

Thomas Albert Eaton, 52

Thomas Albert Eaton, 52, beloved husband and father, left this world to be pain-free Thursday, Feb. 13, 2003.

He was born in Chula Vista, Calif., to Thomas and Eugenie Eaton on Sept. 30, 1950. He was introduced to hunting and fishing at the age of 10 by his mentor Cho Hibi. After graduating Monte Vista High School in 1967, he moved to Ellensburg, Wash., where he logged and ranched for several years. It was in Washington that he met and married the love of his life, Linda Moen. Tom and Linda moved to Spring Valley, Calif., for a few years where he worked at General Dynamics Convair.

In 1981, the family moved to Montana, where Tom went to work for Plum Creek. Due to health reasons Tom retired in 2001, after 19 years at the mill.

There was nothing that Tom enjoyed doing more than spending time in the outdoors with his family. His "favorite hunting buddies"



were his family. He was happiest when spending time outdoors, and took great delight in teaching his children to respect and appreciate the outdoors, not only the land but also the animals. He was a lifetime member of the North American Hunting Club, as well as the National Rifle Association. Tom loved all creatures great and small, taking particular delight in the cats that "owned him."

Tom was preceded in death by his mother, father, a brother and a sister.

He is survived by his wife, Linda Eaton, of Columbia Falls; son Bret and wife Dolly Watson of Melbourne, Fla.; daughter Christine Eaton and her fiancé Rob Schmaling of Greenwich, Conn.; son Matthew and wife Amber Eaton of Columbia Falls; and a brother in California.

Services will be at 2 p.m. today at Johnson's Mortuary, with viewing between noon and 2 p.m.

Any donations may be sent to the Spondylitis Association of America, 14827 Ventura Blvd. No. 222, Sherman Oaks, CA 91403; or The Jimmy Fund, 10 Brookline Place West, Sixth Floor, Brookline, MA 02445-7295.

Sylvia Marie Ebing, 74

Sylvia Marie Ebing, 74, died on Sunday, Jan. 19, 2003, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

She is survived by her husband, John; and her daughters, Sue Ebing of Bigfork, and Karen Yerian of Columbia Falls.

Interment will be at 11 a.m. on Friday at the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell.

A memorial service will follow at 1 p.m. at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

Viola Mae 'Pat' Eby, 88

Viola Mae "Pat" Eby, 88, "was received by her Lord" on April 29, 2003.

She was born in Nebraska on Aug. 16, 1914.

Pat had lived in Kalispell since 1976.

She was an avid bingo player. She was preceded in death by

her husband, Wilson J. Eby, in 1984.

Pat is survived by her son, Richard Eby of Kalispell; her daughter, Patricia and husband, Brian Bowers, of Ohio; and her five grandchildren, Eric, David, Christi, Philip and Dean.

"She will be missed by all."

Dolores M. 'Dee' (Weaver) Eck, 65

Dolores M. "Dee" (Weaver) Eck, 65, died unexpectedly of natural causes at her residence in Plymouth, Ind., on Thursday morning, Nov. 20, 2003. Dee lived in the Plymouth area for the past 43 years, coming from Kalispell.



She was born Dec. 7, 1937, in Kalispell, the daughter of James and Jurine Stearns Weaver. She grew up on a cattle ranch in the Lower Valley owned by her grandparents, Buck and Clara Weaver.

Dee had a love of horses all her life. For many years she rode in O-Mok-Sees, winning about everything you could win.

She loved to travel and do adventurous things. At the age of 54, Dee went on a cattle drive in Montana and Wyoming on Custer's Last Stand battle ground.

Most recently she was loved and admired as a knowledgeable and helpful co-owner of the Bookworm, a bookstore for children and adults in the Pilgrim Place Center in Plymouth.

She moved to Indiana with her husband, Bill, where she lived until her death.

She was preceded in death by

her husbands, Bill Norris and Russell Eck; her parents; sister, Carol; and grandparents.

Dee is survived by two sons, a daughter, several stepchildren, grandchildren, stepgrandchildren, and great-grandchildren; her uncles, George Stearns of Bigfork, and Wes Stearns of Plains; aunts, Pearl Huso of Bigfork, and Beaulah Clothier of Kalispell; and stepfather, Darell Gilmore of Oregon.

Funeral services were held on Monday, Nov. 24, in Plymouth.

Memorial gifts and cards in Dee's memory may be made to the Marshall County Humane Society, the Marshall County Hospice, or the Reins of Life.

Georgiana J. Edwards, 72

Georgiana J. Edwards, 72, died Tuesday, March 18, 2003, at St. John Lutheran Hospital in Libby.

She and her husband owned and operated Libby Floral since 1981.

She is survived by her husband, Melvin, of Libby; and her children, Randy Edwards and Shannon Edwards-Myslicki, both of Libby, Rob Edwards of Calgary, Alberta, Gary

Edwards of Leavenworth, Wash., and Jennifer Tenney of White Swan, Wash.

Services will be 2 p.m. Friday at the Church of the Nazarene with the Rev. Gerald Bell officiating. Interment services will follow in the City of Libby Cemetery.

Visitation will be 3 to 8 p.m. today and until noon Friday at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home.

Helene Rose Edwards, 88

Helene Rose Edwards, 88, a World War II Army nurse and 20-year resident of Kalispell, passed away peacefully at Winter Park Memorial Hospital in Orlando, Fla., on Tuesday, Dec. 30, 2003, after a brief illness. She was born to William and Anna Fedesky on May 4, 1915, in St. Louis, Mo., the fourth of five children.

Helene received her registered nurse degree at Kings County Hospital in New York City in 1935. During World War II, she was a 2nd Lt. Army nurse serving in North Africa and Italy.

World-traveled, Helene was a newspaper columnist and short story writer. She made many good friends and happy memories everywhere she lived, and favorite recollections always included stories of her trips to Spain.

With her lively interest in the world and thirst for new knowledge, Helene studied political science as a senior citizen at Flathead Valley Community College. She loved art, music, dancing, literature, philosophy, traveling, good conversation, lively wit, and she adored her children. Her warm smile and generous wisdom were a great comfort and delight to all who knew her, both in Kalispell

and at the Orlando VA Nursing Care Home where she had lived since 2000.

Helene is survived by her five children, Geraldene and Ted Thurnau of Key West, Fla., Patrice Manget of Kalispell, Eileen and Bill Wray of Orlando, Fla., Michaelle Edwards of Hanalei, Hawaii, and Jody Edwards of Essex Junction, Vt.; her eight grandchildren, Christine Manget, Joe "Chip" and Karen Pistone, Tom Pistone, Pete Pistone, Zack Gilbert, Kylie Edwards, Chad Asher, and Carley and Adam Hollis; and five great-grandchildren, Justin and Jessica Pistone, Eli and Audrey Asher, and Riley Christine Hollis.

A memorial service will be held at 1:30 PM Sunday, Jan. 4, at the Orlando VA Nursing Care Home.

Flowers may be sent to Carey Hand Colonial Funeral Home at 2811 Curry Ford Rd., Orlando, FL, 32806 (407-898-2561).

Donations for a memorial bench at the Orlando VA Nursing Care Home may be sent to Eileen Wray, 14161 Deljean Circle, Orlando, FL, 32828.

Internment of remains will take place at Arlington National Cemetery in the spring.

Thomas G. 'Tom' Edwards, 53

Thomas G. "Tom" Edwards was born Dec. 2, 1950, at Park Rapids, Minn., and passed away Sept. 4, 2003, at the University of Washington Hospital in Seattle after a brief illness.



He attended school in Park Rapids, Minn., until he moved with his family to Omak, Wash., in 1966. Tom graduated from Omak High School in 1968. He then married Joan Weitman of Omak. They raised a family near Spokane.

Later, he remarried in September 2001 to Donna Reed of Columbia Falls, where he made his home.

Tom was fortunate as he truly enjoyed his job as a welder working for the Bonneville Power Administration for 23 years. He was a loving grandfather, father, son, brother and husband.

All his life Tom liked to spend his free time outdoors or tinkering in his garage. When challenged he would never pass up a good game of pool. While relaxing you would always find Tom having a good

time in the company of family and friends.

Tom is survived by his wife, Donna, and her children, Donnie, Sarah and Derik of Columbia Falls; his parents, Herman and Carol Crandall of Omak, and Stan and Leigh Edwards of Redmond, Wash.; his daughter, Deva and husband, Mark; their daughters, Sequoia and Chenoa of Macedon, Australia; his daughter, Inge, and husband, Jason, and their children, Andrew, Charlene, and James of Reardan, Wash.; his son, Tom Edwards and fiancé, Emily, of Spokane; sisters, Diana Weitman and husband, Dick, of Moses Lake, Wash., and Sue Carlton and husband, Greg, of Omak.; brother, Herman Crandall and wife, Maria, of Omak; along with numerous nieces, nephews, extended family members and friends.

His grandson, Spencer Thomas Gray, preceded Tom in death.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12, at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. Rev. David Kauffman will officiate. A reception will follow at the North Valley Eagles Club in Columbia Falls.

Rena Mae Eddy, 76

Memorial services are planned for Rena Mae Eddy at 1:30 p.m. June 28 at Swan Lake Chapel in Swan Lake. Retired Pastor Ron Pierce will officiate. Rena "joined her husband, Jack, in heaven" on Dec. 14, 2002.

Rena, a former Flathead Valley resident, passed away in Washington where she had moved two years ago to make her home with her only daughter, because of failing health.

Rena was born Aug. 27, 1926, in Kila, to Stuart F. and Emma (Wittlake) Duncan, who preceded her in death.

On Sept. 6, 1945, she married Jack E. Eddy in Butte. They made their home in Somers, Ferndale, and later Bigfork. To this union was born the greatest loves in her life, their four children. They are, with their spouses, Jack and wife, Karen, of Petersburg, Alaska, Larry and his wife, Sherry, of Geysler,

Gayle of Mukilteo, Wash., and Scott and his wife, Ann, of Anchorage, Alaska. She had 10 devoted grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her sister, Eunice Mahlum of Bigfork, and Wellington Duncan of Kalispell; her special friend, Leoma Taylor of Bigfork; and several nieces and nephews.

She treasured her time spent serving youth in the 4-H program, as well as bowling and playing cards and Bunco with family and friends. She enjoyed creating ceramic pieces with her friends in the Puttering Potters' Ceramic Club of Ferndale, and participating in activities of her church. Friends have commented about her trait of being "so particular" with whatever she created, as well as having a great sense of humor.

Memorials may be made to Swan Chapel in her honor.

Howard John Eggert, 80

Howard John Eggert, 80, "departed this life" on Nov. 10, 2003.

He was born March 28, 1923, in Farmington Township, Minn., to Albert and Clara Eggert. He was baptized in the little country church there. He came to Libby as a child in 1929, attended school and graduated in 1941. He was honored at Libby High School as a four-letter man and played on the State Championship football team in 1940. He was co-captain with Leonard Spencer.

He attended the Helena School of Aeronautics, studying electric wiring.

He worked for J. Neils Lumber Company until he was seriously injured, then spent two years farming in Washington state. He enlisted in the Navy in 1945 and served as a fireman, transferring to the civil service where he worked for 32 years. He was stationed at Cherry Point, N.C., and while there, qualified for his pilot's license.

Howard married Evelyn Cravey in 1950 in Rhine, Ga., and they had one son. His wife died in 1984.

Howard was active in Little League and with the church youth group. He was on the executive board of the Newport Developmen-

tal Center for disadvantaged and disabled children for many years.

He married Dolene Spencer in 1988 and they spent the summers in Montana and the winters in North Carolina and Arizona. They enjoyed traveling all over the United States. They were both avid golfers and played on many different courses. Howard was a low handicap golfer. In his later years, he enjoyed fishing on Lake Koochanusa.

He was a member of St. John Lutheran Church, being confirmed in 1938.

Memorials may be sent to St. John Lutheran Sunday school in lieu of flowers.

He is survived by his wife Dolene; one son, Dr. Larry Eggert and wife, Joan, of Ogden, Utah; stepchildren, Judith Schmidt of St. Charles, Mo., Donna Munson and her husband, Roy, of Sheridan, Ore., Gail Maestas and husband, Andy, of Oak Hill, Va., and Keith Spencer and his wife, Patty, of Roseburg, Ore., seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A celebration of joy will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. John Lutheran Church. Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 14.

Arrangements are by Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Libby.

Joseph R. Einarsson, 55

Joseph R. Einarsson, 55, of Marion, died Thursday, Dec. 25, 2003, at his home.

Survivors include his children, Kris Einarsson, of Wauna, Wash., Kym Riden, of Bellevue, Wash., and Marc Einarsson, of Sumner, Wash.; and his parents,

Jim and Thelda Einarsson, of Tumwater, Wash.

A family gathering will be at 6 p.m. today, at the Hilltop Hitching Post in Marion.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Bertell B. Eklund, 81

Bertell B. Eklund, 81, passed away on Monday, Dec. 1, 2003, at his home in Kalispell.

He was born on June 10, 1922, in Somers, to George F. and Louise (Houle) Eklund.

Bert was the third generation Eklund to live in the Flathead Valley. He was a man of courage and duty who loved this land and place. He had a profound attachment to its natural grace and beauty.

Bert was born at home overlooking Flathead Lake; and he grew up in Somers, and attended Flathead County High School.

He was called up in September 1940 by the National Guard, Company F, 163rd Infantry, 41st Division. He was discharged on Aug. 12, 1945. A soldier in the Southeast Pacific for five years, he returned to the Flathead with his bride and raised three children.

In retirement, Bert worked with the AWANA program at Central Bible Church. He also enjoyed nature; fishing, hunting, photogra-



phy, and camping throughout the Flathead; and travel — including several trips to Australia to visit life-long friends.

Bert was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Dallas, George and Raymond; one sister, Lucille Buscher; and one infant daughter, Barbara.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret Marcile "Sammie" of Kalispell; one son, David and Sharon Eklund of Phoenix; two daughters, Dianne and Lawrence Bell of Portland, and Linda Eklund of New York City, N.Y.; three grandchildren, Jennifer of Mouth, Ore., David of Portland, and Joshua of Kalispell; sisters-in-law, nephews, and nieces of various cities.

A graveside committal service will be held at 2 p.m. today at Glacier Memorial Gardens with Pastor Ron Youde officiating. Memorial services will continue at 3 p.m. at Central Bible Church with a reception to follow in the gym.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Orlene L. Eklund, 80

Orlene L. Eklund, 80, passed away on Wednesday, Jan. 29, 2003, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

She was born on Jan. 31, 1922, in Hardin, to Clarence W. and Beulah B. (Thomas) Granger.

Orlene graduated from Butte High School and attended Montana State University in Bozeman. She married Victor D. Eklund in Kalispell, on Memorial Day, May 31, 1948.

Orlene was past matron of Flathead Lake Chapter 128 Order of Eastern Star in Bigfork, Sapphira Temple 179 Daughters of the Nile in Helena, member of the Lakeside Ladies Pinochle Club and was involved in various other activities. She enjoyed doing various hand crafts, beadwork, crocheting, and knitting.

Orlene was preceded in death by one son, Mark; parents, Beulah and Clarence Granger; and two sisters, Beulah Olson Lenz and Burdette Taylor.



She is survived by her husband, Victor D. Eklund, of Lakeside; two daughters, Orlene L. Schroeder and husband, Paul, of Mohall, N.D., and Susan Davis of Anaheim, Calif.; two sons, Matt Eklund and wife, Cindy, of Kalispell, and David Eklund and wife, Debbie, of Alta Loma, Calif.; nine grandchildren, Julie, Allen and Tracie Schroeder of Mohall, Dustin, David and Lacey Eklund of Kalispell, and Mark, Marie, and Michael Eklund of Alta Loma, Calif.; sister, Ardith Clare of Lakeside; and various nieces, nephews, and cousins.

A memorial service will be at 1 p.m. on Monday at the Lakeside Community Chapel, with Pastor John Ulrich officiating. Order of Eastern Star Chapter 128 will be providing honors.

The family suggests memorials to the Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children, P.O. Box 2472, Spokane, WA 99210 or to the Eastern Star Cancer Fund, Flathead Lake Chapter 128, P.O. Box 205, Lakeside, MT 59922, or to a charity of your choice.

Arrangements and cremation are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Lindsey Mae Elgas, 18

In the early morning hours of March 1, 2003, as a result of an auto accident, Lindsey Mae Elgas, 18, "danced into the arms of her beloved Savior, Jesus."



Lindsey was born in Libby on May 19, 1984, and moved to Kalispell 12 years later. Her early academic life was spent at Russell School. During these years Lindsey developed a special love for dancing. She would regularly organize little dance routines with her friends and perform them for appreciative adults.

While attending Flathead High School, Lindsey enjoyed the challenge of meshing her dance skills with her interest in cheerleading and drama. She would often choreograph cheerleading routines and had a vital role in developing the swing dances used in a school production of "Romeo and Juliet."

Another important part of Lindsey's life was loving children. Youngsters delighted in her warm smile and joyful enthusiasm, and were naturally drawn to her. While in high school, she worked two years for the Kalispell Parks and Recreation Department as a summer counselor. She also held a job at The Summit in the S.P.A.R.K.S. after-school children's program.

Early in her childhood Lindsey gave her heart to God by accepting Jesus Christ as her personal Lord and Savior. Throughout her life she looked for opportunities to serve Him and to love Him more. During her teen years, she was active in the Christian Center youth group and her participation in a missions trip to the Cayman Islands deeply impacted her life. Lindsey's heartfelt desire was to see all of her friends come to know Jesus as she knew Him.

Out of her love for the Lord flowed a special love for people. She nurtured a deep compassion for people, especially those who

were lonely or suffering. She would not tolerate gossip or unkind remarks about others; instead she would focus on the positive qualities of every individual she met. She had a strong sense of loyalty toward her friends and loved being with them whenever possible. Her enjoyment of life was contagious and she inspired others by her willingness to meet new challenges and persevere through them.

Lindsey graduated from Flathead High School in 2002. Last autumn she began her freshman year at the University of Montana, majoring in psychology. She had recently been given the position of psychology proctor, an honor not usually extended to freshmen. In her spare time at college, Lindsey liked to write poems and enjoyed creating rap music with her friends.

Through her faith, love and the strength of her character, Lindsey has left an enduring legacy to her family and her friends. She will be remembered always and missed greatly.

Lindsey is survived by her mother, Maggie Elgas of Kalispell; her father, Ron Swing of Spokane; her sister, Leah Elgas of Missoula; maternal grandparents, JoAnn Bojorquez of Casper, Wyo., and Don and Nancy Elgas of Salem, Ore.; aunts, Liz Toay of Riverton, Wyo., Mary Douzenis of Riverton, Wyo., Melinda Kiefer of Joliet, Heather Nguyen of Portland, Jeanne McEwen of Salem, Ore., and Vanessa Elgas of Joliet; uncles, Mike Elgas of Sumner, Wash., Mark Elgas of Glendale, Ariz., Dennis Elgas of Bozeman, Danny Elgas of Grand Forks, N.D., and David Elgas of Salem, Ore., numerous cousins and a wealth of friends.

Visitation will be from 4 to 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home in Kalispell. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at St. Matthew's Catholic Church. Burial will follow at C.E. Conrad Cemetery. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Donald Russell Elgin, 67

Donald Russell Elgin, 67, passed away Nov. 6, 2003, surrounded by his family at his home in Kalispell.



Don was born May 16, 1936, in Glasgow, to Russell and Velva Elgin, the first of four children. The family moved to the Flathead Valley in 1940. After graduating from Flathead County High School in 1954, he enlisted in the U.S. Army where his duties took him throughout Europe for two years. Don earned medals in marksmanship and good conduct.

He returned home and married his high school sweetheart, Roberta Motichka, on June 30, 1956. They made their home in Kalispell where they began a family. Don worked in the woods for one year and then began his 43-year career as an electrician at the aluminum plant in Columbia Falls. He was proud to work with his father, Russell, a fellow electrician.

It was during this time that Don became a diver with the Flathead Valley Search and Rescue. He provided services to many families. He was a member of the Blue Cross Blue Shield Insurance Committee and served on the negotiations committee for the aluminum plant workers. He was a member of the I.B.E.W. Union and served on the E. Board. He was a member of the Eagles and the Masonic Lodge Number 42 where he became the youngest Master during that time.

His greatest pleasures in life

were times spent with his family and friends hunting, fishing, camping and getting wood. Other pleasures included listening to country music, playing guitar, racing stock cars, watching NASCAR, shooting, reloading shells, making fishing lures, taking pictures, and traveling.

Don retired from the aluminum plant in 1999, and his dream came true when he and Roberta made a six week journey to Alaska.

Besides with his love, he showed his family with many unexpected gifts, and is remembered for being an excellent teacher.

Don was preceded in death by his father, Russell Elgin, grandparents and a nephew.

Don is survived by his wife Roberta; sons, Dan, Dave and his wife, Neila, and five children, Donnie and his wife, Lori, and three children; four great-grandchildren; mother, Velva Bruyer; sisters, Carol Custer and Linda Hummel; brother, Jim Elgin; step-sister Leola Graf; stepbrother Richard Bruyer; and many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins. We will always love and miss you.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday. Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary. Services will be held at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 11 at Stillwater Free Lutheran Church under the direction of Pastor Tim Bartholomew. A grave-side service with military honors will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

The family suggests memorials be given to Hospice, Home Health Options, 175 Commons Loop, Ste. 100, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Cherish Rose Ellenwood, 24

Cherish Rose Ellenwood, 24, "went to be with the Lord" on March 22, 2003, after a long and courageous battle with cancer.

She was born in Sonora, Calif., on Feb. 28, 1979, to her loving parents, John and Cheryl Davis. She lived in Tuolumne, Calif., until she moved with her family to Kalispell in 1991.

It was in Kalispell that she met the love of her life, James Ellenwood. They were married July 1, 1995. On Oct. 22, 1996, she graced family and friends with her greatest joy, a beautiful little boy.

In October 2002, she and her family moved to Laramie, Wyo. Cherish was diagnosed with cancer in November 1997. Most people would have been devastated, but Cherish took it in stride and held her head up high and wouldn't let a little thing like this get in the way of life.

Cherish had great faith in the Lord and conveyed it to everyone

she knew. She also had a divine strength that would have matched the best of the best.

She was loved and admired by everybody she met. She was a wonderful wife and mother. There wasn't a scratch or a hurt feeling she couldn't fix with her amazing smile and beautiful attitude.

She is survived by her husband, Jamie, and son, Ryan, of Laramie; parents, John and Cheryl Davis; her brother, Josh and his wife, Debbie, and their children, Tanner, Faith and Hope, all of Kalispell; parental grandparents, Harold and Dixie Davis of Arizona; maternal grandmother, Edith Edwards; and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Services will be at 2 p.m. today at New Life Christian Center in Polson.

Memorial donations may be made to the Wings Foundation or to a trust fund set up for Ryan at the Whitefish Credit Union.

Jack W. Ellis, 49

Jack W. Ellis, 49, of Bigfork, died peacefully in his sleep on April 4, 2003, at his home.

Jack was born in Statesboro, Ga., on Dec. 24, 1953, to Vera Davis Ellis and Jack Floyd Ellis. He graduated from Statesboro High School with the class of 1972.

He met his life's companion, Kathy, in Columbia, S.C., and they were married Dec. 30, 1974. They were blessed with a son, Shannon, on Dec. 4, 1975, in Statesboro, Ga. Their blessings increased with the birth of their daughter, Kande, born June 20, 1981, in Americus, Ga. Jack considered his children his greatest gift from God.

Jack moved with his family to Great Falls in 1985. In 1986, the family made their home in the Flathead Valley, where their hearts continue to remain today.

The only thing that could match the love that Jack showered on his family was the love that Jack had for his country. Soon after graduating from high school, he joined the U.S. Army, going through basic training at Fort Bragg, S.C. While in Fort Bragg he served with the 82nd Airborne Division as a paratrooper.

He transferred to Columbia, S.C., before serving in Germany from 1976 to 1979, and returned stateside to continue his military



career as a sergeant first class in the country he loved. He retired as a 100-percent disabled veteran in November of 1985.

Though his health prevented him from actively serving his country, he actively supported the troops serving at home and overseas. He was extremely proud of his service to his country, and extremely proud of those who chose to do the same.

In addition to his military talents, Jack had many hobbies. He was an avid outdoorsman. He enjoyed building rustic furniture. He was an active member of the community, and showed genuine concern for all community members, helping to maintain vehicles, properties and good morale throughout the community.

He was full of love and laughter for everyone, family, friend or stranger. Jack overcame unimaginable adversity time and time again, yet his faith did not waiver. His love and devotion for his family was beyond reproach.

Jack is survived by his wife of 28 years, Kathy Ellis, of Bigfork; his son, Shannon, and wife Crystal, and granddaughter, Kaylee, of Cheyenne, Wyo.; and daughter, Kande, of Bigfork.

Viewing will be 4 p.m. Monday at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home in Kalispell. Services will be officiated by Jim Holman at 3 p.m. Tuesday at Swan River Hall. Jack will be laid to rest with full military honors Wednesday afternoon at Fort Harrison in Helena.

Kathryn 'Katie' Z. Emmert, 83

Kathryn "Katie" Z. Emmert, 83, passed away peacefully in her sleep on Saturday, April 5, 2003. Katie was born Dec. 13, 1919, in Opheim to William and Zilla Brown Keefe.



In 1924, the family moved to Whitefish and then to Kalispell, where Katie and her brothers, Bill and Jean, and sister, Celia, grew up and attended school together. They were all graduates of Flathead High School, and Katie, for the past several years, was active in organizing and planning high school reunions for the many friends from the Keefes' era.

Katie married Mike Emmert Jan. 16, 1943, in Missoula. They lived in Kalispell and Ronan before moving to Great Falls in 1960. In 1976, Katie retired from her job as office manager at Judge Moving and Storage, and she and Mike settled on the family farm north of Kalispell.

Katie will be remembered for her kindness, her sense of humor and her devotion to friends and family. She believed in making the best of every day.

Katie is preceded in death by her brothers and sister; a son, William Michael, in 1967; husband Mike, in 1993; and a granddaughter, Michelle, in 2002.

Katie is survived by her four daughters, Kathy Hedeem and fiance Todd Smith of Kalispell,

Kay Emmert of Ronan, Sharon Emmert of California, and Celia Emmert of Great Falls; lifelong friends, Mike's cousins, Merlyn Taborsky of Kalispell and Dora Olson of Ronan; her school chum, Beulah "Kidney" Clothier of Kalispell; special friends Avis Hoyt of Bigfork, Doris Roberts of Kalispell, and Eddie Puzon of Great Falls; also Jim Weinhandl of Great Falls and John Hedeem of Idaho, who both had a special place in her heart; five grandchildren, Danielle Hedeem of Kalispell, Chase Weinhandl and Jamie Olson of Ronan, Katie and Neil Daly of California; and great-grandsons, Dylan Haskell and Madison Goodwin, both of California; as well as several nieces and nephews, including her special favorite, Penny Kesti of Washington.

"Katie's faith in being strong and overcoming obstacles will be instilled in us forever. She will always be our blue sky and sunshine. We thank her for holding us together and letting us know home was always where 'Ma' was."

Visitation for Katie will be from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 8, 2003, at Johnson Mortuary. Funeral Services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 9 at Johnson Mortuary Chapel, with Pastor Ron Pierce officiating.

The family requests memorials be made in Katie's name to the American Heart Association, 510 First Avenue North #114, Great Falls, MT, 59401.

Arrangements are under direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Mark Harris Endreson, 43

Mark Harris Endreson, 43, formerly of Columbia Falls, died on April 1, 2003.

He was born in Spokane, on March 30, 1960.

Mark was raised in Columbia Falls, and was a graduate of Columbia Falls High School in the class of 1978.

After high school he joined the U.S. Navy and served with a helicopter unit on Coronado Island, Calif. After leaving the Navy he worked for different organizations in the San Diego area until becoming disabled.

He loved the Southwestern United States and resided in San Diego, Calif., until 1999, and then moved to Phoenix, where he resided until the time of his death.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Delores E. Endreson in 1994.

Mark is survived by his father, Harris W. Endreson; stepmother Avis F. Endreson; sister, Pamela J. Jones and her husband, Gregg Jones; his nephews, Mackenzie Jones and Morgan Jones; his stepbrother, Steven D. Thompson and wife, Linda, all from Columbia Falls; his stepsisters, Diana Winters and husband, Jay, from Kalispell, and Denise Kemp and husband, Roy, of Helena, and Ver-na Hedrick and husband, Chris, from Sebree, Ky.; and numerous relatives and friends.

Cremation has taken place and memorial services and interment will be at a later date.

Lois Jean Enevold, 71

Lois Jean Enevold, 71, died Monday, June 23, 2003, at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center in Lewiston, Idaho. She lived in Orofino, Idaho, until moving to Lewiston last year.



Lois was born in Kalispell, Sept. 27, 1931, to Art and Mildred Soderstrom Smith. She and her four siblings were raised by her mother and stepfather, Robert Frach, in Kalispell. Lois graduated from Flathead County High School in 1949.

She married David "Pete" Enevold Oct. 22, 1950. They divorced in 1990.

After leaving Kalispell, Lois remained close to her extended

family. She spent vacations and holidays with them as much as possible. She enjoyed playing cards, camping, boating and fishing. Lois made lifetime friends through her travels with Pete, following hydroelectric projects. While on these projects, Lois and Pete often entertained friends with weekend barbecues at their home. From one of those dear friends she heard her favorite phrase and repeated to her children, "It doesn't cost a dime to be honest."

In the 1960s and '70s, Lois sold mutual funds and life insurance, earning several top sales awards. From 1973 to 1980, Lois and Pete managed Konkolville Steakhouse, Lounge and Tavern in Orofino.

Lois devoted most of her life to taking care of her home and family. She had a generous and kind spiri

and derived much pleasure from the success and happiness of her children and grandchildren.

Lois is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Randy and Jill Enevold of Clarkston, Idaho; her daughter and son-in-law, Debbie and Kip Manfull of Orofino; a sister, Sharon Hawk of Kalispell; a brother, Robert Frach Jr. of Kalispell; nine grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 40 years, Pete Enevold; their daughter, Valerie Jo Enevold; her brother, Marion "Buzz" Smith; her sister, Eileen "Ike" Kair; and her parents.

Family and friends are invited to a gathering from 2 to 5 p.m. Friday, June 27, at the home of Kip and Debbie Manfull, 2281 Harmony Heights Road, Orofino.

John Eoff, 69

John Eoff, 69, passed away on Jan. 30, 2003.

He was born in Woodward, Okla., on May 3, 1933, to J. Ralph and Esther Eoff.

John graduated from the University of Oklahoma in 1956 with a Bachelor of Science degree in business. He served as a lieutenant in the United States Army from 1956-59.

On Dec. 5, 1958, John married Jean Schindler. They raised their two children in Woodinville, Wash. where John worked at the University of Washington and Evergreen State College. In 1981, they moved to Las Cruces, N.M. where John worked until he retired from New Mexico State University. He was the assistant director of the administrative data processing department at the University Computer Center. In 1999, he moved to Kalispell to be closer to his family.

John was known for his good sense of humor and his interest in people. He always loved to learn new things. He enjoyed playing racquet sports, especially tennis.



He was an active member in square-dance clubs in Las Cruces and Kalispell. Along with dancing, he was a board member and caller. John's other interests included bridge, woodworking, hiking and attending music, dance and theater productions.

He is survived by his children, John K. Eoff-Wesley of Seattle; Judy Breland, husband Andy, and granddaughters Melina and Sydney Breland, of Kalispell; brother Jim Eoff and wife Bennita, of Denver; sister Carolyn Hook and husband Denny, of Stillwater, Okla.; brother Joe Eoff and wife Margaret, of Pearland, Texas; and several nephews and nieces and their families.

A celebration of his life will be at 2 p.m. on Wednesday at Central Bible Church, 902 First Ave. E. in Kalispell.

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

In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorials be made to the Glacier Orchestra and Chorale, P.O. Box 2491, Kalispell MT 59903, or to The John W. Eoff Endowed Tennis Fund at the NMSU, P.O. Box 3590, Las Cruces NM 88003.

Frederick William Epler, 86

Frederick William Epler, 86, passed away on Saturday Jan. 18, 2003, at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

Fred was born on Dec. 20, 1916, in Seattle, to parents, Lora Mabel Fletcher and Joseph Andrew Epler.

He married Bessie C. Epler in August 1953 in Seattle. They moved to the Flathead Valley on Oct. 5, 2001.

Fred served his country in both the Army and Coast Guard, serving as a shipboard radioman during World War II. Before retiring, he worked for many years with the Federal Aviation Administration, maintaining radar installations at air-traffic control centers.

He had a passion for music, and played several instruments includ-



ing the string bass, sousaphone, tuba and piano. His family and friends remember Fred as very friendly and outgoing, with an engaging personality and sense of humor. He will be deeply missed by all of them.

Frederick was preceded in death by his wife, Bessie; his parents; and a brother and sister.

He is survived by his son, Fred and his wife Cynthia Epler, of Whitefish; daughter, Lorraine and her husband Ron Schmidt, of Olympia, Wash.; brother, Joseph Epler, of Seattle; brother, Donald Epler, of Maui, Hawaii; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home Chapel, with the Rev. Glenn Burfeind officiating. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Daniel R. Erdman, 65

Daniel R. Erdman, 65, passed away at the Life Care Center in Ritzville, Wash., on Feb. 15, 2003.

He was born to Fredrick Carl and Viola Mary Erdman in Lomira, Wis., on July 21, 1937.

Daniel joined the Navy on July 27, 1954, and was discharged on July 2, 1958. He married in Shelby in 1958. He worked various jobs, including with the railroad and the highway department, and construction, and also did farm labor work in and around Montana.

Daniel later moved to Libby, where he worked for the Forest Service for a while. He moved to Washington where he worked at various other jobs and farm work until his disability, after which he lived with his daughter, Trevere.

He is survived by two sons, Mark and wife, Renee Erdman, of

Charlotte, N.C., and Glenn and wife, Roxie Erdman, of Kalispell; four daughters, Debbie and husband, Wayne Bibeau, of Vero Beach, Fla., Trevere Johnston of Yakima, Wash., Spring and husband, Derrick Moore, of Kalispell, and Lorene and husband, Roger Hoyt, of Columbia Falls; 14 grandchildren; three brothers, Glen Erdman and David and wife, Marge Erdman, all of Lind, Wash., and Brad Erdman of Arizona; one sister, Elsie Cornell of Lind; and numerous nieces and nephews.

His parents, two brothers, and four sisters preceded him in death.

A memorial service will be held at 4 p.m. on Friday at the Danekus Funeral Home in Ritzville, Wash. Burial will be at 3 p.m. on Saturday at the veterans' plot at the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell.

Cheryl Miller Erickson, 54

Cheryl Miller Erickson was born April 14, 1949, in Missoula and passed away Sept. 6, 2003, from cancer at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

She is survived by her husband, Richard Erickson; daughter, Shannon and Brett Allard; son, Michael Jasperson; daughter, Jessica Hudiburgh; Eve



and Brent Rutherford; Jason and Josie Erickson; grandson, Zachary Jasperson; granddaughters, Ashley Allen and Britney Allard; also Walker, Christian and Kiana Erickson; parents, Bill and Marian Miller; aunt, Phyllis Saulter; lots of special cousins; and her many friends from Marion who were such an important part of her life.

A celebration of her life will be 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, at the Hilltop Hitching Post in Marion.

Dick Erickson, 62

After a courageous and valiant 12-year battle with cancer, Dick Erickson, 62, passed from this life on Wednesday, Feb. 19, 2003, at the home of his sister in Woods Bay.

In the weeks preceding his death, Dick had been able to enjoy the company of the loves of his life his three children who traveled to Montana to be with him one last time. His courage, constant love for his family, and irrepressible sense of humor were with him to the end and he will live on in our hearts forever.

Dick was born on April 13, 1940, in Butte, the second of three children born to Marguerite "Missy" and Rudy Erickson. He attended St. John's and Boys Central schools in Butte, and when his father was promoted to the New York City headquarters of the Anaconda Company, finished high school in Morristown, N.J.

After a four-year stint in the Navy, including participation in the Cuban Missile Blockade, he attended Rutgers University in New Jersey.

His marriage to Cynthia Saford ended in divorce, but he remained a much-loved and loving father to his children for the rest of his life. Always a prankster, he also worked hard and made friends wherever he went.

At the time of his death, he was in the process of starting a branch

office for Mannings USA, intending to serve clients in the north-west and western Canada. He was one of the founding members of the company in New Jersey and still on the board of directors. He moved back to Montana to pursue those goals in November of 2001. Unfortunately, his cancer had other plans for him.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Rudy and Missy Erickson.

He is survived by his children, twins Kimberly and Geoffrey Erickson of Raleigh-Durham, N.C., and Robert Erickson of Atlanta; sisters, Shirley Frayer of Bigfork, and Lucy Weir of Florence, Ore.; cousins, Jim Lucey of Las Vegas, Peggy Shone and Rick Lucey of Butte, Francis "Babe" Simonich of Great Falls; nieces and nephews, Christina Belding and Evan Frayer of Atlanta, Eric Frayer of Cincinnati, and Stuart and Gretchen Weir of Oregon; and a multitude of friends and co-workers.

At his request, no visitation or funeral services will be held at this time. A small gathering of family and close friends and scattering of his ashes will be held in September in Glacier National Park.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the charity of the donor's choice are recommended.

Robert Jay 'Bob' Erickson, 37

Robert Jay "Bob" Erickson, 37, passed away Friday near Missoula. Bob was born May 28, 1966, in Glasgow to Frank and Joyce (Jones) Erickson.



Bob grew up in Libby, Tacoma, Wash.; Okinawa, Japan and Columbia Falls. He graduated from Libby High School in 1984.

Bob joined the U.S. Air Force in May 1985 and was stationed in Merced, Calif., at Castle Air Force Base. He was an auto body mechanic and was discharged as a buck sergeant. His oldest daughter, ReNae, was born there.

He then moved back to Libby where he married Jackie Beagle in 1986. Bob then worked at Champion Lumber mill for two years. During that time, his twin daughters, Avery and Ashley were born. In the fall of 1991, Bob was hired by the Burlington Northern Railroad. He commuted back and forth to Libby until moving the family to the Flathead Valley in 1995. In 1998, Bob became an engineer and had been in that position until his death.

Bob was active in the Masons and Shriners. He worked with the Destination Imagination Elrod

team, which just got back from competing at globals in Tennessee.

His passions were fishing, boating with his family, skiing with his daughters, camping with family, golfing and participating in Shriner functions. He was a participant with the go-ped patrol.

Bob is survived by his wife of 17 years, Jackie of Kalispell; daughters, ReNae, Avery and Ashley; parents, Don and Joyce Parienteau of Columbia Falls, and Frank and Sharon Erickson of Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; brothers, Tom Erickson and wife Kris of Libby, and Frank Erickson of Columbia Falls; sister, Brenda Beck and husband Bob of Puyallup, Wash.; father- and mother-in-law, Bob and Sherry Beagle of Libby; sister-in-law, Kathy Stern of Libby; brother-in-law, Scott Beagle and wife Betty Jo; as well as many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be from 4 to 6 p.m. today. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, June 25, at Johnson Mortuary Chapel with Pastor Larry Stappler officiating.

The family suggests memorial contributions be made to Park Side Federal Credit Union for his daughters.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Ronald Leroy Erickson, 58

Ronald Leroy Erickson, 58, passed away unexpectedly at his home in Panama City, Fla., on Dec. 23, 2002, of natural causes.

Ron was born Sept. 8, 1944, to Lloyd and Gladys Erickson in Whitefish. He attended Whitefish schools, graduating in 1962.

After graduation, he went to Minneapolis, Minn., where he worked until joining the Air Force in September 1963. While stationed in Sheridan, Wyo., he married Jean Turner, and a son, James Dennis, was born from this first marriage. In 1968, he met and married Lucretia Dean and became the adoptive father of Lori, Shawn and Chip.

In the course of his enlistment he traveled to Wyoming, Guam, California, Illinois, Florida and Panama in Central America.

Ron excelled in security, communications, and computer programming. From 1983 to 1989, as noted in his discharge document No. 214, "at the request of and for the convenience of the government," he returned to his prior service position as a civil servant. He retired with disability in 1989 to his home in Panama City, Fla.

During his service he earned numerous meritorious service awards, medals and ribbons. Ron's hobbies included computers, boating to Shell Island, fishing, listening to Dale Jarrett's Nascar race on his surround-sound system and visit-



ing his special friends at the AmVets. Ron had a great love of eagles, and he enjoyed serving his country respectfully and honorably.

Ron was preceded in death by his parents, Lloyd and Gladys Erickson, and brothers John and Glenn.

Ron is survived by his children, Lori Hand, Shawn and her husband Rex Robinson, and Kenneth "Chip" Erickson, all of Panama City, Fla.; and Jim Erickson and wife, Kris, of West Jordan, Utah. Ron had eight grandchildren, Chad, Alysa, Abigail, Ashley and Chaz, all of Panama City, Fla., and Alexandria, Adrianna and Mikayla, all of West Jordan, Utah.

He is also survived by three brothers, Vern and wife Joan, of Spokane, Melvin and wife MiSuk of Boston, and Roger of Wasilla, Alaska; six sisters, Laura Caswell of Seibert, Colo.; Darlene and husband, Roger Adolfs of Warba, Minn.; Lynnette Shropshire, Phyllis and husband Jim Hiebert, and June Hiebert, all of Whitefish, and Karen and husband Roger Palmer of Wasilla, Alaska; and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Cremation has taken place and graveside services will be held at Glacier Memorial Gardens at 1 p.m. on Saturday with the Rev. Ronald Meyers officiating.

The families of Ron invite you to come to a celebration of life in the meeting room at the Veterans of Foreign Wars of Whitefish at First and Baker immediately following the service. Friends of the family are welcome to attend.

Marie Ann Erie, 71

Marie Ann Erie, 71, passed away Friday, May 23, 2003, with her family beside her at Deaconess Hospital in Spokane from complications following surgery.



Marie was born Oct. 16, 1931, to Charles and Bessie Hammons in Rexford. She attended school in Rexford and Eureka and graduated in 1949.

She was married to Olaf P. Erie in Missoula on Dec. 6, 1949, and they lived and raised their three children in Whitefish until 2000 when they moved to Kalispell. Marie attended college in Kalispell and Spokane, and worked as the church secretary at Christ Lutheran Church in Whitefish and as a computer operator for the Great Northern/Burlington Northern railroad until illness forced her retirement.

Marie taught Sunday and Bible school, was a leader for Cub Scouts for many years, was an accomplished seamstress, a wonderful cook, an avid reader, grew beautiful flower and vegetable gardens, loved to crochet, do crafts, search out flea markets and travel. Most of all she loved her family.

Marie was preceded in death by son Donald in 2002, her par-

ents, five sisters and two brothers.

Marie is survived by her husband of 53 1/2 years at the family home; her daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Randy Augusta, and son Jacob, all of Kalispell; granddaughters, Cheryl and husband Will Brandt of Seattle, Jada and Amra Erie of Tacoma, Wash., and Brittney Jo Erie of Kalispell; grandsons, Russell Devires of Seattle, Cody Dwire of Donnelly, Idaho, Jason Brown of Tacoma, Wash., and Ryan Augusta of Kalispell; her sisters, Alice Smith of Kalispell, and Irene Dempsey of Great Falls; brother and sister-in-law, Arthur and Annie Hammons of Portland; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and many other relatives and friends.

"Her family loved her so until we had to let her go."

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. on Friday, May 30, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Kalispell with the Rev. Larry Stappler officiating. Cremation and private burial will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 1002, Kalispell, MT; or to the American Heart Association, 510 First Ave. N., Room 114, Great Falls, MT 59401.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Daniel Phillip Escritt, 80

Daniel Phillip Escritt, 80, of Proctor, died on June 2, 2003, at St. Joseph's Hospital in Polson from natural causes.

He is survived by his wife, Betty Escritt of Proctor; three daughters, Beth Gaalswyk of Mountain Lake, Minn., Carol

Hull of Kalispell and Roseanne Loseke of Scottsbluff, Neb.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, June 5, at the Grogan Funeral Home in Polson. Interment will be held at Oakdale Cemetery in Nebraska.

Arvis D. Evans, 61

Arvis D. Evans, 61, passed away on Saturday, Feb. 1, 2003, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

Arvis was born April 1, 1941, in Chester, to James and Icy Belle Evans.

He attended schools in Chester, then went into the U.S. Army, where he served four tours of duty in Vietnam. He was a highly decorated person. Arvis married Barbara Bolles on Nov. 12, 1979, in Lakeside.

He was an avid sportsman, and a past member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 4042, of Bigfork. He will be greatly missed by his constant shadow, his dog, "Honey."

He was preceded in death by his father and mother; and brothers, Ivar, Bennie, Carl, Joseph, Perry and Ray; and several nieces and nephews.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara Bolles Evans; and his closest friend, Walter G. "Buddy" Lowney.

Viewing will be from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Bigfork Funeral Home. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Lonespine Cemetery, with the Rev. Ron Pierce officiating. The United Veterans of the Flathead Valley will do the military honors. Bigfork Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Dan Evans

Dan Evans of Whitefish passed away on Friday, May 16, 2003, at North Valley Hospital after a brief illness.

Dan was born in Estherville, Iowa, on Dec. 8, 1944, to Dorothy and Mort Evans. He graduated from high school in Estherville and married his high school sweetheart, Toni Franck, on June 19, 1962.

Dan attended Iowa State University, graduating with a degree in chemical engineering, learning seemingly everything there was to know about plastics. He and his wife and two kids moved to Greenville, S.C., in 1972, to pursue his engineering career. If you fish, you have used something of his design and he kept the neighborhood busy playing with the toys that he made.

Dan dreamt of raising his family in the mountains of the West and in 1980, moved to Whitefish. Dan start-



ed his business, The Delivery Service in 1984, which he operated to the day he passed.

He was an avid rock hunter, explorer of ghost towns and outdoorsman. He loved to hike, fish, crosscountry ski, design and build gadgets, woodwork, explore caves, canoe and play with his grandchildren. Dan felt that his greatest accomplishments were his children and grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and survived by his wife, Toni Evans of Whitefish; his daughter, Tracy DeWan, son-in-law, Chris DeWan, of Whitefish, and their daughter, Ellie; his son, Rick Evans of Seattle, and his daughters, Alexandra and Erica, and his sister, Laura Wilcox of Loveland, Colo.

There will be a memorial service at 10 a.m. on Thursday, May 22, at the United Methodist Church of Whitefish.

The family has suggested that memorials be made to: Wings Regional Cancer Center, 310 Sunnyview Lane, Kalispell, MT 59901

Marie Evans, 86

Marie Evans, 86, formerly of Kalispell, "went to be with her Lord and Savior" on Dec., 22, 2003, in Pocatello, Idaho, at her son and daughter-in-law's home.



Marie was born March 18, 1917, in Marshall, Ill., to William and Anna Miller, growing up on their heritage farm.

In 1945, she left Marshall to attend college at Swedish Covenant in Chicago. After attaining her Bachelor of Science degree in nursing she served at an American Indian mission in New Mexico.

Upon completion of her work in New Mexico she returned back to Marshall where she met Wesley Evans. Marie married Wesley in 1951 and moved to Wolf Creek, Mont., where they operated the Ox Bow ranch. They moved to Denver where she worked as a nurse and her husband managed the Denver Case Equipment dealership. Shortly after their son was born they moved to Helena where she worked as a charge nurse and her husband managed two service stations.

In 1957, they moved to Kalispell, where they homesteaded a farm north of town, and operated the Jet Oil Company. Marie worked at Kalispell General Hospital and later retired from Flathead County Hospital.

Marie was actively involved in the Evergreen Christian and Missionary Alliance Church. She often kidded people, saying she wore out six pastors. For many years after retirement she volunteered at the Red Cross and RSVP, enjoyed part-time private practice, gardening, and traveling. Until late, she enjoyed taking care of horses and mules and reminiscing with her granddaughters about her life on the ranch, and flying with her husband and son.

Marie was preceded in death by her husband, Wesley Evans; brothers, Herbert Miller, Leland and Richard Miller; and her sister, Geneva Lamb.

She is survived by her son, Michael Evans of Pocatello, Idaho; sisters, Hilda Rhoades and Irma Kile, both of Marshall, and Hermene Kunard of Clearwater, Fla.; and her granddaughters, Jennifer and Kathie Evans of Pocatello.

As requested by Marie, cremation has taken place and no immediate services were held. At a date to be announced, her ashes will be interred at the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell beside her beloved husband, with a graveside service.

Memorials in Marie's name may be made to Shodair Children's Hospital, P.O. Box 55339, Helena, MT 59604.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Henderson-Cornelison Funeral Home, 431 N. 15th Ave., Pocatello, ID 83201.

Louise Evenson, 65

Louise Evenson, 65, passed away on Monday, Dec. 1, 2003, at her home of natural causes.

Louise Elaine was born Oct. 16, 1938, to Lester and Dolly Swisher. She was the oldest of four children born to the Swishers. Louise was raised both in Missoula and Whitefish.

She married Dale Evenson in February 1957. Together they raised four children. Lou was an exceptional and resourceful homemaker. Her talents included needlework, sewing and making all of her children's clothes.

Louise and Dale eventually built a lovely log home outside Missoula. The couple later divorced.

Later, the children were of an age where Louise could use her talents on the golf course once again. She was a very good golfer, and had a love of the game. She golfed at the University of Montana course and later at Larchmont. Her failing health had kept her off the course the last few years, but her love of the game never wavered.

In the last few years, Louise

pursued a career editing for court reporters. She enjoyed the work, and always looked forward to more jobs.

The love of her children and grandchildren was never ending. She rarely missed an event they were in.

Louise was preceded in death by her daughter, Julie, in 1985, and by her parents.

She is survived by her children, Lynn and Jim Rosenberg of Harlowton, Renee Evenson of Helena, and Ty and Linda Evenson of Missoula; her grandchildren, Casey, Kayla and Kyle Rosenberg, Jessica and Tim Evenson, Mark Skinner, and Cathy and Adam McElderry and their son, Isaiah. She is also survived by her brother, Tom and Esther Swisher of Alaska; brother, Mike and Ann Swisher of Cheyenne, Wyo.; sister, Peggy and Tom Cain of Missoula; nieces, Anna and Michelle Swisher; and nephew, Rory Cain.

Memorial services will be held at 4 p.m. today at Garden City Funeral Home in Missoula.

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

Steve Alan Evins, 42

Steve Alan Evins, 42, died Friday, Nov. 7, 2003 at his home in Eureka.

Steve was born on Aug. 9, 1961 in Whitefish to Dean and Dee Evins. He attended Eureka schools and graduated from Lincoln County High School in 1979. While in high school he was involved in wrestling and had qualified for state competition in his weight class.

Steve attended Helena Vo-Tec, graduating in 1981 with a degree in diesel mechanics. He later worked doing seismographic oil exploration. He enlisted in the United States Army where he served as a telecommunications specialist and had served in Europe before his honorable discharge.

Steve most recently had been employed by City Service as a truck driver until becoming ill; Steve enjoyed being a truck driver. He had been an avid outdoorsman,

enjoying hunting and fishing as well as golfing.

Surviving him are his wife Janella of Eureka; his children, Kody Joe Evins, Jacqueline Dawn Lemer and Skylar Autumn Evins, all of Eureka; his parents, Dee and Dean Evins and his mother and father-in-law, Cheryl and Charlie Carvey, all of Eureka; his sister, Cherie Evins Moncrief and husband Kimo of Hawaii; and brothers Gari Evins and wife Becky and Randy Evins and wife Beckie, all of Eureka; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

Services will be held Tuesday at 3 p.m. at the First Baptist Church. The family suggests memorials be made to the Steve Evins Memorial Wrestling Scholarship, c/o Lincoln County High School, Eureka, MT. 59917.

Arrangements are by Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Eureka.

Isabelle Ellen Everett

Isabelle Ellen Everett "went to be with the Lord" on Sunday, Nov. 30, 2003, at Brendan House.

Isabelle was born Jan. 3, 1918, in Sunburst, to Thomas and Emma Bruffey Singleton. She spent much of her early life moving throughout Montana, living in Columbia Falls, Kalispell and Somers where her father worked for Somers Lumber Co.

Isabelle's mother died in 1926, only a few days after having her fifth child. At age 8, Isabelle and three of her siblings went to live at the State Orphan's Home in Twin Bridges. Her father had been injured and unable to work or care for the children. He paid \$40 a month for his children's care so the children would not be adopted out. In 1930, her father remarried and brought the children back to Kalispell.

Isabelle married Loren S. Everett in February 1934. They lived in Kila, where they owned a farm, raised cattle, and operated their own dairy. Isabelle worked long and hard helping her husband with the farm. In addition to all this work, she managed to mother five children.

They moved to Kalispell and started up a logging camp and sawmill at Tally Lake. Isabelle spent four summers cooking for the camp, gaining quite a reputation among the loggers for her good cooking. In 1961, they moved into a new home in Kila, where they continued farming until 1964 when they moved back to Kalispell.

Isabelle enjoyed going to Syke's to socialize with the regulars, and was a dedicated mother and grandmother with family as the most important part of her life. She found joy in doing for her family and others. She left a lasting impact on the lives of all those who knew her — anxious to return love to all those who loved her.

Isabelle enjoyed telling about her grandfather, George A. Bruffey, who saw the Plummer gang hanged, spent a winter with Jim Bridger, served on the first Montana Territorial Legislature, and wrote a book titled, "81 Years in the West."

When asked about her life by a granddaughter, she replied, "What can I say, I did what anybody does



— I cooked, cleaned, and cared for my family." She did not consider her accomplishments a contribution but, instead, a way of life. In the words of this granddaughter, "I must wonder what this world would be like without this special woman called 'Grandma.'"

Isabelle was preceded in death by her husband, Loren S. Everett; grandson, Bruce Shaw; sister, Dorothy Sundt; and brother, Kenneth Singleton.

Isabelle is survived by her children, daughters, Peggy Shaw and husband, Dwight, Lorna Wilson, Rena Hagen and husband, Rick, of Kalispell, and Nancy Gary and husband, Steve, of Libby; one son, George Everett and wife, Patti, of Kalispell; grandchildren, Yvonne Maeda, Dwight E. Shaw, Laura Gettig, Myra Birky, Terri Rose, Dan Wilson, Lorna Hill, Jeff Hagen, Amy Flammond, and Jon Everett, all of Kalispell, Lewis Shaw of Elk, Wash., Ted Wilson of Issaquah, Wash., Peggy McGill, Carnita Coker and Stephanie Robertson, of Libby, Marti Gary of California, Rich Hagen of Phoenix, Jean Hagen, of Beaverton, Ore.; one brother, George Singleton; and a sister, Ione Dawson, of Red Wood Valley, Calif.; 45 great-grandchildren and 12 great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 4, at the Epworth United Methodist Church with Pastor Glenn Woodson officiating. Urn burial will take place at a later date at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be from 9 to 6 p.m. Wednesday at Johnson Mortuary Chapel.

The family suggests that memorials be made to the Epworth United Methodist Church at 329 Second Ave. E., Kalispell, MT 59901.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.