

Cindy Lynn Frerck Kampf, 53

Cindy Lynn Frerck Kampf, 53, passed away on Oct. 14, 2003, at the North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

She was born on Dec. 3, 1949, in Minneapolis, the daughter of Norman and Shirley Frerck. Cindy attended grade school in Fort Peck and graduated from high school in Glasgow.

She attended Northern Montana College and worked at various jobs while raising her children. Selling real estate was one of her pleasures.

One of Cindy's attributes was the ability to converse with people in all walks of life, young or old. She loved people and enjoyed cooking and entertaining. Cindy never turned away friends that needed a warm bed or meal. She was also a second mother to many of her children's friends.

In 1974, Cindy married Gary Kampf. They enjoyed entertaining,



golfing, attending family gatherings, traveling and dancing. Cindy enjoyed many types of music. She had a long struggle with lupus and other health problems. Cindy "climbed many mountains, but the last one was a bit too steep!" Her numerous friends and family will miss her neat personality and caring ways.

Her sons, Benjamin and Richard Kampf; her daughter, Christa Kampf; and her daughter-in-law, Jessica Kampf, wife of Richard; survive Cindy. She is also survived by her granddaughters, Taylor and Ashley Kampf. Her granddaughters were the light of her life. Cindy has one brother, Collin Frerck, of Bozeman; one sister, Candice Mitchell, of Glasgow; and her mother, Shirley Frerck of Billings; and many cousins, aunts and uncles.

Cindy's father preceded her in death.

"We will all miss you very much, Cindy!"

A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 19, at the United Methodist Church in Whitefish.

Thelma Irene (Ekblad) Keen, 75

Thelma Irene (Ekblad) Keen, 75, passed away Friday, Feb. 28, 2003, in Olympia, Wash.

Thelma was born April 5, 1927, to Aldrich and Irene (Holt) Ekblad in Kalispell.

She graduated from Hot Springs High School in 1944 where she delivered the salutatory address. Following graduation, Thelma attended Northern Pacific Railroad Telegrapher School in Spokane. She worked for the railroad until she married William C. Keen in May 1946. They made their home in Centralia, Wash., raised three children and later divorced in 1976. Thelma continued to reside in Centralia.

Thelma is survived by her son, David Keen and wife, Pam, of



Centralia; daughter, Linda Clark and husband, Kris, of Rochester, Wash., and daughter, Rita Mark and husband, Daniel, of Lynnwood, Wash.; five grandchildren, Jennifer Fossett, Andrew, Alan, Noel and Nicholas Clark. She also has three great-grandchildren, Alisha and Laci Fossett and Kyler Clark. She is also survived by a brother, Robert Ekblad and wife, Phyllis, of Kalispell.

Her sister, Phyllis (Ekblad) Lape, preceded Thelma in death.

A memorial service for Thelma is scheduled to begin at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Sticklins Funeral Chapel, 1437 South Gold in Centralia. A private family burial will be at Claquato Cemetery.

Remembrances may be donations to the American Diabetes Association, 3434 Martin Way NE, Olympia, WA 98506; or ROOF, P.O. Box 312, Rochester, WA 98579.

Orville Jackson Keith, 89

Orville Jackson Keith, 89, of Thompson Falls, died Dec. 21, 2003, after a battle with medical complications.

Survivors include his wife, Margorie Keith, daughter, Cheryl, and son, Skip, all at

the family home; son, Glen, of Superior; and daughter, Shannon, of Idaho.

A celebration of Orville's life will be announced at a later date.

Robert Paul Keith, 31

Robert Paul Keith, 31, died Friday, Nov. 28, 2003, at a Havre care facility after a courageous battle with cancer.

Robert was born Aug. 8, 1972, to David and Louise (Orr) Keith in Council Bluffs, Iowa. After moving to Montana in childhood, he grew up and attended schools in different areas of Montana, graduating from Great Falls High School in 1991.

On Sept. 27, 1998, he married Joni Vickers in Havre. To this union three children were born. He and Joni resided in Chinook until 2002 when they moved to Havre due to employment. In July 1998, he went to work for Schwans Sales as a route manager where he remained until his health would not allow him to continue. He loved his job and especially each and every one of his customers.

Family always came first with Robert, and he loved doing anything that involved spending time with them. Robert also enjoyed golfing,



playing card games with friends and family, playing video games and watching movies.

Robert is survived by his wife, Joni, and children, Thomas, Jordan, Kathrine "Katy," all of Havre; parents Dave (Teri) and Louise Keith of Great Falls; sisters, April and Annisa Keith of Great Falls; brothers, James and Holly Vance of Philomath, Ore., William Wallace of Denver, and Ryan Keith of Great Falls; paternal grandparents, Ethel and Bob Darnell of Chester; maternal grandparents, Pat Orr of Kalispell, and Jean Orr of Elko, Nev.; and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

A funeral service will be held 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 2, at the Assembly of God Church in Havre with Pastor Russ Michaels officiating.

Memorials in Robert's honor may be made to a person's choice.

The committal rite will be at the Highland Cemetery following the service. A fellowship will be held at the church immediately following the interment.

Services and arrangements are under the direction of Holland and Bonine Funeral Home in Havre.

Anna Mae Keller, 85

Anna Mae Keller "took the hand of her Savior, The Lord Jesus Christ," on May 10, 2003, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

Anna Mae was born July 26, 1917, in the Foy's Lake area of Kalispell, to John and Anna Johanna Dygert. She attended grade school at Evergreen. She graduated from Flathead High School in 1934.

On Oct. 24, 1937, she became the bride of Henry Alfred Keller in Kalispell.

She loved to dance and she and Henry often attended area community dances. Music and reading were her favorite leisure activities.

Together, she and Henry worked a 2,000-acre Hereford cattle ranch in the Stillwater area, northwest of Kalispell. Anna Mae kept the accounts for the ranch and the heavy equipment and logging business Henry owned and operated. She prepared many meals for ranch hands and did many chores herself. She raised 1,000 chickens each year and sold eggs to Markus Basket in Whitefish, Sykes Grocery and various "route" customers. She milked cows and processed the cream and sold to Equity Supply for many years.

She raised two children, Donald Alfred and Carol Ann.

She was instrumental in forming the West Valley School and served on the school board. She often served on election boards and conscientiously voted and

served on several juries.

In 1975, she moved to Kalispell and enjoyed the luxuries of cable television and handy access to grocery stores.

In 1994, she entered Heritage Place where she resided for her remaining years. She was an avid player of Bingo player, word games and crosswords and avid attendee of church services. She enjoyed "MASH," "Wheel of Fortune" and "Pyramid."

She celebrated her spiritual birthday on March 17, 1985, and attended church until she was no longer able to travel. She was a prayer warrior and her love and prayers were often for family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband Henry in January 1967 and her son, Donald, in 1984.

She is survived by her daughter, Carol and husband, Don Lyonais, of Kalispell; two granddaughters, Dianne Keller of Kalispell, and Valerie and her husband, Chad Arnold, of Slater, Iowa; one great-grandson Samuel Arnold; one niece, Ann and her husband, Floyd Severson, of Missoula; numerous nieces and nephews, and great-nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. today at Johnson Mortuary. Services will be 2 p.m. Thursday at the mortuary. A gathering of family and friends will follow the services at Four Seasons Motor Inn, Room 109.

Memorials are suggested to the Heritage Resident Memorial Fund.

Ocie I. Miles Kelsey

Ocie I. Miles Kelsey, born Aug. 15, 1922, passed away peacefully Oct. 2, 2003. "She was a victim of Alzheimer's disease in her last years that left her mind clouded; but when she was well, you could not match her wittiness. She could think creatively of the most unusual things to make us laugh."

She was not able to finish high school, which haunted her, so later in her life, she took a test to get that degree and she was proud to have finished that. She was a caretaker of any and everyone in her circle of life. In the Colonial Manor Nursing Home she would ask other patients if she could help them in any way. She was loved in the nursing home because she was so sweet and loving to those who cared for her. She also took care of her mother, Pearl, her siblings when they were babies and her own children even after they left home.

She worked briefly in a child nursery and loved the children and took joy in their growth and behavior. We would like to thank the people of Whitefish, including the employees of Safeway for looking out for her.

As a letter writer, she wrote to a pen pal in Scotland and kept in touch with new friends she met in Texas and Washington where she had visited and to her son and daughter who moved often.

She will be greatly missed by her family and her friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lee E. Kelsey; her brother, Raymond Bartlett; and her mother, Pearl Noel.

She is survived by her son, Michael L. Kelsey in Everett, Wash.; daughter, Joan Stanley of Sacramento, Calif.; and siblings, Eldora Morrow of Whitefish, Louise Ambrose of Kalispell, LaVerna Nielsen of Alaska, and Otis "Bud" Miles of Moses Lake, Wash.

Family and friends may attend the vigil at Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish between 3 and 6 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 6. Internment services will be at the gravesite at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 7, at Glacier Memorial Cemetery between Whitefish and Kalispell.

Donations may be made in her name at the Alzheimer's Association at 2222 Watt Ave., Sacramento, CA 94203.

Emmi Viola (Markuson) Schroer Girard Kelso, 89

Emmi Viola (Markuson) Schroer Girard Kelso, 89, formerly of Kalispell, died on Sunday, Feb. 2, 2003, at a Spokane care center from complications of Alzheimer's disease.

She had been a school teacher in the Chester school system.

Survivors include her three children, Marilyn Rider of Nine Mile Falls, Wash., Karen

Gertson of Spokane, and Louis John Schroer of Casper, Wyo.

A funeral Mass will be at 1 p.m. on Saturday at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Chester. After a reception at the church, graveside services and burial will follow at 3:30 p.m. at the Lothair Cemetery.

Arrangements are under the direction of Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester.

Richard H. Kenelty, 72

Richard H. Kenelty, 72, died on Thursday, Jan. 30, 2003, at his home in Libby.

He had been employed as a packer and laborer for the

U.S. Forest Service for 25 years.

Services will be at 11 a.m. on Thursday at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Libby.

Marilynn Lorraine Kenfield, 54

Marilynn Lorraine Kenfield, 54, passed away Nov. 22, 2003, in Arlington, Wash., after a long and courageous battle with breast cancer.

She was born to John and Lillian Bras on Aug. 27, 1949, in Whitefish.

She is survived by her husband, Douglas; and her children, Sej, Michael, Autumn and Andy. Other survivors include her mother, Lillian; her brothers, John and Brian Bras; and her sisters, Kathy Livingston and Lori King. Three granddaughters and numerous nieces and nephews will carry her teachings to the next generation.

Marilynn was always an outstanding student and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in soils and geology from Montana State University. She chose to focus on being a homemaker and care giver rather than a professional career, however, and many children throughout the western states benefited from her love and teaching.

A favorite activity of Lynn's was to sponsor and attend youth sports activities where she was

always a loud and supportive fan of "her kids" from both opposing teams. A dream delayed by the cancer was to finish the home on the riverbend and turn it into a foster home. Stray animals and kids always found a home with her until they could fend for themselves.

To the end, Lynn inspired her family, friends, and the medical community with her tenacity, courage, honesty and faithfulness. Even after her passing, she continued giving by donating her eyes so that two other people might see again.

Too young gone, Marilynn will be greatly missed.

Next spring, there will be a celebration of her life at the family home on the riverbend. Her ashes will be placed in her garden there. If you wish to attend, please contact her husband at dougkenfield@hotmail.com for details.

Should you wish to offer a memoriam, donations to The American Cancer Society or The Nature Conservancy would be appreciated.

Charles Frederick Kenyon, 93

Charles Frederick Kenyon, 93, formerly of Springfield, Mass., died Aug. 13, 2003, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center. He had resided at Big Sky Manor for five years.

Born in Indian Orchard, Mass., on Nov., 16, 1908, the son of Silas F. Kenyon and Ellen B. Kenyon, he graduated from Springfield Technical High School. He graduated from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute with a degree in mechanical engineering.

Mr. Kenyon served in the U.S. Army during World War II for four and one-half years. He received a variety of decorations and citations, including the Victo-

ry Medal and the Philippine Liberation Ribbon with one Bronze Star. He worked at a variety of engineering positions in western Massachusetts and Connecticut, including Sikorsky Aircraft.

Over the years, he continued to be an opera enthusiast and sports fan and read science and natural history widely. He had a wonderful sense of humor and a fiercely independent nature that his two children respected and appreciated.

He leaves two daughters, Carol B. Clark of Stockbridge, Mass., and Susan E. Bodurtha of Lakeside, seven grandchildren, and one great-grandson.

Roberta 'Betty' Alice Kerney, 67

Roberta "Betty" Alice Kerney, 67, passed away on Nov. 21, 2003, at her home in Kalispell, surrounded by her family, after a long battle with cancer. She was born on July 26, 1936, in Holmquist, S.D., to Harold and Jesse Mayer. She lived in Holmquist, S.D., and Coos Bay, Ore., where she met her husband-to-be, E. Kim Kerney, then moved to Kalispell where they married on Jan. 16, 1960. Kalispell has been their home ever since.

Betty attended schools in Holmquist, S.D., and Coos Bay, Ore. Reading and learning were her life-long passions. She enjoyed gardening, cooking, sewing and bingo. She was always scouring yard sales for treasures and collected antiques. She loved dancing and music, especially bluegrass music. She enjoyed going to the horse races with her husband and their friend, Dewey. Devotion to family was her greatest strength and greatest gift.

Betty worked seasonally at the family-owned meat cutting business, Triplett Meats. She also held many self-employed positions in which she attended to the needs of

others. Her work, like her devotion to family, reflected her kindness, compassion and empathy for all people.

Betty was preceded in death by her parents, Harold and Jesse Mayer; sister, Carol Cabal; and son, Dick Williams.

She is survived by her husband, Kim Kerney; sons, Rocky Williams and wife JoEllen, John Williams and wife Paula, Ray Kerney and wife DeLain; and daughters, Teri Anderson and husband Larry, Cindy Kruckenberg, and Linda Brennan, all of Kalispell; as well as several grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. She is also survived by her sister, Colleen Rabine; and brothers, Robert Mayer and Chester Mayer, of Coos Bay, Ore., and Glen Mayer of Lake Jackson, Texas.

Cremation has taken place. A celebration of life service will be at noon on Friday, Nov. 28, at Kalispell Christian Church, 1075 Foys Lake Road, Kalispell, followed by a potluck gathering.

Betty's family suggests memorials to Hospice, 175 Commons Loop, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Vincent P. Kerouac, 78

Vincent P. Kerouac, 78, formerly of the Flathead Valley, died on Dec. 20, 2003, at St. Joseph's Medical Center's Barrow Neurological Institute in Phoenix.

He was a city alderman and mayor of Great Falls.

He is survived by his wife, Irene; two daughters, Barbara Perino of Helena, and Linda Edwards of Denver; and son, Ron Kerouac of Salt Lake City.

A family memorial service will be held in Great Falls.

Ralph Thompson Kerr, 84

Ralph Thompson Kerr, 84, died at home in South Carolina on Aug. 25, 2003.

He was born Dec. 13 1918, in Bonners Ferry, Idaho, and grew up there on a 500-acre ranch which he helped his father run. He was baptized at Trinity Lutheran Church in Bonners Ferry by Pastor G. Gabrielseu.

His father, Ralph Kerr, was born Aug. 11, 1875 and died May 29, 1955. His mother, Marie (Thompson) Kerr, was born Jan. 31, 1878, and died Aug. 25, 1967. She was a registered nurse.

Ralph had no brothers or sisters.

He enlisted in the Army Air Corps in 1945 and served in World War II, performing radar specialist services.



He entered into marriage with Barbara Jean (Twiggs) Kerr in March 1967. She was born Aug. 17, 1938, and died Nov. 16, 1980.

They raised three children, Terrance James Street of Lewistown, Thressa Marie O'Bright (Jones) of Sumter, S.C., and John Joseph Kalista of Bozeman. He has one grandchild, Tanya Clorise Jones of Sumter, S.C.

Ralph had moved back to South Carolina with his daughter, Thressa Jones, in January of this year.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 27, at the Whitefish Christian Church with Dr. David V. Kauffman will be officiating. There will also be a graveside service at 2:30 p.m. at Columbia Falls Woodlawn Cemetery with full military honors conducted by the American Legion Post 108.

At 4 p.m., friends and family will celebrate his life at the Golden Agers, 112 Second Ave. in Whitefish.

Robert F. Kerr, 83

Robert F. Kerr, 83, passed away on Tuesday, Aug. 26, 2003, at the Brendan House in Kalispell.

He was born on July 25, 1920, in Glendive, to Gilbert and Lucy Belle (Neese)

Kerr. Bob was the oldest of eight children. His father was killed in a mine cavein when he was six. He received his early education in Savage, and graduated from Savage High School in 1940. After graduation, he worked with his stepfather in Corvallis, farming.

He met Medora Ruth Kelly and they were married on Oct. 16, 1942, the day before Bob entered active duty in the Army. Bob served four years during World War II as a radar technician and was stationed in India for a time.

He was discharged in 1946, and the couple settled in Hamilton, where Bob began work with the Safeway Store as a box boy and worked his way up to becoming one of the top managers in the Montana district. He was transferred to Choteau to become the manager there. That was the first of many transfers around Montana spanning a 40-year career with the Safeway organization.

Bob retired in 1986. Two years later, he and Medora moved to Kalispell. Bob was a member of the Masonic Lodge, was a Century Club member at MSU-Bozeman, and a member of the Chamber of Commerce, Kiwanis, Elks, and Lions clubs in various Montana cities.

Through his many years with Safeway, Bob always seemed to keep a working ranch with cows



and a few fine horses. Upon retirement, Bob's off-hours hobby career of "gentleman rancher" became his full-time passion, with cows and horses needing his care and attention. He spent many hours assisting his daughter Becky operate Big Sky Rides in Kalispell and most recently on the Big Mountain.

Although a life-long native of the Big Sky state and one of it's strongest supporters, he recently became a member of the "Snowbird migration," spending winters in Tucson, with his wife, Medora, and daughter, Becca, and grandsons, Gibb and Hank and their company Big Sky Rides.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents and one brother.

He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Medora Kerr of Kalispell; two daughters, Roberta Kerr of Bozeman, and Rebecca "Becky" Kerr of Kalispell; one son, Terry Kerr and wife, Jody, of Washington; six grandchildren, Carol Patterson and husband, David, Rob Patterson and wife, Kat, Pepper and Tatum Kerr of Washington, and Gibb and Hank Kerr of Kalispell; one great-grandchild; three brothers, Neal McMillan, Terry Kerr and wife, Barbara, and Donald Kerr and wife, Carolyn; three sisters, Bonnie Collier and husband, Irv, Alice Peters and Ruth Wright; a special great-grandniece, Maureen Cordoza and husband, Ken; and a special "angel" Destiny; and many other beloved nieces and nephews.

A memorial and celebration of Robert's life will be held on Sept. 27, at the Kerr Ranch on Riverside Drive, Kalispell.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Joseph Aaron Keys Jr.

Joseph Aaron Keys Jr. died Feb. 4, 2003, of complications from cancer.

Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. on Saturday at First United Methodist Church in

Sheridan, Wyo., and also at 10 a.m. on Tuesday at First United Methodist Church in Polson.

Arrangements are with Champion Ferries Funeral Home in Sheridan, Wyo.

Michael L. 'Mike' Keys, 47

Michael L. "Mike" Keys, 47, passed away on Tuesday, April 15, 2003, at his home in Kalispell.

Mike was born on Jan. 26, 1956, in Columbus, Ohio, to James and Alice Holley Keys. He was raised in the Flathead Valley, graduating from Flathead High School.

Mike and his long-time friend Douglas Buck owned and operated Rip and Tear Logging. Mike and his dad owned Pioneer tree service; they later changed it to A.A. Arbor tree service and brought in as partners Mike's son, Jonathan and nephew, Joe Buck.

Mike enjoyed bluegrass and Hank Williams Jr. music, dancing, spending time at the cabin, and especially being around his family. He enjoyed teaching Jon, Joe, and his nephew, John, the family business. He loved children, and they adored him. With Mike's passing, there will be a tremendous void in all who knew him.

The family would like to send a special thanks to the nurses at the Kalispell Diagnostics.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Alice Keys; brother, Mark Edward Keys; and granddaughter, Zowie.

He is survived by his father, James Keys; son, Jonathan James Keys; daughter, Summer "Bug" Rose Keys; his sister, Tamela Marie Vezane; fiancée, Lucinda "CJ" Peeler; grandchildren, Cadence Gordon "Jethro" Michael Keys, and Jasmine Iola Mae "Peanut" Keys; nieces, Taysha "Grasshopper" Hawk and Jennifer LeAnn Root; great-niece, Gracie Marie "Spot" Root; nephews, John "Vern" Vezane and Joseph Lee Buck.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. today at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Burial will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Lucille LaDonna Kickbusch, 70

Lucille LaDonna Kickbusch, 70, a Whitefish resident, died of natural causes at the North Valley Hospital in Whitefish on Sunday, Jan. 5, 2003.

She was born June 23, 1932, in Havre, the daughter of Mildred and Frank Kardell. She was raised at the family home north of Havre. She met and married Roy Kickbusch in Havre on April 27, 1949. They moved to Hungry Horse in 1955 and later settled in Coram, where they raised five children.

In her early years she loved snowmobiling, fishing, gardening and bingo. She was always active in the PTA, Bible studies, politics and community issues.

Lucille loved the Lord and tried to follow his lead. She was a true patriot, and kind and gracious person with many dear friends and family. She will be remembered for the love she lavished on her family.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Jola Dorlarque; hus-



band, Roy Kickbusch; brothers, Vance and Lloyd Kardell; parents, Mildred and Frank; and stepparents, Roy and Nettie.

She is survived by two sons, Larry Kickbusch of Louisiana, and Doug Kickbusch of Great Falls; two daughters; Judy and husband Jeff Halsey, and Pauline and husband Jim Obermeyer, all of Whitefish; eight grandchildren, Phillip and wife Tammy Kickbusch, and Augusta Kickbusch, all of Coram; Nathan and wife Shaylyn Dorlarque of Salt Lake City; Sheila and husband Colby Miller, Shelley Wick, and Brittny and Irene Bronson, all of Whitefish; and Kela Bergren of Havre; three brothers, Martin Kardell of Havre, Earl Kardell of Harlowtown, and Dave Moore of Kalispell; seven great-grandchildren, McKenzie and Lauren Kickbusch, Kyle Dorlarque, and Trevor, Mariah, Ashley and Grant Miller.

Visitation will be from 2 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at Austin Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home with the Rev. David V. Kauffman officiating. Burial will follow at the Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

Maxine D. Kidwell, 70

Maxine D. Kidwell, 70, passed away on Wednesday, March 5, 2003, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

She was born on Aug. 8, 1932, at the Columbia Hospital in Great Falls, to John Sr. and Mildred (Siebel) Bary.

Maxine attended school in Great Falls, then finished her education in Kalispell. During her younger years she worked at the Great Falls Hotel. Later in life, she devoted herself as a care giver. Maxine's true passions were cooking and gardening.

Maxine was preceded in death by her mother, Mildred Evenson; father, John Bary Sr.; husband,



Arthur Kidwell; brother, John Bary Jr.; and three aunts, Sophronia Johnson, Winifred Harcourt, and Annie Nielson.

She is survived her son, Terry L. Millen of Ridge Manor, Fla.; daughter, Deborah J. Wisler of Lutz, Fla.; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren, all of Florida; and one brother, Richard Bary of California.

Funeral services for Maxine will be held 2 p.m. on Monday at Johnson Mortuary Chapel with Deacon Fred Topp of St. Matthew's Catholic Church officiating. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be held on Monday from noon until the time of service.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Albert Edward Kienas, 78

Albert Edward Kienas, 78, died Thursday, Aug. 14, 2003, at the Riverview Lutheran Care Center in Spokane.

He was born in Kalispell on Oct. 20, 1924, to Herman and Amalie (Schirmer) Kienas. He was confirmed into the Lutheran faith on April 2, 1939, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Kalispell and graduated from Flathead County High School in 1941.

Al began working for the J. Neils Lumber Co. in 1950. He retired from that company, then named Champion International, in 1987, as the purchasing manager. He was active at St. John Lutheran Church, served as a volunteer fireman and city alderman, enjoyed softball, bowling and golf. His great joy and love was his family.

Al married Harriet "Hatsy" Thon on Sept. 7, 1956, and was a devoted husband until her death on

Nov. 26, 2002.

Their daughters, Kim Ruygrok and husband, Jim, of Deer Park, Wash., and Kristi Gieschen and husband, Charles, of Fort Wayne, Ind.; a son, Jonathan and his wife, Shawn, of Kalispell; a brother, Edmund in Whitefish; a sister, Natalie Joy of Polson; and seven grandchildren survive him.

His parents; a sister, Elsa; and brothers, Alfred and Arnold, preceded him in death.

Services will be 10 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 19, at St. John Lutheran Church with the Rev. Eric Christiansen and the Rev. Dr. Charles Gieschen officiating. Interment services will follow at the City of Libby Cemetery. Visitation will be at the Nelson & Vial funeral home on Monday, Aug. 18, from 1 to 8 p.m. and at church one hour prior to the service. Memorials may be made to St. John Lutheran Church.

Lois Marie Kieser, 89

After a long battle with Alzheimer's, Lois Marie Kieser, 89, died Tuesday, Dec. 2, 2003, at Colonial Manor in Whitefish.

She was born Nov. 25, 1914, in Woodward, Okla., to Alden and Mary Dunn. In the 1920s, that family escaped its rural hardships by moving to Riverside, Calif. Soon after, Lois met and married George Guilbert Kieser; and they lived their lives in California: in Riverside, Glendale, Apple Valley, Lake Havasu, and Bishop, until his death in 1996, when she moved to Montana to be with her younger son, Bob, and his wife, Jackie.

With her warmth and generosity, Lois was much loved by friends and family, to whom she devoted most of her life. But long after her two sons were grown, she did go to work for Home Savings and Loan, until her retirement as assistant manager of the Victorville office.

In addition to her husband, Lois was preceded in death by her

parents and all four of her siblings.

She is survived by her son, Bob, and his wife, Jackie, of Kalispell; and by her son, Bill, and special friend, Betty McCrae of Sherman Oaks, Calif. She is also survived by six grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her family interests, her love was centered around the historic gold mining cabin she inherited from her parents, and located near Lake Sabrina in the Bishop area. It was there that she exercised her passions for fishing, cooking and entertaining. She was a gracious hostess to all in this special place; and this family home will always bear her special imprint.

Memorial services will be deferred until her ashes can be brought back to California, so that her ashes can be merged with those of her beloved husband of 65 years.

Adam Riley Kindle, 17

Adam Riley Kindle, 17, of Kalispell, died Oct. 17, 2003, in Denver.

He was born Jan. 24, 1986, in Kalispell.

He is survived by his parents, Riley and Dianna Kindle, and his brother, Jesse of Kalispell; a half sister, Julie White of Sedalia, Mo.; his maternal grandparents, Joe and Wilma Knight of Sedalia; and many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

He was pre-deceased by his paternal grandparents, Jesse and Ruby Kindle.

Adam worked with his family cutting trail in the wilderness in Montana for the National Forest Service. He rode in on a horse for the first time to the North Fork of the Sun River when he was 3 years old. Through the years, he led the



whole family in singing as they rode into the wilderness. Adam loved nature and liked to hunt and fish. He had a special gift with animals but was always at one with horses. His friends said they thought he really was "part horse."

He was a student at Laser High School in Kalispell.

Pallbearers were Adam's brother, Jesse, and Jason Kindle, Tom Kindle, Travis Jobe, Doug Knight and Gary Whitworth.

Honorary pallbearers were Machi Block, Zach Block, James Boyce, Zeremiah Dickenson, Chris Ebey, Westin Eide, Cole Hadley and Tim Hallen.

Funeral services were Oct. 22 at the Moore Funeral Home in La Monte, Mo. Burial was in the La Monte Cemetery next to Adam's grandparents.

Memorial services in Kalispell will be at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 26, at the Smith Valley Grange on U.S. 2 West.

Metta Elizabeth 'Betty' King, 89

Metta Elizabeth "Betty" King, 89, passed away Nov. 24, 2003, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

She was born Dec. 4, 1913, in Kalispell, to District Judge Dean King and Metta A. King. Her father was an attorney for Flathead and Lincoln counties at the time of her birth and her mother was a former school teacher. Betty grew up with two brothers and one sister. Betty graduated from Flathead County High School in 1932.

She later attended the University of Montana. She married Charles Hetzer in 1939. While her husband was a soldier in World War II, Betty worked in the Conrad Bank in Kalispell.

After Chuck was discharged from the Army, they built a home in Columbia Falls on 40 acres of land known as Blizzard Flat. Today their home still stands just east of the waterslide park. While her husband operated a lumber mill, Betty continued to follow her banking career at the Bank of Columbia Falls. Later they moved to Seattle where Betty worked as a stenographer in city hall just before and during the Seattle World Fair. During this time she was also involved in the construction of the Space Needle.

She had no children and her marriage later dissolved. She returned to Kalispell and made her home with her parents. Betty loved to travel. Her highlight was a cruise to England on the Queen Elizabeth. She also traveled to France and enjoyed Paris very much. She loved hiking and camping in Glacier Park and even worked one summer as a

waitress at Rising Sun by St. Mary's Lake.

She always had a wonderful sense of humor. Eating ice cream was a happy time for her. She was a wonderful seamstress and made many beautiful clothes. When family and friends were invited to her home, desert was always the most delicious brownies ever.

Betty was baptized as an infant in First Presbyterian Church, and she was a member of the Order of Eastern Star and the Business and Professional Women of Columbia Falls.

Betty was preceded in death by her parents; and her brother Bob and is now survived by her sister, Susan Clarke of Greeley, Colo.; her brother, Jack King and wife, Almeida; nieces and nephews, Karen and Ron Rosenberg, Kirsten, Joel, John and Cheryl King, Ashley, Shila, Pat, A.J. and Tracie King, Teryn, Tevin and Annie Jo, all of Kalispell, Jenny and Steve MacKessey and Elizabeth of Greeley, with Dean King and Stella of Reseda, Calif.

Graveside services for M. Elizabeth "Betty" King will be 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 2, at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery with Pastor Glenn Burfeind of the First Presbyterian Church officiating.

The family suggests memorials be given to the First Presbyterian Church, 540 South Main Street, Kalispell, MT 59901 or Northwest Montana Humane Society, P.O. Box 221, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Charlotte Kinnamon, 77

Charlotte Kinnamon, 77, of Whitefish, died Sept. 11, 2003, in Milwaukie, Ore., of natural causes.

Survivors include her daughters, Tricia Kinnamon of

Whitefish, Donna Dietz of Milwaukie, Ore., and Christina Kinnamon of Portland; and son, Robert Kinnamon, of Forest Grove, Ore.

No local services are planned.

Paul 'Jughead' Donald Kirchoff, 87

Paul "Jughead" Donald Kirchoff, 87, passed away after a brief illness on Saturday, July 12, 2003, at the home of his son in Kalispell where he had lived since 1996.

He was born on Oct. 22, 1915, in Belle Plaine, Minn., to Bernard and Katherine (Collins) Kirchoff. He attended school there and received a high school General Equivalency Diploma (GED).

As a young man, he worked for a family on a farm and as a watchmaker's apprentice in Belle Plaine. He then joined the Army Air Corp in 1940. While serving in World War II, he received the Bronze Star Medal twice, and then was honorably discharged in 1945. He returned home to Belle Plaine.

He met and married La Vonne June Piche Menick on July 12, 1947, in Northwood, Iowa. Shortly afterward he re-enlisted in the Air Force, making this a career. He was able to travel to many foreign countries. Paul was also in the Korean and the Vietnam conflicts, making him a three-war veteran; thus, instilling great pride in the military and service to his country in his sons who are military veterans.

He retired to Riverside, Calif., in 1972, as a chief master sergeant, receiving over a dozen additional medals.

In 1981, Paul returned to Belle Plaine where he enjoyed bowling on mixed leagues, playing pool, euchre, poker and spending time with friends and family. He enjoyed "cutting a mean rug" with his wife, June. He had a wonderful sense of humor with a keen wit and wasn't afraid to use it.

Paul was preceded in death by both parents; his wife, June; 10 brothers; and a sister, Tess.

He is now survived by his three sons, Robert Kirchoff, and Paul "Jeffrey" Kirchoff and wife, Laurie, of Kalispell, and Michael Menick and wife, Bertha, of Whittier, Calif.; a brother, Ben Kirchoff of La Crosse, Wis.; brother and sisters-in-law, Alice and husband, John McCormick, and Mary Piche, all of Belle Plaine, Minn., also Elaine Farrell of Fairfield, Ohio; five grandchildren, Ericka and Merissa Menick, Veronica "Ronnie" and Cassandra "Cassie" Kirchoff, and Nathaniel J. "Nate" Kirchoff; with numerous nieces and nephews.

A celebration of life will at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, July 17, at the family home. A military service and burial will be held at Sacred Heart Cemetery in Belle Plaine, Minn., at a later date.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Robert W. Kloetzke, 55

Robert W. Kloetzke, 55, passed away at Kalispell Regional Medical Center on Friday, Feb. 7, 2003, unexpectedly from complications of surgery.

Robert was born Aug. 27, 1947, in Whitefish. He attended school locally and served his country in the armed forces. Upon returning home from duty, he worked at a number of different jobs, including working for the city of Columbia Falls and for Glacier National Park. He began with the Park Service on the east side and later worked on the west side, where he was employed the longest.

He loved to hunt and fish, snowcat and ride motorcycles, just to name a few of his hobbies. He was very active in the Montana Hope project and Camp Make-a-Dream for terminally ill children. Robert also enjoyed rockhounding and gold panning, and was a member of the Kalispell club.

He was preceded in death by



the parents who raised him, William Ernest and Marion Kloetzke, as well as by his cousin, Paul Francis Taylor, along with many other relatives.

Robert is survived by his wife of 34 years, Christa Kloetzke; his sister and brother-in-law, Carol and Greg Gehrrens of Kalispell; his sister, Margaret Libby, and his sister and brother-in-law, Linda and Kenneth McCully, all of Martin City; his Aunt Elizabeth Taylor; and his birth mother and her husband, Billie and Chuck Berry of Columbia Falls.

Services will be conducted at 2 p.m. on Thursday at the Columbia Mortuary with Pastor Darrell Newby officiating. Visitation will be from 1 p.m. until service time at the funeral home. Burial will follow funeral services at Woodlawn Cemetery with military honors to be provided by the Veterans of Foreign Wars honor guard.

Memorial donations may be made in Robert's name to the Montana Hope Project, or to Camp Make-a-Dream, or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Arrangements are in the care of Columbia Mortuary of Columbia Falls.

Patricia Kluding, 83

Patricia Kluding, 83, passed away of natural causes Monday, Aug. 25, 2003.

Pat and her twin brother were born on St. Patrick's Day, March 17, 1920, in Norwalk, Ohio, to Charles and Bernadette Amato. Pat graduated from Norwalk High School in 1937.

She and Paul Kluding were married on Nov. 24, 1940. After their marriage they lived in 14 different homes in six different states and Mexico before settling in Des Moines, Iowa.

Pat was a homemaker and devoted mother to her three sons and three daughters.

She and Paul raised their children in Dedham, Mass., and Middletown, Conn., until 1958, when the family moved to Dearborn, Mich. It was there she started playing golf, which became her favorite pastime.

In 1966, they moved to Des Moines. They were active in the Catholic church and a member of St. Mary of Nazareth Church.

She was also a member of Des Moines Golf and Country Club. They enjoyed golf, bowling, card

playing and traveling.

Pat started a career outside the home at the young age of 64, working at a major department store in Des Moines. She continued working until 1996.

She moved to the Lake View Care Center in Bigfork in 2001.

She was preceded in death by her husband Paul, son, James; daughter-in-law, Sharan; twin brother, Charles; and her sister, Mary.

She is survived by her sister, Augusta Schwinn of Glen Arm, Md.; and her children, John and wife, Jean, of Bigfork, Paula Skeen and husband, Carl Hingtgen, of Moline, Ill., Judi Marks and husband, Byron, of Des Moines, Kathi Panor and husband, Bruce, of Newtown, Conn., and Bob of Des Moines. She is also survived by 11 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held at a later date in Des Moines.

The family suggests in lieu of flowers, donations be made to Lake View Care Center Resident Council in Bigfork.

She was loved by all who knew her and will be greatly missed.

Eugene F.A. Klug, 85

Rev. Dr. Eugene F.A. Klug, 85, of Fort Wayne, Ind., died Monday, May 19, 2003, at Hospice of Northeast Indiana.



He was born Nov. 26, 1917, in Milwaukee, Wis., to Adolf O.M. Klug and Eugenia Albrecht Klug. On Sept. 4, 1946, he married his devoted life partner, Dorothy Anna Bauch, also of Milwaukee, who survives him in Fort Wayne. At the time of his death, he was professor emeritus at Concordia Theological Seminary.

Rev. Klug graduated from Concordia College, Milwaukee, in 1937 and went on to earn the degrees of master of arts from the University of Chicago (1941), bachelor of divinity from Concordia Seminary, Saint Louis (1942), and doctor of theology from the Free University of Amsterdam, the Netherlands (1971).

In 1944, he joined the U.S. Navy as chaplain, serving first at the Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill., and then with the 7th Fleet, Philippine Sea Frontier, in the South Pacific, until 1946. He was assistant pastor at Calvary Lutheran University Church, Madison, Wis., 1947-49; pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, Kalispell, 1949-55; and instructor, Lutheran Chair of Religion, University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana, 1955-60. He joined the faculty of Concordia Theological Seminary, Springfield, Ill. in 1960, as professor of systematic theology, and continued with the seminary when it was moved to Fort Wayne in 1976. He trained hundreds of future pastors and authored books and articles on subjects that included the military chaplaincy, Lutheran theology, and the nature of the church and ministry. His last work, a compendium of his seminary teaching, was pending pub-

lication at the time of his death and will be released this year.

During Rev. Klug's ministry at Trinity Lutheran Church, he, together with pastors from Libby and Missoula, served members in many outlying areas who eventually established their own parishes at Eureka (Holy Cross), Whitefish (Saint Peter), Columbia Falls (Our Redeemer), and Condon-Seeley Lake (Faith and Holy Cross). He also traveled to East Glacier to serve people of that area. Also during those years, the people of Trinity established their Christian youth camp on Flathead Lake near Bigfork, and committed themselves to build Kalispell's present-day Trinity Lutheran School.

He loved Montana, especially the mountains and mountain lakes, and spent each of his last 25 summers at his cabin on the Whitefish River, surrounded by family. He was an eager and strong hiking, fishing and hunting partner to his adult children, grandchildren, and others. He was a role model, mentor, and friend to many. It was said of him that he walked the talk.

Other survivors include sisters, Paula Kammrath of Strasburg, Ill., Edythe Behrens of Rapid City, S.D., and Caryl Browne of Madison, Wis.; daughters, Charlotte Klug Chung and husband Dr. Philip Chung of Flora, Ill., and Christine Klug Paul of Newburyport, Mass.; sons, Paul Klug and wife Karen of Kalispell, and Rev. Timothy Klug and wife Debbie of Cody, Wyo.; eight grandchildren, including Aaron, Andrea, and Nathan Klug of Kalispell; and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on May 22 at Saint Paul's Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne, Ind. A graveside service and burial took place on May 23 in Milwaukee. Memorials for Rev. Klug may be made to Trinity Lutheran Camp, Bigfork, or Trinity Lutheran School, Kalispell.

Mindy Jo Knapp, 31

Mindy Jo Knapp, 31, passed away on Jan. 25, 2003, at home in Kalispell.

She was born Oct. 2, 1971, in Great Falls, to Jerry Knapp and Beverly Woods.

Mindy received her early education in Great Falls.

She enjoyed all kinds of music and loved going for long rides. She also loved kids and horses.

Mindy's nephews and niece were



the joy of her life and she loved spending time with them.

Mindy was a waitress at many different establishments and enjoyed meeting all sorts of people. She was a nurse's aide, but most recently was a cashier at Michael's.

Mindy is survived by her parents, Jerry Knapp of Great Falls, and Beverly Fleming of Libby; one sister, Danette Preble and husband Dave, and their children, Chad, Jeff and Elise, all of Kalispell.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Carmen Violet (Adams) Knapton, 53

Carmen Violet (Adams) Knapton, 53, of Kalispell, passed away at the home of her parents in Libby, on Monday, Oct. 20, 2003, from a genetic illness.



She was born Aug. 30, 1950, in Harlem, to Clarence and Mabyle (Baer) Adams. Carmen grew up along the highline of Montana.

While living in West Glacier and attending high school in Columbia Falls, she met her soul mate, Mark Knapton. Upon graduation in 1969, the two became inseparable, marrying in November of 1970. During their 32 years of marriage, Carmen and her husband conquered every obstacle together.

Carmen had a mothering nature unequalled to anyone raising three boys of her own, and numerous other children that came to the day care she ran from her own home. Many of those children became part of her extended family, so to speak.

Carmen became an avid

bowler, she also enjoyed the outdoors with her family participating in numerous activities.

Carmen was preceded in death by her father, Clarence Adams of Dodson; her husband, Mark; two brothers, Rick and Scott Baer; and a half brother and half sister.

She is now survived by her parents, Bruce and Mabyle Avery of Libby; three sons, Jacob Knapton and David Knapton, both of Kalispell, and Brian Knapton of Sturgeon Bay, Wis.; two brothers, Jon Adams of Libby, and Bernard Azure of Arlee; two sisters, Tammy Anderson of Troy, and Shannon Avery-Cimino of San Juan, Puerto Rico; four grandchildren; and many nieces, nephew, cousins, aunts, uncles, and many children she graced through her day care.

Memorial services will be held 3 p.m. Friday, Oct. 24, at Johnson Mortuary Chapel with Pastor Brad Brittsan and Curtis Konecky officiating. A time of remembrance and visitation will be Friday from noon to time of service at the mortuary. Her ashes will be spread privately by her sons.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

William K. 'Bill' Knoepke, 84

William K. "Bill" Knoepke, 84, of Troy, died Friday, Dec. 19, 2003, at the Libby Care Center.

He was a longtime employee of the J. Neils Lumber Company and later the St. Regis Paper Company.

He is survived by his children, Larry Knoepke of Troy,

Linda Bignell of Littleton, Colo., and Sandra Olson of Spokane.

Services with military honors will be 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Troy Cemetery. Friends may call at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home from 1 to 6 p.m. Monday.

Donna Dorothy Kobbervig, 71

Donna Dorothy Kobbervig, 71, passed away on Monday, April 28, 2003, at her home in Kalispell.



Donna was born on April 9, 1932, in Chicago, to Louis and Dorothy Wilson Kasten. Donna was raised in Chicago. She married Robert Kobbervig in Elkhorn, Wis., in 1961.

She loved raising and watching birds, horseback riding, painting and just enjoying the outdoors. She was a member of the Stillwater Lutheran Church and the Women of the Moose.

Donna was preceded in death by her father, mother, and grandson Michael Hogan.

She is survived by her husband

of 41 years, Robert J., of Kalispell; sons Michael F. Hogan, and Leonard and his wife Carol Hogan; daughters Sheila A. Hogan, and Valerie J. Rawland and her husband, Dennis; siblings Louis Kasten of Elkhorn, Carol Wehrwein of Delavan, Wis., Beverly Kasten and Warden Kasten, both of Lake Geneva, Wis.; eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at the Stillwater Free Lutheran Church, with the Rev. Tim Bartholomew officiating. Urn burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

The family request memorials be given to the Stillwater Free Lutheran Church.

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

Della Berta Kopp, 77

Della Berta Kopp, 77, died Saturday, Dec. 6, 2003, at her home in Kalispell.

Memorial services are pend-

ing at this time. Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Orion Byron Koppang, 85

Orion Byron Koppang, 85, formerly of Kalispell, died on Jan. 4, 2003, in Portland.

He was a manager at Anaconda Aluminum for 25 years.

He is survived by his son, Ron Koppang.

A memorial service will be at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 14, at West Linn Lutheran Church in Portland.

Arrangements are under the direction of Holman-Hankins-Bowker and Waud Funeral Home.

Patrica M. 'Pat' Korf, 68

Patricia M. "Pat" Korf, 68, of Boise, Idaho, passed away after a long battle with cancer on Feb. 25, 2003, at Valley View Retirement Center in Boise. She was a long-time resident of Polson until her illness brought her to Boise in 2002.



Pat was born in North Dakota. She and her family moved to Montana in 1948. She helped in the family business, where she met the love of her life. She married Mel Korf on Sept. 19, 1951. This union produced three children, Tony, Debbie and Rhonda. Mel passed away in September of 2001.

Pat was a woman of many talents. She is remembered most for her quilts and her paintings. Her painting was a talent that never came out until her retirement. Most of the quilts that she made were given to family members, with the individualism of each one. Her discovered art talent can be seen on the walls of family members' homes. She always found the humor in everything,

even more so during her illness. She loved to travel. "She is taking her final journey. We love you, Mom."

Pat is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Tony and Leslie Korf of Polson, and their five children, Jennifer, Jolene, Joshua, Jeremy and Angela; her daughter, Debi Faris and husband, Ted Shounaker of Kalispell, and her children, Daren and JeAnne; daughter and son-in-law, Rhonda and Barry Salzer of Boise, Idaho, and their daughter, Tracia. She is also survived by numerous great-grandchildren; her sisters, Bobby Guenzler of Pablo, Shelly Frank of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, and Laura Bocksnick of Salt Lake City, Utah; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by both of her parents.

Memorial services will be held at 10 a.m. on Friday at Summers Funeral Homes, 1205 W. Bannock Street, Boise. A reception will follow at University Christian Church, 1801 University Drive, in Boise. A celebration of her life and gathering will take place in Polson at a later time.

Memorials can be made to the charity of your choice.

Julia (Tomasco) Kosa, 91

Julia (Tomasco) Kosa, 91, passed away July 28, 2003, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

Julia was preceded by her parents; all eight of her siblings; her husband, George; and her daughter, Dolores Covill Finn.

She is survived by her son, Donald and wife, Nancy, of Milford, Conn.; three grandsons, David and wife, Jeny, of Columbia Falls, Jeffrey Kosa and wife, Jaimi, of Hudson, N.H., and Timothy Kosa of Milford. Also two granddaughters, Marilyn Covill Haymaker and husband, Kerry, of Nashville, Tenn., and Denise Kosa Hennessy of Orange, Conn.; and five great-grandchildren, Josh, Emma, Jasper, Lincoln and Jade.

Julia was born May 14, 1912, in Stratford, Conn. She grew up on a farm and was one of nine children.

She married George Kosa in 1936 and they had two children.

After his death, she worked as a dietary aide at Bridgeport Hospital, and later retired to live near her daughter, Dolores, in Columbia Falls. For more than 20 years she was "Grandma Kosa" to many Columbia Falls' children, sharing her love and kindness with all.

"Thank you to the many families who shared their lives with her, and especially to the wonderful, endearing staff at Brendan House who cared for her during the past two and a half years."

A funeral mass will be held at St. Richard's Catholic Church on Friday, Aug. 1, at 10 a.m. Burial will follow at Woodlawn Cemetery. Visitation will be today from 6 to 8 p.m. at Columbia Mortuary.

Memorial contributions may be made in her name to Brendan House, 350 Conway Drive, Kalispell, MT, 59901.

Robert L. 'Bob' Kramer, 77

Robert L. "Bob" Kramer, 77, passed away March 23, 2003, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.



Bob was born Sept. 22, 1925, in Rapelje, to Lonnie and Harriet Kramer. He was raised in Rapelje and in Billings, where he graduated from Billings Senior High. He later went to college in Bozeman.

Bob joined the Navy in 1942 and served until 1946. He worked with the Seabees, establishing airbases in the Pacific Islands.

He married Vicki Giese on Dec. 21, 1946, in Columbus. Bob was a auto mechanic for 50 years at several auto dealerships in Billings and Great Falls, before semi-retiring in Kalispell, in 1983. He continued to help people in the Flathead Valley with his mechanical knowledge, and briefly ran the Mac Tool route in Kalispell.

He loved fishing, hunting, bowling, cars, cards, gardening and his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He was an honorary 50-year Moose member and was a member of the Bitterroot Legion 43.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Jim, Larry, and Pat Kramer.

Bob is survived by his wife of 55 years Vernice "Vicki" Kramer of Kalispell; son, Richard Kramer of Bullhead City, Ariz.; daughters, Barbara and husband, Gaylord Pulse, of Polson, Linda and husband, Mike Bracy, of Harbor City, Calif., and Rita and husband, Tom Hall, of Kalispell; grandchildren, Doug Brewer, Chantil Breen, Rob Muzzy, Dana Brewer, Clarissa Muzzy, Tybel Hall; great-grandchildren, Aaron Mather and Jory Breen; brothers, Dan Kramer, Lee Kramer, Roger Kramer; and sisters, Carol Skiles, and Kay Kramer.

Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 2, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Larry Stappler officiating.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorial be made to the Moose Heart Foundation P.O. Box 5286 Kalispell, MT 59901.

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

Kathy Krantz, 75

Kathy Krantz, 75, of Kalispell, passed away on Thursday, May 8, 2003.

She was born Kathleen M. Tennant to Donald and Claire Tennant on July 27, 1927 in Duluth, Minn. She was raised in Minnesota's Twin Cities and enjoyed her childhood summers visiting the family farm in Aiken, Minn. Her father was a blacksmith with the Great Northern Railroad. The family moved to Havre in 1946.

Kathy was a skilled seamstress working at Buttrey's in Havre and also lived and worked in Great Falls.

On Aug. 9, 1952, she married Alven Krantz of Kalispell. They moved to the Flathead Valley in 1955, and raised their family.

Kathy enjoyed being with her family and friends. She is survived



by her husband of 50 years, Alven, at the family home in Kalispell; daughters, Teri Grigg and husband, Rex, of Portland, Debbie and Brenda Krantz of Kalispell; son, Rick Krantz and wife, Debbi, of Condon; sister Dona and Pete Madden of Havre; sisters-in-law, Merle Schend of Kremlin, and Martha Anderson of Walla Walla, Wash.; stepbrother, Warren Ulery and wife, Bev, of Great Falls; sister-in-law, Rose Ulery, of Great Falls; niece, Jackie Donovan, of Havre; nephew, Terry Schend, of Kalispell; grandchildren, Tammy Zeller and Cassie Kiern, Ben, Tyler and Ryan Krantz, Cody and Ashley Berger; great-grandchildren, Letitia, Zach and Austin; and numerous grand nieces and nephews.

The family suggest memorial contributions to the Dialysis Center Inc, 135 Commons Way Kalispell, MT 59901.

Kathy requested that after cremation that there would be no ser-

Doris Irene Kraus, 84

Doris Irene Kraus, 84, of Trout Creek, passed away on Monday, Jan. 13, 2003, at Clark Fork Valley Hospital in Plains.

She was born on Dec. 26, 1918, in Great Falls, to Roy and Beulah Waring Charlesworth. She grew up and attended school in Trout Creek and graduated from Noxon High School as salutatorian in the class of 1937.

On Aug. 27, 1938, she married Henry "Hank" Kraus. The couple made their home in Trout Creek at the foot of 20-Odd Mountain until Hank's death in 1981. Doris continued to live there until 2000. In 2001, she moved to Plains and made her home at New Horizons Assisted Living Center.

Doris was employed as a rural mail carrier for the Swamp Creek area near Trout Creek for 10 years during the 1940s and 1950s. She was very proud of her longtime membership in the Montana State Grange. She was a charter member, joining at the organizational meeting in 1938 and receiving her 65-year Golden Sheaf Award this year. She also served as a 4-H leader and was an early member of the Trout Creek Senior Citizens Center.

She is survived by two daughters, Rita Kraus and Lois Pirker and husband, Dave, all of Kalispell; granddaughter, Sandra Owen and husband, Tracy, and great-grandson, Dylan, all of Snohomish, Wash.; one sister and brother-in-law, Carol and Karl Ralstin-Kellner of Missoula; three sisters-in-law, Sandy Kraus of Missoula, Vi Kraus of Trout Creek, and June Kraus of Great Falls; stepsister, Harriette Engen of Bemidji, Minn.; uncle, Derrel Waring of Monroe, Iowa; aunt, Alice Lacy of Plains; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Henry, and one grandson, Jerry Pirker.

Visitation will be from 4 to 6 p.m. Sunday at Coffelt-Bunch Funeral Chapel in Thompson Falls, and from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Monday at the Trout Creek Community Church, where funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Burial will follow at Whitepine-Trout Creek Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Trout Creek Senior Citizens Center, the Noxon Ambulance Fund, or to the charity of the donor's choice.

Richard Van Krevelen, 66

Dr. Richard Van Krevelen, 66, passed away Tuesday, Aug. 19, 2003, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

He was born Nov. 6, 1936, in Minneapolis, to William A. and Eleanor (Stevenson) Van Krevelen.

Dick graduated from high school in Minneapolis, attended Augsburg College, and completed a Doctor of Chiropractic degree at North Western College of Chiropractic. In 1960, he moved to Glendive. His father worked for Mobil Oil Company.

He married Shirley Honkanen on June 16, 1962, and they raised one son, Stephen, who became a graduate of North Central University and the University of Minnesota. Stephen now works in the software development industry. His wife, Shirley, is a school teacher in Bigfork.

In 1970, Dr. Van Krevelen moved his practice to Whitefish where his grandparents had lived in 1913. In 1973, the family moved to Croydon, Victoria, Australia.



He practiced in Bismarck, N.D., before moving to Bigfork, in 1975. Dr. Van Krevelen practiced in Kalispell from 1982 to 1985.

He was an involved father who shared his love of basketball and baseball with his son. He had a vital interest in promoting good health and had a Kalispell radio program called "Health Hints." He enjoyed weight lifting, professional sports, boating, cycling, chess and travel.

He was the president of the Kiwanis and Toastmaster's and belonged also to the Lions Club. He was a deacon at the Zion Lutheran Church in Glendive, and was an active member of the Lutheran Church for many years. He moved to Immanuel Lutheran Home on April 3, 1995.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and is survived by his wife Shirley Van Krevelen of Kalispell; and his son, Stephen Van Krevelen of Minneapolis.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 23, at Johnson Mortuary Chapel with Pastor John Weaver officiating. Visitation will be held Saturday from 9 to 11 a.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

James Albert Kruger, 69

James Albert Kruger, 69, of Kalispell, died Feb. 20, 2003, of cancer.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Ann Chwaszczewski; mother, Vennetta Christman; brother, Marvin Kruger; four children and five stepchildren.

Jim loved to square and round dance, polka and waltz. His favorite clubs were Blazing Starts, Dancing Shadows and Hard 'n Easy in the Puget Sound area. His favorite caller was Jack Hardin

and his favorite cuer was Debbie Taylor.

His other interests were hiking and gardening.

Interment will be on Vashon Island, Wash. A service will be held in Kalispell at 10 a.m. on Saturday at Glacier Church, 690 Grandview Ave. A memorial also will be held on Vashon at 2 p.m. March 8 at Bethel Evangelical Free Church.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Viola M. 'Vi' Kerzman Krukenberg, 74

Viola M. "Vi" Kerzman Krukenberg, 74, of Minot, N.D., died Wednesday, Nov. 12, 2003, in a Denver medical center.

Viola was born on July 11, 1929, in Knox, N.D., the daughter of Joseph and Emelia (Thomas) Bertsch.

The family moved to Minot when she was a child.

She was raised in Minot and graduated from St. Leo's High School in 1947. Viola played guitar and sang along with her sisters in her father's dance band, who were well known musicians in the area. They continued to play together until the early 1950s.

Viola began working as a bookkeeper with Gamble Robinson's, Montgomery Ward and John Iverson Co., all in Minot. She married Harland L. "Swede" Kerzman on Oct. 17, 1955, at Little Flower Catholic Church in Minot. They lived in Minot until 1966, when they moved to Kalispell.

Viola continued her bookkeeping and accounting career with a certified public accounting firm while continuing to raise her family. She was later employed at Roy Stanley Chevrolet in Kalispell.

Her husband, "Swede" Kerzman, died on Oct. 1, 1982, and she then returned to Minot.

She married Russel R. Krukenberg on Aug. 5, 1993 in Minot.

Viola retired in 1994.



Russel passed away on Oct. 30, 2002, and Viola continued to live in Minot.

In early Nov. 2003, she relocated to Denver to be closer to her immediate family.

Viola was a member of St. Leo's Catholic Church and the Eagles Auxiliary, both in Minot. She enjoyed music and dancing and had a beautiful singing voice.

Survivors include sons, Greg (Catherine) Kerzman, Kalispell, Keith (Tina) Kerzman, Mesa, Ariz., Ken (Sara) Kerzman, Bigfork, Jeff Kerzman, Denver; stepdaughter, Rochell Abrahamson, Minot; eight grandchildren, Beverly and Jennifer Kerzman, Levi and Chelsea Kerzman, Dennis and Denise Krause, and Dillon and Westin Abrahamson; sisters, Theresa Iverson, Fargo, Eva (Ron) Smathers, Alvina (Don) Loveland and Leona Burns, all of Minot; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Her husbands, Harland L. Kerzman and Russel R. Krukenberg; infant son, Stephan Kerzman; her parents, and sister Adeline M. Kerzman preceded her in death.

Funeral Mass is Tuesday, Nov. 18, 2003, at 1 p.m. at St. Leo's Catholic Church, Minot.

Visitation will be today from noon to 7 p.m., with the vigil prayer service following, all at Thompson-Larson Funeral Home, Minot.

Burial will be at Rosehill Memorial Park, Minot.

The family requests memorial donations be made to the National Alzheimer's Association.

John Broadwater Kuhr, 71

John Broadwater Kuhr, 71, died on Oct. 14, 2003, at his home in Kalispell, following a valiant battle against malignant melanoma.

Born in Havre on Dec. 26, 1931, to Max and Marian

Broadwater Kuhr, John grew up in the family home on Second Avenue in Havre, attended Havre public schools and entered Northern Montana College as a freshman in 1949. He was named MVP of the Regional Junior College Tournament in Provo, Utah, which led him to transfer to the University of Utah on a basketball scholarship, graduating in 1953.

John then went on to the University of Michigan where he earned his juris doctorate in 1956. There he joined the United States Marine Corps Reserve, eventually serving as an infantry company commander and a 3rd Marine Division Legal Officer in the JAG as a first lieutenant from 1956-1959.

John met a young U.S. Air Force nurse, Martha Ann Good, while they were both stationed in the Washington, D.C. area. They were married in New Bedford, Mass., following their honorable discharges from the Marine Corps and Air Force in 1960.

John returned to Havre with his new wife to begin his career in the law offices of Bosch, Kuhr, Dugdale, Martin and Kaze. He and Martha were blessed with four children who brought much happiness to them over the years.

After Martha succumbed to cancer in 1992, John continued practicing law in Havre, enjoying his children and grandchildren very much. In 1996, he retired and married Carolyn Keil, an Episcopal priest who currently serves St. Patrick's Church in Bigfork. The Kuhrs have lived in Kalispell since 1997.

The place that brought John the most joy throughout his life was the family cabin on Lake McDonald in Glacier National Park. Even his earliest memories included fishing, hiking, and swimming in the Park with family and friends. He also participated in many horse packing trips into the Bob Marshall Wilderness where he was the designated camp dishwasher and fellow kibitzer. The stories he told of those trips were colorful accounts of good times with close friends.

John's professional credits and community activities include: a Fellow with the American College of Real Estate Lawyers; a trustee for the State Bar of Montana; the American Bar Association; a director,



trustee and board vice-chair of Blue Cross, Blue Shield of Montana; past chair of the Montana Human Rights Commission; trustee and past board president of Northern Montana Hospital; Montana Districting and Apportionment Commission; Montana Judicial Nominating Commission; Montana Gender Fairness Task Force; advisory director of Norwest Bank in Montana; advisory director of Capital Savings Bank in Havre; director of Havre Federal Savings and Loan Association; Havre Chamber of Commerce board; Havre Salvation Army board; and most recently, the RSVP Board of Flathead County and volunteer for the Meals on Wheels program of Flathead County. John's love of people and his penchant for engaging everyone in conversation made his Meals on Wheels work "a match made in heaven." He loved working with the RSVP volunteers, the clients and the staff at Meals on Wheels.

His greatest love was his family: daughter Mary (a registered nurse at Northern Montana Hospital in Havre), her husband Robert "Buzz" Pizzini, and their sons, Mario and Dan, daughter, Sue (a registered nurse at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish), her husband, John, and their twins, Jessie and Chris; son Christian (an M.D. at the University of Washington), his wife, Stephanie (an M.D. at the U of W), and their son, Oliver; and son, John (a registered nurse at Benefis health care in Great Falls, and his wife, Kathy (RN at Northern Montana Hospital), and their son, Rockwell "Rocky." John was very proud of their involvement in health care like their mother.

John loved golf for its challenge as well as for the opportunity it gave him to enjoy kidding with his many friends. In the winter, he enjoyed downhill skiing, especially at Bear Paw Ski Bowl south of Havre and the Big Mountain in Whitefish.

John is survived by his beloved wife, Carolyn; his children and their families named above; twin sisters, Kathlyn and her husband, Bob Dyer, of Bozeman, and Carolyn and her husband, Cecil Rhodes, of Casper, Wyo.; brother, Max Kuhr of Havre and his wife, Ann, and brother, Paul and his wife, Beverly, of Havre.

Memorials may be made, to the MSU Northern Foundation, Havre, MT or to St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, P.O. Box 431, Bigfork, MT 59901.

A memorial service will be held 1 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 18, at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Havre, with the Rev. Edwina Aker officiating.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

JoAnne Gail Kull, 61

JoAnne Gail Kull, 61, died at Kalispell Regional Medical Center on Wednesday, April 16, 2003.

She is survived by a daughter, Dawn Kull of Tallahassee,

Fla., and her mother, Gail Oeffinger of Reseda, Calif.

No services are scheduled at this time. Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Lawrence A. Kyriss, 97

Lawrence A. Kyriss, 97, of Troy, died Tuesday, Dec. 16, 2003, at St. John's Lutheran Hospital from natural causes.

He worked for the City of Troy, the State of Montana and The Old Rainbow Lumber Company. He also worked as a carpenter and did electrical work and plumbing.

Survivors include two sons, Paul Kyriss of Libby, and Howard Kyriss of Kalispell.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 23, at the Troy Church of God. Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. Monday.

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