

Merlyn E. Taborsky, 92

Merlyn E. Taborsky, age 92, passed away on Saturday, Dec. 27, 2003, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell. She was born Nov. 6, 1911 in Kalispell, to Emery and Martina (Foss) Emmert.



Merlyn received her early education in the Lower Valley schools and graduated from Flathead High School in 1929. She then went on to business college in Iowa, returning in 1931. She then began a 44-year career with the Flathead County office, retiring in 1975.

Merlyn met the love of her life, "Torgie" Torgeson, at a dance in the Lower Valley Grange. Though engaged to be married, Torgie was killed in France during World War II. Merlyn was married on Sept. 24, 1951 to Charles K. Taborsky. After her retirement, she and Charlie traveled extensively with tour bus groups. She loved their adventures and getting to see the country.

Merlyn always enjoyed playing cards and meeting her friends at Sykes. She was a member of the Order of The Eastern Star and was one of the dearest and sweetest ladies; never complaining, always saying, "everything will be OK".

"She leaves her friends and family something; she leaves them a legacy of love and a pattern of what life should consist of: Faith, love, honesty and pride in her work."

Merlyn was preceded in death by her husband, Charles; three cousins, Mike Emmert, Leonard Emmert and Mary Riedel.

She is survived by a cousin, Edith Rhode of Arizona; a sister-in-law, Ann Anderson of Lavina, Mont., and several nieces, nephews and dear friends.

Graveside services for Merlyn will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 31 at 1 p.m. at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be at Johnson Mortuary from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Tuesday.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Duane J. 'Duke' Tancre, 76

Duane J. "Duke" Tancre, 76, of Ray, N.D., died on Wednesday, July 16, 2003, at Trinity Medical Center in Minot, N.D.

He is survived by his wife, Sylvia, of Ray; son, Steve Tancre of Kalispell; daughter, Sheryle Turman of Cataldo, Idaho; and mother, Martha Tancre of Tioga, N.D.

Funeral services will 11 a.m. Monday, July 21, at Fulkerson Funeral Home Chapel in Tioga. Visitation will be from noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday, July 20, and for one hour before service time on Monday.

A memorial service will be held in Kalispell at a later date.

Ruby Angeline Anderson Tannehill, 77

Ruby Angeline Anderson Tannehill, 77, passed away at the Brendan House in Kalispell, on Thursday July 31, 2003.



She was born in Proctor, Minn., on Sept. 9, 1925, to Melvin and Lena (Haugen) Anderson. Ruby was baptized into the Lutheran faith at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Proctor. She attended schools in Proctor, graduating in 1943.

Ruby worked in Proctor and Duluth until 1949 when she moved to Seattle, to work for the Washington Department of Fisheries.

She met and married James Tannehill on Dec. 27, 1953, in Seattle, and moved with him to Glendive. The couple moved to Kalispell in 1970. Ruby went to work at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in 1973, and remained until her retirement in 1991.

Ruby was an active member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Kalispell. She served as president and secretary of the ladies' group and as a member of the choir. Ruby was a past volunteer for the American Red Cross and volunteered at the Immanuel Lutheran home. She was an avid card player and particularly enjoyed playing bridge.

Ruby was preceded in death by

her parents.

She is survived by her husband, James of Kalispell; one daughter, Laurie Morrison and husband, Gary; two sons, Scott and wife, Martha, and Tom and wife, Lisa, all of Kalispell; seven grandchildren, Greg and wife, Jenny, of Guam, A.J., Jon, Holly, Megha, Kelsey and Kyle, all of Kalispell. She is also survived by three sisters, Levina Carlson and husband, Walter, of Cloquet, Minn., Marie Anderson and husband, Chester, of Aurora, Minn., and Mildred Jarvimaki and husband, Arnold, of Clinton, Wash.; one brother, Floyd Anderson and wife, Judy, of Laporte, Minn.; several nieces and nephews, numerous cousins and a host of friends.

Funeral services for Ruby will be held 2 p.m. Monday, Aug. 4, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church with Pastor Lindean Barnett officiating. Burial will follow at the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Johnson Mortuary on Monday.

The family suggests memorial gifts be given to Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 603 S. Main Street, Kalispell, MT 59901; the Immanuel Lutheran Home, 185 Crestline Ave., Kalispell, MT 59901 or Hospice, 175 Commons Loop, Suite 100, Kalispell, MT 5 9901.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Linda Taylor, 52

Linda Taylor, 52, died Saturday, May 24, 2003, at her home in Kalispell.

Arrangements are pending with Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory.

Violet Kingsland Taylor, 77

Violet Kingsland Taylor, 77, passed away on Monday, May 26, 2003, at the Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.



She was born on Oct. 31, 1925, in Lewistown, to Clyde and Dolly Marie (Madden) Kingsland.

Violet received her early education in the Lewistown area and went on to cook for the harvest crews for many years.

She loved the outdoors, hunting, fishing, camping and playing cards.

Violet was preceded in death by her parents.

She is survived by her husband, Bruce, of Kalispell; all of her children, Judy Hankins Bartlett, Marylynn Knudsen, Richard Hankins, Thomas Hankins, Harley Hankins, Michael McNeely and Lois Bibb. She is also survived by one sister, Jean Hinkle; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Graveside urn burial services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, May 30, at Glacier Memorial Gardens with Pastor Glenn Burfeind officiating.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Claire Frances 'Fran' Kienas Thibert, 75

A memorial service for Claire Frances "Fran" Kienas Thibert will be held at 2 p.m. on Monday, May 19, 2003, at Fairview Cemetery with Pastor Darold Reiner officiating.



Claire Frances "Fran" Kienas Thibert, 75, passed away on Tuesday, April 29, 2003, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

She was born on Sept. 29, 1927, in Kalispell, to Ray and Dorothy (Sheldon) Dyer.

Fran was raised in the Flathead County and attended Flathead County High School.

She married Arthur Kienas in 1948, at Trinity Lutheran Church and was married to him for 41 years.

Fran was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, and the Chan-

deler Arizona Eagles, Moose Lodge, and Augusta Senior Citizens.

Fran is survived by her three children, Ronda Carnes of Federal Way, Wash., Melissa Kienas of Columbia Falls, and Martin Kienas of Kalispell; five grandchildren, Jami Helke of Spokane, Anissa Streb of Federal Way, Joe Javorsky of Kalispell, Alyson Gardner of Orting, Wash., and Sarah Javorsky-Strandberg of Kalispell; brothers and sisters, Roberta Arnold of Kalispell, John Dyer of Somers, Kenneth Dyer of Spokane, and Shirley McDaniel of Tri-City, Wash.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Muscular Dystrophy Association, P.O. Box 30918, Billings, MT 59116 or to the Montana Heart Association, 623 2nd Ave. East, Kalispell, Montana 59901.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Thyra L. Thielen, 79

Thyra L. Thielen, 79, died on Sunday, May 18, 2003, at Lake View Care Center in Bigfork.

At her request, she will be cremated and her ashes buried

with her husband in Alderwood, Wash.

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

Marie Thomas, age 82, passed away at the Immanuel Lutheran Home. Marie leaves many friends with memories of her sense of humor and adventure. Friends are invited to get together to share these memories.

Monday, February 24th • 3:00 p.m.
Special Friends Advocacy Program
313 2nd Avenue West • Kalispell

Bernice Thompson, 85

Bernice Thompson, 85, of Oilmont, died of natural causes on Thursday, July 24, 2003, at Marias Medical Center in Shelby.



Funeral services will be 2 p.m., Wednesday, July 30, at the Community United Methodist Church in Shelby, with the Rev. Chuck Woodworth officiating. Visitation will be Tuesday from 1 to 8 p.m. at the Whitted Funeral Chapel in Shelby. Burial will follow in Mountain View Cemetery in Shelby.

Bernice was born in Willmar, Minn., on Sept. 13, 1917, to Edward and Elizabeth (Rank) Dalien. Bernice married Otto Thompson on Aug. 25, 1934. They moved to Montana in 1943.

She enjoyed bottle hunting, bridge and playing Scrabble with her friend, Thelma. Bernice was known by her family for being a great bread maker and was very proud of it.

Bernice is survived by her sons, Tom and wife, Margaret Thompson, of Missoula, and Bruce and wife, Rosella Thompson, of Lakeside; her daughter, Cynthia and husband, Tom Salsgiver, of Apollo, Pa.; brothers, Charles Dalien of Becker, Minn., Howard Dalien of Washington; sisters, Grace Keller of Fergus Falls, Minn., and Martha Rush of Missouri; as well as nine grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Her husband, Otto; sisters, Lu Hanson, Dorothy King and Betty Johannes; and two grandsons, Heath Salsgiver and Tracy Thompson, preceded Bernice in death.

George N. Thompson, 82

George N. Thompson was the second of six children born in Osage, Wyo., on May 1, 1921, to F.O. and Irene Thompson.

He passed away at home on May 19, 2003.

After high school, he met the love of his life, Nadine J. Minnich, and on Feb. 23, they celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary.

He was always a self-sustaining man and his love of life was expressed in so many ways culminating in the way he lived his life. He instilled in his kids a strong work ethic and often said, "If the job is worth doing, it's worth doing well." Providing for his family was always his first priority as well as enjoying the outdoors in every aspect of his life.

Early in life he earned a living as a cowboy and horses continued to play a large part in his life due to his children's inherited love of the animal. He enlisted in the Air Force during World War II as a fighter pilot, but was "grounded" due to allergies and continued as an airplane mechanic and electrician until his honorable discharge.

Living in a small town in Wyoming, he was depended upon as a deputy sheriff, mail carrier, and volunteer fireman. He was an all-around outdoorsman, an avid hunter and an accomplished outfitter. He was creative and ingenious in that he could fix anything and if the right tool or device wasn't available to complete the job, he would invent one, to get the job done. He said more than once, "If I can't be doing something, I might as well be six feet under."

He moved his family to Montana in 1954 and was a logger for some time, then went to work for C&C Plywood in Kalispell as a heavy equipment operator and log scaler.

He retired in 1980 and moved to Alaska with his wife and enjoyed several years of fishing for salmon and halibut. Once Nadine retired, they became snowbirds and traveled south each winter and migrated back home during the summer to their long-time residence in Kalispell.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, a son and a granddaughter.

He leaves to mourn his passing, his loving wife; son, Terry Thompson and wife, Sandy; daughters and their husbands, Pat Brown and Jerry, Conni Fletcher and Dan, Penni Collins and Don and Coleen Thompson and TJ Jones. He also leaves five grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, two sisters, two brothers and multiple nieces, nephews, and many friends. He was always cherished especially by the children who always waited to know if "George could come out to play."

In lieu of flowers, the family request memorials be sent to American Cancer society, or American Diabetes Foundation.

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

Leila Mary 'Lee' Thompson

A graveside memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery for Leila Mary "Lee" Thompson of Kalispell, who died Nov. 29, 2002, in Missoula.

Lee was born Sept. 4, 1916, in Billings, to Henry and Elizabeth (Knaus) Lackman.

She was educated in Billings and married Roger B. Thompson on Feb. 9, 1935, in Big Timber. For many years they traveled throughout Montana operating Thompson's Radio (and later TV) Service.

During World War II, Lee worked for Army Air Force's Special Services in Gowen Field, Boise, Idaho. After the war, she and Roger settled in the Evergreen community of Kalispell, where their son, Larry, was born in 1948.

Lee was employed by several local businesses as well as the Kalispell hospital.

She enjoyed flower gardening, reading, and many crafts, especially knitting. Many people have been the recipients of her beautiful afghans and no one could make a better batch of fudge.

Her husband Roger; her son, Larry; and brothers, Alex Lackman and George Lackman preceded her in death.

She is survived by her granddaughter, Katherine Lee Thompson Newell, of Helena; brother and sister-in-law, Henry and Annie Lackman, of Spokane; sister-in-law, Kate Lackman, of Missoula; niece, Barbara Lambrecht, of Missoula; as well as numerous other nieces and nephews.

Edith Adele Thomson, 85

Edith Adele Thomson, 85, of Joliet, died Tuesday, April 1, 2003, at the Heritage Acres Nursing Home in Hardin, where she had been cared for since she suffered a stroke in February.

She was born April 13, 1917, in Bloomfield, Mont., to Manley and Ruby Brown.

After her father died, her mother married Arvid W.G. Erickson, and in 1933, the family moved to Fortine in northwest Montana. She attended grade school in Bloomfield, high school in Glendive, and later, Simpson Bible Institute in Seattle, where she met James T. Black. They married in 1939, and he later accepted a position as pastor in Fort Jones, Calif. Rev. Black was killed there in 1946, and Edith, who was pregnant with the couple's fifth child at the time, continued her husband's pastoral duties until the church found a new minister.

In 1950, she moved her family to Fortine to be near her parents.

In 1956, she married Donald G. Thomson, and they had two children. Edith delighted in mothering her seven children and tending to their needs.

She was an avid reader, an accomplished cook and a skilled seamstress. She enjoyed music, especially hymns. Her pastimes

ranged from working crossword puzzles to watching bull riding on TV. She loved to travel, and she marveled at the beauty she saw everywhere. She will be remembered for her wry wit, her generous spirit and her kind heart.

Her husband, Donald, preceded her in death, as did a sister, Dorothy, and a granddaughter, Kimberly.

Survivors include three daughters, Karen MacNaughton of Jubail, Saudi Arabia, Joanna Krentz of Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, and Pamela Maxwell of Hardin; four sons, John Black of Billings, Dan Black of Kalispell, Jim Black of West Bank, British Columbia, and David Thomson of Joliet; five sisters, Irene Helbling of Portland, Helen Brown of Yakima, Wash., Lina Perkins of Bolivar, N.Y., Ruth Wilson and Anna Lee Stewart, both of Creston, British Columbia; and two brothers, Arvid Erickson of Yakima, Wash., and Harold Erickson of Bigfork; 14 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held 2 p.m. today at the Joliet Wesleyan Church in Joliet. Bullis Mortuary has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Matthew W. Thornycroft, 86, passed away on Friday, Dec. 12, 2003, at the Yakima Valley Memorial Hospital in Yakima, Wash. He was born on Sept. 24, 1917, in Opheim to Matthew and Anna Dell Thornycroft. He was raised and educated in Bonners Ferry, Idaho.

Matthew married Marie M. Kirby on Feb. 15, 1940, in Kalispell. They lived most of their married life in the Flathead Valley.

They moved to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, in 1984 after retiring from his job as a minister. They moved to Yakima in 1995.

Matthew was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Marie, on April 15, 1999; one brother, Cy Thornycroft; and one sister, June Thornycroft.

He is survived by a son, Rick and his wife, Darlene Thornycroft, of Clarkston, Wash.; two grandsons,

Scott R. and his wife, Jorie Thornycroft of San Diego, and Rodd A. Thornycroft of Moscow, Idaho.

Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 18, at Glacier Memorial Gardens in Kalispell.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Jeff J. Thorsen, 28

Jeff J. Thorsen, 28, was killed in a bicycle accident on Monday, Oct. 27, 2003, in Eugene, Ore. He was born on Nov. 9, 1974, in Los Angeles, and moved to the Flathead Valley when he was 2.

Jeff attended Whitefish High School and graduated in 1993. He worked for Montana Rail Link in Missoula for five years. He was a graduate of the San Diego Golf Academy and was an assistant pro for Iron Horse Golf Club for one



season. Jeff was currently employed as a conductor for the Union Pacific Railroad in Eugene.

Jeff loved life and he lived it to the fullest. He loved the outdoors and sports, especially golf and fishing.

He is survived by his parents, John and Judy Thorsen, of Kalispell; a sister and brother-in-law, Janel and Eddie Sharpe, of Indianapolis; and grandparents, Earl and Kay Mitchell, of Kalispell.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial services are pending. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the donor's favorite charity.

Emily Lorinda (Wood) Thorvilson, 86

Emily Lorinda (Wood) Thorvilson, 86, of Helena, died June 30, 2003, at Big Sky Care Center after a brief illness. A longtime Great Falls resident, she had resided in Helena for the past two years.

She was born in Holt, on Sept. 4, 1916, the daughter of Merton and Birdena Wood. She moved with her family to Lakeside, and then to Kalispell. She graduated from Flathead County High School in 1934.

She married Cecil Thorvilson in 1938, in Kalispell, worked for a time as an assistant in a Kalispell dentist office, and then left the workplace to become a full-time mother and homemaker. The family moved to Great Falls, in 1947, where Cecil became office manager for Beckman Brothers.

She and Cecil successfully raised a daughter and two sons, all of whom attended Great Falls schools. For many years summer vacations routinely took the family back to Kalispell to visit the numerous relatives residing here.

After Cecil's death in 1978, Emily continued to reside at her Great Falls home, surrounded by her

many area friends and acquaintances. Due to failing health, she moved to Helena in 2001, to be near her son, Roger.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Cecil; her parents; two brothers; and four sisters; and a grandson.

She is survived by sons, Roger and Bonnie of Helena, and Richard of Seattle; daughter, Jean Minnerly of Spokane; a sister-in-law, Dorothy Alstad of Kalispell; five grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Her loves included her family, rock gardening, digging in the dirt with her flowers, reading audio books and helping others in generous ways.

Services for Emily will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, July 3, at Croxfords Rose Room chapel in Great Falls with Pastor Joel Brosten officiating. Burial will follow at Highland Cemetery.

The family suggests that memorials be made to Shriners Hospital in Spokane; Our Saviors Lutheran Church in Great Falls; or the Salvation Army.

Ella Louise Timlick, 83

Ella Louise Timlick, 83, passed away on Wednesday, Sept. 10, 2003, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

Ella was born on Dec. 6, 1919, in Kelvin, N.D., to Gertrude and Lewis "Duffy" Wicks. She graduated as valedictorian in the class of 1938 from Rolla High School.

Ella married James Robert Timlick on July 30, 1938. Together they farmed in North Dakota until 1946 when they moved to Kalispell, first in Evergreen and then later in the LaSalle area where they farmed until retirement in 1973.

Ella's entire life centered around their family and friends; all of whom brought her the greatest joy. Her biggest gift to each one was to make you feel like you were her favorite. Her treasured activities included her beautiful garden, bird-watching, reading, making fine handmade gifts for her family, camping, fishing, wonderful family gatherings, and most of all — making others feel important and loved.

Ella was preceded in death by her husband Jim; her brothers, Larry and Jerry; and infant sister, Alice.



Ella is survived by their seven children, Jim, and wife, Annie, of Kent, Wash., Ben and wife, Cheryl, and Dick and wife, Judy, of Kalispell, Tom and wife, Kendyl, of Missoula, Betty Jones, and Fred and wife, Marie, of Kalispell, and Jay and wife, Shelly, of Coram.

Her sisters, Orpha Keil of Anaconda, Pearl Kyes of Minot, N.D., and Lila Mathis of Layton, Utah; and her brothers, Harold Wicks of Anaconda, and Perry Wicks of Stevensville survive her.

Also she is survived by 18 grandchildren, 42 great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild; numerous nieces, nephews, aunts, and uncles.

Her memorial service will be at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, Sept. 15, in the Johnson Mortuary with Pastor Randy Curtis officiating. Urn burial will follow at the Glacier Memorial Gardens. Friends are invited to join the family for a reception following at the Birch Grove Community Center, 594 Birch Grove Road.

The family suggests memorial gifts be given to the Conrad Mansion, P.O. Box 1041, Kalispell, MT 59901, or to Birch Grove Community Center, 1775 Trumble Creek Road, Kalispell, MT 59901

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory

James Robert Timlick, 87

James Robert Timlick, 87, passed away on Wednesday, Aug. 6, 2003, at the Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

He was born on Feb. 4, 1916, near Rolla, N.D., to William Robert and Hilda Louise (Saich) Timlick. Jim attended Fairview School.

He married Ella Louise Wicks on July 30, 1938. The couple farmed in North Dakota until 1946, when they moved to Kalispell. Jim was a mechanic at various garages ending with 20 years at Korn Buick. He also farmed on Helena Flats Road in the LaSalle area until 1973 when he retired to camp, fish, hunt, travel and enjoy retirement. Hunting and fishing continued to be priorities until 2003.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents; four sisters, Grace Timlick, Florence Timlick, Evelyn Nerpel and Sylvia Hoff.

He is survived by his wife, Ella



of Kalispell; seven children, James and wife, Annie, of Kent, Wash., Ben and wife, Cheryl, Richard and wife Judy, all of Kalispell, Thomas and wife, Kendyl, of Missoula; Betty Jones and Fred and wife, Marie, all of Kalispell, and Jay and wife, Shelly, of Coram. Jim is also survived by 18 grandchildren; 41 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial services for Jim will be held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 13, in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with Pastor Randy Curtis officiating. Urn burial will follow at the Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Friends are invited to join the family for a reception at the Birch Grove Community Center at 594 Birch Grove Road.

The family suggests memorial gifts be given to the Salvation Army, 110 Bountiful Dr., Kalispell, MT 59901 or the Birch Grove Community Center, 1775 Trumble Creek Rd., Kalispell, MT 59901.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Margaret (Leflak) Tischler, 86

Margaret (Leflak) Tischler, 86 of Salisbury, Conn., died Monday evening, Nov. 24, 2003, at Noble Horizons in Salisbury. She was the wife of the late Christian Tischler who passed on in 1999.

She was born Oct. 16, 1917, in Poltschach, Slovenia, daughter of the late Gregor and Klara (Jerschetschitsch) Leflak.

After immigrating to this country in 1951 with her husband and daughter from Austria she settled in Chicago. There, she worked for 23 years at the canteen of the Chicago post office. She retired in

1975 as the supervisor and manager of the canteen. She was a respected and loyal employee. She enjoyed extending her gracious hospitality and possessed excellent baking and cooking skills.

Margaret loved dogs, birds, and nature, and also loved to serve others and to be needed. She lived in Chicago for 20 years. From Chicago she moved to Colorado and Montana. While in Montana, she lived in both Bigfork and Kalispell. She moved back to Connecticut in 1997.

Survivors include her daugh-

ter, Christine T. Friedrich of Goshen, Conn., and New York; and three sisters and one brother, who all live in Slovenia.

She was also predeceased by a brother.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29, in St. Luke's chapel on the grounds of Noble Horizons, 17 Cobble Road, Salisbury, Conn. There are no calling hours.

Arrangements are under the care of the Newkirk-Palmer Funeral Home, 118 Main St, North Canaan, CT 06018.

Geoff Tobey

A gathering to share memories of Geoff Tobey, who died Aug. 14, in Virginia, will be held at 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12, at the Great Northern Bar in Whitefish. Anyone who wishes

to remember "Tobey" is invited. A special invitation is extended to all former employees and friends of the former Coupe deVille Cafe and Fred-eric's Restaurant.

Holly Lee Tobias, 39

Holly Lee Tobias, 39, of Anchorage, Alaska, formerly of Polson, died of acute myelogenous leukemia on Jan. 6, 2003, at University of Washington Medical Center in Seattle.

Her cremated remains will be scattered in Talkeetna, Alaska, this summer.

Holly was born on March 12, 1963, in Polson, and moved to Alaska in 1972. In 1981, she graduated from East Anchorage High School and, in 1998, graduated from Charter College. She was working as a network administrator for GCI.

She held a private pilot's license. She was a two-time national award winner of the DECA marketing competition and was listed in Who's Who in American High Schools.

She enjoyed stained glass work, quilting, crafts and travel.

Holly is survived by her former husband, Ty Tobias, and their daughter Amanda, and mother, Carmen Price, all of Anchorage; sister, Wendy Price of Atlanta; maternal grandmother, Patricia Johnson of Whitefish; former brother-in-law, Troy Tobias of Anchorage; aunt, Rochelle Bickel of Whitefish; and uncles, Eric Johnson of Puyallup, Wash., and Brian and Stephen Johnson of Montana and Idaho.

Her father, Ralph L. Price, preceded her in death.

In lieu of flowers the family requests any memorial donations be sent to the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, J5-200, P.O. Box 19024, Seattle, WA 98109.

John Tower Tooker, 74

John Tower Tooker passed away July 27, 2003, in Billings, at home with his family around him.

John was born in Atkinson, Neb., May 19, 1929, to Albert and Vera Tooker. After graduating, he served in the Navy for 3 years.

John moved to Casper, Wyo., where he married Shirli Baker on April 1, 1951. They had two daughters, Kathy and Karen. John worked for Mobile Oil for 12 years. Before moving to Bigfork, he worked for Premier Mobile Homes. While in Bigfork, John managed the Holiday Resort for several years.

John is survived by his wife, Shirli, of 52 years; his daughters, Kathy Senn and Karen Tooker; his five grandsons, Matt, Mike, and Mory Senn, and Joseph and Jacob Tooker; and one great-grandson; three sisters, Betty Mack, Marie Franks, and Marjorie Bush; four brothers, Ray Tooker, Earl Tooker, Ralph Tooker, and Robert Tooker and their families.

Cremation has taken place.

"We will all miss him."

Smith's Mortuary and Crematorium of Billings is in charge of arrangements.

Violet I. Torpen, 89

Violet I. Torpen, 89, of Libby, died Thursday, April 17, 2003, at the Libby Care Center from natural causes.

Graveside services will be 2

p.m. Monday at the City of Libby Cemetery.

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

Lloyd David Travis

Lloyd David Travis of Lakeside, died at home on Sunday, Aug. 3, 2003, after an extended battle with cancer.

He was involved in St. Matthew's Catholic parish. He loved his dog, Suzy.

Lloyd was born in San Diego in 1935, to Lloyd and Angela Travis. They later settled in Miles City, where he was raised for most of his childhood. Later he met Carmen Minjares of Sidney, whom he married in 1956.

Lloyd retired from the Federal Aviation Administration after a 30-year career.

Lloyd was preceded in death by his father, Lloyd O. Travis, and his grandson, Brandt Travis.

Lloyd is survived by his wife, Carmen; sons, Michael, Steven, Gregory and Lloyd; mother, Angela; sister, Nelly; and grandchildren.

Rosary service will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 7, and funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Aug. 8, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church in Kalispell.

In lieu of flowers the family requests that a donation be made to the Hospice House, 175 Commons Loop, Suite 100, Kalispell, MT59901.

Dwight Donald 'Ike' Treat Jr., 35

Dwight Donald "Ike" Treat Jr., 35, passed away from heart failure Friday, April 11, 2003, at his home near Columbia Falls.

He was born May 5, 1967, in Kalispell.

Ike attended Columbia Falls High School and later was employed at Plum Creek Plywood in Columbia Falls.

He was an avid bow hunter, fisherman, and loved being out in the backcountry or along the rivers and streams of the area. Ike also loved riding his motorcycle and being there.

He is preceded in death by his paternal grandmother, Betty Treat.

Ike is survived by his friends Cindy Shields and her daughter,



Christina; paternal grandfather, Don Treat of Martin City; maternal grandparents, Bud and Louise Ward; his father and stepmother, Dwight "Ike" and Velma Treat; his mother and stepfather, Janice and Chuck Knudson; his brother, Hal Treat and his wife, Mandy, and family; his sisters, Brandy Greer and her husband, Brent, and their son, Aaron, and Jennifer McKay; and numerous aunts, uncles and dear friends.

"He was and always will be loved."

Viewing will be from 1 p.m. until 8 p.m. today, and from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

A funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. Rev. Ron Pierce will officiate. Burial will follow in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Elsie Mae Trebelcock, 77

Elsie Mae Trebelcock, 77, "went with the Angels" on Thursday, Dec. 18, 2003, at the North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

She was born Oct. 3, 1926, in Deadwood, S.D., to Arthur and Tillie (Lloyd) Larive of St. Onge, S.D., where she attended the first eight years of school, and then graduated from high school in Spearfish, S.D.

On July 2, 1946, she married Joe Trebelcock in Belle Fourche, S.D. They had one daughter, Pearlann and one son, James.

Elsie loved her children and grandchildren very much. She created many beautiful crocheted gifts that she would give to her family and friends. She loved the great outdoors and the Flathead Valley with its trees, lakes, birds and mountains. She loved all that nature had to offer, going fishing, picking huckleberries and hunting



with Joe. She and Joe spent almost 58 years together. Elsie will be greatly missed by all who loved her.

Elsie was preceded in death by her parents and three brothers.

Survivors include her husband, Joe, of Trego; her daughter, Pearlann Edgington, of Premont, Texas; her son, James Trebelcock, of Kalispell; there are five sisters, three brothers, four granddaughters, four great-granddaughters, three great-grandsons; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Graveside services for Elsie Trebelcock will be held this spring, May 14, 2004, at the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell.

The family suggests memorials be given in honor of her memory to the American Diabetes Association, 3203 3rd Ave. North, Suite 203, Billings, MT, 59101-1945, or to the American Heart Association, 510 1st Ave. North, #114, Great Falls, MT, 59401.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Eugene Roland Tredway, 70

Eugene Roland Tredway, 70, died Sunday, July 6, 2003, at his home in Kalispell.

He worked as a carpenter in

the Kalispell area.

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

Eugene Clarkston 'Gene' Tucker, 91

Eugene Clarkston "Gene" Tucker, 91, a resident of West Glacier for 25 years, and of Colonial Manor in Whitefish for the past year, "went home to be with the Lord"



Sunday morning at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

Gene was born on August 29, 1911, at the family home in Haviland, Kan. He was the third child of Rose Ella and Philo Elwood Tucker. Gene lost his mother at age 13. He was a shy, gentle man from a Quaker upbringing.

While he was in high school he met his wife of 72 years, Rose Irene Corbet. She is currently a resident of Colonial Manor in Whitefish. Eugene and Irene were married at the church parsonage in Haviland on March 20, 1931.

Gene left Haviland to attend the Wichita Barber College. After graduating, he bought a barbershop in Wichita, Kan., with an apartment. This was the first home of Gene and Irene. Into this home their first daughter, Norma Jeanne, was born.

Gene was a barber for over 40 years. He owned barbershops in Wichita and Pratt, Kan. While residing in Pratt, he was drafted for duty into the Army on May 4, 1945. After his discharge on May 2,

1946, he returned to Pratt where his second daughter, Lynn Rogene, was born.

After Gene's retirement from working in housekeeping at Wesley Hospital in Wichita, he moved to Montana where they managed a mini-storage in Columbia Falls for the first five years. They were able to build their log home in West Glacier.

Gene is survived by his wife, Rose Irene; two daughters, five grandchildren and six great grandchildren. Charles and Norma McClure reside in West Glacier; they have three children, Stephen L. McClure of Mishawaka, Ind., Stephen's children are Katie McClure Phelan and Jacob, Marianna and Neal McClure. Gregory L. McClure and his wife, Theresa, reside in West Glacier. Rose Marie "Susie" Klemann and her husband, Tom, reside in Coloma, Calif.; she has two children, Christie Burns and Cameron Klemann. David and Lynn Stegherr reside in Kennewick, Wash.; they have two children, Ian D. Stegherr, currently serving in the Air National Guard in Afghanistan, and Elsie A. Stegherr, who resides in Spokane.

Visitation will be held from 1 to 8 p.m. today at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls with the Rev. Tod Fox officiating.

Clyde Willard Tuman, 73

Clyde Willard Tuman, 73, of Great Falls, an Army veteran and former California resident, died of cancer Tuesday, Dec. 23, 2003, at Peace Hospice in Great Falls.

Clyde was born Nov. 18, 1930, in Neihart, and was raised there. He served in the Army during the Korean Conflict and was stationed at Camp Roberts in Paso Robles, Calif.

He married Helen Hibbard in 1951, in Paso Robles.

He worked all his life as a television technician, and was a member of the Elks Lodge in California.

His wife, Helen, died in 1996.

Clyde loved hunting and fishing, and enjoyed playing cribbage

with his family.

Survivors include daughters, Debbie Peck of Dillon, and Becky Brigman of Florence, S.C.; a son, Bob Tuman of Kalispell; his mother, Geraldine O'Connor of Great Falls; a brother, Gerald Tuman of Belt; sisters, Jean Reed of White Sulphur Springs, and Sue McCann of Sunburst; and seven grandchildren.

Memorials are suggested to Peace Hospice Residence Center.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Cremation has taken place under the direction of Croxford's Funeral Home and Crematory in Great Falls.

Margaret Jane Turner, 69

Margaret Jane Turner, 69, passed away on Tuesday, July 1, 2003, at Brendan House in Kalispell, following a courageous battle with cancer.



Jane was born on Aug. 26, 1933, in Bryn Mawr, Pa., to Niels and Margaret J. (Montgomery) Sorensen.

Jane received her associates degree from Flathead Valley Community College in Kalispell. Jane previously worked in the box office for the Bigfork Summer Playhouse, as well as having worked as a teacher's aide for the Kalispell School District.

She was a member of Eastern Star for many years, and served as past Worthy Matron of the Flathead Lake Chapter, was a member of the Beta Sigma Phi Sorority, volunteered for the Crisis Free Violence Line, and assisted with the America Reads Program for the local elementary schools.

Her hobbies included the theater, keeping up with her grandchildren's activities, and traveling

to Europe and Australia.

Jane was preceded in death by her father, Niels Sorensen; mother, Margaret Sorensen; and brother, Niels Sorensen III.

Jane is survived by her daughters, Susan and her husband, Jim Kranz, of Columbia Falls, and Melissa and her husband, Martin Stirdivant, of Denver; one sister, Bea Schroeder of Tyler, Texas; one brother, David Sorensen of Mansfield, Ohio; grandchildren, Tyler Kranz of Columbia Falls, and Claire Stirdivant of Denver; and a nephew, Steve Sorensen of Craig, Colo.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 5, at Christ Church Episcopal with visitation from 9 a.m. until service time. Rev. William Baumgarten will conduct the services. Burial will follow the funeral at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

The family requests memorials in Jane's name be given to Wings, 310 Sunnyview Lane, Kalispell, MT 59901; Home Options Hospice, 175 Commons Loop, Suite 100, Kalispell, MT 59901; or to the Shriners Children's Hospital, Spokane, Wash.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Neva E. (Nelson) Turpin, 74

Neva E. (Nelson) Turpin, 74, died Nov. 6, 2003, at home in Great Falls.

She was born Feb. 20, 1929, to Gladys (Joseph) and Hans Nelson in Brady. Neva grew up in a large

family, always knowing the best of what life was really about. She attended first grade at Collins and finished her schooling at Choteau. She continued her education at Pullman, Wash.

She later married and was a devoted wife and a loving mother. She was baptized at the age of 10 at the Methodist Church in Choteau. Later she joined the Missouri Synod Lutheran Church where she cared for the altar flowers and taught Sunday school to the handicapped.

She loved to sew and was an excellent seamstress, cook and housekeeper. She loved to refinish furniture, read, do crosswords and play Scrabble according to "family rules." She had the greatest sense of humor and always tried to look on the bright side. Every day that her children went off to school, she instructed them (with a smile and hug) to "Do what's right with all your might."

While finishing the raising of five children, she worked at Blue



Cross until her retirement. Mostly she loved the Lord Jesus with all her heart and soul and mind, walking and talking with God every day of her life, even until the last moment. What joy, that her faith in God allowed her the privilege of going to heaven to experience all the promises He made to her and to all fellow believers.

She will be lovingly missed by surviving relatives: daughters, Carlene Westphal and husband, Ben, of Marion, Paula Ayers and husband, Laird, of Kalispell, Ruthann Norick and husband, Shawn, of Chester; son, Lance Stalnaker and wife, Debra of Helena; sisters, Lola DeWitt and Ruth Staley of Great Falls, and Rena Hardy of Renton, Wash.; brothers, Earl Armstrong of Billings, Marvin (Bruce) Nelson of Great Falls; grandchildren, Jessica, Eric, Mackenzie, Sannon, Shyann, Shawnee, Shanell, Shayney, Shalon, Haley, Sion, Regan, Shivel and Andrea; great-grandchildren, Eli, Yance, Desiree and Mya; and numerous relatives and friends.

Preceding her in death were her parents; husband Richard Turpin; sister, Jean Steele; son, Layne Stalnaker; and great-grandchild, Jane Hendershott.

Service will be held Saturday, Nov. 15, 2003, at 1:00 P.M. at the Choteau Baptist Church with a luncheon following the service.