

## Leonard Yeats, 56

Leonard E. Yeats, 56, of Kalispell, but a native of Whitefish, passed away Tuesday, March 4, 2003, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center after a long struggle with cancer.

Leonard was born May 30, 1946, in Whitefish, to William and Jean Yeats. After their divorce, his father married Shirlee Schwenke in 1959 and she became his mother thereafter.

Leonard graduated from Whitefish High School, where he was active in athletics and band. He earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Montana. He served in the U.S. Army, spending most of that time stationed in Frankfurt, Germany. He returned home to finish college and also the Carpenter Apprentice Training Program through Union Local 911.

On Sept. 19, 1967, he married Mary Elder in Whitefish and they had two children, Jeffrey and Jennifer. They later divorced but remained lifelong friends.

He enjoyed woodworking, hunting, fishing and outdoor activities with family and friends, especially his dad.

He was an active member of the Whitefish Fire Department for 17 years, including service as the chief. He was also a member of the Whitefish Moose Lodge.

After college, he worked for the

Tempo Store in Idaho Falls. Later, as a carpenter, he worked on the Libby Dam powerhouse and on projects around Kalispell through the union. His favorite employment was with Meredith Construction of Kalispell where he met and kept many friends until cancer forced him to resign from carpentry.

Leonard was preceded in death by his grandparents, John and Vera LaPlante; stepbrother Donald; and his dad, William.

He is survived by his mother, Jean Stinger of Whitefish; stepmother, Shirlee of Whitefish; son Jeffrey and Andrea of Colorado Springs, Colo.; daughter, Jennifer of Dover, Del.; sister, Linda and husband, Dick Barthel, of Hillsboro, Ore.; brother, Larry and wife, Laurie Schwenke, of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; several nieces and numerous other relatives.

Cremation has taken place and, per his request, there will be no formal service, but rather a gathering of family and friends at a later date. His cremated remains will be scattered near his favorite fishing hole.

The family suggests memorial contributions be made to WINGS, 310 Sunnyview Lane, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

## Thomas 'Tom' Yenne, 92

Thomas "Tom" Yenne, 92, passed away on Monday, May 27, 2002, at the Brendan House in Kalispell. He will be remembered by all as a caring and gentle individual.



Tom was born to Peter and Mary O'Leary on Feb. 24, 1910, in Madera, Calif. As an infant, he moved to the Creston area, where he lived until moving to Kalispell in 1995.

He married Doris Blackmer on April 3, 1937. They were able to celebrate their 65th anniversary together this year. Tom established the Creston School bus route in 1935, and drove that route for 39 years, being a special friend to all his bus passengers. He also farmed, owned dump trucks and worked for the Forest Service. Tom helped organize, served as the first chief, and was active for many years in the Creston Volunteer Fire Department. Other involvement was in the Senior Citizens and AARP.

Tom was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Clyde

and Bill; and sister, Florence Marken.

He is survived by his wife, Doris; two sons, Gerald Yenne and his wife, JoLynn, of Bigfork, and Alan Yenne and his wife, Bette Lou, of Hood River, Ore.; four grandchildren who admired him greatly, Wayne Yenne of Colorado Springs, Colo., Karen Yenne of Vancouver, Wash., KayLynn Waddell of Woodland Park, Colo., and Janet Tipton of Vancouver; six great-grandchildren; two sisters, Frances Gudel of San Jose, Calif., and Ann Hollinberger of Creston; and numerous nieces and nephews.

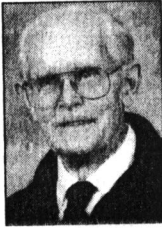
A memorial service will be held on Friday at 1 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel with Pastor Ron Pierce officiating. A reception will follow the service at the First Presbyterian Church. Urn burial will take place at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery at 3:30 p.m.

The family suggests memorials to Home Options Hospice, 175 Commons Loop, Suite 100, Kalispell, MT 59901, or to a charity of your choice.

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

## Walter William Ylinen, 84

Walter William Ylinen, 84, passed away on Tuesday June 4, 2002, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.



Walter was born Dec. 4, 1917, to Svante and Hilma Ylinen, in the small town of Elliston. Walt grew up in Elliston, and graduated from Elliston High School in 1936. Afterwards he attended Polytechnic Intermountain College in Billings and graduated in 1941 with a bachelor of science degree.

Walter joined and was sergeant in the Army, while stationed in the China-Burma-India Theater from 1942-1945.

He married the love of his life, Florence Mecklenburg, at Billings in 1946. He then broadened his education once more by attending the University of Montana to receive a master of science degree in 1955. He was a well-educated man.

Walter was a hardworking man to anyone who knew him. He taught one year in Elliston before beginning his military service in India during World War II. He gained most recognition as the biology teacher at Flathead High School from 1947-1981. He was also appointed chairman of the science department and dean of boys. Walt must've loved kids because he devoted almost half his life to teaching.

He worked as a mechanic at the Flathead Cherry Warehouse for 25 years, and tested soil for County and Weed Control Department. He was master of Kalispell Masonic Lodge No. 42, and was associate guardian for Jobs Daughters. He

was also the head of the Key Club and video arts manager at Flathead High School. He hosted an American Field Service exchange student, Fereshteh Dehbod, from Iran.

Walt's biggest interest was family; he loved to play games, enjoyed family dinners at the Sizzler, and laughed till he cried. He was a lifetime member of the National Education Association and belonged to the Retired Teachers Association. He was also a member of the Methodist Church.

He was a big game hunter and lake fisherman with his buddies. Truly the original handyman around the house, he even built the family cabin on Flathead Lake.

He was preceded in death by his son, Raymond Arno Ylinen, in 1961; his parents; sister Aili Davis; and both brothers, Einart and Toivo Ylinen.

Walter Ylinen wasn't only a husband, but a dad, grandpa, and friend. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Florence Ylinen; two daughters, Karen Ylinen, of Kalispell, and her daughter Kristina Ylinen, and Harriet Mistowski and husband Joe of Jamestown, R.I., and their children, Paula and Jon Mistowski; and numerous friends and neighbors. His dog Kodi, who could always be found in his lap, will miss him as well.

The memorial service will be held today at 11 a.m. at Epworth United Methodist Church in Kalispell and interment will be Monday at 10 a.m. at Sunset Memorial Gardens in Billings.

Please send memorials to Flathead Methodist Campground or Rocky Mountain College.

Arrangements are by Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

## Gwendolyne Emily Campbell Yoppe, 86

Gwendolyne Emily Campbell Yoppe, 86, died Friday, March 29, 2002, at the North Valley Extended Care Unit.

She was born Feb. 8, 1916, to Glenn and Della Campbell in Kalispell.

She married Lorraine Beutel in 1936. He died on Dec. 7, 1938.

On June 24, 1940, she married Louis Yoppe.

She was preceded in death by an infant son, four grand-

children, four brothers, and a sister.

She is survived by three daughters, six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish. Inurnment will take place at the Tobacco Valley Cemetery in Eureka at a later date.

The family suggests memorials be made in Gwen's name to the charity of choice.

## Hazel D. Young, 98

Hazel D. Young, 98, former resident of Cut Bank and Kalispell, died Wednesday, July 31, 2002, a resident of

Bothell, Wash.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Saturday at Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

## Helen Thora Young, 80

Helen Thora Young, 80, "went to be with Jesus" on Thursday, Oct. 31, 2002, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.



She was born on July 31, 1922, in Lake Mills,

Iowa, to Clara and Sven Huso. Helen's father passed away in 1933, and the family moved west where they settled in Columbia Falls in 1935. She attended schools in Columbia Falls, graduating from Columbia Falls High School. Helen attended St. Mary's School of Nursing in Rochester, Minn.

She married Larry Young of Kalispell on May 18, 1943. They moved to southern California where they raised their three sons. In 1969, they moved back to the Flathead Valley to live.

Helen was an avid golfer and a devout member of Trinity Lutheran Church. She was a member of the Mary's Circle and served her church faithfully. Helen had a special gift for working with handicapped children. She always seemed to be where she was most needed.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Larry in 1997; two brothers, Stanley and Rolf; and one sister, Sonoma.

She is survived by her sons and their wives, Brad and Jan Young of Nebraska, Mark and Rose Young of Idaho, and Chuck and Nancy Young of California; one sister, Elaine Stenson of Kalispell; one brother, Fred Huso of Columbia Falls; six grandchildren, Bryan Young and Ronda Onsager of Nebraska, Johnny Young of Idaho, Sheila Bradford of Kalispell, and Lorie and Dan Lovelady of California; 10 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be from 2 to 7 p.m. today at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Trinity Lutheran Church, with the Rev. Darold Reiner officiating. Burial will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. A luncheon will follow the interment service at Trinity Lutheran Church.

The family requests memorials be made to the Trinity Lutheran Building Fund, or Home Options Hospice at 175 Commons Loop, Suite 100, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Robert Bruce 'Babe' Young, 78

Robert Bruce "Babe" Young, 78, died of natural causes Sunday, Oct. 20, 2002, at a Missoula hospital.

After high school he played professional baseball. He was a retired teacher and coach for Legion baseball, high school basketball, cross-country, track and gymnastics.

He is survived by his wife, Laura Young of Cascade; sons, James Young of Great Falls, and Jeff Young of Kalispell; and a daughter, Jeanne Noyd of Colstrip.

A memorial service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday followed by a reception at Chapel of Chimes Funeral Home in Missoula.