, hunting, and sewing. She was a devoted wife and a loving unselfish mother who was always there for her children. She is dearly loved by her family



and will be missed greatly.

She is survived by her husband, Donald Williams of Bigfork; a daughter, Cheryl Gerdrum of Great Falls; sons Dennis Williams of Polson and Jack L. Williams of Deer Lodge; and nine grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her sister, Darlene Senner; mother, Ruth W. White; and a son-in-law, David Gerdrum.

Viewing will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday at the First Baptist Church of Bigfork. Funeral services will follow at 2 p.m. at the church, with burial in the Bigfork Community Cemetery. Arrangements are by Grogan Funeral Home of Polson.

## Roe Williams, 79

Roe Williams, 79, a 19-year resident of Kalispell, died Tuesday, Oct. 8, 2002.

He was born in Memphis, Tenn.

He graduated from Humes High School in Memphis, in 1941, and joined the Navy in 1943, serving as an aircraft mechanic at the naval base in Pensacola, Fla. After his three years of service he went to Okinawa to work with the Army, also as an airplane mechanic.

He married Avanell Greer in 1948, in Ellensburg, Wash. He graduated from Oregon State University in 1954, with a degree in electrical engineering.

He began working with Pacific Power and Light Company in 1953, serving the company in Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana. He remained with it until he retired as a standards engineer in 1983.

Mr. Williams was an active member in the Church of Christ,

served as Scoutmaster in Kalispell and was inducted into the Order of the Arrow with scouting. He was also active in the Republican Party and various community services. Throughout the Northwest, he was an avid hunter and fisherman.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Pete Williams of Bozeman; a daughter, Janell Proffitt of Spokane; a sister, Ruby Rucker of Chilhowee, Miss.; and three grandchildren.

A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Sunrise Church of Christ, 4718 N. Ash in Spokane. The eulogy will be given by Ivan Roberts.

Memorial contributions may be made to Northwest Christian Schools, 5104 E. Bernhill Road, Colbert, WA, 99005, or to Pinehaven Christian Children's Ranch, P.O. Box 940, St. Ignatius MT 59865-0940.

## Violet E. V. Bishop Williams, 89

Violet E. V. Bishop Williams, 89, fondly known as "Grandma" passed away on Sept. 13, 2002, at the home of her daughter, Vicki Nelson, in Bigfork.



She was born on Jan. 7, 1913, in Marion, Va., to James U. and Lillian (Gollehon) Bishop. Her family moved to a homestead in the East Community area of East Brady, Mont., in 1916. She graduated from Brady High School in 1930, and went on to nurses training at the Deaconess School of Nursing in Great Falls, graduating in 1933.

Violet married Donald B. Williams on Oct. 17, 1934, at her parents' home. She and her husband farmed east of Brady until moving to Conrad in 1951. She raised six children, Beverly Joan, Donald Roger, James George, Lillian Lynne, Harold Gene, and Violet Victoria. She was well known in the east community area as she nursed numerous people through illnesses and childbirth.

She was active and served in the South Carolina Georgia Mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and remained active for 57 years. She also loved and wrote poetry, loved the scriptures, worked countless hours on family genealogy, and had a great interest in politics and world

affairs. She also belonged to the Society of the Mayflower Descendants.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Donald; a daughter, Beverly Speer; brothers, Argyle, and two in infancy — Joseph and Irving; an infant sister, Bonnie Mae Bishop; her parents; a great-granddaughter, Beverly Speer; and two son-in-laws, Melvin Speer and Lee Nelson.

She is survived by three sons, Donald and wife, Donna Williams, of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, James and wife, Cathy Williams, of Riverdale, Utah, and Gene and wife, Marge Williams, of Billings; two daughters, Lillian and husband, Dick Levi, and Vicki Nelson, all of Bigfork; 39 grandchildren, 101 great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Bigfork with Bishop Timothy Dalton officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to the services at the church. A visitation will also be held at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day saints at 11 a.m. in Conrad on Saturday, followed by the committal service at 1 p.m. at Hillside Cemetery.

The family suggests memorial gifts be given to HOME/Options Hospice, 175 Commons Loop, Ste. 100, Kalispell, MT 59901

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

## Olin Lane Willis Jr., 33

Olin Lane Willis Jr., 33, of Okeechobee, Fla., died Sunday, Dec. 1, 2002, at his residence.

He is survived by his stepmother, Sara Jane Willis, of Kallispell.

Visitation will be from noon

to 1 p.m. Wednesday at the Buxton Funeral Home in Okeechobee, Fla. Funeral services will follow at 1 p.m.

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

Sharlon Linda Willows, 54, long-time Montana environmental activist and consultant, passed away at the home of her sister, Bonni Quist, on Thursday, May 9, 2002, in Creston. "She died a good death — with great courage, gazing over the wonder of the mountains and valleys that she had worked so hard in her life to protect, at peace in her faith, fully supported by the love and admiration of her family, her friends and her beloved daughter, Willow Dean"



Sharlon was born the oldest of four children during the wild early dam construction days of Hungry Horse to James and Laverne Willows on March 22, 1948. The Willows' home was the second home built in the town of Hungry Horse and Sharlon spent her childhood picking berries, swimming in Lion Lake, and working at the family business, Willows Honeyberry Farm. The '50s were a time of wonder for a child growing up near the mountains of Glacier Park in Montana. Grizzly bears and wolverines still wandered through the back yards of homes in Hungry Horse and the eagles arrived each fall by the hundreds to fish the spawning salmon at Apgar. It was during these early wondrous years in Glacier that Sharlon first developed her lifelong passion for preserving the wild places of Montana. She had the vision to realize that without protection and planning, the wild and scenic beauty of this land we hold so dear would soon be gone.

Sharlon attended schools in Hungry Horse and Columbia Falls and graduated with honors from the University of Montana with degrees in history and political science. She continued her education in Denver, becoming a licensed paralegal which enabled her to work as an environmental legal consultant.

During the '70s, Sharlon received her teaching credentials and opened the first private kindergarten and grade school in Hungry Horse. She will always be remembered for her varied curriculum and her innovative teaching style. She not only taught the basics but she included Spanish, yoga, sewing, creative writing, drama and art in her weekly curriculum. Students remember the deep reverence for nature that was always a part of Sharlon. They learned to honor the earth by recycling and protecting all natural resources and above all, they learned to appreciate the wonder that is Montana.

Sharlon was known for her vision, her tenacity and her unerring dedication to the environment. She was the original founder (with Bradley Chase) and president of the Coalition for Canyon Preservation. She will be remembered for her work preserving the old growth timber at Avalanche Campground as well as her work protecting the elk wintering grounds and grizzly bear denning areas in Glacier National Park. She worked on protecting the wild and scenic rivers, particularly, preventing a proposed housing development on the Middle Fork.

She was an advocate of preserving the integrity and historic values of the park, especially the Going-to-the-Sun Road in Glacier Park. She also worked diligently with the highway department to develop a modest design for the highway leading up to Glacier Park and just before her death, she was actively involved in helping develop a highway design to save the historic Berne Memorial Park in the Canyon.

Sharlon was a great supporter of the native peoples in the state, working tirelessly with the Blackfeet, Kootenai and Flathead tribes on land issues and, in particular, working to stop mining and preserve the Sweet Grass Hills as sacred ceremonial grounds for all native peoples.

Sharlon had a great love of music and dance and will always be remembered for her ability to lose herself in the joy of the moment while dancing. She spent many summers hiking the trails of Glacier National Park as well as her beloved Columbia Mountain. She had a strong faith in the afterlife and was a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Columbia Falls as well as a member of her brother, James Willows' weekly Bible study classes. She retained a great respect for people of all faiths and was particularly touched by the strong connection with the Creator that her many Blackfeet friends enjoyed.

She is survived by her daughter, Willow Dean, and her boyfriend, Kevin Miyamoto, of Spokane; her beloved companion, Craig Thomas of Coram; her sister and brother-in-law, Rob and Bonni Quist and their children, Halladay of Creston, and Guthrie Quist, of Malibu, Calif.; her sister, Jamey Faun Willows and her son, Harley Hanks of Whitefish; her brother and sister-in-law, James and Jaekyung Willows and their children, Josiah, Ester and Abe, of Columbia Heights; her father and mother-in-law, James and Gladys Willows of Malibu; and numerous other friends and supporters. She also left behind her dog, Grizzly.

At Sharlon's request, there will be a celebration in honor of her life at Rob and Bonni Quist's Sweetwater Ranch in Creston on Sunday, May 19, at 3 p.m. in the afternoon. Friends and relatives are asked to bring a potluck dish and their musical instruments and be prepared to share in the festivities and Sharlon's love of dancing. There will be an open mike. If possible, guests are asked to bring a special written memory of Sharlon to be included in a book for her daughter, Willow. The ranch is located 1.3 miles directly south of the Creston School at 581 Riverside Road. Directions can be found on the Web site, [www.lodgeatsweetwater.com](http://www.lodgeatsweetwater.com).

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Coalition for Canyon Preservation, P.O. Box 422, Hungry Horse, MT 59919. Friends and supporters of Sharlon's will be continuing her life's work.

## Brandon Michael Wilson, 11

A beautiful young boy, Brandon Michael Wilson, 11, went to be with our Lord on New Years Day.

Brandon was born Nov. 11, 1990, in Adrian, Mich., to Rick and Teresa Gormley Wilson. His family later moved to Whitefish and then to Spokane. He had been in Kalispell for Christmas vacation.



He was the sweetest, smartest and most compassionate boy; good natured and always willing to help. He would often give up something he cherished to make someone else happy. He lived every moment of his life to the fullest, always looking for the best in his choices; while also helping others make their right choices. He was always happy, always helping, and never complaining.

He loved baseball and soccer, and he dreamed of becoming a professional football player. He had so many plans for his life.

Brandon suffered from severe migraines throughout his boyhood, but he dealt with the pain like a grown-up. The last migraine apparently triggered a brain aneurysm, and took him quietly to Heaven while he slept.

Brandon was strong, loving, and passionate, with a heart of gold outweighed by no other. "His loving spirit will be with all of us for the rest of our days. He was taken from us too early, and we pray that we can heal our hearts and show him, through the way we live our lives, how beautifully and permanently he touches each one of us."

Brandon attended Muldown Elementary School in Whitefish from 1994 through 1997. He was lovingly called "Bea" (pronounced Beeyah), a nickname born when his brother-best friend, Jake, couldn't pronounce Brandon when he was little. It stuck. He loved and cared for everyone in his family.

He is survived by his mother, Teresa Wilson and stepdad, Robert Codd; brothers, Adam, Jake, and Connor; and sister Sarah, all of Spokane; his father, Rick Wilson of Morenci, Mich.; grandmother Storme Christopherson of Columbia Falls; grandparents, John and Adell Gormley, of Verplanck, N.Y.; grandmother Ellen Wilson of Morenci; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins in Michigan. He is also survived by stepgrandparents, Wilma Gormley and Jim McCaffery, of Washington D.C.; aunt and uncle, Mark and Suzanne Johnson, and cousins, Jake and Jen Johnson, of Kalispell; uncle Shane, and aunt Roberta Christopherson of Kalispell; aunt Codi Jones of Louisville, Ky.; uncle Leland, and aunt Starr Christopherson, and cousins, Natasha and Preston Christopherson, of St. Mary's, Ga.; great-grandmother Dorie Appelhans of Salome, Ariz.

Vigil services will be held today at 7 p.m. at Risen Christ Catholic Church. Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday at 11 a.m. at Risen Christ Catholic Church with the Rev. Rudolph Bullman as celebrant.

Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary.



## Florence 'Flodie' Wilson, 82

Florence "Flodie" Wilson, 82, of Whitefish, formerly of Ruidoso, N.M., and Austin, Texas, passed away Sunday morning, Sept. 22, 2002, at Colonial Manor in Whitefish after a long illness.

She left this world surrounded by loving family members, including her devoted caregiver and husband of 60 years, Archer Wilson. Her kids, grandchildren and great-grandson will carry on her beloved habit of combing the mountain lake beaches and trails, gathering odd rocks, weathered sticks and pine cones with joy and appreciation for nature's simple wonders.

Florence, affectionately known to friends and family as Flodie, was born on June 25, 1920, to James and Janet Davis in Washington, D.C. Her father's career took the family around the country before moving to Austin, where she graduated from the University of Texas. There, Flodie met Archer, a fourth-generation Texan, and they married on May 15, 1942.

Flodie worked as a research scientist for 20 years in the University of Texas' groundbreaking genetics program. She graced her department with intelligence, wit and a generous spirit, while introducing dozens of future scientists to the emerging field of genetics research.

Flodie retired from the university in 1972, and moved to Ruidoso, where she and Archer owned and operated the Roadrunner Gift Shop for many years. They

returned to Austin in 1994 to be near their Texas family. When health issues eventually forced Flodie and Archer to seek long-term medical care, they moved to Whitefish, in 2000, to be near their Montana family and the mountains she loved so much. Flodie touched many lives everywhere she lived and will be remembered with great affection.

She was preceded in death by her mother and father; her sister, Dr. Frances Davis of Amarillo, Texas; and a son, George Wilson, of Austin.

She is survived by her husband, Archer Wilson, of Whitefish; son, David and wife Betsy Wilson, of Beaverton, Ore.; son, Jim and wife Amy Wilson, of Austin; daughter-in-law, Margaret Wilson, of Pflugerville, Texas; daughter, Peggy Wilson, of Lakewood, Colo.; son, John and wife Marjorie Wilson, of Whitefish; nine grandchildren; one great-grandson; and a large extended family with many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held for family and friends at 5 p.m. Thursday at Christ Lutheran Church in Whitefish. A second memorial service will be scheduled at a later date in Austin, where Flodie's ashes will be laid to rest.

The family asks that donations be made in her name in lieu of flowers, to the Montana Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, 2900 12th Ave. N., Suite 4E, Billings, MT 59101, or a similar research organization.

## Ford E Wilson, 73

Ford E Wilson, 73, died Monday, April 1, 2002, in Libby.

He was born Dec. 8, 1928, in Puyallup, Wash., to Ford E Wilson Sr. and Evelyn (Hale) Wilson.

He is survived locally by his wife, Doralee Wilson of Libby;

and a good friend, August Hardgrove of Libby.

Graveside services will be Friday at 2 p.m. at the City of Libby Cemetery.

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

## Joseph E. Wilson Sr., 70

Joseph E. Wilson Sr., 70, of Whitefish, a former Livingston resident, died Tuesday morning, April 23, 2002, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center, surrounded by his loving family.

He was born Oct. 5, 1931, in Livingston, the son of James P. and Mary (Frelich) Wilson. He attended grade school on the West Boulder and graduated from Park County High School in 1949. He was an avid sports fan and played intermediate basketball. He continued to enjoy the sport at all levels, as a player and spectator, most of his life.

Joe worked as a lumberjack and later entered the construction field, operating heavy equipment for numerous companies at many locations throughout Montana. He traveled extensively and left a lasting and memorable impression on everyone with whom he came into contact. He never arrived at a destination without knowing someone there, and upon his departure, having acquired new friends. Everything he did, he did "his way."

Joe was a member of the Moose and Eagle lodges and in his earlier years, enjoyed hunting and fishing. He touched many lives and will be dearly missed by all who knew him.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a daughter, Linda Louisa Wilson.

Survivors include his daughters, Rose Rosenberry and her husband, Tad, of Columbia Falls, Karen Loucks and her husband, Bob, of Bozeman, and Jolene Wood and her husband, Chris, of Fremont, Calif.; his son, Joe "Pup" Wilson Jr. and his wife, Penny, of Lincoln; his living companion, Bonnie Schlegel of Whitefish; two sisters, Mollie Hancock and her husband, Charlie, and Sandy Johnston and her husband, Sam, all of Livingston; two brothers, Jim Wilson and his wife, Martha, of Townsend, and Windsor Wilson and his wife, Coral, of McLeod; 21 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews; and four aunts, Jenny Adams, Marge Frelich, Anna Juvan and Irene Frelich, all of Livingston.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday at Franzen-Davis Funeral Home, 118 N. Third St. in Livingston. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday in the funeral home chapel. Graveside committal and burial will follow at Mountain View Cemetery.

Memorials may be directed to the charity of the donor's choice.

## Robert 'Bob' Wilson, 82

Robert "Bob" Wilson died Sunday, Oct. 27, 2002, at Sunrise Hospital in Las Vegas.

He owned and operated Wilsons Floor Covering in Whitefish.

He is survived by his wife,

Cleo; three sons, Mark of Columbia Falls, Doug of Corona, Calif., and Pete of Joplin, Miss.; and one daughter, Pam Soho of Roseville, Calif.

Services were Oct. 31 at the Palm Mortuary in Las Vegas.

## Robert W. Wilson, 82

Robert W. Wilson, 82, died Wednesday, Nov. 27, 2002, at the Libby Care Center.

He was born May 13, 1920, at Bryant, S.D., to William and Gertrude Wilson.

He was raised and educated in South Dakota and later served with the U.S. Army during World War II. He later resided in the Flathead Valley, working throughout the Northwest on many major construction projects and had come to Libby to work on the Libby Dam project as well.

He lived permanently in Libby for the past 14 years.

Robert is survived by his son, David Robert Wilson, of Garland Texas; daughters, Linda and Thomas Ellis, of Seagoville, Texas, and Donna and James Crouch of Garland; brother, Harold Cottet of Kalispell; Edna May Colvill of Missoula; Martha Odegard of Polson; and Alice Buck of Kalispell. He also is survived by 14 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Interment will take place at a later date in Texas.

Local arrangements are under the direction of Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Libby.

## Marva Toone Winters, 66

Marva Toone Winters, 66, passed away on Saturday, April 27, 2002, at her home in Bigfork.

She was born on January 20, 1936, in Vineyard, Utah, to Earl and Iris Idyll (Berrett) Toone.

Marva received her early education in the Draper schools and then attended Jordan High School. She also attended Brigham Young University for one year. On Nov. 16, 1957, Marva married Arthur Wayne Winters in Las Vegas, Nev., and they were later sealed together in the Salt Lake City Temple on June 21, 1966.

Marva worked for five years with J.C. Penney, but the majority of her time was spent as a wife and mother, which was much harder work. Her many interests included ceramics, crocheting, knitting, working in her garden and canning. She was a member of the Sky's the Limit Investment Club. She also was very active in the Little League program, serving as the president of the Draper Little League for two years. Marva was a



member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and loved working with the primary children and in the Relief Society organization.

Marva was preceded in death by her mother, Iris Idyll (Berrett) Toone, and one sister, Dona.

She is survived by her husband, Arthur Wayne Winters, of Bigfork; three daughters, Donna Winters of Murray, Utah, Colleen Winters and her husband, Steve Moretti, of Harvest, Ala., and Linda Meneses and her husband, Juan, of West Jordan, Utah; two sons, David Winters and his wife, Lori Rasmussen of Plain City, Utah, and Kent Winters and his wife, Jackie, of Sandy, Utah. She is also survived by her father, Earl Toone, of Draper, Utah.

Funeral services will be on Tuesday at 11 a.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Bigfork, with Bishop Tim Dalton officiating. Following services in Draper, Utah, on May 3, burial will be in the Pleasant Grove Cemetery in Pleasant Grove, Utah.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

## Mary Lou Winter, 75

Mary Lou Winter, 75, passed away on Sunday, Aug. 4, 2002, in Liberty Lake, Wash. Aug. 4 was the date of her wedding anniversary with Bernard Winter, M.D. who preceded her in death on July 3, 1987.

Mary Lou was born on Jan. 24, 1927, in Sacramento, Calif., to Victor and Mary (Bewarder) deMatei. Mary Lou moved to San Francisco at an early age and, although her life took her to many places, her heart never truly left San Francisco.

Mary Lou taught elementary school to inner city children in San Francisco, and to servicemen's children in post-war Japan and Germany.

In 1956, she married Bernard Winter in Carmel, Calif., and chose to work in the home after the births of her daughters. She was an avid reader, especially of mystery novels.

Mary Lou was preceded in death by her husband, Bernard, and her parents.

She is survived by her two daughters, Katherine Stockdale and her husband, Jeff, of Liberty Lake, Wash., and Anne Winter of Phoenix; four grandchildren, Thomas Hart, Hannah Hart, Jason Stockdale and Nicholas Stockdale; and her former son-in-law, Bill Hart.

Graveside services will be held on Friday at 9 a.m. at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery with Father Vic Langhans of St. Matthew's Catholic Church officiating.

The family suggests memorial contributions be made to the Alzheimer's Disease Research, 15825 Shady Grove Road, Suite 140, Rockville, MD 20850-4022.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.



## John Wohlfeil, 58

John Wohlfeil, 58, proprietor of Holland Lake Lodge, died on April 4, 2002, while visiting his daughter in Southern California.



Inspired by loving parents, John developed a passion for music, world history, geography and gardening, at an early age. He attended La Sierra University as a history major, and in his lifetime, visited six continents.

John loved all kinds of music and was an accomplished musician. He played timpani with the Riverside, Calif., Symphony, and sang professionally with the Heritage Singers and the Pacific Chorale. He performed in some of the finest concert halls in the country. But he was equally happy leading out in songs around a campfire.

John was passionate about roses and gardening. He had a unique talent for using bulbs, annuals, perennials and old English roses together. In his business, Classic Gardens, he designed some of the finest gardens in Southern California.

In his worldwide travels, John was especially drawn to the majesty and beauty of the Flathead Valley and moved here permanently in 1992. He acquired Holland Lake Lodge in 1997, and this was where he felt proudly at home. He shared with everyone how for-

tunate he was to live in such a gorgeous spot and enjoy all the seasons, and he felt blessed to be able to share the beauty of Montana with all his special guests.

John's deep bass voice and wide grin, combined with his great sense of humor and optimistic spirit, made him everyone's favorite. He was a total extrovert and his greatest love was people. His ability to engage anyone was a unique gift. Even those who only knew him briefly say he made them feel extraordinarily special.

He is survived by his son, Christian Wohlfeil, now proprietor of Holland Lake Lodge; his daughter, Ayme Frykman and her husband, Eric, of Loma Linda, Calif.; and one grandchild, Katherine Grace Frykman, his greatest delight. Also surviving are two sisters, Louise Fisher and her husband, Bill, of Whitefish and Elle Wheeler and her husband, Gordon, of Napa Valley, Calif.; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews. All of his family were John's guests at the lodge for a reunion in January 2001.

All those who knew and loved him are welcome to attend a celebration of his life on June 9 at 2 p.m. at Holland Lake Lodge. "We invite you to bring a favorite potluck dish."

John always dreamed of planting maple trees around the grounds of the lodge. Donations may be made to fund a special grove that will be planted in his memory.

## Lillian O'Brien Wolf, 73

Lillian O'Brien Wolf, 73, died Sunday, March 3, 2002, at Salem, Ore.

She was born in Eureka, Nov. 13, 1928, to Clarence and Elsie Woods.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Frankaleen O'Brien in 1962.

She is survived by five children, seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Services will be Friday at 2 p.m. at the Nelson and Vial Funeral Home in Eureka; interment will be at Tobacco Valley Cemetery.

## Anna Melissa Wolk, 99

Anna Melissa Wolk, 99, passed away on Sunday, April 14, 2002, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

She was born in Herndon, Mo., on Oct. 23, 1902, to William Henry and Willie Belle (Andrews) Johnson.

Anna graduated from Missouri Valley College in Marshall, Mo., in 1925, and did graduate work at the University of Missouri. In 1930, after having taught in Missouri, she came to Montana and taught English and Latin in the Valier and Conrad high schools.

In 1937, Anna married Paul A. Wolk of Cutbank, and went there to live. She was very active in church, civic and other volunteer work and made outstanding contributions to church, family, community, and state. Her biography includes Who's Who of American Women, Who's Who in the West, and Outstanding Leaders of America.

Anna held local, circuit, and district offices in the Lutheran church and auxiliary groups; local, district and state president of the Montana Federation of Women's Clubs; served by appointment of Gov. Hugo Aronson as a member of the Committee to Revise the Course of Study in English in Montana; was the first woman president of the Montana TB Association, now called the American Lung Association of Montana. She also took an active part with the Montana Federation of Women's Clubs in building a chapel in Galen.



She was also a member of the Northridge Lutheran Church, Century Club of Kalispell, Chapter C, Philanthropic Educational Organization, Epsilon Sigma Omicron, American Association of University Women, a life member of the Cutbank Garden Club and the Whitefish Library Association. She also was a member of the One of 1000 Club of Immanuel Lutheran Home and the C-400 of Concordia College in Moorhead, Minn.

Anna and her husband were one of the two first families in Montana to establish a scholarship at Concordia College, which would give preference to students from towns in Montana in which the Wolk family had lived. They have received many honors from Concordia, the last one being that Anna is now classed as a founder.

In 1963, Anna and her husband, Paul, who had retired, moved to Whitefish, and then in 1982, to Kalispell, where he died that same year. In 1988, when Buffalo Hill Terrace was built, Anna moved there, where she lived until moving to the Immanuel Lutheran Home.

Anna is survived by her nephew, Robert Cunningham and family of Hughesville, Mo., and a niece, Janet and her husband, Bob Bloom, of Simms.

Funeral services will be on Thursday at 2 p.m. at Northridge Lutheran Church with the Rev. Dan Heskett officiating. Burial will follow at the Whitefish City Cemetery. Visitation will be today at Johnson Mortuary from noon to 6 p.m.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

## Helen Wonder, 91

Helen Wonder, 91, died Thursday, Aug. 29, 2002 at the Madison Valley Manor in Ennis.

Funeral services will be held Monday at the Trinity Episcopal Church in Jeffers, Mont., with the Rev. Maurice Cham-

pion Garth officiating.

Interment will follow in the Madison Valley Cemetery in Ennis.

K and L Mortuaries of Ennis is in charge of the arrangements.

## Charles Richards Wood, 93

Charles Richards Wood, 93, of Coupeville, Wash., and former Kalispell resident, died at Careage of Whidbey, on Wednesday, Nov. 20, 2002.

He was born in St. Paul-des-Metis, Alberta, on July 15, 1909, to Merton and Berdena Wood. He was raised in Kalispell.

He graduated from Montana State College-Bozeman in 1935 and worked as an engineer for Allis Chalmers Corporation in Milwaukee, Wis. He served during World War II in the U.S. Army and later in the U.S. Navy.

Following the war, Charles began a 25-year career with General Motors Corporation, retiring to Sun City, Ariz., in 1969. He moved to Coupeville on Whidbey Island, Wash., in December 1998, to be close to his brother and sister-in-law, George and Grace Wood.

Charles is survived by one

daughter, Sharlene Menoskey of Round Rock, Texas; two sons, Charles A. Wood of Getzville, N.Y., and Richard M. Wood of Portland; a stepdaughter, Delores Miles of Newport Beach, Calif.; nine grandchildren; and a sister, Emily Thorvilson of Helena.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Jean, in February of 1983; sisters, Alberta Campbell, Gladys Millhouse, Laura Ostroot, and Mildred Hopkins; his brother, Dr. George Wood; and sister-in-law, Grace Wood.

In keeping with his wishes, no services will be held. Private inurnment will take place at Sunland Memorial Park in Sun City at a later date.

Memorials may be made to a favorite charity.

Arrangements and cremation are under the direction of Burley Funeral Chapel, 30 S.E. Ely St., Oak Harbor, WA 98277.

## George W. Wood, DDS

George W. Wood, DDS, died on July 8, 2002.

He was born near Bigfork in 1918, and spent his early years in Kalispell.

He served five years in the U.S. Army and the U.S. Air Force during World War II. He married Grace Searce in 1942, then attended Whitman College in Walla Walla, and the University of Washington School of Dentistry, graduating in 1951. He practiced dentistry in Walla Walla for 30 years before retirement and lived on Whidbey Island for the remainder of his life. He and Grace recently celebrated 60 years together.

He is survived by his wife and three children: Cynthia Shelton and her husband, John, in Langley, Wash., Douglas R. Wood, DDS, and his wife, LaVonne, of Oak Harbor, Wash., and George Stanley Wood and his wife, Marilyn, of Seattle. In addition, three granddaughters, Jill Winford, Allison Wood, and Jami Belieu; one grandson, Kyl Wood; one great-grandson, Jack Winford; and numerous

nieces and nephews.

He had a penchant to join "good causes," and served in leadership roles in many organizations. He was president of the Washington Dental Service (first president of the first dental insurance for patients in the United States); Washington State Dental Association; Walla Walla Chamber of Commerce; Walla Walla Rotary Club; Walla Walla Community College (first president and board member for 10 years); and Useless Bay Golf and Country Club on Whidbey Island. He believed service is the rent you pay for the privilege of living in a community.

"We loved him for his generous and loving spirit, and sense of humor that delighted all who knew him, and his ability to touch so many lives in a meaningful way. He was the light of our lives and we will miss him deeply."

A family memorial will be held later in the summer.

Arrangements are under the direction of Burley Funeral Chapel of Oak Harbor.

## Howard Wood, 85

Howard Wood, 85, passed away Aug. 17, 2002, at his home in Whitefish.

He was born on Nov. 23, 1916 in Medicine Lake, to Fred and Margaret Wood. His family moved to the Trumble Creek area on a farm when he was a small child, coming by immigrant train.

He attended a small one-room Half Moon School, and later attended St. Matthew's School. He and his brothers and sisters went to school in Kalispell by sleigh of "The Galloping Goose." As a young boy, he worked on the farm and spent the rest of his life in Whitefish.

On June 17, 1937 he married Elizabeth Luding in Whitefish. He worked at Luding Grocery and at Stoltz Lumber Co. in the late 1930s. He worked in the timber and lumber business, hauling lumber to east of the mountains for the oil fields during World War II. He bought his first new truck in 1938. In the mid-50s he owned and operated a post and pole yard.

He still liked being a farmer and bought land on the Stillwater River west of Whitefish. He turned the land in hay and later planted Scotch pine Christmas trees on part of the field.

He enjoyed fishing and went elk hunting in the Sullivan Creek area in the South Fork for several years.

He and Elizabeth spent winters in Arizona and built a home at the foot of Superstition Mountain at Apache Junction, Ariz.

He was a lifetime member of the Flathead County Sheriff Posse, serving as major and vice major. He started the junior posse drill team. He was a member of the North Valley Search and Rescue, international Hoo Hoo Club, Good Sam, and the Elks.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Fred and Margaret Wood; his wife, Elizabeth in 1994; brothers, Harold, Wayne, Jacque and Walter; and sister, Wini Brown.

He is survived by his daughter, Karen, and son-in-law, Phil Stevens, of Whitefish; two granddaughters, Cheri Stevens of Whitefish, and Teri Stevens of Big Arm; great-grandson, Tyler, and great-granddaughter, Taylor; sisters, June Munski Freenan of Whitefish and Elaine Westman of Washington; and many nieces and nephews.

A Memorial Service will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish, with the Rev. Doctor David V. Kauffman officiating.

Memorial may be made to Camp Mak-A-Dream, Building 32 Fort Missoula, Box 1450, Missoula, MT 59806, or Project Hope, c/o MHP Officer Hader, 2681 Palmer, Suite B, Missoula, MT 59808.

## Omer 'Dean' Wood, 83

Omer "Dean" Wood, 83, passed away May 16, 2002 at a local nursing home.

Dean was born Nov. 6, 1918, in Arcadia, Neb., to Lewis and Elizabeth Wood. Dean was raised and graduated in Arcadia.

In 1942, Dean joined the military, where he attended the Aircraft Armament School and later worked on aircraft.

After the military, he returned to Nebraska, where he farmed. On March 20, 1942, he married Maxine Cooley, and in 1957, they moved to Great Falls.

Dean worked for the Great Falls public school system, where he retired in 1984. In April 2002, Dean entered the Montana State Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.

Dean loved spending time with his grandchildren, fishing and was an avid Nebraska Cornhusker fan. Dean loved animals of all types, especially the many dogs he had over the years. Dean was loved by all who knew him and was known as the "neighborhood



grandpa."

Dean was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Phillip Wood; granddaughter, Dena Bowers; and grandson, Brad Walton.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Maxine Wood, of Kalispell; daughters, Debbie Walton and her husband, Dennis, of Kalispell, and Janet Musto, and her husband, Ron, of Spokane; grandchildren, Dustin Bowers and his wife, Nicole, Angela and Laura Musto, and Tana Morales; and two great-granddaughters and four great-grandsons. Dean is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews and many special friends in Great Falls.

"We all know that Dean is now farming and with his grandchildren in heaven."

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday at the United Church of Christ in Kalispell with the Rev. Eddie Stubblefield officiating. Inurnment will be held at C.E. Conrad Cemetery. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Memorials may be made to the Montana Veterans Home, 400 Veterans Drive, Columbia Falls, MT 59912, or to the donor's choice.

## Wayne Charles Wood, 80

On Wednesday, Aug. 14, 2002, Wayne Wood "left us to join his beloved wife, Doris."



He was born Wayne Charles Wood on June 21, 1922, in Highwood, Mont., to Fred and Margaret Leiffring Wood. He attended St. Matthew's and Half Moon School and graduated from Flathead County High School in 1940.

Following graduation, he enlisted in the Army Air Corps where he completed pilot training. He piloted B-24's through 40 missions in the 13th Air Force, 5th Bomb Group, 72nd Squadron from New Guinea to Formosa.

On Aug. 22, 1948, he married Doris R. Hanson.

She preceded him in death on April 10, 1996.

He was engaged in the timber and lumber industry, worked construction on the Aleutian Islands, and worked at Plum Creek Mill from which he retired in 1987.

He enjoyed fly-fishing, hunting and working on his tree farm. He

received his greatest enjoyment from building the home of his dreams with his wife and daughter, where he lived since 1958.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Fred and Margaret Wood; brothers, Harold, Walter and Jack; and sister, Winefred Brown.

He is survived by a daughter, Pamela and son-in-law Larry Wingate of Nevada; granddaughters, Sarah Beth and husband Troy Robison of Colorado, Rachel and husband Oliver Brunhoeber of England, a great-grandson, Chase Robison of Colorado; a brother, Howard Wood, and sister June Feenan, both of Whitefish; sister Elaine Westman of Washington; and numerous nieces and one nephew.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 20, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church in Kalispell, with interment at St. Richard's Catholic Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

Memorials may be made to Kalispell Hospice or St. Matthew's Catholic School.

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

## Mary Louise Woodcock, 76

Mary Louise Woodcock, 76, died in the company of her family on Oct. 7, 2002, after enduring a long battle with cancer.

Mary Lou managed the Ponderosa Inn Best Western Motel in Billings. In 1979, she moved to Kalispell, and opened and operated her bookstore, The Village Bookshop.

She is survived by her

daughter, Lynne Cravath of Phoenix; and her son, James Woodcock of Billings.

Cremation has taken place, and a memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Oct. 19 at the Emmanuel Episcopalian Church of Miles City.

Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home of Miles City is in charge of the arrangements.

## Charles Arthur Workman, 73

Charles Arthur Workman, 73, of Eureka, died Saturday, Nov. 2, 2002, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center, of natural causes.

He is survived by his wife, Vivian G. (Cameron) Workman, of Eureka; and his son,

Kevin W. Workman, of Eureka.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at First Baptist Church in Eureka. Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Eureka.



## Victor L. 'Lynn' Workman, 84

Victor L. "Lynn" Workman, 84, a longtime resident of the Tobacco Valley, died Wednesday, April 3, 2002, at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

He was born at Eureka on May 31, 1917, to Charles and Alta (Kinny) Workman and was raised and educated in the Pinkham Creek area near Eureka. He graduated from Lincoln County High School in Eureka, in 1934.

He became employed by the U.S. Forest Service at the age of 17. He married Peggy Speyer June 23, 1941, in Kalispell.

During the World War II years, he resided in western Washington, where he was employed in the Vancouver shipyards and later worked for Kaiser Aluminum in Longview, Wash.

He and his wife returned to Montana, residing at Whitefish while working in construction on the Hungry Horse Dam Project. Following his return to Eureka, he had worked in logging and the Christmas tree business as well as owning and operating a sawmill. He was again employed by the U.S. Forest Service until his retirement in 1983.

He and his wife Peggy celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in June of last year. Known as "Pete" to many in his family, he is remembered by them for his enjoy-

ment of building and repairing things; his love of the outdoors, especially his love of hunting, fishing and camping in the Ten Lakes area; and for his exceptional love for his family.

Survivors include his wife, Peggy of Eureka; daughters, Lynette Starling and her husband, Bob, of Eureka, Susan Evans and her husband, Cliff, of Ventura, Calif.; sons, Richard Workman and his wife, Gail, of Roundup, Michael Workman and his wife, Jolene, of Eureka, and Victor Workman and his wife, Catherine, of Whitefish; five brothers, Wayne, Sidney, Charles, Harry and John Workman, all of Eureka; two sisters, Ella Jean Henry of Eugene, Ore., and Lula Richmond of Eureka; 10 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Roger Workman.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. at Holy Cross Lutheran Church with the Rev. Chris Tabbert officiating. Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. today and until 10 a.m. Saturday at the Nelson and Vial Funeral Home in Eureka.

Memorials may be made to North Valley Hospital Foundation, 6575 Hwy 93 S, Whitefish, MT.

## William Wayne Workman, 87

William Wayne Workman, 87, died Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2002, of natural causes at the family home on Pinkham Creek.

He is survived by his wife, Lois, of Eureka; three sons, Rodney Workman of Milton-Freewater, Ore., and Rick and Scott Persson of Eureka; and

six daughters, Alma Lee Merrill of Touchet, Wash., Patty Romine of Clarkston, Wash., Charlotte Cox, Becky Hanks, Carla Rasmussen and DeAnn Liebig, all of Eureka.

Services will be at 11 a.m. today at the First Baptist Church in Eureka.

## Nevellyn VanSlette Wort, 83

Nevellyn VanSlette Wort, 83, resident of Lakeside, passed away in her home, Friday evening, April 19, 2002, after a long illness.



She was born in Laurin, Mont., July 12, 1918. Nevellyn completed the 12th grade in Sheridan, where she enjoyed fishing with her father and acting in school plays and music.

Shortly after graduation, she married Clifford Fontaine. To this union one daughter, Pattye, was born. During the war Nevellyn worked as a welder in the shipyards in Portland.

Later she married Ted Adams and moved to Jackson Hole, Wyo., where they were involved in hunting camps and dude ranching for many years.

After her divorce from Ted Adams, she worked as a cocktail waitress in the town of Jackson, keeping up with her music and playing with local bands and on the radio at times.

Nevellyn married John Wort in 1962, and they spent the next 30 years traveling. They built and sold several homes, with winter

homes in Mexico, Tucson, Ariz., and Port Isabelle, Texas. Always loving the Flathead Valley, they chose this as their final home, partly because of the wildlife and her love of the birds that frequent this area.

She was preceded in death by her mother and father, an infant sister, her first husband, Clifford Fontaine, and John Wort.

Survivors include her daughter, Pattye Fontaine Thomas, of Lakeside; three grandchildren, grandson David Nachtmann, from Westport, Ky., granddaughters, Jerrie Soloman from Longmont, Colo., and Tracy McMillion from Akron, Colo.; eight great-grandchildren and one great-great-granddaughter.

According to the Nevellyn's wishes there will be no services held, the interment will be held in Sheridan.

In lieu of flowers the family asks that memorials be sent to the Hospice Center in Kalispell.

She also leaves to mourn many friends and cousins that knew her as "Nubs," a nickname given to her in early life by her grandfather.

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

## Fern. O. Wright, 78

Fern. O. Wright, 78, of Troy, died Saturday, Dec. 14, 2002, at the Libby Care Center.

She is survived by her daughters, Connie Graczik of Troy, and Sheila Thill of Spokane.

Services will be at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at Troy Church of God.

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

## Lisa Marie Wright, 22

Lisa Marie Wright, 22, passed away Friday, Dec. 20, 2002, in Spokane, Wash.

Lisa was born on May 28, 1980, in Coeur D' Alene, Idaho. She lived in Sandpoint, Idaho, until moving to Kalispell in 1984. She attended school in Kalispell and moved to Spokane in 1990. She finished her education in a home school program. She worked as an assistant supervisor for Dorian Photography in Spokane for six years.

She was a member of the Church of God and the Washington Old Time Fiddlers Association. She entered fiddling competitions in Washington, Idaho and Montana, earning high placements in her division. She enjoyed taking care of family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, including Pas-

tor Warren Pomeroy, and two uncles, Ed Pomeroy and Bob Wright.

She is survived by her mother, Elaine and Bob May, of Spokane; father, Bill Wright, also of Spokane; sisters, Nikki Sumner of Whitefish, and JoAnne Smyth of Spokane; brothers, Brad Wright of Nampa, Idaho, and Rod Wright of Moses Lake, Wash.; grandmother, Nina Pomeroy Hames of Sandpoint; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and other relatives.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 28 in at the Sandpoint Baptist Church. Pastor Jon Pomeroy will officiate.

Memorials may be made to Children of Promise, P.O. Box 2316, Anderson, IN 46018.

## Lyle Richard Wyant, 76

Lyle Richard Wyant, 76, died at his Kalispell home on Sunday, May 5, 2002.

He was born April 2, 1926 in Sioux City, Iowa, to Vivian and Alice (Cady) Wyant.

Lyle is survived by a son,

Rick Wyant, of Kalispell and a daughter, Julie Wyant, of Texas.

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

## Vernon Lyle Wyman, 79

Vernon Lyle Wyman, 79, left this world on Wednesday, April 3, 2002, to be with his parents, Harold and Lyla Wyman and his brother, Dick.

Vern was born in Houghton,

S.D., in 1922. By the age of four, he moved with his family to Kalispell, where he grew up and graduated from Flathead County High School in 1940. In 1941, Vern went to work for O'Neil Printers.

In 1942, he was drafted by the Army, serving in the Blue Devils 88th infantry division; a part of the Fifth Army in Africa and Italy.

After his discharge in 1945, he returned to O'Neil Printers, where he worked for the next 43 years, retiring in 1987. In 1951, he received his journeyman's card.

Vern was an active member of the Jaycees; the Kalispell Chess Club; a charter member of the Artisans and Craftsmen of the Flathead; and a life-time member of the Kalispell Historical Society.

He taught watercolor painting at Flathead Valley Community College, and in many rural and city grade schools. He was also an



officer and charter member at the Shining Mountain Church, and was a teaching elder in the Presbyterian church. He was an active volunteer at both Brendan House and Immanuel Lutheran Home up until his death.

An accomplished artist of 50 years, he began painting watercolors of antique barns, cars and mountains, and his artwork continues to be enjoyed throughout the valley. He is also well known for his local commercial art and calligraphy.

He is survived by his wife of nearly 59 years, Janet Wyman; his daughters, Kathy Wyman-Shawgo and Trudee Wyman-D'Len; his brother, Bob Wyman, of Kalispell; five grandchildren, Heidi, Heather, Merlin, Vince and Zac; and four great-grandchildren, including Justin and Alicia of San Antonio; along with nieces and nephews too numerous to mention.

There will be a service to honor "Good ol' Vern's" life and family at Brendan House on Monday at 2:20 p.m. Please bring your favorite cookies or finger foods for a reception to follow at Brendan House.

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