

## Raymond Fredrick Wagner, 74

Raymond Fredrick Wagner, 74, passed away on Wednesday, March 20, 2002.

He was born April 19, 1927, in Mandan, N.D. to Roy J. and Sarah C. (Brandenburg) Wagner.

He joined the U.S. Navy and was discharged in July 1946. He was a proud World War II veteran.

He lived and worked in the Mandan area for several years, including work for Burlington Northern Railroad. Ray transferred to Glendive in the 1950s and retired from Burlington Northern in 1978.

Ray spent his life enjoying his children and grandchildren. He also enjoyed hunting, fishing, square dancing and being a rock hound. He spent his summers in the Kalispell area, enjoying the mountains he loved. Winters were spent in Quartzite, Ariz., looking for crystals and gold, spending many hours outside.

He was preceded in death by

his parents and two brothers, Donald and Kenny.

Survivors include two sisters, Louise Vietz of McClusky, N.D., and Caroline Wagner of Albuquerque, N.M.; two brothers, Edward Wagner of Dickinson, N.D., and Allen Wagner of Wenatchee, Wash., three daughters, Radene Ostwald and her husband, Steve, of Glendive, Connie Wagner and her husband, Ron Engel, of Bismarck, N.D., and Sarah Magee and her husband, Steve, of Billings. He is also survived by five grandchildren, Becky Mallow and her husband, Chris, of Fargo, N.D., Peter Degel of Bozeman, Nicklos See of Bismarck, Rachel Holshue of Boise, Idaho, and Jacob Holshue of Billings.

A family memorial and cremation have taken place. Smith Downtown Chapel in Billings is in charge of arrangements.

## Ross A. Wagner, 90

Ross A. Wagner, 90, died Aug. 10, 2002, during a brief stay at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

He was born Feb. 9, 1912, in St. John, Wash., to Adrian F. and Ida Emma (Steinke) Wagner. Ross moved to Galata, Mont., in 1913.

He married Hazel Hellen of Somers, in 1934, in Somers. They farmed in Galata until 1942, when they moved to Modesto, Calif., and continued farming until 1972. At that time, Ross retired and moved to Somers in 1981. Hazel passed

away in 1993.

Ross is survived by two sisters, Dorothy Baker of Sun City, Ariz., and Wilma Search of Somers, and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Visitation will be today at Johnson Mortuary from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Graveside services will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. at the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery with Pastor John Weaver officiating.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary.

## Donald L. Wahl

Donald L. Wahl died June 16, 2002, in Belgrade.

Memorial services are scheduled for 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Bozeman Christian

Reformed Church.

Arrangements are under the direction of Dokken-Nelson Funeral Service in Bozeman.

## Jack R. 'Russ' Waleszonia, 45

Jack R. "Russ" Waleszonia, 45, died May 1, 2002, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

He is survived by his wife, Pam Waleszonia; daughters, Jennie Waleszonia and Cassie Connelly; and son, Jeff Waleszonia.

Cremation has taken place and memorial services will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday at Valley Victory Church with the Rev. Bill Lewis officiating.

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

## Sidney S. Walker, 73

Sidney S. Walker, 73, of Polson, passed away on July 4, 2002, at St. Patrick Hospital, Missoula.

Sid was born on July 20, 1928, in Kalispell, to Benjamin and Beatrice Walker. He grew up and attended schools on the family homestead near Big Arm, Mont. Sid also attended schools in Polson and graduated from Polson High School in 1946.

He enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps toward the end of World War II. During his military service he planted cherry trees while on leave from the military. After his discharge from the service, he moved back to Big Arm.

He married Twilla Ober-Fleming on July 1, 1957, in Polson.

Sid worked at the Polson Plywood Plant, Rolfsen Construction and Lake County Courthouse. Throughout his life he continued to operate his cherry orchard near Big Arm.

Sid was an avid hunter and also enjoyed fishing, gunsmithing, camping and visiting with family and friends. He was a member of the National Rifle Association, American Legion and the



Christian Missionary Alliance Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, William; one sister, Inez and a niece, Beverly Port.

He is survived by his wife, Twilla of Polson; nine children and their spouses, Judy Millard and her husband, Bruce, of St. Louis Park, Minn., Hugh Fleming and his wife, Connie, of Ohio; Patti Davis and her husband, Denny, of Lonepine, Mont.; John Fleming and his wife, Julie, of New Iberia, La.; Leona Piane and her husband, Joe, of Kalispell; Jean Pittsley and her husband, Dave, of Kila; Dann Walker and Todd Walker both of Polson; Lori Brewer and her husband, Scott, of Bozeman; 19 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

A military graveside service will precede the memorial service at 11 a.m. on Saturday, July 13 at Lakeview Cemetery, Polson. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. at the Christian Missionary Alliance Church, Polson.

Memorials are suggested to the Christian Missionary Alliance Church Building Fund.

Arrangements are being handled by Grogan Funeral Home and Crematory, Polson.

## Alden C. Walhus, 79

Alden C. Walhus, 79, died Monday, Oct. 28, 2002, at his home near Columbia Falls.

He is survived by his wife, Hazel, at the family home near Columbia Falls; two sons, Tony Walhus of Great Falls, and Lee Walhus of Denver.

A memorial service will be at 4 p.m. today at the Evergreen Vineyard Church, 315 E. Evergreen Drive, Kalispell. The Rev. Paul will officiate.

Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is in charge of arrangements.

## Betty Ann Wallace, 47

Betty Ann Wallace, 47, passed away at her Kalispell home of melanoma on Nov. 30, 2002.

She was born May 26, 1955, in Kalispell to Elmer and Rosa (Roberts) Burton. She grew up in Kalispell and graduated from Flathead High School in 1973.

Betty worked for F.W. Woolworth and then, for the past eight years, at ShopKo in Kalispell.

She married Richard "Dick" Wallace in Kalispell on Nov. 15, 1975. She enjoyed country line dancing.

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

She is survived by her husband of 27 years, Dick of Kalispell; one daughter, Krista Wallace of Kalispell; two sons, Jason Wallace and wife Sarah of Bullhead City, Ariz., and Christopher Wallace of Kalispell; two sisters, Nancy Miller and husband Jay, and JoAnn Lunde and husband Ted;

five brothers, Jim Burton and wife Linda, Bill Burton and wife Linda, Richard Burton and wife Paula, Alan Burton and wife Sally, Darrell Burton and wife Tammy; Uncle Harold "Bud" Cottet and wife Joyce; and Aunt Elizabeth "Betty" Burton; along with numerous nephews and nieces.

Private family graveside services will be held.

Memorial services will be at 12:30 p.m. Thursday at Epworth United Methodist Church with Pastor Ray Davis officiating.

The family suggests memorial contributions in lieu of flowers be made to either Home Options/Hospice, 175 Commons Loop, Suite 100, Kalispell, MT 59901, or Anchus Cancer Pavilion c/o University of Colorado Medical Center, Denver.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Richard Linderman "Rick" Waller, 73, loving husband, father and grandfather, went to be with his maker on April 12, 2002, following a long battle with cancer.



He was born Aug. 11, 1928, in Kalispell, the second of four children to Roy and Norma Waller. He was the proud grandson of Montana pioneer and renowned writer and historian, Frank Bird Linderman. He celebrated his 73rd birthday with his brothers and sister at the Linderman homestead on Flathead Lake.

Rick married his high school sweetheart, Grace Elaine "Sunny" Knox, on Jan. 11, 1949; the couple celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in 1999. They had four sons, Douglas Knox in 1949, Richard Michael in 1953, Scott Bradley in 1956 and David Alan in 1967.

He attended schools in Kalispell and graduated from Flathead County High School in 1946. He was active in sports and the community recreation center. After high school, he enrolled at Montana State University, where he majored in architecture. Following his first year at college, he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and was honorably discharged as a sergeant on Oct. 31, 1948. Following his discharge from the service, he completed his architecture studies at Montana State University.

He was employed as an architect in Kalispell, Bozeman, Helena and Spokane, before moving to Wenatchee, Wash., in 1959 to work for Fraley and Leighton Architects. During his tenure at Fraley and Leighton, he helped design the current Wenatchee High School and several other prominent buildings in north-central Washington.

Rick designed custom residential and commercial buildings throughout north-central Washington for more than 25 years. He designed many of the Wenatchee Valley's most beautiful homes as well as churches and businesses. He worked for Far West Services and Cusick Construction in construction management from 1981-85.

In 1985, he was employed as a building inspector for the city of Wenatchee, from which he retired in March 1997 after being honored by his supervisors and co-workers for outstanding service. During his tenure with the city of

Wenatchee, Rick was promoted to chief plans examiner and assistant building official.

He was a member of the Chelan County Officials Association from 1963-87 and officiated high school and college football and basketball games. He served as treasurer for the association and was assigning secretary for the association for 10 years. He was recognized by his fellow officials for his outstanding service to the association.

Rick was active in youth sports in the Wenatchee Valley, coaching Eastmont Little League baseball for 10 years. He led the effort to

build the first baseball field in what is now Eastmont County Park. Encouraged by their grandfather, his grandchildren have participated in youth and school sports in the Okanogan, Chelan, Wenatchee and Tumwater areas of Washington.

Throughout his life of accomplishment and honor, Rick's family was always his passion. His high school newspaper predicted that he would be an excellent family man and he spent a lifetime assuring that prediction was fulfilled.

He was preceded in death by one son, Doug Waller.

He is survived by his wife of 53 years, G. Elaine "Sunny" Waller of East Wenatchee; three sons, Rick of Wenatchee, Scott of Tumwater, and David of East Wenatchee.

Rick is also survived by six grandchildren whom he adored, Shannon (Waller) Fannin of Frisco, Texas, Ryan Waller in the U.S. Army at El Paso, Texas, Megan and Bryson Waller of Wenatchee, sons and daughters of Rick and Robin Waller; and Kyle and Courtney Waller, son and daughter of Scott and Sherry Waller of Tumwater.

He is also survived by his brothers, Jim of Santa Ynez, Calif., and Jack of Kalispell, and his sister Sarah "Sally" Hatfield of Kalispell; five nieces and nephews; and numerous cousins.

The family deeply appreciates the care and support provided by Dr. David T. Notter and Central Washington Hospital Home Care and Hospice.

Services will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. at Telford's Chapel of the Valley in East Wenatchee.

The family asks that donations and memorials be made to Central Washington Hospital Home Care and Hospice in lieu of flowers.

## Elinor V. Walter, 84

Elinor V. Walter, 84, passed away in Buckley, Wash., on Sunday, Jan. 13, 2002.

She was born Jan. 4, 1918, in Pueblo, Colo., to Leonard and Laura Seville.

Elinor lived in Buckley the last six years; previously she lived in the Kent-Langley area. She was raised in Coram and raised her children in Coram. She liked to fish and go huckleberry picking.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Paul J. Walter; brothers Leonard and Robert, a sister Mary Cady; and two grandchildren, Wendy Vollmer and Cory Powell.

She is survived by four sons, Russell J. and wife Roberta of Coram, David P. and wife Barbara of Hungry Horse, Sam C. and wife Alice of Buckley, Wash., and Les D. and wife Rhonda of Columbia Falls; daughters Pat Valentine of

Buckley, Barbara Peiper and husband Hank of Whitefish, Loretta Gordon and husband John of Dolton, Ill., Jenifer Powell and husband Dennis of Martin City, Kathy L. Vollmer of Buckley and Polly Walter and husband Al Paulson of Conway, Ark.; two brothers Fred Seville and his wife Dawn of Homer, Alaska, and Pete Seville of Soldovia, Alaska; sisters Erma Owings of Hamilton, Florence Sawby of Palmer, Alaska, Edna Ridenour of West Glacier and Faith Ann Newman of Columbia Falls; 32 grandchildren; 34 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Services will be held in the spring in Montana. Arrangements are being handled by Weeks' Whitmore Funeral Home. Memorials may be made to the donor's choice of charity.

## Robert C. Waltmire, 81

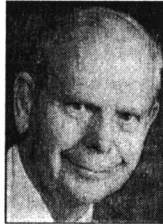
Robert C. Waltmire, 81 passed away at his home in Columbia Falls on Thursday evening, March 7, 2002.

He was born June 8, 1920, in Ames, Iowa, the son of Rev. William B. and Florence E. (Nelson) Waltmire.

He received his Bachelor of Science degree in dairy industry from Iowa State University and his master's degree in counseling and guidance from the University of Wisconsin at Madison. He later received his doctorate of education and economics from the University of Ohio at Toledo.

Robert met and later married Helen (Smith) Waltmire on Oct. 2, 1948, in Madison. Helen and Robert moved to Columbia Falls in 1978, where Robert taught economics at Flathead Valley Community College and later substitute taught at Columbia Falls High School.

He was a longtime member of



Columbia Falls Methodist Church. Robert was also very active in the Democratic party; he was a board member of Energy Share committee; member of the City Council; and previously had worked in negotiations for electrical workers, teachers and farmers.

Robert is survived by his loving wife of 53 years, Helen Waltmire of Columbia Falls; his son, Arne Nels Waltmire of Ringwood, Ill.; daughters, Ginger Marlene Campbell of Edmond, Okla., and Beth Darlene Brewer of Yukon, Okla.; and his son, Oscar Dean Waltmire of Lansing, Mich.

A celebration of Robert's life will be conducted in June and cremation has taken place.

Memorials may be given to a scholarship at Columbia Falls High School in his name or to the United Methodist Church of Columbia Falls; The Intermountain Children's home of Helena; or to the Carrie Tesdahl Nelson Scholarship Fund of Iowa State University in Ames.

Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is in charge of arrangements.

## Bunnie Watters, 77

Bunnie Watters, 77, of Libby, died Friday, Nov. 1, 2002, at St. John Lutheran Hospital in Libby following a five-year battle with multiple myeloma.

She was born June 13, 1925, at Eugene, Ore., to Henley and Lena Nordtome Phillips; she came to the Flathead Valley with her family in 1928. She was raised and educated in Kalispell, graduating from Flathead County High School in 1943.

Following graduation, she worked as a telephone operator during the World War II years.

She married Clarence E. Watters in Kalispell, on March 30, 1946. They moved to Libby that same year where she has resided for the past 56 years. She worked at the J.C. Penney Company in Libby for a period of time but had devoted her life to being a dedicated wife, mother and friend. Her husband, Clarence, preceded her in death in 1997.

Bunnie had been an avid gardener and loved spending time at the family cabin on McGregor Lake where she enjoyed fishing, boating and swimming as well as visiting with family and friends.

She had been a member of the Sons of Norway since 1974. Known to some as the Lefse Queen, she loved to make lefse and taught many others how to make it. She had served for 14 years on the board of directors of Libby Nordicfest Inc. and served as Nordicfest Queen in 1986.

She leaves behind a great legacy of love and caring to all who knew her.

Survivors include her son, Dale Watters, of Libby; a brother,

Charles "Chuck" Phillips and his wife, Pat, of Kalispell; her loving companion and friend, John Luger, of Libby; nieces, Diane Clark of Whitefish and Cindy Ingram and her husband, Kevin, of Ogden Utah; and Gigi Bestul of Kalispell; nephews, Mike Phillips and wife, Janell, and Mark Phillips and wife, Michelle, all of Kalispell.

Services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Christ Lutheran Church in Libby with Pastor Les Nelson officiating, committal services will follow at 3:30 p.m. at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell. Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. Monday at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to St. John Lutheran Hospital Foundation, 350 Louisiana Ave., Libby, MT 59923.

## John E. Ward Sr., 83

John E. Ward Sr., 83, died Wednesday, June 12, 2002, at his home in Eureka from natural causes.

He had worked at Fairchild Air Force Base as a mechanic. He later worked as a mechanic in a sawmill in Martin City.

Survivors include his wife

Ginger; a son, John Jr.; and a daughter, Jana Siebrecht.

Graveside services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. at the Tobacco Valley Cemetery.

Local arrangements are by the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Eureka.

## Tavie Elmore Ward, 98

Tavie Elmore Ward, 98, passed away on Tuesday, Sept. 10, 2002, at the Heritage Place in Kalispell. She was born on Dec. 6, 1903 in Greenwood, Arkansas to Hubert A. and Martha D. (Craig) Elmore.



She was the fourth of eleven children. She married Thomas Franklin "Ardie" Ward on Feb. 11, 1923. In 1934, they moved to Lonepine where she cooked in the school lunchroom for many years. She then cooked for the lunchroom at the school in Hot Springs until her retirement in 1969. At that time, they moved to Kalispell where they have since lived.

She is preceded in death by her husband Ardie in 1983, four brothers, and three sisters.

She is survived by her son, Paul V. Ward and his wife Linda, and daughter, Wanda J. Sevier and husband Bob, all of Kalispell; four grandchildren, Paula Forrest and husband Joe of Eureka; Twila

LaBoube and husband John of Spokane; Robi McCue and husband Greg of Missoula; and Ron Sevier of Spokane; eight great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren. She is also survived by two sisters, Virgil Willsey and Dorothy Cochran, both of Greenwood, Ariz.; and one brother, Warren Elmore and his wife Juanita of Tulsa, Okla. Other survivors include Geraldine Whitehead and husband Dale of Kalispell; Jeannine Woods and husband Bob of Hot Springs; Troy Martin and wife Dorothy of Billings; and numerous nieces and nephews in Arkansas and Montana.

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

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday at Johnson Mortuary Chapel with Pastor James E. Huff officiating. Burial will follow at C. E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

## Gary Max Warrant, 66

Gary Max Warrant, 66, passed away on Monday, July 15, 2002, at his home in Kalispell.

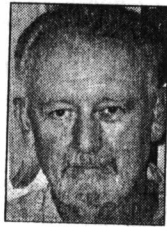
Gary was born on Jan. 19, 1936, at his home near Idaho Falls, Idaho, to Max and Pauline Goodman Davies Warrant. He was the second of four children. He resided in Idaho Falls for nine years before moving to the Dillon area, Harrison, then to Butte in 1950. He graduated from Butte High School in 1954.

He married June Olsen in 1956; they had three children. June passed away of cancer in 1962.

Gary worked for the Safeway warehouse in Butte until 1955. He also worked for two years in the mines.

He served in the U.S. Army from April 1959 until May 1962. He then moved to Ogden, Utah, where he worked as a civilian for the Department of Defense at Hill Air Force Base from June 1957 until June 1971.

Gary married Doris Cocek Carrel on June 16, 1971, adding two stepdaughters. Gary transferred to the Department of Transportation-Federal Aviation Administration in 1971, and moved to Rawlins, Wyo. In 1973, he moved to Kalispell, where he worked as an electronics technician for the FAA



at Glacier Park International Airport and later transferred to the radar base on Blacktail Mountain. He retired in 1991.

After retiring, he worked for McDonald's as a handyman for five years. No matter what job he did, he took pride in his work. He was always liked and respected by his employees and co-workers. He could fix anything. His family always came first; he was always there for them. He loved to travel.

Gary was a member of the Elks, Eagles, and was a board member for the Flathead Credit Union.

He is survived by his mother, Pauline, of North Ogden, Utah; wife, Doris, of Kalispell; sister, Donna Watts of Sunset, Utah; brothers, Verl and wife, Diane, of Bountiful, Utah, and Wade and his wife, Dianne, of Richland, Wash.; five children, Cindy Nice of Martin City, Diane Carrell, David Warrant, and DeAna Zattosky, all of Kalispell, and Caroline Shoup of Silver City, N.M.; 11 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Burial will follow the services at C.E. Conrad Cemetery.

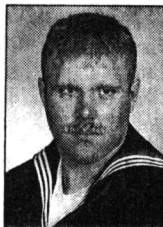
A reception will follow the services at the Eagles Lodge.

In lieu of flowers, the family request donations to Home Options Hospice, or the WINGS program.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Travis John Wartnow, 23

Travis John Wartnow, 23, of Whitefish, passed away on Sunday, Nov. 17, 2002, at Harbor View Medical Center, as a result of a tragic accident.



Travis was born Monday, March 13, 1979, in Kalispell, at 10:10 p.m. He was raised in Whitefish and graduated from Whitefish High School in 1998.

He served four years in the U.S. Navy on the aircraft carrier Abraham Lincoln as a petty officer boatswain's mate and ranked E5 in the four years he served.

Travis enjoyed all aspects of life: family, friends, camping, fishing, hunting, bowling, wrestling, football, and umpiring Little League baseball.

Travis bowled his first game at the age of 4 and the love of the game stayed with him throughout his lifetime. He carried a 200-plus average for at least six years, bowled one 300 non-sanctioned game, and had dreams of becoming a professional bowler and coaching junior bowlers.

Travis started wrestling in the Little Guy program in fourth grade and his love for that sport was never diminished. In his junior year in high school, he was selected for Team Montana and traveled to New Zealand with teammates and coaches. He won several awards and was proud of himself.

Travis met Cara Ingraham in Everett, Wash., and they married Jan. 11, 2000, in Everett. When Travis was in the Navy, he was stationed in Everett and lived there for the remainder of his career before being honorably discharged in September of this year. Travis and Cara moved back to Whitefish, where he worked for a construction company.

He is survived by his wife, Cara, of Whitefish; mother and father, Ronnda and George Wartnow Jr., also of Whitefish; mother-in-law, Mary Clark, stepfather-in-law, Gerald Clark, and father-in-law, Lyle Ingraham, all from Marysville, Wash.; his grandparents, George Wartnow Sr. and Billie Wartnow of Whitefish, Marlene Wartnow of Havre, and Ellen Knutson and Lowell Knopfle of Kalispell; and a great-grandmother, Ellen Nutting, of Kalispell. Travis is also survived by his brothers and sisters, Robert Wartnow and Shannon Wartnow of Whitefish, Mathew and Shari Ingraham of Marysville, Heather Ingraham and Lee Tamantini of Norfolk, Va., and Hannah Neitzel of Phoenix; aunts and uncles, Ray and Tammie Richards of Deer Park, Wash., Russell Richards of Montana, Dan Knopfle of Belgium,

Scott and Kristy Norby and Cheryl and Marty Grefsrud, all of Kalispell, Shane Norby of Whitefish, Steve and Carolyn Norby of Homestead, Vernelle and Tony Valez of Helena, Mike and Marie Bare and Clarence Knutson, and Julie and Rod Cole, all of Kalispell, Helen Wartnow, and J.P. and Pat Wartnow, all of Whitefish, Kenny and Brenda Herrmann, and Kim Raymond of Columbia Falls, Phyllis Meyers and Alice Brown of Missoula; cousins, Erica and Mike Reinert, Tammi and Justin Michels, Levi Richards, Chad Richards, Richard Wartnow, Michael Bare, Miranda Bare, Taryn Norby, Jake Norby, Nikkie Holm, Derek Holm, Russell Norby, Brad Norby, Veronica Gress, Erin Knutson, J.J. Knutson, Danny Sizemore, Kayla Sizemore and Cacey Valez. A "family of heart" also survives Travis, Jim, Elaine, Sarah, Aaron, and Chris Nelson.

Travis was preceded in death by his great-great-grandmother, Lucy Cartwright, great-grandparents, John and Julia Wartnow, great-grandfather, Art Nutting and great-grandmother, Lilly Leigh; his grandfathers, Orville Richards, Pat Knutson, Vernon Knopfle; and cousin, Curtis Norby.

Honorary pallbearers are Travis' best friends and buddies, who will miss him greatly, Donnie and Dusty Hiebert, Tyler Haugen, Jared and Victoria Despain, Jason Despain, Chuck Winchell, Allen Long, who has been a great support for his brother, Bobby, the Monday night bowling crew, the Whitefish wrestling team and coaches of 1998, plus many other friends buddies and lifelong pals.

Travis' organs were donated to those in need. The family feels great pride and was consoled to know he could help so many.

Cremation has taken place and interment will be at a later date. A celebration of life services will be at noon Nov. 30 at the Whitefish Community Church of God, 5685 U.S. 93 South in Whitefish.

Following the services, military rites will be performed outside of the church. Immediately after military rites are performed, there will be a luncheon at the Whitefish Moose Lodge. All family and friends are encouraged to attend so that we might reflect more on the short but wonderful life our young man had.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to a memorial fund for bowling scholarships. Donations can be sent to Whitefish Credit Union.

The family would also like a special thank-you to go out to Aunt Marsha and Uncle Warren Mach for all the special things they did for the family in Seattle. Also a big thank-you to the community for all your support. It just keeps pouring in.



## Irene B. Wasilonsky, 90

Irene B. Wasilonsky, 90, passed away on Monday, Oct. 21, 2002, at the Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

She was born on June 20, 1912, in Torrington, Conn., to Lazlow and Amelia (Fabian) Sarkozi. Irene's parents immigrated to America from Hungary after the birth of Irene's oldest sister. Irene was the fourth of five children and grew up in a nice neighborhood with other Hungarian families. Irene attended school in Torrington and graduated in 1930 from Torrington High School. She assisted her parents in assimilating to their new country and helped with responsibilities such as filing income tax.

Irene loved to dance. It was while dancing that she met her future husband, John Wasilonsky, and they were married in 1934. The couple made their home in a house her father built for them on the same block with her parents and sisters. John worked at the brass mill in Torrington and Irene was a homemaker. In 1942, their only child, Irene, was born.

Irene loved to cook and bake deserts and she celebrated the holidays in full Hungarian, Catholic tradition. She enjoyed entertaining and their home was the hub for relatives, friends, and neighbors. Irene also socialized with her lady friends at monthly card and bingo games and was a member of

the St. Anne's Society.

She was a self-taught seamstress and at one time owned a corset shop with her sister.

Irene liked to travel and would often accompany her daughter to Florida and California. Irene moved to Montana, in 1998, to be close to her daughter. She lived in Hamilton, Whitefish, and Kalispell.

Irene was preceded in death by her husband, John in 1974; her parents; one sister Helen Kirsh and her husband, Steve; and a brother, Larry Sarkozi.

Irene is survived by her daughter, Irene Gelormino and husband, James F. of Kalispell; four grandchildren, Lynn McGarvey and husband, Kraig, of Sharon, Conn., James J. Gelormino and wife, Vivian, of Kalispell, Jonna Kelner and husband, Tom, of Columbia Falls, and Jesse Gelormino of Kalispell; two great-grandchildren, James Michael Gelormino and Jonathan Brentan Gelormino; one brother, Frank Sarkozi and wife, Lucy of Simsbury, Conn.; one sister, Gertrude Sabia of Old Lyme, Conn.; and one sister-in-law Clara Sarkozi.

Funeral services will be held at Phalen Funeral Home in Torrington. Burial will follow at St. Francis Cemetery.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory and Phalen Funeral Home.

## Evelyn S. Watts, 95

Evelyn S. Watts, 95, passed away Sunday afternoon, March 10, 2002, in Tacoma, Wash.

Evelyn was born Dec. 3, 1906, in Ishpeming, Mich., to Erick and Ida (Hendrickson) Anderson.

Evelyn and her husband, Cary, moved to the Flathead, in 1941, from Glasgow, and lived and worked on their farm east of Kalispell. Evelyn trained to be a nursing aide and worked at the Kalispell General Hospital and the Immanuel Lutheran Home until her retirement. Evelyn then moved to Tacoma, Wash., in 1975.

Evelyn was preceded in death by her husband, Cary, in 1971, and by two sons, James and Clifford Watts, both in 1997.

She is survived by daughters, Georgia Doane of Tacoma, Wash., Verna Wilson of Gig Harbor, Wash., Signa Howe of Buffalo, Wyo.; two sons, Clarence Watts and Richard Watts, both of



Kalispell; and grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held on Monday at 1 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Robert Reasner officiating. Burial will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

## Eva Mae Watts, 85

Eva Mae Watts, 85, of Libby died Monday Dec. 23, 2002, at her home in Libby from natural causes.

Survivors include two daughters, Nellie Ansari of

Libby, and Nannette Martin of Great Falls. Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. on Friday.

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

## Marguerite C. 'Peg' Watne, 77

Marguerite C. "Peg" Watne, 77, passed away at home with her family by her side after a courageous battle with ovarian cancer.

She was born Feb. 22, 1925, in Glendive, to Donald and Catherine Sutherland. When Peg was two, they moved to Harrison where she went to school and graduated in 1943. She entered nurses training two weeks after graduation. She graduated from Deaconess Hospital in Great Falls.

She married Norman Watne of Great Falls on Jan. 2, 1946. They moved to Kalispell in 1948, where she was the nurse on the Hungry Horse Dam project. In 1955, she and her husband started managing the Flathead County Hospital which later became a nursing home. She retired from there in 1986.

She was very active in the community. She worked on the committee to get the Henry Robinson Vo-Ag building built. She served on the first Youth Home Building, Council of Aging, Montana State Board of Nursing and Montana State Board of Nursing Home Administrators. She also served as secretary for the Montana State Nursing Home Administrators as well as many years on the Foster Review Committee.

She was recipient of the Lady of the Year (Beta Phi), was a member



of the Soroptimists International for 46 years, served two years as district director for District 4, and Grand Cross of Color member.

Her husband preceded her in death in 1987. Her parents also preceded her in death as well as a sister, Annie, and a brother, George.

She is survived by two children, Carol and Bill Vergin; and a son, Robert, all of Kalispell; seven grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews; an aunt of Great Falls; a sister, Mary Hankinson of Dillon; two brothers, Dr. Ken Sutherland and Doris of Spokane, and Don Sutherland and Janice of Springfield, Ore.; two special daughters, Lyndal Sundt and Mel and family and Beth Benjamin and family; as well as many friends.

Over the years she's touched the hearts of many and will be greatly missed by her many friends and relations.

Visitation will be held Friday from 1 to 8 p.m. at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral services will be held at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at the Christian Center Assembly of God Church with the Rev. John Weaver officiating. Burial will take place following the service at Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

Any donations are to go to the Soroptimist Club of Kalispell, the Christian Center Church or to the donor's choice.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Joyce A. Way, 46

Joyce A. Way, 46, passed away Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2002, at her home near Columbia Falls, following a courageous battle with cancer.

She was born Dec. 9, 1955, in Kalispell, to Carol and Marland Walden. She attended school in Columbia Falls and graduated from Columbia Falls High School in 1974.

Joyce was married on Sept. 8, 1989, to Eston G. Way III. They made their home on Braig Road. Joyce was an extremely talented artist and quilter. She was also an excellent horsewoman, riding 15 miles into Schaeffer Meadows (one



year ago), overnighting and riding out the next day. She went trail riding often.

Joyce is survived by her husband, Eston of Columbia Falls; her parents, Carol and Marland "Fud" Walden of Columbia Falls; a brother, Dennis R. Walden of New Mexico; three sisters, Peggy Kiser of Columbia Falls, Heidi Walden and Kjersti Walden of Great Falls; several aunts, cousins, and many friends.

She was preceded in death by one brother, William M. Walden, and a nephew, Jason Kiser.

A graveside service will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. at the Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery near Kalispell.

Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is in charge of arrangements.

## Jesi Lin Weaver, 2 weeks old

Jesi Lin Weaver, 2 weeks old, passed away of a congenital heart defect on Wednesday, July 10, 2002, at her home in Columbia Falls.

She was born on Monday, June 24, 2002, in Kalispell, to Brian and Ginni Weaver.

Jesi is survived by her parents, Brian and Ginni Weaver of Columbia Falls; two brothers, Brendon and Spencer; two sisters, Breanne and Kindra; fraternal

grandparents, Art and Barbara Weaver; maternal grandparents, Denny and Rita McManus; and numerous other relatives.

A graveside service will be held on Monday at 10 a.m. at the Fairview Cemetery with the Rev. John Weaver of the Christian Center Assembly of God officiating.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

## Becky Marie Webber

Becky Marie Webber, three-week-old infant, died Wednesday, April 3, 2002, at her home in Troy from natural causes.

She was born March 8, 2002, in Libby, to Christina Gentry.

Local survivors include her mother Christina Gentry and step-father Steven Gentry of Troy; brother Benjamin Webber of Troy; two step brothers Christopher Gentry and Paul Gentry both of Troy; two uncles Thomas Webber of Libby; an aunt Diana Ferguson

and her husband Matt of Eureka; grandparents Betty and Leroy Webber of Libby; great-grandparents Clarence and Louise Vanlieshout of Eureka.

Services will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. at the Nelson and Vial Funeral Home in Eureka. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

Local arrangements are by the Nelson and Vial Funeral home in Libby.

## Frank Edward Webster, 85

Frank Edward Webster, 85, passed away at the Brendan House on Tuesday, April 9, 2002.

Frank was born June 18, 1916, in Springbrook, N.D. to Walter and Addie (Weiser) Webster.

Frank received his early education in North Dakota, before meeting and marrying Frances Smith on May 8, 1937, in Bemidji, Minn. The family moved to the Flathead Valley in 1958 where Frank worked as a tree faller. He worked for Canyon Logging, Royal Logging and Dick Runyon Logging before retiring in 1972.

After retirement Frank worked as a handyman for his friends and



acquaintances. In his early years Frank loved spending time in the outdoors fishing and camping. He also adored his grandchildren and doing crossword puzzles.

Frank was preceded in death by his parents; his son, Walter; a daughter, Hope; a grandson, Doug; two brothers and three sisters.

He is survived by his wife Frances; and son, George Webster and wife, Ruth; grandchildren, Jesse and Nevada Webster, all of Columbia Falls; a sister, Bessie Steele of Pine City, Minn.; and numerous other relatives throughout the U.S.

Memorial services will be held at Johnson Mortuary Chapel on Friday at 2 p.m.

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

## John Daniel Webster, 91

John Daniel Webster, 91, passed away Sunday, March 3, 2002, in Astoria, Ore.

J. Daniel Webster was born Jan. 7, 1911, in Philomath, Ore., to John S. Webster and Myrtle Bell Webster. In 1922, the family moved to Portland.

He attended Washington High School; Northwestern School of Commerce; Multnomah College; and LaSalle University. As a young man he was selected to be Legion of Honor of the DeMolay organization for younger men.

In 1934, he joined Northwestern Electric Company, later known as Pacific Power & Light, as an office boy and worked for the company for the next 42 years. He progressed to the position of district manager and served in that capacity at Seaside, Corvallis, and finally Astoria, Ore., from which he retired in 1976. He also served in Kalispell as the Idaho and Montana divisional manager from 1962 to 1970.

Mr. Webster served in the United States Navy for three and one-half years during World War II.

In 1939, he married Mary Crown, who passed away in 1973. They had one son, John Samuel Webster.

In 1974, Mr. Webster married Helen Morris; she passed away in 1989.

Throughout his life, he was a very community-service-oriented person. While living in Kalispell he served on the board of directors of the Kalispell Chamber of Commerce; was a member of the Montana Chamber of Commerce; Kalispell Rotary Club; Kalispell Elks Club; chairman of the Flathead Red Cross Chapter; board

member of the Development Corporation of Northwest Montana; the electric utility representative for the Montana Highway-Utilities Liaison Committee; and member of The Montana Club; and American Legion.

While living in Corvallis in 1960, he was elected First Senior Citizen of Corvallis and Benton County by the Corvallis Chamber of Commerce. He assisted in arranging a statewide conference on research and development for small businesses in 1958 — the first such session in the nation.

He was the president of the Electric Club of Oregon; chairman of the Oregon section of the Illuminating Engineering Society; president of the Chamber of Commerce; president of four Red Cross chapters; and for several years he was a judge at the Miss Oregon Contest.

He was a longtime member of the Astoria Rotary Club and was a president of the board of trustees of the Columbia River Maritime Museum during the planning and start of construction of their present building in 1973.

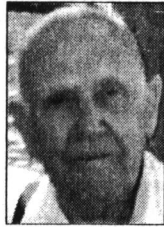
Mr. Webster was a longtime member of the Grace Episcopal Church. He enjoyed youth work, club and civic work and dancing. He is survived by one son, John Samuel Webster of Salem, Ore.

Remembrances may be made to the Clatsop County Chapter of the American Red Cross, the Columbia River Maritime Museum and the Grace Episcopal Church.

A memorial service will be performed by the Rev. David Sweeney at 11 a.m., Saturday, April 6 at Grace Episcopal Church, 145 Franklin Street, Astoria, Ore.

## George William Wells, 91

George William Wells, 91, of Polson, passed away on Sunday, Oct. 27, 2002, from natural causes at Evergreen Health & Rehabilitation Center. He was



born on July 4, 1911, at Oliver Gulch near Hot Springs, to William A. and Annabell I. Wells.

George married Eunice More in 1933. Two sons, Larry L. and Roger W. Wells, were born to this marriage. The marriage ended in divorce, and George married Bertha Eley More in 1945. They had one daughter, Jackqalyn. George and Bertha also raised her two daughters, Carol J. and Lynda G. More.

George spent most of his life ranching in the Hot Springs area. He also worked for the soil conservation service, ran a mechanic shop, drove a school bus for many years and served as a Sanders County commissioner.

George began playing the fiddle as a young boy and enjoyed playing for dances in the Hot Springs area. He was a member of the "Old Time Fiddlers," and the Accordion Association. He and Bertha enjoyed attending the fiddler and accordion jams. After retiring, George and Bertha moved from the Hot Springs area to Polson.

George was preceded in death by his wife, Bertha, in December of 2000, a brother, Bert Wells, and grandson, Randy Wells.

He is survived by his two sons, Roger and Larry Wells, both of Spokane, Wash.; his daughter Jackqalyn Wells, of Fort Myers, Fla.; stepdaughters Carol Crismore and husband Bill of Libby, and Lynda Swartzenberger, who was his loving caregiver, and husband Dan of Polson. He also is survived by numerous grandchildren, and sisters, Katherine Reed, of Bozeman, and Lillian Legowitz, of Jacksonville, Fla.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday Oct. 29 at Grogan Funeral Home in Polson.

## Holly Diann Wesson, 39

Holly Diann Wesson, 39, "went home to be with her Lord" on Thursday, Oct. 3, 2002, at her home in Kalispell.

Holly was born Oct. 31, 1962, in Dallas, to Dennis and Susan McClanty. She attended Illinois State University and did advertising for The Daily Inter Lake, a local radio station and TV station.

Holly loved to read and to listen

to Christian music.

She is survived by her husband Kenneth Wesson; three children, Brianne, Kiernan and Pierce Wesson of Kalispell; one brother, Craig; two sisters, Jennifer, and Allison, all of Dallas; and nephews and nieces.

A memorial service will be held at Christian Center at noon Tuesday, with Pastor John Weaver officiating.

## Sarah Gale Ing-Westbrook, 29

Sarah Gale Ing-Westbrook, 29, of Van Nuys, Calif., passed away Sept. 8, 2002, after a courageous battle with primary pulmonary hypertension.

Sarah was born May 6, 1973, in Flagstaff, Ariz., to David and Judy Ing. She was raised in Bastrop, Texas, where she attended school, graduating in 1991.

She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in theater from the University of Texas in 1995. In 1996, she taught drama at Bastrop High School in Bastrop. On May 30, 1998, she married Timothy Westbrook of Bastrop.

Sarah performed many theatrical roles in the Bastrop Opera House and in theaters throughout Austin, Texas. The best known was "Caucasian Chalk Circle" with Troupe Texas in 1997; for which the Austin Table Critics awarded her the B. Iden Paine Award for best choreography. In 1999, she performed stand-up comedy at the Austin Comedy Connection. She was the early-morning video jockey for the Austin Music Network from 1999 to 2000.

Her film career started in Austin, where she performed in several independent films before she and Tim moved to Los Angeles, in June of 2000. In Los Angeles,

she appeared in several independent films, having the lead in "The Right Girl" and "Barefoot on Broken Dreams." The week before she died, she and her brother, Jesse, finished their first screenplay, "The Blue Agave."

While living in Austin, she volunteered to work the rape crisis hotline. In Los Angeles, she answered the Pulmonary Hypertension Association hotline one week a month, helping many newly diagnosed with this rare and dreaded disease.

Sarah is survived by her loving husband, Tim Westbrook; his parents, Donn and Rose Mary Westbrook of Fortine; her mother, Judy Ing and companion, Chris Klink, of Bastrop, Texas; her father, David Ing and his wife, Sheron, of Santa Fe, N.M.; her brother, Jesse Ing of Los Angeles; two stepbrothers, Brent and Blake Hawthorne; brother-in-law, Daniel Westbrook and his son, Justin, of Austin, Texas; grandparents, Frank and Marinel Ing of Dallas; grandmother, Marilyn Terry of New Hampshire; and a host of friends and relatives.

Donations may be sent to Pulmonary Hypertension Association, 850 Sligo Avenue, Suite 800, Silver Springs, MD 20910, [www.phassociation.org](http://www.phassociation.org).

## Ingrid Westberg, 91

Ingrid Westberg, 91, died Nov. 4, 2002, at Lake View Care Center in Bigfork.

Cremation has taken place and memorial ser-

vices will be held at a later date.

Arrangements are under the direction of Bigfork Funeral Home.

## 'Jo' M. Westphal, 77

"Jo" M. Westphal, 77, died on Saturday, Sept. 14, 2002, at her Kalispell home.

She is survived by her husband Frank of Kalispell.

Funeral services are pending at this time.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

## Beverly Udall Wetzel, 80

Beverly Udall Wetzel, 80, of Polson, passed away Monday, May 13, 2002, at St. Joseph Hospital in Polson.



She was born April 13, 1922, in Bassano, Alberta, to Bertha and Charles Udall. Her family moved to Polson on July 1, 1927. She attended school in Polson and graduated from Polson High School in 1940. She graduated from Eastern Montana College and later attended the University of Montana.

On May 30, 1942, she married her high school sweetheart, Wayne Wetzel. They raised their three children in Polson. Bev taught school in Saltse, Bigfork and Grass Range. She also taught first and third grades in Lincoln and Linderman schools and third grade at Cherry Valley School in Polson.

In 1965, she started her own kindergarten and Polson's first preschool. She taught kindergarten until 1973, when she returned to Cherry Valley School to teach kindergarten through third-grade Chapter One classes. She retired from teaching in 1987.

She belonged to Delta Kappa Gamma, St. Joseph Hospital Auxiliary, Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, the Ladies Elks, three bridge clubs, Polson High School

alumni Ladies Group and the Presbyterian Church.

Bev was very proud of her contribution to the youth of Polson in her role as a teacher and educator. In fact, of all the things Bev liked, children were her favorites, whether they were babies or teenagers.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Charles and Bertha Udall; her husband, Wayne Wetzel; her son, Charles Wetzel; her sisters, June Faris and Dorene Tierney.

Beverly is survived by her daughter, Dianne Schultz and her husband, Bill, of Polson; grandsons, Alan Pearson, of Kennewick, Wash., and Todd Pearson of Renton, Wash; a son Darin Wetzel and his wife, Shelley, of Idaho Falls, and their children, Blake and Austin; daughter-in-law, Wanda Wetzel, of Coram; and grandsons, Jeremy, Joel and Tyler, and grandson, Shawn Christofferson, and two great-grandsons of Arizona.

Visitation will be held at the Grogan Funeral Home on Thursday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Friday from 9 a.m. to noon. Funeral services will be held Friday in the Grogan Funeral Home at 2 p.m. with the Rev. Dave Anson of the First Presbyterian Church officiating. Interment will follow at Lakeview Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Beverly Wetzel Scholarship Fund or to the charity of your choice.

## Clark Eugene Wheaton, 77

Clark Eugene Wheaton, 77, died Dec. 7, 2002, in Rochester, Wash. He was born June 24, 1925 in Kalispell.

He was a graduate of Flathead County High School.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth Ann; two sons, Mark and Brock; and two sisters, Alice Tillaugh and Sally O'Connell.

He was preceded in death by four brothers and one son.

Clark's father, Frank founded and operated Wheaton's Cycle and Toy Store until Frank's retirement. Clark's brother, Bernard, operated the store until he sold it. The store still carries the Wheaton

name that has been well known in the Northwest for many years.

After his Naval discharge, Clark located in Seattle where he retired from the Boeing Company after 34 years on the flight line and traveling around the world as an A & P technical representative.

He was a volunteer King County sheriff's department diver for 25 years and was one of the first scuba divers in the Northwest in the early 1950s.

Upon his retirement, he and his wife enjoyed traveling around the United States in their motor home.

Cremation and memorial services were held in Marysville, Wash.

## Gordon P. 'Buster' White, 92

Gordon P. "Buster" White, 82, died peacefully at home in his sleep, of natural causes on Dec. 16, 2002.

He was born in Decatur, Mich., on Feb. 16, 1920. Buster was raised in the Kalispell area.

He is survived by close companion, Fernie Eller; and five children, Bonnie White, Larry White and wife, Kathy, Bradley White, Danny White and wife, Linda, and Sandra Devine and husband, Sean, all of Spokane; seven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

He served in the U.S. Army during World War II with the Aviation Engineers. A resident of

Spokane for 58 years, Mr. White worked as a receiving clerk for the Roundup Grocery Food Company for 35 years, retiring in 1982.

He was a longtime member of Teamsters Local 690 and enjoyed hunting, ice skating and snowmobiling. He was also a huge fan of college football and basketball.

A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. on Saturday in the Alwin Chapel at Hazen & Jaeger Funeral Home, 1306 N. Monroe in Spokane.

Memorial contributions may be made to the St. Labre Indian School Educational Association in Ashland, MT 59004.

## Helen Francis White, 89

Helen Francis White, 89, died July 17, 2002, at her home in Eureka.

Cremation has taken place and a memorial service will be

held at 11 a.m. today at the First Baptist Church in Eureka.

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

## Lorane Myrtle White, 70

Lorane Myrtle White, 70, passed away on Aug. 10, 2002, at her home in Kalispell. She was born Nov. 16, 1926, in Maupin, Ore., to Chester A. and Dorothy (Martin) Nichols.

Lorane was preceded in death by her parents, and her son, Dalton Chester "Mike" White. She is survived by her husband, Lawrence White of Kalispell; two daughters, Joan White of Colorado Springs, Colo. and Dianne Case of Dalles Port, Wash; three brothers,

Darell Nichols of Portland, Ore., Jim Nichols of Reels Port, Ore., and Ed Nichols of Spokane, Wash.; and one sister, Lucile Stanley of Portland, Ore. She is also survived by three grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday at the Glacier Memorial Gardens with the Rev. Brenda Wills officiating.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

## Mary Ann White, 58

Mary Ann White, 58, of Tumwater, Wash., passed away Friday, Dec. 20, 2002, at Providence St. Peter Hospital in Olympia, Wash.

She was born on Aug. 23, 1944, in Red Wing, Minn., to Eldon C. and Mildred E. Clare.

Mary Ann married Powell White on July 5, 1964, in Columbia Falls.

She worked as a bowling proprietor and then as a Realtor, and loved Christmas and being with family. She especially loved being with her grandchildren.

Mary Ann was preceded in death by her husband, Powell White; her brother, Charles Clare; and her father, Eldon Clare.

She is survived by her daughters, Stephanie White of Lacey, Wash., and Susan Root of Tumwater; her mother, Millie Clare of

Columbia Falls; grandchildren, Elizabeth Monger of Shelton, Wash., Katie Monger of Lacey, Wash., and Ryan, David and Kevin Root of Tumwater.

A memorial service was Dec. 23 in Shelton. A private family interment will take place at Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

A memorial service will be at 1 p.m. today at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Columbia Falls, with the Rev. Tom Gopp officiating.

Memorial contributions may be sent to Providence St. Peter Hospital Oncology Unit (third floor), in loving memory of Mary Ann White; contact Nancy Riordan at (360) 493-7980.

Arrangements are under the direction of McComb Funeral Home in Shelton, Wash., and Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.



## 17 Jan 02 Ruth W. White, 93

Ruth W. White, 93, passed away Jan. 17, 2002, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

She was born on March 11, 1908, in Farmington, Mich., to William and Lottie Walsead. She was raised with her younger brother Roger on the family's dairy farm. She graduated from high school in Pontiac, Mich., and from Michigan State College in 1930.

She taught home economics at Stevenson and Kenton, Mich. In 1933-34 she took graduate work at dietetics at Cornell University in Ithica, N.Y.

On Sept. 6, 1935, she married Jack White at Houghton, Mich. Ruth taught at Russelville, Ark., Woodville and Chester, Texas. In 1939, they adopted an eight-year-old daughter Darlene who passed away in 1997. In 1939, they adopted a nine-year-old daughter Loretta.

Ruth worked in the Bookmobile library in four counties in East Texas, and was a librarian at the Allen Shivers Library in Woodville, Texas.

In 1946, she began a lifelong interest in hand weaving. In 1972, after Jack's retirement, they moved to Bigfork. Ruth opened a gift shop where she sold her own work including rugs and dresses. She was active in hand weaving organizations in Texas and Montana.

She was past president of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees.

Ruth and her husband traveled throughout the U.S.A. and Canada. In 1952, and again in 1972, they visited Mexico. In 1978, they visited Great Britain and the Scandinavian countries.

Ruth moved to Kalispell, in 1991, and entered Immanuel Lutheran Home in 1998.

She is survived by her husband Jack White of Kalispell; daughter Loretta Williams of Polson; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Cremation has taken place and memorial services are pending.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home caring for the family.

## Martha M. Whittington, 86

Martha M. Whittington, 86, died Dec. 18, 2002, in Pineville, La.

Martha is survived by her

son, Max D. Whittington of Kalispell.

Services will be today in Pineville.

## Sister Loretta Whitty, RSM, 88

Sister Loretta Whitty, RSM, 88, died Monday, June 10, 2002, in Queen of Angels Health Center, Sacred Heart Convent, in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, following a lengthy illness.



Sister Loretta was born Jan. 14, 1914, in Clarion, Iowa, the daughter of James and Etta Burke Whitty.

She entered the Cedar Rapids community of the Sisters of Mercy on July 14, 1933, receiving the name of Sister Mary Bernadette. She professed her perpetual vows on June 21, 1939. Sister received her bachelor of arts from Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa, and her master of science in elementary education from St. Mary College in Xavier, Kan. She also attended Mt. Mercy college in Cedar Rapids and the University of Iowa in Iowa City.

Sister Loretta shared her love of learning with children at the following Iowa elementary schools: St. Berchmans and St. Joseph in Marion, St. Benedict in Decorah;

St. Cecilia in Ames; St. John and Sacred Heart in Waterloo; St. Nicholas in Evansdale; St. John in Clarion; and St. Wenceslaus, Immaculate Conception, and St. Matthew in Cedar Rapids. Out of state, she taught in Our Lady of Grace in Minneapolis, and St. Matthew's in Kalispell. Sister also served as principal in Kalispell, Clarion and at Waterloo Sacred Heart. She retired to Sacred Heart Convent in Cedar Rapids in 1996.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her brother James; and three sisters, Genevieve, Janey and Alice Whitty White.

In addition to the Sisters of Mercy, Sister Loretta is survived by two sisters, Eileen Guyer and Marcella Heinzman, both of Waterloo, and one brother, Leo Whitty of Denver.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. today at Sacred Heart Chapel by the Rev. Monsignor Cletus Hawes. Burial will follow at Mount Calvary Cemetery in Cedar Rapids.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Teahen Funeral Home.