

'Renob' Babb, 22

'Renob' Babb, 22, died July 19, 2003, at St. Braxton's Medical Center in Boulder, Colo.

He is survived by his two daughters, Sandy and Gina,

both of Evergreen.

Arrangements are under the direction of El Mierda Mortuary in Tucson.

Isaac Samuel Baer

Isaac Samuel Baer was stillborn early Thursday morning, June 5, 2003. He weighed in at four pounds and 14 ounces.

The medical staff at Kalispell Regional Hospital made heroic efforts to revive Isaac but "it was God's will to bring Isaac directly to his heavenly home." The Baer family, friends and pastor and wife gathered there in the hospital feeling both the grief of the event and "recognizing that God had made a choice and affirming that, 'as for God, His way is perfect.' "

Isaac is survived by his father and mother, Mike and Pat; eight brothers and sisters, Josiah, 17; Luke, 15; Joanna, 13; Ruth, 17; David, 9; Bethany, 7; Shalom, 4; and Rachel, 2; one paternal grandmother, Ann Baer; maternal grandparents, Henry and Ione Patz; maternal great-grandparents, Samuel and Dorothy Willshire; and aunts and uncles Bonita, Julie, Tracy, Steven, Peggy and Annie.

A memorial service was held on June 7 at the Bethel Baptist Church in Kalispell.

Emma Ward Bailey, 93

Emma Ward Bailey, 93, passed away on Oct. 2, 2003, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

Emma was born on April 17, 1910, in Austin, Texas, to William and Ida Campbell Ward.

She moved to California where she met and married George Bailey in 1930. He passed away in 1968. She lived in California for 60 years, before moving to Kalispell in 1988.

She was a member of the Republican Party and the Presbyterian church.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; and one grandson, Gerry Bailey.

She is survived by her two sons, Bryan and his wife, Jan Bailey, of Kalispell, and Robert Bailey of New Mexico; grandchildren, Elizabeth Greene, Mitchell Bailey, Shari Spoklie, Teri Bailey and Amy Bailey; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Private family services will be held.

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

James 'Don' Bain, 87

James "Don" Bain, 87, "went home to be with the Lord" on Nov. 25, 2003, a loving son, brother, husband, father and grandfather.

Don was born Feb. 19, 1916, to James and Marion Bain in Raynesford. Don grew up in Kalispell. His first job was as a newsboy selling the Daily Inter Lake on the street corner. He graduated from Flathead County High School with honors in 1935.

Eva Picha became his bride in 1937.

Don enlisted in the Army when World War II began and served at Aberdeen Proving Ground in Maryland where he achieved high rank followed by honorable discharge.

Don managed JC Penney stores in Chinook, Williston, N.D., Lewis-ton and Harlowton. Then he franchised his own store, Bain's Department Store in Harlowton, which he operated until his retirement in 1980.

He was past president of the Chamber of Commerce and the Kiwanis Club in Harlowton.

Don was preceded in death by his mother, Marion; father, James; a brother, Tom; a sister, Agness;

and wife, Eva, in 1980; and his wife, Helen, in 2001.

He met Helen Seslar from Antwerp, Ohio, in 1983. She became his bride in 1984. They continued loving community life with lots of traveling. Don and Helen lived at Buffalo Hills Terrace for two years. Don was admitted into Immanuel Lutheran Home in November 2001.

Don enjoyed bowling, traveling, golf, fishing, dancing and social activities.

Don is survived by his two children, Nanci Bain, living in Allentown, Pa.; and a son, James Bain, living in Rogers, Ark.; two grandchildren, Nicolle and Jeremy Bain; two stepchildren, Karen McCabe, living in Columbia Falls, and Harry Seslar living in Antwerp, Ohio; and his brother, Bill, living in Columbia Falls. He is also survived by five stepgrandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

Don was and is loved by all and will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

A memorial service will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Dec. 5 at the Presbyterian Church in Harlowton.

Alice Norma Carol Baker, 60

Alice Norma Carol Baker, 60, of Libby, died Aug. 27, 2003 at her home in Libby.

Survivors include her two sons, Mark Baker, of Sandpoint, Idaho; and Billy Baker

of Libby.

Services will be Sept. 3, 2003 at 10 a.m. at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Libby. Visitation will be from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. today.

Larry 'Kevin' Baker, 40

Larry "Kevin" Baker, 40, of Missoula, passed away Tuesday, Oct. 28, 2003, at St. Patrick's Hospital in Missoula. He was born June 4, 1963, in Billings to Richard Bradford Baker and Marilyn Morken.

Kevin's family lived in Billings until he was four years old, and then they moved to Spokane, Wash., where he lived and attended school for the next seven years.

After a year in Canada, he lived with his father in Great Falls, and went to the C. M. Russell High School. Kevin was employed at Zales Jewelers in Great Falls, and transferred to their Missoula store in the late 1980s.

He then started a career in the construction business. Kevin was disabled in a car accident in May of 1994. He married Nicole Wines Aug. 20, 1994, on the riverside along the Blackfoot, and they resided in Missoula.

Kevin was an avid NASCAR fan and he enjoyed hunting, fishing, socializing and making new friends.



Kevin was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, Archie Morken and his paternal grandfather, Francis Baker, and his uncle Larry Baker.

He is survived by his wife, Nicole of Missoula; his mother, Marilyn Morken of Kalispell; his father, Brad Baker of Great Falls; two brothers, Lance Baker and his wife Sonda, of Fort Benton, and Brett Baker of Great Falls; a sister, Sharalee Brockway and her husband Gary, of Great Falls; maternal grandmother, Mollie Winter and her husband Willie, of Kalispell; paternal grandmother, Kathryn Schwingle of Fort Benton, and many other relatives.

Funeral services for Larry Kevin Baker will be Monday, Nov. 3, 2003, at 2 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel in Kalispell. Mr. Roc Corbett will officiate. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Visitation will be Monday morning from 9 a.m. to noon at Johnson Mortuary. The family suggests memorials be given to Multiple Sclerosis Society, 1629 Ave D. Ste 2-C, Billings, MT 59102.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory

Monty M. Taylor Baker, 87

Monty M. Taylor Baker, 87, passed away on Tuesday, Aug. 26, 2003, at Brendan House in Kalispell.



She was born Sept. 3, 1915, in Redstone, to Frank W. and Hattie V. (Knight) Bucklin. Monty graduated from Redstone High School in 1933. She left for beauty school in Aberdeen, S.D., and after completing her schooling there, went to work for a beauty parlor in Miles City.

Monty met and married W. Ray Taylor on May 2, 1936, in Miles City. The young couple moved to Billings, in 1936. It was in 1946 that Ray and Monty moved to Whitefish. They were in a partnership in the Snappy Service Grocery Store until 1949. At that time they opened the Glacier Food Bank. In 1952 they became sales representatives for Wiesfield Jewelers.

In 1958, they moved to Kalispell, and Monty pursued her career with the Daily Inter Lake as a motor route 3 carrier. She was known for her Christmas poems that she delivered with her papers to her special customers during the month of December, as well as having some of those poems published in the Daily Inter Lake. Monty stayed involved in the carrier business up to 1993 when she retired, turning over her route to her daughter, Linda Bristow.

Monty was preceded in death by W. Ray Taylor on Aug. 10, 1974, at Kalispell.

Monty married George W. Baker in May of 1984 in Kalispell. They enjoyed retirement by traveling internationally to Europe, New Zealand, Australia, and cruising to

several different ports. They also enjoyed family travels to Alaska and throughout Montana and Idaho. Many friendships were made during the wintering months that were spent in Apache Junction, Ariz. George W. Baker died on Feb. 19, 2002, in Kalispell.

Monty was a member of the Rebekah Lodge, Women of the Moose Lodge Chapter 1710 and has been a charter member of that chapter since 1974. She also enjoyed bowling and had a great love for playing bridge. Dancing with both of her husbands was a treasured love as well. Monty was also a member of the Methodist church.

Monty was preceded in death by two sisters, Myra Bucklin and Mildred Hill; and one brother, Frank W. Bucklin Jr.

She is survived by two daughters, Monte Rae Ingraham of Whitefish, and Linda K. Bristow and her companion, Ralph, of Kalispell; one son, Gordon R. Taylor and his wife, Barbara, of Kalispell; four grandchildren, Jerry Ingraham of Whitefish, DesiRae Carrothers and Alan M. Taylor, both of the Portland area, Richard Joseph Bristow of Bozeman; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Memorial services for Monty M. Taylor Baker will be held 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 30, at Johnson Mortuary Chapel with Dr. David Kauffman officiating. A private family urn burial took place at the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

The family suggests that memorials be given to Hospice Home Health Options, 175 Commons Loop, Ste. 100, Kalispell, MT 59901; or Women of the Moose Lodge, Chapter No. 1710, P.O. Box 5269, Kalispell, MT 59903.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Mary Elizabeth 'Betty' Bain, 82

Mary Elizabeth "Betty" Bain, 82, of Kalispell, "went to the house of the Lord" on April 27, 2003, following a lingering illness.



She was born Feb. 2, 1921, at Columbia Hospital in Great Falls to Frank and Katherine Schomer. She attended elementary school in Great Falls before moving to Kalispell, where she attended St. Matthew's School and Church, and later Flathead County High School, from which she graduated with the class of 1940.

She married Lewis "Lou" Bain, her high school sweetheart, on May 9, 1942, later following him from camp to camp for five years during World War II, during which he was a military instructor. They had six children, five boys and one girl, all of whom were raised in Kalispell. No tribute could adequately rekindle the memories that their children have been blessed with growing up in the guidance and midst of her love.

She was especially proud of the accomplishments of their children in the arena of athletics, becoming their most ardent fan as she followed them for years in their athletic and extracurricular endeavors. Altogether, they share a Flathead High School family record, earning 52 letters along with many other honors in athletics before continuing their activities at college, where they were awarded 11 more letters. The tradition continued among the grandchildren who claimed an additional 65 letters in recognition of their achievements in football, basketball, track and baseball.

Her family was Betty's world and greatest pleasure, always sharing, caring and interacting in their endeavors. Her devotion to them was unconditional; she was a most loving mother and grandmother as she became a full-time homemaker. Her family was raised in church and were well-disciplined. Her favorite hobbies

included swimming, tennis, ice skating, sewing, oil painting, Bible studies and baking.

She cherished the Yule season when the true meaning of Christmas was exemplified as a menagerie of outdoor displays came to life at the Bain Crestview Drive home, showcased with a backdrop of 25,000 beautifully colored and carefully arranged lights. Over the years the display continued to grow, becoming one of the area's most popular Christmas shows, attracting carolers, children and adults alike from far and wide. Children gleefully followed lighted trails through the snow viewing the displays that attracted hundreds of onlookers and a favorite activity of Betty's was to view the constant activity from her living room window.

As fate would have it, her activities were almost constantly restricted by ongoing health problems; setbacks she fought with the same undying strength, dignity and courage she had demonstrated throughout her everyday life in the face of extreme adversity.

She was preceded in death by her mother and father, Katherine and Frank Schomer of Kalispell; and two sisters, Dorothy MacDonald of Niarada, and Helen Stegner of Palm Coast, Fla.

Survivors include a brother, Jack A. Schomer of Spokane; one sister, Marion Bandle of Modesto, Calif.; her husband of 61 years, Lewis "Lou" Bain, of Kalispell; five sons, Frank Bain and his wife, Barbara, of Turner, Ore., Ron Bain of Kalispell, Doug Bain and his wife, Vivian, of Salem, Ore., Dan Bain of Kalispell, and Scott Bain and his wife, Deserie, of Las Vegas; a daughter, Mary Kay Allison and her husband, Mike, of Columbia Falls; 13 grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home with the Rev. Tim Bartholomew and members of the Bain family officiating.

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

Imogene P. Baldik, 87

Imogene P. Baldik, 87, passed away on Tuesday, April 29, 2003, at the Lake View Care Center in Bigfork.

She was born on Nov. 21, 1915, in Kalispell, to John and Edna (Danforth) Perkins. Imogene graduated from Flathead County High School in 1934.

She married Frank Baldik on May 6, 1942, in Anaheim, Calif., and was married for 60 years before his passing on Feb. 11, 2002.

Imogene was a dedicated wife and mother. She enjoyed playing the piano and making a good home for her family. She was a member of the Order of Eastern Star Chapter 17, and served as Worthy Matron of Honor from 1980 to 1981, the same years as her husband



served as Worthy Patron.

She attended the First Presbyterian Church in Kalispell for most of her life. She was also a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Ladies Auxiliary.

Imogene was preceded in death by her parents, and husband.

She is survived by her daughter, Patricia Guenther of Seattle; and four sons, Les Baldik of Pullman, Wash., Jerry Baldik of Seattle, Daryl Baldik of Kalispell, and Tom Baldik of Seattle.

A graveside urn burial will take place at 10 a.m. today at Glacier Memorial Gardens with Pastor Glenn Burfeind officiating.

The family suggests memorials be made to the First Presbyterian Church, 540 Main St. Kalispell, MT 59901.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Ann Cecelia Landry Baldwin, 75

Ann Cecelia Landry Baldwin, 75, passed away on Thursday, Sept. 25, 2003, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

She was born Feb. 15, 1928, in Great Falls, to Timothy and Julia (Gannon) Landry.

She married Roger Baldwin in 1949, in Kalispell, and was married to him for 24 years. He passed away in 1973.

She attended and received her Bachelor of Science degree in psychology in 1949 from University of Montana in Missoula.

Ann started her career in the fashion industry in 1972 through 1976, then changed careers to work in the travel industry until 1987. She went to work as a sorority house director from 1992 to 1995.

She was active in St. Matthew's Catholic Church, Soroptomists, Republican Women and hospital volunteers.

While she traveled all over the world, Ann's biggest love was her summers spent at the family cabin



on Flathead Lake. There she shined in her effervescent sunny nature, throwing parties, showed her strength of character and independence rebuilding docks, showed her love of the outdoors and adventurous streak, with swims in the moonlight, and where she stayed young in body and soul well into old age. Ann's sparkling sense of humor, ready smile, upbeat nature and pioneering spirit were a gift to everyone who knew her.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Roger, in 1973, and one son, Mark, in 2001.

She is now survived by one son, Gray Baldwin of Salem, Ore.; two daughters, Sarah Barrow of Oakland, Calif., and Linda Baldwin of Missoula; six grandchildren, Travis, Ethan, Jamaal, Adia, Erica and Serena; and one great-grandchild.

There will be memorial services at a later date.

The family suggests memorials be given to Christopher Reeve Foundation for Spinal Cord Injury.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Darlene Marie 'Dah' Nordquist Ball, 65

Darlene Marie "Dah" Nordquist Ball died at dawn on June 3, 2003, at her home in Mesa, Ariz. She was 65.



Born in Parshall, N.D., Darlene was raised with strong values in Kalispell where she graduated from high school.

She earned her registered nurse degree in nursing school at Montana State University in Bozeman. She spent 35 years giving comfort to those in her care, finishing her nursing career by caring for the elderly in her adult foster care homes in the Beaverton, Ore., area so she could continue to provide hands-on nursing.

Dah was respected for her great intelligence and ability to bring order to any problem. She was stricken with rheumatoid arthritis, and moved to Arizona in 1992 for treatment. Last year she was diagnosed with lung cancer, and despite treatment, this was a fight she could not win.

She loved poetry, reading, slot machines, KFC and talking with friends.

Darlene's greatest joys came from her family. A devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, she freely gave of her substance to ease the needs she saw. She literally gave cold, impoverished strangers the coat off her back. Truly she lived by Christ's word: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto Me."

She is survived by her husband of 29 years, James A. Ball Jr.; children, Lori Jean Sakkinen, Robert Brian and wife, Laurie Vukich, and Vona Lee "Tweety" Whittlesey; sister, Marilyn and husband Frank Serpico; brother, Myron P. and wife, Barbara Nordquist; eight grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Harry and Guida Nordquist; and a brother, Robert "Bud" Nordquist.

The family wishes to thank Don, Brenda and all of the hospice and medical caregivers for easing her trial.

An open house celebration of her life will be from 3 to 5 p.m. Wednesday, June 18, at 17300 S.W. Barcelona Way, Aloha, OR 97007, for all who knew her.

James H. Ballard, 89

James H. Ballard, 89, died on Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2003, at the Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

He is survived by his wife, Susan Ballard of Columbia Falls, and three sons, Don Ballard of Seattle, Locke Ballard

of Columbia Falls, and Jim Ballard of Amhurst, Mass.

At his request cremation will take place and no service is planned at this time.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Rhea M. Bangeman, 91

Rhea M. Bangeman, 91, passed away peacefully Friday evening, Oct. 17, 2003, at her home on Flathead Lake with her family near her.

She was a third generation Montanan with two daughters, Johanna Bangeman of Kalispell, and Lisa Prugh of Bozeman.

She enjoyed walking in Lakeside with her dogs Poncho, and later, Niki.

She is survived by four grandchildren, Wilhelm and Corinna Welzenbach, and John and Eddy Prugh.

Special thanks is given from her family to her home caregivers, and Home Options Hospice who successfully helped make possible Rhea's desire to stay at home until her death.

Cremation has taken place and a celebration of her life will be held at a later time.

In lieu of flowers, Rhea wished to be remembered with donations to the Humane Society of Northwest Montana, P.O. Box 221, Kalispell, MT 59903.

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

David M. Bancroft, 44

David M. Bancroft, 44, died on June 4, 2003, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

He was born on Sept. 18, 1958, in California and raised in Malta.

David worked as an ironworker for 15 years in many states and in the Midland, Texas, area.

He enjoyed working outside and making things with his hands.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents; and his mother, Nancy Hawkins Scheffilmaer.

He is survived by his parents, George and Bonnie Bancroft of

Martin City and his sons, Jake Bancroft of Hungry Horse and Lazerus Bancroft of North Carolina. He is also survived by his sisters, Jamie Bancroft of Malta, Sandy Sheldon of Phoenix, and Linda Kampen of Tacoma, Wash.; and brothers, Duane Bancroft, Robert Bancroft, Andrew Bancroft and Billy Bancroft; and several nieces and nephews.

A graveside service and interment will be at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, June 11, at Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

Jerrold 'Jerry' Barber, 69

Jerrold "Jerry" Barber, 69, passed away in his sleep at his home in Plains, on Saturday, Sept. 27, 2003.

Jerry was born on Nov. 11, 1933, in Chippewa Falls, Wis., to Glenn and Cecilia McManus Barber. He grew up in the Spokane area and later worked for the Department of Agriculture in the Pullman, Wash., area.

He enlisted and served in the United States Marine Corps from 1953 to 1956. He moved back to the Spokane area where he worked in the lumber and aluminum trades. In 1966, he moved to Columbia Falls where he worked at the aluminum plant until retiring in 1991.

In 1999, he moved to Plains, where he has lived ever since.

He is survived by his children, Joseph Barber of Ferndale, Wash., William Barber of Medicine Lake, Wash., and Sharon Stratton of St. Maries, Idaho; and several grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Lois Jean Barber, in 1983.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Oct. 6 at Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls with Rev. Thomas Gopp of Our Savior's Lutheran Church officiating. Military honors will be provided by the United Veterans of the Flathead Valley. A luncheon at Our Savior's Lutheran Church will follow the service.

Coffelt-Bunch Funeral Service in Plains is in charge of arrangements.

Dorothy E. Bassaraba Zajanc Barnard, 85

Dorothy E. Bassaraba Zajanc Barnard, 85, died July 27, 2003, at her home in Libby.

She is survived by her husband, Frank; her son, Gary Zajanc; and her daughter, Car-

olyn Peck.

Services will be 11 a.m. Thursday, July 31, at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Libby. Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. today.

Juanita (Fitzgerald) Barnard, 83

Juanita (Fitzgerald) Barnard, 83, passed away at Kalispell Regional Medical Center on Monday, July 7, 2003.

Juanita was born in Missoula to Harry and Katherine (Strasburg) Fitzgerald on Dec. 4, 1919. She was raised on the family farm in Creston and graduated from Flathead County High School.

She was married to Robert Richeson. To this union were born two children — twins, Noreen and Norman. She was later divorced and married Harry Barnard.

Juanita held various jobs during her lifetime, including J.C. Penney in Kalispell and Whitefish golf courses and the Kalispell Elks Club. She loved people and was always drawn to jobs that allowed her contact with the public.



She enjoyed traveling to Mexico, Hawaii and other parts of the United States.

She was a long time member of the Jehovah's Witnesses.

Juanita was preceded in death by her parents, both husband, and a sister, Bernice.

She is survived by her daughter, Noreen Hoerner Richeson, and son, Norman Richeson, both of Kalispell. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Ryan Hoerner of Bigfork, Bree Erin Hoerner of Kalispell, Michael Richeson of Portland, Eric Richeson and Meagan Richeson, both of Kalispell; a daughter-in-law, Kari Sandor; two cousins, Dorothy (Sommers) Stutzman and Geneva Sommers, who still live in the Portland area.

At her request, cremation has taken place and a private interment on the family farm will be at a later date.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday, July 12, at the Kingdom Hall in Bigfork.

Montana 'Monty' James Barnard Sr., 88

Montana "Monty" James Barnard Sr., 88, passed away on Monday, Aug. 18, 2003, in Bigfork.

He was born March 31, 1915, in Leedy, Mont., to John Osmond and Virginia Florence (Banks) Barnard. Monty attended various schools in his early years and graduated from high school in Malta. He worked as an electrician on Fort Peck Dam until 1936. He then moved to Polson where he worked for his father and many other jobs.

He was preceded in death by



his wife, Orlena, and two grandchildren, Karon Lea Caverly and Timothy James Barnard.

Monty is now survived by two sons, Montana James Barnard Jr., of Deer Park, Wash., and Robert Dean Barnard of Laurel; two daughters, Floretta Lucille (Barnard) Caverly of Bigfork, and Alice May Lee (Barnard) Clark of Hungry Horse; one brother, Eldon Barnard of Hinsdale; one sister, Flora McNeil of Yarnell, Ariz.; also 10 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren; with numerous nieces and nephews.

No services will be held for Monty. Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Edythe Barce, 86

Edythe Barce, 86, passed away in her home, surrounded by family and friends, on Thursday, Sept. 18, 2003.

She was born on Aug. 9, 1917, in Fargo, N.D., to Ferdinand and Cora Larson. Edythe moved to Great Falls, at a young age and attended Great Falls schools, where she graduated in 1935. It was there she married her lifetime mate, G. Wallace Barce, on June 28, 1935.

Edythe attended the Great Falls School of Business Technology before moving to Tacoma, Wash., with her husband in 1941. Edythe's folks bought property at Rollins in 1945. Shortly after that, Edythe and her husband moved their young family to Rollins, enabling grandparents to be an active part of their lives. While in Rollins she was an active member of the community and it was there she made many lifetime friends.

The family moved to Kalispell, in 1953, where they stayed until their children had completed their high school education, and then Edythe relocated to their family property on Flathead Lake in the community of Rollins.

It was in Kalispell that Edythe volunteered and was active in the Flathead school system, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, her church and the Carpenter's Auxiliary. Besides being a dedicated wife and mother, she worked many years for the Snow Line Tree Company, taking census and for the voting



precincts.

Edythe had a love of nature and appreciated all of God's wonders in this world and beyond. Her positive attitude and sense of humor were an inspiration to everyone. She had the unique ability and uncommon presence to make strangers feel like family. Her love for family and friends was unconditional and a legacy to all.

Edythe was preceded in death by her parents; twin daughters; her husband, Wallace (1993); and son, Warren (1998).

She is survived by one daughter, Judi Filler and husband, Jack; one son, George Barce and wife, Joleen; 10 grandchildren, Robert Barce and wife, Angel, Tammy Eierdam and husband, Robert, Brett Barce and wife, Cindy, Tina Weidmaier and husband, Tom, Wm. T. Filler and wife, Lisa, Rick Filler and wife, Lori, and Krista Huyser, Kelsie Huyser, Kara Huyser, and Dane Huyser; 12 great-grandchildren, Kaydon, Anthony, Austin, Erica, Shea, Autumn, Levi, Nick, Jack, Seth, Luke and Colby; and special friend Tandi; also by her many other friends.

Memorial services for Edythe Barce will be held 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 27, 2003, at Johnson Mortuary Chapel with urn burial to follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

The family suggests memorials be sent to the Barce scholarship fund at Flathead Valley Community College in Kalispell, MSU-Northern, Havre, MT, or a charity of your choice.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Pearl Irene Barge, 82

Pearl Irene Barge, 82, died Sunday, Jan. 26, 2003, at Lake View Care Center in Bigfork.

Cremation will take place

and no services are planned at this time.

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

Hazel Teresa Barnes, 101

Hazel Teresa Barnes "passed to eternal rest" at the age of 101 on Dec. 23, 2003, at the North Valley Hospital in Whitefish of natural causes.

She was born on Sept. 11, 1902, in Rugby, N.D., the first child of Frank and Fanny Denison. She spent her childhood in Chester.

After graduating from Flathead County High School, she attended teacher training from the state college at Dillon. She taught at Canyon View School.

On Dec. 25, 1923, she married Lee Barnes. They owned and operated the Lone Pine Dairy on their farm east of Whitefish where they raised six children. Lee passed away July 5, 1988, and a son, E.D., died in infancy.

Hazel became a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Whitefish. She was the first woman elected to the board of elders, taught Sunday school, and was a member of the missionary society. In 1989, she was honored with a Presbyterian Women's life membership for her many years of service.

She was a 50-year member of the Order of Eastern Star and

served as worthy matron in 1962-63. She was a member of the Grand Cross Colors of Rainbow for girls. She was a charter member of the Fortnightly Club. She served as senior regent for the Women of the Moose.

She is survived by a sister, Jean Neilsen, in Shelby; two sons, Lyle and June Barnes, and Jerry and Marlene Barnes, in Whitefish; four daughters, Frances Hatler and John Andrus in Casa Grande, Ariz., Mary Lee and Robert McCutcheon in Albuquerque, N.M., Carol and Jerry Larson in Boise, Idaho, and Sharon and Loren Stone in Langley, Wash.; 21 grandchildren, 39 great-grandchildren; and 10 great-great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 2 to 6 p.m. Monday at the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the First Presbyterian Church in Whitefish with the Rev. Andy Kenally officiating. Burial will follow at the Whitefish Cemetery in Whitefish. A reception will follow at the church after the interment services.

Lorin Barnes, 82

Lorin Barnes, 82, passed away on Jan. 30, 2003.

He was born in Columbia Falls to Angie and Chester Barnes.

Lorin married Jane Smith, his wife of 61 years, on Oct. 4, 1941.

Lorin drove a truck for American Timber for 36 years, and was a member of the Methodist church; he was there for anyone in need and appreciated by all.

Lorin is survived by his wife,



Jane; two sons, Dennis and wife, Sue, of Bremerton, Wash., and Doug and wife, Sue, of Helena; two sisters, Ilene and husband, Oscar Baertsh, of Polson, and Shirly and husband, Don Lamb of Lake Havasu City, Ariz.; several grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

A celebration of his life will be at 3 p.m. on Sunday at the United Methodist Church, 1150 Wisconsin Ave. in Whitefish.

Memorials can be made to the Flathead Lake United Methodist Camp, P.O. Box 88, Rollins, MT 59931.

Dean M. Bartkoske, 33

Dean M. Bartkoske, 33, passed away suddenly on Tuesday, July 15, 2003.

He was born in Whitefish, and was a resident of Joliet, Ill., for the past 10 years.

Dean was a member of the Laborer's Union Local No. 0005.

He is survived by his mother, Nancy, and her husband, Edward Fundahn of Joliet; his father, A.J. Bartkoske, and his wife, Nancy, of Salt Lake City; two brothers, Brett Bartkoske and his wife, Lily, of Oswego, and Bradley Bartkoske of Seattle; stepbrothers, Shawn Saucier and his wife, Debbie, of San Diego, and Jason Saucier of

Salt Lake City; stepsister, Traci Watts and her husband, Wade, of Salt Lake City; grandmother, Dorothy Wallace; and his niece, Lexie Bartkoske.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 19, at the funeral home chapel. Private interment will follow. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. today at Fred C. Dames Funeral Home, 3200 Black Road, Joliet, IL 60431, phone 815-741-5500.

In lieu of flowers, memorials to Locks of Love would be appreciated.

This paid obituary is being run again at the request of the family.

Muriel Cusick Bartlett, 78

Muriel Cusick Bartlett, 78, died Tuesday, Oct. 21, 2003, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center, as a result of massive heart attack on Oct. 15, 2003. She and her husband Lyle would have celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary Sunday, Oct. 19.



Muriel was born July 24, 1925, to John and Jennie (Melby) Cusick in Eau Claire, Wis. She attended public schools there, graduating in 1943, at which time she joined the Army Cadet Nurse Corps. She graduated, a registered nurse, in the fall of 1946.

Muriel and Lyle K. Bartlett were married on Oct. 19, 1946, in Eau Claire. They had known each other since third grade.

Muriel pursued her love of nursing throughout much of her life, working in hospitals and doctors offices in Eau Claire, Norman, Okla., and Midland, Texas. In 1975, they moved to the Flathead Valley, which she dearly loved. Here she drove all over the valley and occasionally over to the hi-line doing insurance physicals summer and winter, day or night. She also took an active part in the development and operation of the Medical Supply Co. that she and Lyle built in Midland.

Her loves and passions were not limited. She was an active and talented gardener throughout her life. In her younger years, she drove fast sport cars and learned to fly the family airplane just to prove she could do it. While they were raising quarter horses in Texas, she loved to ride and to

watch the new colts in the spring.

Her church and God were a constant and important part of her life. While in Texas, she took an active and ongoing part in the starting, development and building of the new Westminster Presbyterian Church. She was an active member of the First Presbyterian Church of Kalispell. While moderator of the deacons, she initiated the restructuring of the board to make it more effective in its ministry. She served as an elder of the congregation where she had a passion for the "Good News" of Jesus Christ. She had oversight of the mailing of the church's monthly newsletter and was also a volunteer in the office. Muriel also enjoyed visiting members who were hospitalized. She was instrumental in the formation of the Flathead Leadership training event in the late '90s and this event continues today in the training of Presbyterian leaders in Grace Presbytery.

She is survived by her husband, Lyle, and a son, Tom, both of Kalispell and three granddaughters, Shanna, Kim, and Kellie Bartlett, all of Atlanta, Ga.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John J. and Jennie Cusick.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, Oct. 27, at First Presbyterian Church in Kalispell, followed by a potluck salad luncheon.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to First Presbyterian Church, Salvation Army, In Touch Ministries and NAMI (National Alliance for the Mentally Ill.)

Cremation has taken place and ashes will be spread privately by the family.

Alma H. Bartsch, 92

Alma H. Bartsch, 92, passed away at the Lakeview Care Center in Bigfork, on Friday, Jan. 17, 2003.



She was born on July 14, 1910, in Minnewaukan, N.D., to Andrew and Ragna (Knutson) Skarsten. Alma grew up in Tokyo, N.D., and worked at the post office there until she graduated from Tokyo High School in 1928. She then moved to Billings in 1931, where she attended Billings Business College and worked at the House of Moure as a secretary and bookkeeper.

On June 10, 1940, Alma married Clayton Bartsch, and they were married for 30 years before his death in 1970.

Alma was a member of the Eastern Star, Daughters of the Nile and Bethlehem Lutheran Church. She also enjoyed gardening, reading and playing pinochle.

Alma was preceded in death by her husband, Clayton Bartsch; parents; three brothers, Odin,

Albert and Norman Skarsten; and two sisters, Norma Stotesbury and Mabel Gross.

She is survived by her two sons, Jerry Bartsch and wife Melinda, of Columbia Falls, and Charles "Chick" Bartsch and wife Janet, of Kirkland, Wash.; six grandchildren including Sam Bartsch of Kalispell, Kevin Bartsch of Portland, Kristie Bartsch, and Tami Hebert; three great-grandchildren; two sisters, Alice Toohey of Del Mar, Calif., and Florence Moen of Billings; and one brother, Paul Skarsten and wife Peggy, of Great Falls.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Bethlehem Lutheran Church with Pastor Herb Knutson officiating. Burial will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Visitation will be 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday at Johnson Mortuary.

The family suggests memorials be made to Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 603 5. Main St., Kalispell, MT 59901.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Kenneth L. Bartz, 56

Kenneth L. Bartz, 56, of Troy, died Sunday, July 13, 2003, at his home in the Yaak from natural causes.

Survivors include his wife, Anita Bartz of Troy; two daughters, Lt. Michelle Bartz of Great Falls, and Julie Tasted of Sultan, Wash., and

mother, Mildred Bartz of Yelm, Wash.

A celebration of life will be at 7 p.m. Saturday, July 19, at the Yaak River Tavern.

Local arrangements are by the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home.

Jack S. Basham, 61

Jack S. Basham, 61, of Libby, died Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2003, at his home in Libby from cancer.

He drove a logging truck for over 30 years.

Survivors include his wife of 41 years, Dixie Basham of Lib-

by; sons, John Basham of Libby, and Scott Basham of Phoenix; and a daughter, Becky Halcumb of Gold Beach, Ore.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Libby.

Gottfried Bauer, 87

Gottfried Bauer, 87, died at his home in Marion, on Monday, April 21, 2003.

Services are pending at this

time.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Abraham Dalton Baxter, 23

Abraham Dalton Baxter, 23, "left this life" Wednesday, June 4, 2003.

He was born in Madison, Ind., on May 9, 1980, to Hampton and Debra (Mart) Baxter, the youngest of five children.

In 1981, he moved with his family to Montana, where he was raised. Abraham graduated from Millersburg Military Institute in the year 2000. And June 2001 brought him back to Montana to be with his brothers.

Abraham worked for Whitefish Hills, which was well-suited for him as he loved being in the woods. He enjoyed all the guys he worked with and became steadfast friends with some.

He most enjoyed hiking, caving, hunting, shooting and camping with his brothers and his friends. Movies and pizza were great, too.

Abraham was just a great guy with a gentle spirit and tender heart who never spoke unkind words of anyone. He was a wonderful friend to have, and he had many wonderful friends. He will be so very much missed by all of us.

Abraham was preceded in death in 1975 by an older brother, Sebas-

tian.

His family includes Debra Baxter of Whitefish, his mother; Hampton Baxter of Madison, Ind., his father; two brothers, Zachary Baxter, and Gabriel Baxter and his wife, Mikel Pommerehn of Polson; and his sister Grace Baxter, who resides in Chicago, Ill. He has two nephews, also from Polson, Taylor Dickerson and Sebastian Baxter; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Abraham's maternal grandparents are John and Beverly Mart of Anderson, Ind. His paternal grandparents are Donald and Mary Hannah Baxter of Key West, Fla., formerly of Anderson, Ind.

There was a visitation at his home on Monday, June 9.

A scattering of his ashes will be at 1 p.m. in the North Fork today, June 11, for anyone who is able to attend. There will be directions from Polebridge.

The family asks friends to please purchase and plant a tree in Abraham's memory.

The family also extends a special thank you "to those who crammed all their stuff and their five bodies into a Camry and drove out here from Indiana to say goodbye to Abraham. He loved you all."

Donald J. 'Don' Beadles, 66

Donald J. "Don" Beadles, 66, died at Brendan House in Kalispell on April 24, 2003, of cancer.

Donald was born to Otis and Aurea Beadles in Warwick, R.I., on March 27, 1937. He graduated from Lockwood High School in Rhode Island in 1955 and served in the U.S. Air Force for four years.

He moved to California in 1960 to work for General Telephone.

In 1979, he transferred from the Long Beach General Telephone office to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, and continued working for them for three years. For the next eight years he worked as an independent contractor. In 1989, he moved to Kalispell to work for Century-Tel for the next five years.

Don always said retirement was made for him, so in 1994 he retired, took off his watch and never put it back on. He played golf

five days a week and took the weekends off.

He is survived by his wife of 32 years, Ellie; four children, Cheryl Waltko of Brentwood, Tenn., Michael Beadles of Willis, Texas, Danny Beadles of Spirit Lake, Idaho, and Janelle Beadles of Missoula; 10 grandchildren, Melissa McGee of Augusta, Ga., Jason McGee of Brentwood, Tenn., Ashley and Stephanie Beadles of Houston, Jordyn and Tanner Beadles of Spirit Lake, Idaho, and Arieal, Haley, Christopher and Annie Ray of Missoula; and brother, Robert Beadles of Enterprise, Ala.

Don loved his family very much and was loved in return. At Don's request there will be no funeral or memorial service.

He was cremated on Saturday, April 26, 2003.

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

Elaine L. Beaman, 53

Elaine L. Beaman, age 53, died March 21, 2003, at Brendan House in Kalispell. Funeral services and burial

will take place in Snowflake, Ariz.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Robert L. 'Bob' Beaver, 82

Robert L. "Bob" Beaver, 82, of Kalispell, passed away the afternoon of Oct. 5, 2003, at the V.A. home in Columbia Falls.

Bob was born on Nov. 20, 1920, in Denver, the son of Laird and Edith Beaver of Bayard, Neb.

After graduating from Bayard High School, he attended Nebraska State Teachers College. On Nov. 15, 1941, he married Donna Mae Stertz of Bridgeport, Neb.

He joins the U.S. Navy in 1942 and attended Texas A&M for training in radio maintenance before shipping off to the Pacific Theater. Following his honorable discharge in 1946, Bob attended the University of Wyoming where he received a bachelor of art in mathematics with minors in physical science and speech.

Bob taught high school math, physics, English, and speech in Superior, Wyo., from 1948-1957. He attended the University of Denver from 1951 to 1953 and received a master's degree in speech in June 1952. He resumed teaching in Superior in 1953 and served as principal from 1955-57.

In 1957, Bob attended Harvard University under an N.S.F. Fellowship to study the teaching of mathematics and physics.

Bob moved his family to Powell, Wyo., in 1958. He was an instructor



of mathematics and physics at Northwest Community College from 1958 to 1961, and assistant professor from 1961 to 1966.

In 1967, Bob moved to Kalispell where he was a founding faculty member of Flathead Valley Community College. He taught mathematics, physics and speech until he retired in 1979.

For many years Bob was active in the Democratic party. He was a life member of the N.R.A. and enjoyed hunting and fishing with family and friends. He kept numerous tropical fish aquariums and was an avid winemaker.

He was preceded in death by his mother and father and his sister, Helen Inman.

He is survived by his wife, Donna; daughter, Kaye Brabec and husband, Michael, of Ann Arbor, Mich.; his son, Jack and his family with Valerie Bronson, their sons, Norm and Jake Larsen, and daughter, Alyssa Larsen, all of Kalispell; granddaughter, Laura Wormingham and husband, Steve, and great-grandsons, Jake and Mitch Wormingham, of Colorado Springs, Colo.; grandson, David Brabec and wife, Jennifer Hall, of Albuquerque, N.M.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 18, at the Johnson Mortuary chapel with a reception to follow at the Elks at 11 a.m.

Memorials can be sent to the Veterans Home in Columbia Falls, P.O. Box 250, Columbia Falls, MT 59912.

John William Beckwith, 86

John William Beckwith, 86, former 25-year resident of Columbia Falls, died May 10, 2003, at Oregon Health and Science University Hospital in Portland.



John was born July 2, 1916, in Wynona, Wash. In 1940, he moved to Longview, Wash., from Lousana, Alberta.

During World War II, he served as an Aviation Metal Smith Third Class aboard the USS Intrepid. In 1953, he moved with his family to Columbia Falls, where he worked at the aluminum plant, and retired

as a line superintendent in 1977.

John is remembered for his love and devotion to his family. He loved the outdoors, and to putter in his home shop. He wore a friendly smile for everyone. We will miss him greatly.

John is survived by the love of his life, wife Rosella Beckwith, currently of Longview, Wash.; son, Lee Beckwith and his wife, Jeri, of Inverness, Fla.; daughter, Linda Kopitzke and her husband, Gene, of Columbia Falls, and son, Mark Beckwith and his wife, Salena, and grandsons, Matt and Nick Beckwith of Columbia Falls.

His memorial service was held May 13 at Gebert Chapel in Longview, Wash.

Guri Borch Beeson, 83

Guri Borch Beeson, born in Tromsa, Norway on Sept. 19, 1919, passed away June 29, 2003.

She had lived in Somers, since 1923, when the family immigrated to Ameri-



ca.

In 1946, she married Fred Beeson and moved to Sunburst. Returning to the valley to retire, she had the great pleasure of living in the same home she grew up in, and in which her beloved sister, Tuppy, was born.

She is survived by her two children, Gregory Beeson, and Kari Copland.

Kathleen Betty Bement, 87

Kathleen Betty Bement, 87, died on Sunday, Nov. 16, 2003, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

No services are planned at

this time.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

Larry Edward Benner, 34, died Wednesday, Sept. 24, 2003.

A memorial service celebrating his life will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 1, at the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish, with the Rev. Darrell Newby officiating. Visitation will be 2 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 30, also at the funeral home.

Larry was born Oct. 10, 1968, in Kalispell. His final wishes to help others was carried out by donating specifically to the Northwest Tissue Center where 20 to 30 others will benefit from his generosity.

He graduated from Flathead High School in 1987. He then worked for Flathead Industries in Kalispell for many years. He then worked for Mission Mountain Enterprises in Ronan and held 2-3 jobs for the past three years in Ronan. He was considered valued for those he worked for. He will be very much missed by the community where he was involved and by his family.

Larry was a first-class act, setting an example for all those battling adversity. He knew if you wanted something bad enough, and worked hard enough, anything was possible. He excelled in everything he did and made the most of what life offered him.

He often treated his friends to meals and snacks at his favorite hang out, Sykes, in Kalispell, often until his resources were depleted. The employees at Sykes had to remind him that it was a long time

until payday.

He seldom complained, always had a smile on his face, and he was always, always happy. He treated everyone as an equal and took everyone at face value. His heart was full of love for everyone and particularly his brothers, Ronald Benner, Lance and wife, Krissy Benner, Logan Benner, Landn Benner; sisters, Lanae and husband, Shawn Daffern, Laura and husband, Doug Hunt, and special little ones, LaKayla and Leesa Benner, his niece and nephews, Tristen and Dylan Benner, Lauren and Tyler Daffern and Ethan Hunt.

Larry was very involved in the Special Olympics in Kalispell and Ronan. He loved to ride his bike, swimming and weight training. He excelled at everything he attempted and loved bowling and karaoke (always the first to get up and sing.)

He is survived by his mother, Judy Sizemore in Whitefish; his father, Lonnie and wife, Sue Benner, in Columbia Falls; his brothers and sisters; paternal grandmother, Erma Eckelberry Benner in Kalispell; aunts and uncles, Ray and Sue Bridwell, Frank and Judy Sizemore, David and Judy Sizemore, Bill Sizemore, Darleen and Tom McCauley; and many cousins, great-aunts, great-uncles and friends.

Arrangements and services are entrusted by the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish.

Thomas Albert Bennett, 83

Thomas Albert Bennett, 83, of Missoula, "went to be with the Lord and his beloved wife, Ruth" on June 11, 2003, at St. Patrick Hospital due to complications of a long-term cardiac condition. He was born in Missoula on March 13, 1920, the youngest of six children. His parents, Thomas and Martha Bennett, emigrated here from England in 1914 and Sonny, as he was known by his family, was only the second member of his family born in the United States.



In 1937, he married his high school sweetheart, Ruth Heselgesser, and they continued their love story for 60 years until her death in 1998.

Thomas is survived by his sons, Paul and Marlene of Chewelah, Wash., and Bruce and June of Whitefish; four grandchildren, Debby McConnell and Don of Virginia, John Bennett and Gayle of Colorado, and Matthew and Olivia Bennett of Whitefish; and two great-grandsons, Patrick and Sean McConnell of Virginia. He is also survived by numerous sisters-in-law, cousins, nieces and nephews on both the Bennett and Heselgesser sides of the family.

Tom followed his father into service for the Northern Pacific railroad in 1940 and worked for 40 years as a machinist in the round house at Missoula. He also worked for two years in the refuel systems with Atlas Missiles.

He was a lifelong member of Holy Spirit Episcopal Church in Missoula. He was involved in many worthwhile causes and was a longterm member of the Masonic order and, along with his wife, volunteered with Meals on Wheels.

His greatest joys were his family, especially his grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and the days he spent fishing were some of his happiest.

Thomas was preceded in death by his wife, Ruth; son, John A. Bennett; and his brother and four sisters.

Viewing will be from 9 a.m. to noon on Monday, June 16, at Garden City Funeral Home, corner of Mullan Road and West Broadway, followed by a funeral service at 2 p.m. at Holy Spirit Episcopal Church, 130 S. Sixth St. E., Missoula.

The family suggests in lieu of flowers donations be made to Holy Spirit Episcopal Church. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Garden City Funeral Home and Crematory.

William 'Bill' Sidney Bennett, 47

William "Bill" Sidney Bennett, 47, passed away suddenly at his home on Friday evening, Nov. 7, 2003, "and is safe in the arms of his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."



He was born in Morenci, Ariz., on Nov. 11, 1955, to Elbert and Letha Bennett. William was raised on the family farm and attended Duncan schools in Arizona. William lettered in football, basketball, and his passion, baseball.

After high school, Bill attended Northern Arizona University, earning his Bachelor of Science degree in forestry. He met the love of his life, Virginia (Ginny) Jameson, in Flagstaff, Ariz., and they were married on June 26, 1982, in Las Vegas.

Later they moved to Washington, where Bill completed his master's in forestry in 1983. They then moved to Whitefish in 1994, where he has been an active member of the community, a trustee at First Baptist Church of Whitefish, and an integral and valued member of his workplace. Together they have two wonderful children, Michelle and Trevor.

Bill worked as a carpenter, building homes, as a forester for the Quinault Indian Nation, for the University of Washington as a forest biometrician, and at the

time of his death was employed as the forest inventory manager, working nationwide for Plum Creek.

Bill loved carpentry and working on his home, often with Ginny and his children at his side. He enjoyed playing his guitar, listening to his children play their instruments, and attending their sporting events. He loved the outdoors and spent family vacations camping and biking in the Northwest.

Bill was preceded in death by his father, Elbert.

He is survived by his loving wife Ginny; children Michelle and Trevor; mother Letha Foster and her husband Rusty; sister Berniece Smith and her husband Shawn; nephew Brandon Robles, many aunts, uncles, cousins and other loving and caring relatives.

Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. today and 9 a.m. to noon Tuesday, Nov. 11, at Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday, Nov. 11, at 4 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Whitefish, with Pastor Kent Morrison officiating. Cremation will follow.

The family suggests memorials be given to the First Baptist Church Youth Program in memory of Bill. Donations can be sent to First Baptist Church, 6232 U.S. 93 South, Whitefish, MT 59937.

"Bill will be greatly missed by his family and all those whose lives he touched."

Marion Francis Benson, 81

Marion Francis Benson, 81, a longtime Whitefish resident, passed away "of a broken heart" Friday, Feb. 28, 2003, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.



She was born March 18, 1921, in Auburn, Wash., the daughter of William and Nettie Seefluth. Marion attended Whitefish schools. She married Howard Benson in 1940, and he preceded her in death in 2002.

Marion worked as a cook for about 10 years at the Sportsman's Lodge at Coopers Landing in Alaska. She worked in Kalispell for many years as a cook in the Kalispell school district.

She loved to do crafts of all kinds, including crocheting and knitting. She was an avid huckleberry picker. She was a wonderful cook and made especially good desserts.

She and Howard loved to travel and spent many summers fishing and working in the Kenai

Peninsula of Alaska. They also frequented Arizona and traveled extensively around the United States. "We all love you and miss you, Mom."

Survivors include a daughter, Cheryl Cave of Kalispell; sons, Robert and wife Mona of Whitefish, Ken and wife Karen of Enumclaw, Wash., Gerry and wife Jennifer of Rockford, Wash., and Terry of Williston, N.D.; sister Mable McFadden of Chico, Calif.; brother Ed and wife Lois Marks of Lakeside; nine grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Howard, in 2002, and a grandson, Timothy Benson, in 1993.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. today at Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Kalispell.

Judy Lynn (Rohrbach) Berardi, 48

Judy Lynn (Rohrbach) Berardi, 48, of Columbia Falls, passed away Monday, Nov. 3, 2003, at Sacred Heart Medical Center in Spokane.



She was born on Feb. 21, 1955, in Columbia Falls, the daughter of Jean England and the late Wilbur Rohrbach. Judy graduated from Columbia Falls High School in 1973 and attended the University of Montana.

She married Terry Berardi in 1974 and they returned to Columbia Falls to raise their children and help run the family businesses. She was most recently employed as a substitute teacher for the Columbia Falls School District. While Judy enjoyed working with all kids, she had a soft spot in her heart for the special education students.

Judy loved music and will be best remembered as the lead drummer for the Flathead Valley Community Band. She was a band member from 1975 until 2002 when she could no longer participate due to illness. She was known for her antics and sense of fun. Judy was also a member of the Bavarian Echoes, Circus Maximum, and the Glacier Orchestra.

Judy was the center of family gatherings. She expressed her love for family and friends through her fantastic cooking. She also loved football and was a huge Griz fan. During her illness, her most enjoyable times were spent with family and friends attending Montana Grizzly football games.

Judy was preceded in death by her father, Wilbur Rohrbach.

She is survived by her husband, Terry Berardi of Columbia Falls; her son, Christopher Michael Berardi and his wife, Beth, of Chicago; her daughter, Hillary Berardi of Kalispell; her mother, Jean England of Columbia Falls; her sister, Carol Contreras of London, England; her brothers, Randy Rohrbach of Columbia Falls, and Kelly Rohrbach and his wife, Suzy, of Kalispell; her mother-in-law, Adeline Berardi of Columbia Falls; and a large extended family.

Memorial services will be held at 4 p.m. Monday, Nov. 10, at Columbia Mortuary, 1010 Fourth Ave. West in Columbia Falls. Rev. David Kauffman will officiate. A reception will follow at the Masonic Temple on Nucleus Avenue in Columbia Falls.

The family suggests memorials to the Columbia Falls Fire Department and the Flathead Valley Community Band.

George Berg, 55

On Feb. 12, 2003, George Berg, "our dear husband, dad and grandpa, ran into the arms of his Lord, where he found peace, joy, love, and hope." He died suddenly of cardiac arrest at his home in Kalispell.



He was born Dec. 27, 1947, in Canton, Ohio, to Jack and Grace (Tanner) Berg.

George leaves a legacy of love in his wife, children and grandchildren. There was no greater joy to him than to hold the hearts and hands of his grandchildren. He was the master storyteller, the eternal jokester, and the quiet, shy man who loved everyone and everything unconditionally. He was fair, honest, encouraging, and unselfish.

Pastimes included, golf, fishing, hunting, hiking, writing, painting, running and playing his guitar. He served in the United States Air Force for over 20 years. After retiring from the Air Force he was an engineer on the B-1 and B-2 bomber projects.

At the time of his death he was a devoted employee at Semitool. He took great pride in his work and enjoyed everyone he worked with. He was in love with his wife and family, his Lord, and the simple joys in life. His mission in life became sharing his love for Jesus

with everyone he met. "His journey on earth has come to an end and he is now in the house of our Lord. Go Angels."

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jack and Grace Berg.

He leaves behind his wife and best friend, Debi Berg, of Kalispell; his children, George Berg Jr. and wife, Sandy, of Apex, N.C., John Berg and wife, Alicia, of Morrisville, N.C., Sam Berg and wife, Rachele, of Sanford, N.C., Jamie Cady and husband, Kevin, of Missoula, and Sarah Berg of Kalispell; his beloved grandchildren, Taylor, Ryan, Jacob, Kayla, Hannah, Jenna, Lauren, Megan, Olivia and soon-to-be baby Berg; also his brothers, Tom Berg, James Berg and wife, Barbara, and John Berg and Liz, all of California, Mark Berg and wife, Debbie, of Texas, and Chris Berg of Ariz.; his mother-in-law and father-in-law, Ed and Joyce Vanderlaan; and many special family and friends.

Funeral services will be Monday at 2 p.m. at Northridge Church of God with Pastor Terry Harper officiating. Burial will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Visitation will be 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday, at Johnson Mortuary Chapel.

Memorial may be given to Youth Fund Northridge Heights Church of God, 1970 Hwy. 93 North, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Ulf R. Guillaume-Berg, 83

Ulf R. Guillaume-Berg, 83, died Thursday, March 20, 2003, at the Colonial Manor in Whitefish.

He had worked as a mechanic at the Anaconda Aluminum Plant in Columbia Falls.

Visitation will be Saturday

from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. A Masonic graveside service will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. at Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls with Masonic Lodge No. 89, AF & AM members officiating.

Catherine 'Rita' Price-Berns, 71

Catherine "Rita" Price-Berns, 71, "went to be with the Lord" on Tuesday, July 8, 2003, at Brendan House in Kalispell after an illness with cancer.



She was born to James and Della Elder on Nov. 28, 1931, in Perryville, Mo.

Rita moved to Michigan after graduating from high school where she met and married Michael Price on May 1, 1951. Rita spent most of her working career as an administrative assistant for advertising.

Rita loved flowers, music and played the bones for the Sunshine music group. She was active in RSVP activities. She moved to Montana in 1985. On July 2, 1998, she married Everett P. Berns.

Rita was preceded in death by her parents, James and Della Elder; a brother, Buddy; and two sisters, Rosie and Ceil.

She is survived by her husband,

Everett, at their home in Kalispell; one daughter, Linda Dicks of Denver; two sons, Michael Price and wife, Patti, of Saline, Mich., and Patrick Price of Dearborn Heights, Mich.; 10 grandchildren and one great-grandchild; along with numerous nieces and nephews.

Rita's extended family included stepdaughter, Catherine Ghylin of Bremerton, Wash., six grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren; her three brothers, Paul Elder and Roger Elder of Perryville, Mo., and Jim Elder of Detroit; two sisters, Anna Hoffman of St. Louis, Mo., and Rosie Berek of Chico, Calif.; also a son-in-law, Earl Dicks of Clearwater, Fla., and a daughter-in-law, Diane Price of Dearborn Heights, Mich.

A Mass of Christian burial for Catherine 'Rita' Price-Berns will be at 10 a.m. today at St. Matthew's Catholic Church in Kalispell with Father Vic Langhans as celebrant. A funeral service and burial will be held in Perryville, Mo., the end of next week.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary.

Everett Peter Berns, 83

Everett Peter Berns, 83, passed away on Tuesday, Nov. 18, 2003, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

He was born on April 3, 1920, in Tillamook, Ore., to John and Hulda (Bergstrom) Berns.

Everett graduated from Sacred Heart Academy in 1939, in Tillamook, and was in the National Guard for many years. He was then enlisted in the U.S. Army out of the National Guard.

After the Army he started work for Mountain State Power Co. in Tillamook, and was transferred to Yakima, Wash., and then to Kalispell, to work for Pacific Power & Light Co., until his retirement.

He married his first wife, Della Marie Long in Olympia. She passed away in September of 1992. After several years he met and married his second wife, Catherine Rita Price in Kalispell. She passed away in July of this year.

Everett enjoyed the outdoors, especially fishing and hunting. He designed and built his home here in Kalispell. He also enjoyed an occasional spirit or two.

He served his community in several ways. He was a driver for Meals on Wheels, a member of the

RSVP group, a member of the American Legion, a devout Roman Catholic, and a member of St. Matthew's Catholic Church here in Kalispell.

Everett was preceded in death by his first wife, Della; his second wife, Catherine Rita; four brothers, and two sisters.

He is survived by one daughter, Catherine Ghylin of Belfaire, Wash.; one sister, Betty Berns Davis, of Bremerton, Wash.; four grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren; as well as many nieces and nephews.

Funeral Mass will be held 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 22, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church with Father Vic Langhans as celebrant. Committal will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Visitation and a Rosary will be held at Johnson Mortuary Chapel on Friday, Nov. 21. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. with the Rosary starting at 7 p.m.

Family suggests memorials be sent to the American Diabetes Association, 3203 Third Ave. North, Suite 203, Billings, MT 59101-1945.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Anna K. Bertelsen, 71

Anna K. Bertelsen, 71, of Libby, died Aug. 27, 2003, in Libby.

She had co-owned the Pioneer Junction Tavern in Libby for several years before retiring.

She is survived by her daughter, Jan Thom of Libby; and her son, Bjorn Bornes of Tulsa, Okla.

Visitation will be from 1 to 6

p.m. Monday, Sept. 1 at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home. Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 2, at the funeral home with Rev. Les Nelson officiating. Interment services will follow in the City of Libby Cemetery with graveside rites by the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary. A reception will follow at the VFW Club.

Charles Bertram, 83

Charles Bertram, 83, passed away July 24, 2003, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

He was born Nov. 19, 1919, in Cohasset, Minn., to Louis and Flora (Sells) Bertram. He was one of 11 children in a farming family.

Charlie worked on the farm until joining the Army on Feb. 12, 1942. He served during World War II in the South Pacific and was discharged on Oct. 7, 1945.

On Nov. 24, 1945, Charlie married Cecelia Lengstorf. The couple moved to Kalispell in 1946, where Charlie was employed as a welder in the lumber and iron industries. He traveled extensively in the northwest. He loved his grandchildren and great granddaughter. When home, Charlie could be found in his beautiful vegetable and flower gardens. He also enjoyed woodworking and fishing.

Charlie was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Dennis; a

daughter, Lynn Marie; six brothers, and one sister.

He is survived by his wife, Cecelia; son, David and wife Susie all of Kalispell; three grandsons, John and wife Martha Barron, Casey and wife Lacey, and Justin Bertram. He is also survived by his great granddaughter, Elli; and three sisters, Adeline of Washington and Lena and Louise, both of Minnesota.

Graveside services will be held at 10:30 on Wednesday, July 30, 2003, at the Glacier Memorial Gardens with Pastor Darold Reiner and military honors by the United Veterans of the Flathead.

Memorial services will follow at the Trinity Lutheran Church at 11 a.m. The family suggests memorial gifts be given to the Trinity Lutheran School Building Fund, 400 West California St., Kalispell, MT 59901.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary & Crematory

Helen Viola Bertrand, 90

Helen Viola Bertrand, 90, passed away on Friday, Dec. 5, 2003, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

She was born on April 5, 1913, in Kiesling, Wash., to Oscar and Lydia (Kiesling) Seiter. Helen attended school in Wenatchee, Wash., graduating from school there.

She then met and married George Bertrand on Jan. 19, 1933, in Ephrata, Wash. The couple moved frequently with George's work but settled in the Spokane area from 1952 until Helen moved to Kalispell in 1990. Helen entered the Immanuel Lutheran Home in 1997 and enjoyed the care and companionship there.

Through her life, Helen, enjoyed many hours of handcrafting.

Helen was preceded in death by her husband, George on Aug. 6, 1984; and two grandsons, Richard Ziglar on June 11, 1983, and David Riebe on Aug. 10, 1991.

She is survived by two daughters, Virginia and Allen Riebe of Kalispell, and Maureen Baker of Spokane; one sister, Caroline Hestand of Wenatchee; 11 grandchildren; 27 great grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

Private graveside services will be held in Spokane next week.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Andrew Joseph Berube, 81

Andrew Joseph Berube, 81, died at his home in Bigfork on Saturday, Dec. 20, 2003.

He is survived by his wife, Jessie Berube of Bigfork; and three daughters, Rita Cannell, Jodee McViegh, and Jennifer Berube, all of the Seattle area.

Memorial mass will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 3, at St. Catherine's Catholic Church in Bigfork with the Rev. Donald Shea as celebrant.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Velma Ilene Storbeck Besnah, 91

Velma Ilene Storbeck Besnah, 91, was "called home to be with her Lord" on Jan. 28, 2003.

Velma was born on Jan. 27, 1912, in Punichy, Saskatchewan, to Louis and Elizabeth Mulner.

She resided in Minot, N.D., Orange, Calif., and the last three years she lived in Kila.

She was an active member of Peace Lutheran Church of Tustin, Calif., for many years. Velma was an avid bowler and belonged to St. John's Quilting Society.

She was preceded in death by



her parents; her husbands, William C. Storbeck in 1970, and Philip Besnah in 1979; and a brother, Gordon Mulner.

She is survived by her daughter, Helen and husband, Vern A. Evenson, of Snohomish, Wash., and Darlene Grey and Geraldine Westom, both of Kila; brothers, Henry Mulner and William Mulner, both of Taber, Alberta; a sister, Anne Harris of Calgary; 10 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews;

Her smile and great sense of humor will be missed by all her friends and family.

A memorial service will be at 1 p.m. on Tuesday at the Kila Country Church.

Mary Lou Best, 69

Mary Lou Best, 69, passed away on April 17, 2003.

She was born Aug. 11, 1933, in Shelby, to her parents, Charlie L. Wiggins and Merle Sparks.

She married her life-long love, Hugh Best, on Nov. 4, 1949. Hugh and Mary Lou spent 53 wonderful and adventurous years together. Though their trials were great, they shared many days doing the things they both loved. Whether it was huckleberry picking or just being in the woods, those who knew them will know that Mary Lou had many a great bear adventure to share.

She had a great love of gardening and of her dogs as well. She often spent her extra time grooming animals for her many friends and relatives. In the summer her garden would bloom with the many splendid colors of all the flowers that she lovingly tended. In her life she nurtured and helped



her friends and family grow. Her love will continue to bloom in them as her garden renews itself every year as a testament to her faith and love.

She is survived by her husband, and their three children, Jesse Hugh Best and his wife, Judy, Phyllis Irene Brechbill and her husband, Jack, and Kelly Jo Dixon and her husband, David.

Hugh and Mary Lou were blessed with 13 beautiful grandchildren. Mary Lou was also extremely proud of her 10 great-grandchildren, Brenda, Bill, Tony, Curtis, Jimmy, Cody, Emerson, Rebecca, Justin and Tyler.

Services will be held at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Kalispell, at 11 a.m. on Tuesday. Bishop Frank Wraught will be officiating. Burial will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

The family is being cared for by Johnson Mortuary. They would also like to thank all who have helped care for Mary Lou in her final days and for all the comfort and support they have received from their family and friends.

Kermit W. Bexell, 80

Kermit W. Bexell, 80, of Kalispell, "went to rest" peacefully at Brendan House on Feb. 19, 2003. Kermit was born on March 11, 1922, in Clearbrook, Minn., where his parents had immigrated to from Sweden.



He served in the U.S. Army during World War II as a radio operator. After his discharge from the Army, Kermit moved to Kalispell, where he met and married Anna Mae Torbergson on February 9, 1947.

Kermit and his family lived in Spokane for several years, before moving to Somers in 1966. He had worked at various jobs, including being employed as the custodian at Somers Elementary School until he retired.

Kermit was deeply loved and will be greatly missed by his whole family and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Rebecca; a sister, Evelyn; three brothers, Manley, Donald and Leroy; one daughter, Carrie; and two granddaughters, Melissa and Monica.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Anna Mae Bexell; his children and their spouses, Randy and Jennice Bexell of Lacey, Wash., Bruce and Chris Bexell of Olympia, Wash., Becky and Lyle Wagoner of Kalispell, Kevin and Nona Bexell of Jacksonville, N.C., Jennifer and Jim Sorensen of Burnsville, Minn., and Michelle and Tim Murphy of Kalispell; grandchildren, Kimberly, Matthew, Tiffany, Angela, Samantha, Amanda, Heather, Sabrina, Jessica, Kirsten, Darren, Zachary, Laura, Michael, Whitney, Kurtis, Anika and Alex; great-grandchildren, Tristan, Kaleb, Kayli, Nathan, Gavin and Brandon.

His family will be holding a private memorial service.

"We love you, dad."

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

Donald E. Bicknell, 81

Donald E. Bicknell, 81, died Jan. 3, 2003, at his home in Kalispell.

Cremation has taken place

and services will be at a later date. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

Elmer E. Bieber, 65

Elmer E. Bieber, 65, died on Monday, Dec. 29, 2003, at his home near Whitefish.

He worked for many years as a logger in the area.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret, at the family home near Whitefish; and his children, Brian Bieber of Elko, Nev., Craig Bieber of Kalispell, Rachel

Olsen of Kalispell, Gretchen Thompson and Sarah Hemmingson, both of Whitefish, and Shane Bieber of Fulks Run, Va.

A private family memorial service will be held at a later date.

Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is in charge of arrangements.

Franz Aniello Bienhold, 52

Franz Aniello Bienhold, 52, passed away on Wednesday, Aug. 27, 2003, at his home in Kalispell.

Franz was born on Sept. 17, 1950, in Plattsburg, N.Y., to Harry and Rose Maria (Papa) Bienhold. He attended schools in Plattsburg and later attended college for two years. He ran the family mini-farms in Alaska and Louisiana.

He married Carol Stanoch on Oct. 28, 1989, in Columbia Heights, Minn.

He liked playing the blues guitar and truly loved his dogs.

Franz was preceded in death by

his mother.

He is survived by his wife, Carol, of Kalispell; his father, Harry Bren of New York; sisters, Kathie of New York and Kissy of Montana; and nieces, Rosa of Montana and Carrie of California.

Memorial Mass will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 3, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church. His ashes will be interred at the Montana Veterans Cemetery in Ft. Harrison at 2 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 4.

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

Paul N. Billi, 52

Paul N. Billi, 52, passed on March 21, 2003, after a short illness. He was born in Cleveland, Ohio, on Feb. 8, 1951, the youngest of twins to John and Eva Billi.



Paul was preceded in death by both parents — his father, John in 1976, and his mother, Eva in 1988.

He is survived by his wife, April, of 24 years; and three children; sons, JohnPaul, 22, a corporal in the U.S. Marine Corps, and Shawn, 16; and daughter, Victoria, 18, all of Hungry Horse; a twin sister, Paula Cook and her husband Kenny of Phoenix; in-laws, Paul and Shirley Lansing of Hungry Horse; and many other family members and many friends.

Paul was loved by many. He made friends with everyone he met. Paul loved his family very much, along with hunting and fishing, hiking with his children in the summer and snowshoeing in the winter.

He worked in log yards at different mills in the valley for about 20 years.

Paul had been on dialysis the last eight and a half years and had made many friends during that time. Everybody at the dialysis center was just like family, not just to Paul, but also to all of his family.

Visitation will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. on Wednesday at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

There will be a celebration of Paul's life at 6 p.m. on Wednesday at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls, followed by cremation.

David Wayne Billsborough, 56

David Wayne Billsborough, 56, passed away Jan. 10, 2003, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

David was born Nov. 14, 1946, in Kalispell, to Elmer James and Ina Ruth (Covert) Billsborough.

David spent his entire life in Kalispell, graduating from Flathead High School. He served in the U.S. Air Force and was honorably discharged. He enjoyed his time at the Tutveidt farms where he worked.

David was preceded in death by his parents, Elmer and Ina.

He is survived by two sisters, Florence Barnes of Whitefish, and Shirley Miller of Eureka; two brothers, Elmer of Cut Bank, and Robert of Eureka; and two aunts.

A memorial service will be held later this summer. Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Charles Frederick Birnel, 75

Charles Frederick Birnel, 75, of Missoula, passed away on Wednesday, Sept. 24, 2003, at St. Patrick Hospital from complications of a head injury. He is now at peace, free from dialysis needles, falls and pain.

He was born Oct. 27, 1927, in Amsterdam, Calif., to James and Emily Birnel. He grew up in the Kalispell area.

Having a great mechanical mind, he began an automotive apprenticeship at age 15. He enlisted in the Army on January 1946, and served with the Occupational Forces in Germany. He was recalled during the Korean war with final discharge occurring on Aug. 29, 1952, from Fort Missoula.

His job as a heavy equipment mechanic took him many places over the years including three seasons on the Aleyska pipeline in northern Alaska. He retired in April 1990, and told everyone he never looked back.

On Aug. 29, 1952, he married Grace McDonald in Columbia Falls. They made their home in Kalispell until moving to Missoula in 1972.

In his younger years, Chuck was an avid hunter and fisherman. He made sure he came home with at least a load of firewood or mushrooms if the game eluded him. Summers were spent floating and fishing the rivers with his family or boating and camping with family and friends. Using his mechanical talents, he performed "surgery" on



his daughter's talking doll, endearing him to the neighborhood children.

Chuck spent countless hours on his woodworking projects. He was always adding more "toys" to his tool collection to make the next project easier and more beautiful. Each piece was a labor of love.

He was a member of the I.U.O.E. Local 400, and the American Legion Post 27 and was a lifetime member of the N.R.A.

Survivors include his wife of 51 years, Grace, of Missoula; daughter and granddaughter, Dawn and Devon Krystiniak of Grand Rapids, Mich., and daughter, Dr. Deann Birnel of Missoula; a sister, Viola Waymire of Mesa, Ariz; numerous nieces, nephews and their families; as well as many dear friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, William, George and Ernest; sisters, Devora Wolf, Grace Dougherty, Tessie Childress, Maude Harder, Bessie Birnel and Jean Tucker; and three nephews.

In accordance with Chuck's modest way of life, no formal services will be held. His family invites visitors to gather to celebrate his life 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 30, at Garden City Funeral Home. Interment will be Wednesday, Oct. 1, at Glacier Memorial Gardens in Kalispell. Time to be announced later.

The family suggests memorials to the Dialysis Unit at St. Patrick Hospital, 500 W. Broadway, Missoula or American Heart Association, 1900 Brooks, Missoula.

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

Fred Albert Bjork, 91

Fred Albert Bjork, 91, passed away Friday, Sept. 26, 2003, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

He was born Dec. 7, 1911, at the family home in Holt, to Emil and Nettie (Newham) Bjork. Fred attended Bigfork grade school and boarded in Kalispell for a couple of years while attending Flathead County High School.

He married Noreen Bartlett on March 18, 1934, in Kalispell. Fred was a loving husband, father, and friend. He was always ready to lend a helping hand.

He was a member of the Little Brown Church in Bigfork and helped in the construction of the church. He stayed on at the farm and cared for his parents after his father became totally blind. He loved farming on his family's farm, where he was born and lived until 1998, when he moved to Kalispell to be near his daughter, Deanna Hagerman.

Fred loved the outdoors, the Flathead Valley, camping and hunting, and taking long drives around the state. Glacier Park was one of his favorite spots. He didn't



travel a lot because he thought Montana had everything he needed.

He will be greatly missed by all his family and friends.

Fred was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Jack Bjork; a grandson, Rick Bjork; a brother, Lewis Bjork; a sister, Dorothy Bjork; and an infant sister, Vera Bjork.

Survivors include his wife of 69 years, Noreen Bjork, of Kalispell; a daughter, Deanna Hagerman, and her husband, Larry, of Kalispell; a daughter-in-law, Carol Bjork, and her daughter, Jackie Lynn, of Bigfork; granddaughters, LeAnn Marvin and her husband, Kenneth, of Kalispell, and Karen Francis and her husband, Robert, of Volcano, Hawaii; and four great-grandsons, Chandler and Morgan Marvin of Kalispell, and Luke and Larry Francis of Volcano. There are numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 4, in the Johnson Mortuary chapel. The Rev. Jim Holman will officiate.

The family suggests memorials be given to the Immanuel Lutheran Home, 185 Crestline Ave., Kalispell, MT 59901.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Leonard Frank Motichka, 89

Leonard Frank Motichka, 89, died Monday, March 4, 2002, in Kalispell.

He was born Nov. 12, 1912, in Columbia Falls to Frank and Alma (Tetrault) Motichka.

He is survived locally by his son, Neal Motichka.

Funeral services are pending. Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Marvel K. 'Marv' Bjorklund, 80

Marvel K. "Marv" Bjorklund, 80, passed away on Tuesday, June 24, 2003, in Bigfork from cancer. He was born March 21, 1923, in Glasgow, the son of Herbert and Hilma Bjorklund, early homesteaders north of Nashua who moved to Glasgow in 1934.

Marv began his entrepreneurial career at the young age of 13, while attending Glasgow schools by building the largest newspaper delivery route in town (during "Fort Peck Dam" Days) and by operating a convenience and newsstand with his brother, Russell, on the current site of First Community Bank.

Graduating from Glasgow High School in 1941, Marv moved to San Diego (where his sister lived), and became a tool-and-die maker. He worked two separate jobs in the aircraft factories that were ramping up production for World War II. It was in San Diego that he met and married Marie Down in October of 1942.

In 1943, Marv enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps and trained as a pilot. He attained the rank of captain, and flew night-photo-reconnaissance in the European Theater with the 8th Air Force. He remained in Germany with the Occupation Forces until early 1946.

In 1947, with his wife, Marie, and son, Randy, Marv moved back to Glasgow where he joined his father in a fledgling insurance and real estate business, Bjorklund and Son, that was later known as United Insurance and Realty. Over the ensuing 32 years as a businessman, Marv participated in numerous public service and business-related activities, including the local Kiwanis Club, a board member of the Deaconess Hospital, and the president of the Montana Independent Insurance Agents Associ-

ation.

Marie passed away in 1967. Marv married Thelma Leraas Waarvik in September of 1975, and in 1979 he sold his interest in United Insurance and Realty to enjoy retirement. Marv and Thelma wintered in Phoenix, but always returned to Montana in the summer, eventually splitting their time between Phoenix and Bigfork. It was important to Marv that he always maintained his Montana ties and residency.

Marv enjoyed golf, flying the grandkids, woodworking projects, and helping family, friends and neighbors with remodeling projects.

He is survived by his wife, Thelma of Bigfork; children, Randy and Sonja Bjorklund of Burke, Va., Karen Waarvik of Bothell, Wash., and Roger and Ruth Waarvik, Daryl and Deb Waarvik, Wayne Jr. and Tracey Waarvik, all of Glasgow; grandchildren, Karston Waarvik of Bothell, Wash., Kristen and Sarah, Brendan and Mikayla, Amanda and Trevor Waarvik, all of Glasgow; a nephew, Eric Bjorklund; and nieces, Karen Locklin, Linda Young and Kris O'Keefe.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Eulalie "Pat"; and one brother, Russell Bjorklund.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 28, at First Lutheran Church in Glasgow with Rev. Martin Mock officiating. Burial will take place at Highland Cemetery in Glasgow.

Memorials may be sent to the Glasgow High School Educational Trust Fund, 904 Wedum Drive, Glasgow, MT 59230; or to the American Cancer Society.

Arrangements are under the direction of Bell Mortuary in Glasgow.