

## Irma P. Wagener, 100

Irma P. Wagener, 100, died Friday, Oct. 17, 2003, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

She was born Dec. 22, 1902, at Creston, to John M. and Rose (Kirchner) Parker. Irma lived her entire life in the Flathead Valley and received her education in the local schools. She was a lover of her home and family.

Irma married Trustin A. Wagener on Nov. 3, 1934, at the home of her mother in Kalispell. She and Trustin had one son, Gary E. Wagener.

Irma's special hobbies included crocheting and fine embroidery work. Working in her garden and watching and caring for the products of the land made Irma especially happy. She was a long-time member of the Central Christian Church and active in Bible study groups and women's organizations.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Trustin Wagener in January of 2001; three brothers; a sister; and a stepsister.

She is now survived by her son, Gary E. Wagener and his wife, Linda, of Kalispell; two grandchildren, Scott Wagener and his wife, Maria, of Toledo, Ore., and Kathleen Passmore and her husband, Blake, of Kalispell; and four great-grandchildren, Kalla and Kirsten Wagener and Brendan and Alyssa Passmore.

Memorial services for Irma P. Wagener will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Oct. 20, at the Central Christian Church with Pastor Jan Van der Poll officiating. A reception will follow the service. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. prior to the memorial service at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

The family suggests memorial be given to the charity of your choice. Arrangements are under the

direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

## Kristi Jo Wagnild, 45

Kristi Jo Wagnild, 45, of Kennewick, Wash., died of cancer at Peace Hospice in Great Falls, on Monday, April 21, 2003, following a courageous battle with cancer.

Memorial services will be held at First Lutheran Church in Kennewick, Wash., at 11 a.m. on Tuesday. Cremation has taken place; burial will take place at a later date at Greenwood Cemetery in Wolf Point.

Kristi was born on Dec. 20, 1957, in Wolf Point, to Cliff and Phyllis (Isachsen) Wagnild. She was educated in Kalispell, attending Elrod, Linderman and Kalispell Junior High School. She graduated with honors from Flathead High School in 1975. While attending Flathead High School, she participated in chorus, band and was a member of the National Honor Society. She was also involved in her church choir and Luther League.

Kristi graduated from Flathead



Valley Community College and continued her education at Concordia College in Moorhead, Minn. She graduated in 1979, magna cum laude with a degree in business education and Spanish.

Following her graduation, she worked in Madrid and Bada Joy, Spain. Kristi then accepted a job with the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services. She began working for the Department of Energy in Richland, Wash., and was a management analyst at the time of her retirement.

Kristi will be remembered for her generosity, courageous spirit and quick wit.

Survivors include her mother, Phyllis Wagnild of Kalispell; sisters and brothers-in-law, Judi and John Ficken of Kalispell, and Ruth and John Allen of Great Falls; a brother, Mark Wagnild of Kalispell; as well as nieces and nephews, Julie, Cindy and Jimmy Allen of Great Falls, and Brian Gorton of Kalispell.

Her father, Cliff Wagnild, preceded her in death.

## Eleanor Odessa 'Dessa' Wakefield, 87

Eleanor Odessa "Dessa" Wakefield, 87, died Nov. 24, 2003, in Sheridan, Wyo., after being hospitalized with heart failure on Nov. 13.

Survivors include her husband, Frank, of Sheridan Manor in Sheridan; sons, Bob of Sheridan, and Larry of Kalispell; and daughter, Mary

of Hudson, Wyo.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 1, at the First Presbyterian Church with Rev. Doug Melius officiating. Inurnment will follow at Sheridan Municipal Cemetery.

Kane Funeral Home in Sheridan is handling arrangements.

## June M. (Hapgood) Walkama, 79

June M. (Hapgood) Walkama, 79, died Feb. 7, 2003, at home.

She was born June 24, 1923, in Stevenson, Wash., to Dewey and Ada Hapgood.

June married Arnold A. Walkama of Kalispell, in 1963. They were married 39 years.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Dewey and Ada Hapgood; first husband, Dudley Perrine, in 1959; son, Mike Perrine; brother, Frank Hapgood; and sister, Helen Wallace.

She is survived by her husband, Arnold Walkama of Kalispell;

daughters, Sandra Perrine of Northway Alaska, and Pam Altenburg and husband, Bruce, of Kalispell; son, Gary Perrine and wife, Beth, of Kalispell; daughter-in-law, Sue Perrine of Columbia Falls; sister, Pearl Bradstreet and husband, Dean, of Walla Walla, Wash.; 11 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be given to Hospice-Home Options, 175 Commons Loop, Ste. 100, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Private services will be held. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Cathy L. Wallace, 45

Cathy L. Wallace, 45, died Friday, Oct. 24, 2003, in Eureka.

Survivors include her husband, Jerry, of Eureka; a son, Joe House, of St. Ann, Mo.; and

her father, Bob Miller of Eureka.

Services will be at 11 a.m. today at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Eureka. Visitation will be one hour prior to services.

## Jason Charles Wallace, 25

Jason Charles Wallace, 25, passed away Feb. 17, 2003, having had decided to be an organ donor, helping people even in death.

Jason was born on March 16, 1977, to Richard and Betty Wallace in Great Falls. He weighed in at 10 lbs., 15 oz. He played Pee Wee Baseball to age 12, but excelled at soccer where he played both offensive and defensive positions. He graduated from Flathead High School in Kalispell.

On Feb. 29, 2000, he married the love of his life, Sarah Wright and they are expecting a child in March.

Jason was a hard worker. He started out with a paper route, was an assistant manager for Domino's Pizza in Missoula and ended working the cash cage at the Avi Casino in Mojave Valley. He was good with his hands and could often times be seen tinkering with his car, Sarah's, or a friend's. The day

before his death, he had completed the baby's nursery. His pride was evident in his work. Jason was not prone to be a talker, but had no trouble making friends.

Jason was preceded in death by his mother on Nov. 30, 2002.

He is survived by his wife, Sarah; father, Richard; sister, Krista; brother, Christopher; mother-in-law, Linda Mace; father-in-law, Perry Wright, Sr.; brother-in-law, Perry Wright; grandmother, Lola Wallace; and many uncles, aunts, nephews, nieces and of course, many friends.

Cremation has taken place and the interment service was held in Arizona, with Pastor Anna Bell of the United Methodist Church officiating.

In lieu of flowers, Jason's father requests donation be sent to Sarah Wallace, c/o Wells Fargo Bank, P.O. Box 88, Kalispell, MT 59903 to assist her during this time.

## Darlene Sue Walter, 56

Darlene Sue Walter, 56, of Kalispell, died Wednesday, Oct. 1, 2003, of a long-time illness at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

She was born Nov. 5, 1946, in Kalispell, to Cecil and Freddie Combs. She attended valley schools and graduated from Flathead County High School.

She worked several years at JC Penney, Scoreboard and Rustic Inn. She was an avid outdoor person, loving camping and fishing.

She will be missed and remembered for her loving, caring and outgoing personality. She was also an avid Braves and Packers fan.

She was preceded in death by her father, Cecil Combs, and her two lovely sons, Douglas and Dennis Walter.

She is survived by her daughter, Deborah Walter and grandson, Kyle Walter of Philadelphia; her mother, Freddie Combs; sisters, Sherry, Cecie, Diane, Faye and Carleen; and many aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews. Also her long-time companion, Thomas Graff. She is also survived by her ex-husband, Dale Walter.

At her request no funeral arrangements were held. A memorial service will be held in her honor for all her family and friends at the Rainbow Bar at 3 p.m. today.

Flowers may be sent to Fairview Cemetery, 170 Middle Road, Columbia Falls. Cards may be sent to Deb Walter, 2421 Forest Lane, Schwenksville, PA 19473.

## Benny G. Walton, 79

Benny G. Walton, 79, passed away Jan. 28, 2003, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center from complications of a stroke.

Benny was born on March 3, 1923, in Manchester, to Leota and Ben Walton. He attended schools around the state of Montana as his father worked road construction. Benny graduated from Bigfork High School, class of 1941.

In April of 1943, Benny entered the U.S. Navy and served two years, two months and 46 days during World War II. He was stationed in the South Pacific. Throughout his life, Benny was dedicated to his country.

After the military, Benny worked as a heavy equipment operator in road construction, and in 1948, he joined the Operating Engineers Local 400. Benny spent time working in Alaska on the Trans Alaska Pipeline project.

On March 27, 1943, Benny and Norma Hansen, high school sweethearts, were married in Tacoma, Wash. They would have celebrated 60 years of marriage in March.

Benny attended church at the Christian Center Assembly of God.

He enjoyed camping and fishing with his children and grandchildren. He was a wonderful father and grandfather and supported them in everything they did. His family was his life. He enjoyed reading; especially stories



of World War II, and watching video stories of military life. Benny had a wonderful sense of humor and enjoyed teasing. His faith in God carried him through life.

Benny was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Parley; grandson, Brad; granddaughter, Dena and nephew, Bob.

Benny is survived by his wife, Norma; sister, Dolly Lee and her husband, Pat, of Columbia Falls; brother, Bob and his wife, Irma, of Columbia Falls; son, Dennis and wife, Debbie; daughter, Darla Hall and husband, Gerry, of Kalispell; and son, Jeff of Beaverton, Ore.

Benny is also survived by grandchildren, Tana Morales of Spokane, Dustin Bowers of Kalispell, Tyson Hall of Newport Beach, Calif., Tanner Hall of Mammoth Lakes, Calif., and Tyler Walton of Connecticut. Benny's great-grandchildren are Zaakary Walton of Puyallup, Wash., Julio, Marcelo and Diego Morales of Spokane, and Cydnee and Baillee Bowers of Kalispell. Benny is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews and many, many special friends.

Services will be at 2 p.m. on Saturday at the Christian Center Assembly of God with Pastor John Weaver and Pastor Ron Pierce officiating. Viewing will take place before the service, cremation to follow, with inurnment at a later date.

Memorials may be made to the Christian Center Building fund or Disabled Veterans of America.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family

## Daniel A. Ward, 42

Daniel A. Ward, 42, former resident of Kalispell, died suddenly on Jan. 19, 2003.

He was born in Kalispell on Nov. 28, 1960, the fifth of eight children born to Larry and Mary Ward. He brought much joy and laughter to his family as he grew to be a loving, caring and courageous man.

He attended St. Matthew's Catholic School, Kalispell Junior High School, and, after graduating from Flathead High School in 1979, Daniel moved to Phoenix and attended DeVry Institute, after which he worked in management for the Safeway and Albertson's grocery stores in the Phoenix area. His future plans had included returning to the Kalispell area.

Daniel's life was enriched and blessed in August 1991 when his wife Janice and daughters became a very fulfilling part of his life. Daniel was a devoted husband, father, son and brother. He enjoyed all of his family, leaving behind some very priceless, wonderful and humorous memories.

Daniel was a man of great character. He loved all of his family, immediate and extended; he was there to encourage, lift up, listen and just love you when you needed it most.

Daniel was active in his church and community. He organized a Juvenile Diabetes Drive in Phoenix. He attended St. James Catholic Church in Phoenix. His other interests included cooking



(He was a great cook!), he was an avid reader, he loved working on and learning his computer, photography and gardening. He enjoyed the time he spent with his family playing games and playing jokes. He instilled in his children and all the lives he touched all of the good that he was.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, James and Emma Maly; and his paternal grandparents, Les and Laura Ward.

He is survived by his wife, Janice, and daughters, Jennifer and Shannon, of Glendale, Ariz.; parents, Mary and Larry Ward, of Kalispell; brothers, Larry M. of Kalispell, Christopher and wife Stephanie of Hanscom Air Force Base, Mass., and Patrick and wife Kelly of Kalispell; sisters, Sister Marilyn Ward of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Susan and husband Dan Danaher of Kalispell, Barbara and husband Bob Coccia of Newcastle, Wash., and Sandra and husband Terry of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; and several nieces and nephews.

He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

A prayer service will be at 7 p.m. Friday at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

A funeral Mass will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Matthew's Catholic Church.

Cremation has taken place, and a private burial will be at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Daniel A. Ward Memorial, c/o Larry and Mary Ward, 1028 Eighth Ave. E., Kalispell, MT 59901.

## Viola W. Ward, 91

Viola W. Ward, age 91, passed away Thursday, Dec. 11, 2003, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

She was born March 16, 1912 in Bemidji, Minn., to Roy and Hazel Stage.

She is preceded in death by her parents, her husband and a son.

Viola is survived by a sister in Bagley, Minn., and numerous nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held Tuesday, Dec. 16 at 11 a.m. at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. The Rev. David Kauffman will officiate. Inurnment will follow the service at Woodlawn Cemetery.

## Floyd H. Wassenberg, 90

Floyd H. Wassenberg, 90, died on June 26, 2003, in Casper, Wyo.

He is survived by his daughter, Sue Thompson of Kalispell.

A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. today at Bustard's Funeral Home and Crematory in Casper with Rev. Ellis Kaster and Rev. Brent Clapp officiating.

## Irene Lucille (Halvorson) Waters, 82

Irene Lucille (Halvorson) Waters, 82, passed away peacefully, with her family at her side, on Feb. 4, 2003, at Brendan House in Kalispell. "She smiled near the end, knowing she would soon be seeing her much loved mother and husband, and would be in the arms of Jesus."



She was born on March 28, 1920, in Ryder, N.D., to Adolph and Emma (Nelson) Halvorson.

Irene moved with her family to Kalispell when she was 3 and attended grade school and high school here. She married Roy Waters on March 25, 1939, and they shared 60 years of marriage and had three children. Irene's presence was felt in the Flathead Valley for nearly 80 years. She touched the lives of many in her own special way, caring for those who were ill and lonely, and always bringing them her special homemade treats. When friends and family gathered, no event was ever complete without Irene's world-famous pies. Her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren are left with a legacy of faith, service, cookies and most especially the gift of love.

The greatest blessing of Irene's life was to have over 60 years with the love of her life, Roy. They were childhood friends, then sweethearts and the most devoted husband and wife imaginable. When Roy left this earth, he promised to leave her a path to follow made of pebbles in the shape of an arrow. As Irene left to follow, she placed her feet upon this path with great anticipation.

A lifelong Lutheran, Irene was

one of the first confirmed in the new Bethlehem Lutheran Church in 1933. She was also, along with Roy, a founding member of the Calvary Lutheran Church.

Irene was preceded in death by her husband, Roy, in 1999, and by her parents and six brothers.

She is survived by three daughters, LeAnna Hissong of Mesa, Ariz., and son-in-law, Vernon Hissong of Spokane, Sandy Baden and Norman of Lewistown, and Nancy Bowman and John of Somers. She is also survived by seven grandsons, Terry and Lisa Hissong, Doug and Heather Baden, Derrick Clark, Kevin Cherry, Ken and Nilsa Cherry, Kris and Danielle Uhlhorn, and Ryan Bowman; six granddaughters, Sharon Hissong and husband Steve Blair, Karilee Whiteheart, Barbara Preston, Chris Frehse and husband Duane, Emily Uhlhorn and husband Bryan Thornton, and Jo Ann Bowman. She had 18 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her brother Dan Halvorson and sisters Hazel Peterson and Helen McGilivray; and sister-in-law Edith Cookson. Irene's family kept up a steady parade coming to visit her during the last months and just days before her death, gathering for a five-generation picture.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. on Saturday at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church with Herb Knutsen officiating.

The family suggests memorial gifts be given to Home Options/Hospice, 175 Commons Loop, Suite 100, Kalispell, MT 59901, or the Salvation Army, 110 Bountiful Dr., Kalispell, MT 59901.

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

## Gerald Ray Watkins, 78

Gerald Ray Watkins, 78, died of lymphoma on May 24, 2003, in Kalispell.

He was a watercolor artist in Cannon Beach, Ore.

He is survived by his chil-

dren, Barbara Watkins, Tim Severson, Matt Severson and Jeremy Watkins.

Services will be held on June 20 in Cannon Beach.

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## Robert Milo 'Bob' Watkins, 74

Robert Milo "Bob" Watkins, 74, passed away on June 20, 2003, at his home in Kalispell. He was born on March 20, 1929, in Grand Junction, Colo., to Milo and Helen (Robert) Watkins.

Bob spent his early years in Steamboat Springs, Colo., before moving with his family to Cutbank. Bob completed high school in Cutbank and continued his education at Montana State University, graduating in 1952 with a degree in petroleum engineering. He married Doreen Rasmussen in March of 1952; they later divorced.

Bob joined the Air Force in August of 1952, serving his country until his separation in 1954. He then worked for a number of large oil companies and for the Montana Oil and Gas Commission. Bob started Watkins Engineering and Associates which was based in Billings.

On Oct. 8, 1974, he married Nancy L. Smith in Big Timber. In 1975, Watkins Engineering moved to Bigfork where, until his retirement in 1989, Bob served as a consultant to the petroleum industry.

Bob had many interests, including fishing, hunting, his prize vegetable garden, a love of woodworking, and his time at the Bear Creek Dude Ranch in West Glacier. He also authored two books.

Bob is survived by his wife, Nancy Watkins of Kalispell; four daughters, Steph Olsen of Helena, Vicki Thomas of Chippewa Falls, Wis., Cindy Ellis of Anchorage, Alaska and Tammie Self of Lafayette, La.; one sister, Maxine Meznarich of Bigfork; one aunt, Madge Wilson of Montrose, Colo.; four grandchildren, Megan, Robert, Clarissa, and Becky; four stepchildren; 12 step-grandchildren; and 11 step-great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be held at 3 p.m. today, June 24, at the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Veteran services will be by the United Veterans of The Flathead. No public visitation is scheduled. The family suggests memorial gifts be given to Ray of Hope, U.S. 2 East, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

## Harris Thomas 'HT' Weaver, 87

Harris Thomas "HT" Weaver, 87, died Tuesday, Aug. 5, 2003, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

He was born Aug. 9, 1915, to Harris Ernest and Angle Adeline (Elsass) Weaver in Bridgeport, Neb.

"HT" met and married his bride of 53 years, Moroea Ekman on May 22, 1937, in Wallace, Idaho. This union brought forth three children. Harris enjoyed big game hunting as well as building log cabins with his family.

He had been a member of the Operating Engineers, and was a heavy equipment operator himself. He owned and operated H.T. Rock Shop in Rollins, and was a silversmith as well as a faceter. He was past president of the Montana Council of Rock Hounds, and a member of the Northwest Federation of Mineral Sciences. He was also a bank board member and founder (and never missed a board meeting) of Montana First National Bank for seven years. You could even call him a snow bird because he spent his winters in Arizona.



He was preceded in death by his wife Moroea on Jan. 4, 1991; four brothers and two sisters.

"HT" is survived by one daughter; Vivien Quimby of Scottsville, N.Y., and children, Bill, Sharon, and Anna; two sons; Tom Weaver and wife, Janet, of Kalispell, and children, Chris and Craig; Lynn Weaver and wife, Donna, of Rollins, and children, Tina, Bobby, Lisa and Jon; also 10 great-grandchildren, Rachel, Garret, Daniel, Niklas, Kyle, Kristian, Josiah, Danielle, Sam and Trevor; two brothers, Ernie Weaver and wife, Jan, of Columbia Falls, and Walter Weaver and wife, Shirley, of Kalispell; two sisters, Daisy Shoemaker and husband, Stanley, and Pat Tinseth and husband, Les, all of Kalispell.

Memorial services will be held 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 9, at the Central Christian Church with Harris' nephew, Rev. Gary Shoemaker conducting. Cremation has taken place.

Memorials may be given on behalf of Harris to Wings Support Group, Kalispell, MT or Rollins Community Club, Rollins, MT 59931.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

## Robert W. 'Bob' Weaver, 57

Robert W. "Bob" Weaver, 57, passed away at his home in Kalispell, on Saturday, Jan. 18, 2003.

He was born on Feb. 28, 1945, in Phoenix, to Ira and Dorothy (Buck) Weaver.

Bob graduated from high school in Kalispell in 1963 and enlisted into the U.S. Army and served in Germany as a paratrooper.

After his discharge from the service, Bob worked as a logger around Pierce, Idaho, and rode the last log boom down the North Fork of the Clearwater River. He also worked as a carpenter, logger, and equip-



ment operator in many areas of northwest Montana. He enjoyed wood working, leather work, and horseback riding in the back country.

Bob is survived by his parents, Ira and Dorothy Weaver of Kalispell; two sons, Rod and Randy; six brothers and sisters, Judy Shiels of Riverside, Calif., Cory Weaver of Kalispell, Kathy Egosque of Anchorage, Alaska, Sam Weaver of Thompson Falls, Nick Weaver of Anchorage, Alaska, and Vivian Schneider of Phoenix.

A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. on Thursday at Johnson Mortuary Chapel.

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

## Ola Weimann, 75

Ola Weimann, 75, former resident of Troy, died Nov. 8, 2003, at Coupeville, Wash.

She is survived by her children, Steven Weimann and Nicki Hall.

Funeral services will be 1 p.m. Saturday at the United

Methodist Church in Troy, interment will follow at Troy Cemetery. Visitation will be from 10 to noon Saturday at the church.

Arrangements are by Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Libby.

## David Vick Weldele, 79

David Vick Weldele, 79, passed away on Tuesday, Sept. 9, 2003, at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

He was born on Jan. 10, 1924, in Scobey, the second of 12 children to George Edward and Myrtle Irene Vick Weldele. David received his education in Scobey where he participated in football, basketball and wrestling and was active in C.Y.O. (Catholic Youth Organization.)

At an early age he started working construction with his father and it became his life long vocation. From moving buildings in Scobey to large projects across the west, he always enjoyed the challenges of a new job.

He married Elizabeth Marie Weber on Nov. 19, 1945, in Scobey, where they lived until moving to Michigan in 1956. Returning to Montana in 1959, they lived in Billings, until 1963, when they moved to Whitefish where he has resided since.

David enjoyed the outdoors, taking his family camping and teaching them to hunt, fish and respect nature. He also coached Little League and Babe Ruth baseball from 1964 to 1973 and had many fond memories of the players and coaches he was associated with.

David was preceded in death by



his wife, Elizabeth "Betty" in 1977; his parents, George and Myrtle; sisters, Jean Tjensvoll and Irene McLean; brothers, Dennis and Donald; and a very special friend, Marge Lengstorf.

He is survived by sons, David and Judy of Whitefish, and their children, Marla and Nels; Darryl and Cindy of Eureka, and their children, Jennifer, Dominica, Cristin and Ryan; Mitch and Janna of Whitefish and their children, Aubrey, Amber, Angie and Alyson; and Dana and Nancy of Whitefish and their children, Jason and Jeff; daughters, Dawn and Gary Alsup of Belgrade; and Denise Weldele of Whitefish, and her children, David, Matthew, Megan and Katelyn; brothers and sisters, Nina Jackman of Michigan, Sybil and Chuck DeLaire of Washington, Lucille and Steve Stevens of Billings, Morraine and Don Doty of Three Forks, Dallas and Donna Weldele of Billings, Leona and Howard Hartman of Manhattan, and Cleo and Giles Zickefoose of Billings. He is also survived by numerous great-grandchildren, cousins, nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. today at the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Sept. 12, at the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish with Rev. David V. Kauffman officiating. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Kalispell.

## Delbert 'Del' C. Welliver, 82

Delbert "Del" C. Welliver, 82, died Saturday, May 10, 2003, at the Montana Veterans home in Columbia Falls.

He served in the U.S. Army from 1939 to 1960.

Cremation has taken place and he will be buried next to his wife in Arlington National Cemetery.

Columbia Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

## Patrick Gordon Welliver, 53

Patrick Gordon Welliver, 53, died Nov. 21, 2003.

He was born July 15, 1950, grew up in Poplar and Wolf Point, and later moved to Kalispell.

After graduation he enlisted in the Marines and had a successful career in boxing. He was stationed in San Diego.

After an honorable discharge, he lived and worked with his grandparents on Patrick Creek Road.

He loved music and wrote poetry and short stories — to be published. He was a well known artist, both Western and religious art. He also trained race horses with his father. He was a text book of accurate information on the history of bloodlines and wins and losses.

He delighted many with his stories of cowboys, Indians, bears and horses. He had a quick wit and keen sense of humor. He'd promote gatherings of friends and relatives for a barbecue.

Pat was preceded in death by grandparents, Tom and Ollie Welliver; father, Les "Bud" Welliver; and brother, Rick Welliver.

He is survived by his mother, Barbara Welliver; brothers, Bob and Tony Welliver; sisters, Darlene "Memoree" Zundel, Kelly Thumm; his beloved children "his heart," sons, Buddy Welliver, Luke Mills and Beau-Don-Jack Cates; his daughter, Alisha Harold; "his pride and joys,"



grandchildren, Beau and Ali Mills and Taylor, Rosie and Hunter Harold; friends and confidants, Dick and Chauncey.

"I'll get back to you later, I promise."

## Richard 'Rick' Welliver, 57

Richard "Rick" Welliver, 57, died June 3, 2003, in Great Falls, of an apparent aneurysm.

Rick is survived by his wife, Vivian; his sons, Rick Jr., Dewey and Chauncey; daughters, Nicole and Barbara; his beloved "T"; his mother, Barbara; his grandchild-

dren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Rick is also survived by brothers, Bob, Pat and Tony; his sisters, Kelly Thumm and Darlene "Memoree" Zundel, all of Spokane and Kalispell.

Services are pending.

## Wyman T. 'Billy' Wells, 81

Wyman T. "Billy" Wells, 81, passed away Saturday, Sept. 20, 2003, at the Lakeview Care Center in Bigfork.

He was born April 12, 1922, in Bigfork, to George A. and Eliza A. (Hilling) Wells.

Billy was a lifelong resident of Bigfork, and worked as a handyman for various people, including the state of Montana and the United States Forest Service. He was a veteran of World War II, having served in the United States Army. Billy enjoyed fishing and hunting.

He was preceded in death by his parents and four brothers,

Arthur, Robert, John and Dick.

He is survived by a brother, George Wells and his wife, Doris, of Post Falls, Idaho; a sister, Mabel Helseth, of Kalispell; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services for Billy Wells will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Sept. 26, at the Little Brown Church in Bigfork. Burial will follow at the Lone Pine Cemetery. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 25 in the Johnson Mortuary chapel.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.



## Robert Austin 'Bob' Wesley, 82

Robert Austin "Bob" Wesley, husband, father, BN conductor, sportsman, poacher, woodsman, raconteur, died Wednesday, Feb. 5, 2003, at his home on Whitefish Lake just a few days short of his 83rd birthday while enjoying a piece of a neighbor's apple pie. In death, he cheated rest homes, hospice, extended health care and was no doubt tickled to have been able to do so.

Bob was born Feb. 18, 1920, the only child of Peter and Lillian Wesley.

He married Alice Clowers on July 8, 1959; assumed the stepfathering of her four children, David Wesley, Leslie Hanchett, Patti Warren, and Barbara Hammill; and fathered his son, Peter Wesley.

Alice, Leslie Hanchett, and son, Peter Wesley, preceded him.

Bob graduated from Whitefish High School in 1939. During World War II he served as a Merchant

Marine, visiting many ports of call throughout the world. He worked initially for the Great Northern, then for the Burlington Northern, holding turns first as a brakeman and later as a conductor.

There were few game animals he did not hunt. His family — some with less affection than others — dined on game during most of their youth. Logging firewood, snowmobiling, fishing during all seasons, shotgunning, reloading and checking out garage sales were his avocations, all of which he pursued with gusto. Bob had fun. He was fun to be with. He'll be missed.

Services will be Wednesday beginning at 11 a.m. at the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish. A viewing will precede services from 2 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday.

"Mark him off the board."

## Rueben L. Westby, 92

Rueben L. Westby, 92, died Jan. 5, 2003, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

He is survived by his son, Harley Westby.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home Chapel.

Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery. Visitation will be from noon to service time on Thursday.

Arrangements are under the direction of Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

## Silas 'Pops' Westfall, 86

Silas "Pops" Westfall's last flight departed at 0500 on Monday, Feb. 10, 2003.

He was born Aug. 4, 1916, in Colfax, Iowa, to Joseph and Ella Westfall.



After high school, Silas went to barber school and started working in Polson.

On May 4, 1940, he married Dorothy Clinger in Kalispell. They were later sealed in the Cardston, Alberta, LDS Temple in 1976.

He served as a co-pilot, pilot and flight instructor in the Navy from 1942-46. After the war, he worked as a private pilot for Wixson and Crowe in Kalispell. In 1958, he resumed his career as a barber in Kalispell, retiring in 1994.

Silas was a member of the Montana Pilots Association, Elks Club, and Museum of Mountain Flying, and was a high priest in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

His hobbies included hunting,

fishing, golfing, bowling, and spending time with his grandchildren.

He will be remembered as a great friend, teacher, dad, grandpa and neighbor. Being the last of the Westfall generation, he continued the legacy of the family's good name.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Dorothy; stepmother, Winifred Gertrude Angelo; brother, Donald Lee Westfall, sister, Ruth Seifert; granddaughter, Annie Murdock; and three great-grandsons, Kyle and Kevin Hanson and Joseph Roske.

Survivors include his daughters and their husbands, Chlo Ann and Ted Murdock, and Sandy and Leonard Tuckett, all of Missoula; 13 grandchildren; and 22 great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be held today from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at Garden City Funeral Home in Missoula, where services will follow at 11 a.m. Interment with military honors will be at Missoula Cemetery. A reception will follow in the funeral home's community room.

The family suggests memorials to the Museum of Mountain Flying, 4505 U.S. Hwy 10 W., Missoula, MT 59808.

## Russell D. Westmore, 18

Russell D. Westmore, 18, of Columbia Falls, passed away Thursday, Jan. 2, 2003, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

He was born Jan. 15, 1984, in Seattle.

Russell was raised and educated in Kalispell.

He worked in construction in the area.

He loved computers, painting and writing stories. He had a great imagination and was very generous.

Russell is survived by his grandparents, Edward and Diane Westmore of Columbia Falls; several aunts and uncles; and numerous cousins and friends.

A memorial service will be at 1 p.m. on Saturday at Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. Rev. Jerry Hebert will officiate.

The family has suggested that memorials be made to the Columbia Falls Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue, P.O. Box 1080, Columbia Falls, MT 59912.

## Walt Westphal, 80

Walt Westphal, 80, of Marion, "went home to be with his Lord and Savior" on April 25, 2003.

He is survived by his wife, Thelma; five sons, Steve, Doug, Creed, Greg and Ben; 10 grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Jessica, and his first wife, Jean.

Walt was a World War II Navy veteran.

He and his wife moved to the

Flathead Valley in 1953, where he stayed and worked in numerous sawmills, built homes, was a stone mason and a timber faller until he retired.

Those that knew him considered him "one of a kind" and the "salt of the earth."

The family is having a private burial. There will be a dinner at 6:30 p.m. Sunday at the First Baptist Church in Marion for family and friends.

## Bruce Whitaker, 55

Bruce Whitaker, age 55, passed away Thursday, Oct. 23, 2003, of natural causes in Hungry Horse.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Whitaker of Hungry Horse; his sons, Jason Whitak-

er and Dwayne Whitaker of Hungry Horse.

A family memorial service will be held.

Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is in charge of arrangements.

## William Brooks 'Bill' Whitaker, 91

William Brooks "Bill" Whitaker, 91, passed away on Tuesday, Dec. 16, 2003, at his home in Kalispell.

Bill was born on Jan. 21, 1912, in Missoula, to Richard and Alice Johnson Whitaker. He was raised in Missoula where one of his first jobs was transporting the Missoulian from Missoula to the Flathead Valley.

Bill, along with a couple other friends, started the Trio Fruit Company.

Bill married Dorothy Royce on May 26, 1934, in Missoula.

He enlisted in the military and served from 1942 until 1945. Bill returned to Missoula where he went to work for the University of

Montana as chief engineer with their maintenance department from 1945 until 1974.

He moved to the Flathead Valley in 1996. Bill enjoyed hunting and fishing.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Dorothy; two brothers, Richard E. and Leonard Whitaker; and one sister, Alice Whitaker.

He is survived by two nephews, Richard A. Whitaker of Bigfork, and Patrick Whitaker of Anchorage, Alaska.

At his request, he has been cremated and his ashes will be spread in one of his favorite places.

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

## Clinton J. White, 69

Clinton J. White, 69, of Polson, died on Monday, Jan. 20, 2003, at St. Patrick Hospital, in Missoula from natural cause.

He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Shirley of Polson; and two daughters, Penni Ferraris of Tacoma, Wash., and Cam Thompson of Yelm, Wash.

A visitation will be held

from 1 to 7 p.m. today at the Grogan Funeral Home and from 10 a.m. until service time at the First Presbyterian Church, Polson.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Dave Anson officiating.

## L. Harvey Wicklund, 58

L. Harvey Wicklund, age 58, passed away on Monday May 26, 2003, at his home in Lakeside.

"He's now with Jesus, a faithful friend."

Harvey was born on July 29, 1944, in Eugene, Ore., to Ellis and Maribelle Briggs Wicklund. He was raised and attended school in Kalispell.

Harvey graduated from Flathead High School, then enlisted in the U.S. Army, where he served for three years. Harvey worked in water utilities for 37 years. He started and owned several utility-related businesses. He had several inventions patented, of which he shared several with his first partner.

He married Judy Olsen in 1965 in Kalispell.

He took an early retirement so they could go sailing for three years. He enjoyed wood and stone



carving, and truly enjoyed his grandchildren.

Harvey was preceded in death by his father, Ellis Wicklund, and his stepfather, Thomas Brist.

He is survived by his wife, Judy, of Lakeside; mother, Maribelle Brist, of Kalispell; a son, Scott, and his wife Tracy Wicklund of Bigfork; a daughter, Shelli, and her husband Ron Thomas of Chugiak, Alaska; a brother, Roger, and his wife Sharon Wicklund of Lakewood, Wash.; sisters Jan Wicklund of Seattle, Ellen Wicklund of Ronan, Phyllis Wicklund of Kalispell, and Joan and her husband Dennis Morse of Kalispell; and grandchildren Kianna and Kalia Wicklund, both of Bigfork, and Kuhen Thomas of Chugiak, Alaska.

A celebration of Harvey's life will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 31, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. The family request memorials be given to Home Options Hospice in Kalispell.

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

## Michael Ray Widdifield, 37

Michael Ray Widdifield, 37, "went to be with the Lord" on Dec. 25, 2003.

He was born in Bremerton, Wash., on March 3, 1966, to Charles and Charlotte Widdifield.

Michael enjoyed hunting, camping and spending time with his family.

He is survived by his parents, Charles Widdifield, Charlotte Enquist of Whitefish; stepfather, Lloyd Enquist of Idaho; one sister, Alicia Coursey; nephew, Jordan Coursey, both of Whitefish; and son, Luke Widdifield of Spokane; paternal grandmother,



Violet Burk; and many aunts and uncles.

A funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 30, at Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish.

## Grace Agnes 'Gracie' (Fisher) Wieferich, 70

Grace Agnes "Gracie" (Fisher) Wieferich, 70, of Kalispell, passed peacefully the afternoon of July 7, 2003, at Brendan House. After a courageous battle with cancer and congestive heart failure, Grace left her circle of family and friends "with the certainty of being with them again in Christ."



She arrived into Joseph and Marion (Bowman) Fisher's young family May 4, 1933, in Helena. In the family's early years, they owned and operated a truck garden in the Helena Valley. Gracie learned the love of growing gardens at Joseph's knee and the love of homemaking from Marion.

She graduated from Broadwater High School in 1951, while also working at the local bank in Townsend. Grace met William R. Wieferich while in high school. By graduation, "Bill" had won her heart and they were married July 27, 1951.

He was in the Air Force and they spent their first year of marriage in Albuquerque, N.M. Bill was then transferred to England. While Grace was waiting for her travel papers she worked for the Broadwater Clinic of Townsend. She joined Bill in England where they stayed until his tour ended in 1955.

Upon returning to the United States they moved to the Bitterroot Valley, where they farmed for Bill's father. In 1957, they came to the Flathead Valley to begin their own farm and family.

Grace worked throughout her married life at various jobs in the Conrad Bank, Valley Bank of

Somers and the Flathead Bank of Bigfork. She also had numerous interests and was an active member of the Home Demonstration Club of the Flathead Valley. She belonged to the Flathead Spinners and Weavers Guild as well as loved to sew, quilt, crochet, knit and tat. She took several classes in pursuit of her love of painting and drawing.

Grace was a founding member of their parish of St. Catherine's of Bigfork. She served on multiple committees, taught religious education to the youth, led Bible study for adults, as well as helped with church dinners too numerous to count. She loved her family, church family, neighbors and friends without reserve. She had a helping hand and a compassionate heart for those who crossed her path.

Grace was preceded in death by her siblings, Elizabeth Blake, Leonard Fisher, Margaret Fisher and Joan Malicote; and her sons, Randall William and Steven Raymond.

She is survived by her husband of 52 years, William Raymond; son, Frank and wife, Roxanne Wieferich, of Kalispell; daughter, Theresa and husband, Mark Sethre, of Forest, Ohio; grandchildren, Erica and husband, Jason Burlingame, of Dillon, Trevor and Daren Wieferich of Whitefish, Eli Sethre of Kenesaw, Ga., Erin Sethre of Columbia, Mo., and Adam and Nathan Strash of Kalispell; sister, Mildred and husband, Albert Hadcock, of Billings; and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

A vigil will be at 7 p.m. today. A funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Friday, July 11. Both services will be at St. Catherine's Catholic Church of Bigfork. Interment will be at Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery in Townsend.

## Deann Marie Wiese, 33

Deann Marie Wiese, 33, died at her home on June 3, 2003.

Cremation has taken place and a memorial service will be held 2 p.m. Tuesday, June 10,

2003, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home Chapel.

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

## Darlene Jean Wilcock, 26

Darlene Jean Wilcock, 26, of Kalispell, passed away in Kalispell on Thursday, April 17, 2003.

She was born on Jan. 5, 1977, in Biloxi, Miss., and attended various schools in the United States while her father was in the Air Force. She was employed by Prime Incorporated as a truck driver, and most recently employed with Stream International in Kalispell.

Darlene loved swimming and hiking, and she was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

She was preceded in death by her great-grandparents, Herbert and Violet Friske of Rollins; grandparents, LeRoy Maxell and Norman Jean Wilcock; an uncle, Roger Dean Wilcock; three



cousins, Dean Maxell Wilcock, David Leroy Wilcock and Terence James Moala.

She is survived by her grandparents, Donald G. Friske and Betty Jean (Lee) Friske of Rollins; her father, Ernest B. Wilcock of Deer Lodge; her mother, Marla M. Friske of Kalispell; three sisters, Holly M. Wilcock, Diane J. Wilcock and Brandi L. Wilcock, all of Kalispell; a brother, Cory B. Wilcock of Kalispell; one nephew, Amos David Day of Kalispell; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Visitation will be from 1 to 2 p.m. on Friday at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Church in Polson, with funeral services at 2 p.m. in the church. Burial will be held at Lakeview Cemetery in Polson.

Arrangements are under the direction of Grogan Funeral Home in Polson.

## Dorothy Cheney Willey, 83

Dorothy Cheney Willey, 83, passed away Feb. 1, 2003, in Hood River, Ore., from a cancer-related illness.

She was born in Stanford, on July 6, 1919, and lived most of her life in rural Montana. She was one of five children born to Melvin and Grace Cheney who shared a ranch with Melvin's brother under Wolf Butte near Stanford.

She graduated from Stanford High School in 1938 and nurse's training at Deaconess Hospital in Great Falls. She enlisted in the Army in March of 1945 as a nurse and was awarded a World War II Victory medal. She was relieved from active duty, as a 2nd lieutenant, in January of 1946.

She married her high school sweetheart, LeDru "Pete" Willey on Dec. 5, 1945, after he was also relieved from active duty from the Army. They were married in Stanford and lived in the area until 1966 when they moved to Kalispell for work. Pete died on Feb. 12, 1977, and was buried in Stanford. Dorothy

then moved from Kalispell to Hood River, in 1986, to be nearer to her granddaughter, Sara.

She is survived by her three children, Dru Willey and his wife, Judy, of Los Angeles, Grace Windsheimer and her husband, Sam, of Hood River, and Noreen Slaminski and her husband, Jerry, of Port Angeles, Wash.; grandchildren, Tracie Walters, Tyler Tyree and Tim Willey of Kalispell, Jeff Willey of Los Angeles, Jered and Sara Windsheimer of Hood River; and three great-grandchildren, Crista and Cara Walters and Trenton Tyree, all of Kalispell.

She was preceded in death by her siblings and her husband, Pete Willey.

Memorials are suggested to the American Cancer Society or Hospice of the Gorge.

A memorial service has been held in Hood River. A graveside service and interment will be at 11 a.m. on Saturday in Stanford. A family and friends gathering will be held after the service.

## Alfred S. Williams, 90

Alfred S. Williams, 90, died May 7, 2003, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

He was born Sept. 29, 1912, in Dunseith, N.D. to Alfred and Edra Williams. At age 11, the family moved to Patrick Creek outside of Kalispell.

Early on, Al worked in the local woods, sawing and hauling logs. For three years he worked for the Forest Service on Blacktail Mountain, before roads were built in the area. In 1929, he fought forest fires near Columbia Falls and in Oregon. He called square dances throughout the Valley and was a basket social auctioneer.

During hard times, he worked summers as a migrant worker in Washington, Oregon and California, traveling between orchards and hop fields on a motorcycle. Al made and distributed steak sandwiches in Klamath Falls, Ore.. He rode the rails and lived in the California "jungles" during the '30s.

He worked as a brakeman and built sea walls for the Southern Pacific Railroad in southern California. He was a stage rigger and foreman in the California shipyards. Al carried a miner's union card. He and some partners also worked a propane bulk plant in Eugene, Ore.

He served three years in the National Guard before being drafted by the Army in 1942. He became a medic because of vision problems. After basic training in Texas and Fort Lewis, Wash., he was stationed in Alaska. He supervised the X-ray department of a 500-bed hospital at Fort Means, Alaska, for one year and then was an occupa-

tional therapist in Unalaska on the Aleutian Islands.

Many people remember Al from his real-estate businesses in California and Montana. In 1952, Al returned to Kalispell and worked as a real-estate broker and developer for over 30 years. He owned and operated apartments in Kalispell and built and operated an Evergreen motel.

Al was a 32nd degree Mason and an Eagles member for 25 years. He was a life member of both the Disabled American Veterans and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

After retirement, Al took five trips to Alaska prospecting for gold. He loved playing cards, telling jokes and stories, and fishing and hunting.

He was preceded in death by his parents; an infant brother and 2-year old sister; his son, Don Williams; and grandson, Richard Williams. Al survived the death of five other sisters; all who died from cancer. Al married four women during his life, three of whom preceded him in death.

Al is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Mike and Lois Williams of Silverton, Ore., his grandson and wife, John and Paula Williams of Kalispell, six additional grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren; as well as numerous nieces, nephews and stepchildren.

Arrangements are through Johnson Mortuary and Glacier Memorial Cemetery. A small gathering to celebrate Al's life is planned for the near future.

## Doris Fitzpatrick Williams, 84

Doris Fitzpatrick Williams, 84, died Thursday, June 5, 2003, at Heritage Place in Kalispell after a brief battle with cancer.

She is survived by her husband, Max, of Coram; son, Michael Fitzpatrick of Coram; and daughters, Jean Weber of Hot Springs Village, Ark., and Carol Truskowski of Bristol,

Wis.; stepdaughters, Susan Parker of Pasadena, Md., and Jean Kelly of Priest River, Idaho; and stepson, Bill William of Columbia Falls.

There will be no formal services. Memorial donations to Hospice are suggested.

Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is in charge of arrangements.

## Mark S. Williams, 36

Mark S. Williams, 36, of Kalispell, died on June 25, 2003, as a result of an accident.

He is survived by his parents, Ron and Burma Williams at home; and one sister, Anne in Las Vegas.

Interment and graveside services will be at 9 a.m. Monday, June 30, at the Fortine Cemetery.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nelson & Vial Mortuary.

## Tristan Jacob Williams, infant

Tristan Jacob Williams of Libby died Friday Aug. 22, 2003, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

He was born Aug. 20, 2003, in Kalispell, to Rick and Kerri Willis Williams.

Survivors include his parents, Rick and Karri Williams of Libby; a brother, Justyn Williams of Libby; sister, Jordan Williams of Libby; grandparents, Nancy Willis of San Andreas, Calif., and Ron and Lynn Willis of Libby; aunts and uncles, Ron and Alicia Willis and Misty Willis, all of Libby, Ken and Melissa Willis of Sacramento, Calif., Tony and Judy Oglesby of Idaho, Nikki and David Thackaberry of Reno, Nev., and Pam Williams of Idaho.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 28, at Three Lakes Community Church.

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

## Raymond M. Williams, 55

Raymond M. Williams, 55, died at his home in Kalispell, on Monday, July 14, 2003.

No services are scheduled at

this time.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

## Elizabeth L. 'Bette' Williamson, 76

Elizabeth L. "Bette" Williamson, 76, died unexpectedly in her home Jan. 4, 2003, of natural causes. She was a resident of Dallas, Ore., and a native of Idaho, but spent most of her life in Montana.

She was preceded in death by Dean Williamson, her husband of 49 years, and her oldest son, Michael Williamson.

Survivors include her daughter,

Kathryn Williamson of Dallas, Ore.; her son, Benjamin Williamson of Kalispell; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held 3 to 7 p.m. Saturday, July 12, at the King Ranch Golf Course in Frenchtown.

The family asks that remembrances be sent to the charity or organization of their choice.

## Agnes 'Lorraine' Jackson Wilson, 67

Agnes "Lorraine" Jackson Wilson, 67, passed away on Tuesday, Dec. 30, 2003, at her home in Kalispell.

She was born March 19, 1936, in Terre Haute, Ind., to George Wayne and Vernetta Ruby (McGrew) Jackson.

Lorraine graduated from Hillsboro High School in Hillsboro, Ore., in 1952, and married Robert Lyle Wilson on June 7, 1953, in Helvetia, Ore. The couple remained in Oregon until moving to the Flathead in 1966.

Lorraine attended Flathead Valley Community College in 1968 and graduated with an associate degree in nursing. She worked as a licensed practical nurse until her retirement.

Lorraine loved to sew, knit, crochet, swim, cook and especially loved the time she spent with her



grandchildren. In 1960, Lorraine also became a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Silver Spring, Nev.

Lorraine was preceded in death by her parents; one brother, Ronald Wayne Jackson; and one sister, Thuvia LaRue Givens.

She is survived her husband, Robert Lyle Wilson of Kalispell; one daughter, Debra Lynn Wilson of Kalispell; two sons, Roland Wayne Wilson and his wife, Madeline, of Chatsworth, Calif., Michael Lee Wilson of the Los Angeles area; one sister, Yolanda S. Carter and husband, Jeff, of St. Helens, Ore.; two brothers, Hugh Edward Jackson and wife, Ellen, of Lafayette, Ore., and Marlin Winslow of McMinneville, Ore.; six grandchildren, three great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Funeral services for Lorraine Wilson will be held at a later date.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

## Elizabeth 'Betty' Montana Wilson, 91

Elizabeth "Betty" Montana Wilson, 91, passed away Dec. 26, 2003.

Betty was born at Plevna on April 19, 1912. She was residing at Gands "L" Cottage in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, when she passed away.

Her husband, Clyde E. Wilson, preceded her in death in July 1999.

She is survived by her three sons, Kenneth W. Wilson and wife, Carolyn, of Kalispell, George E. Wilson and wife, Marjorie, of Coeur d'Alene, and Clyde E. Wilson Jr. of Bremerton, Wash.; 13 grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

Betty was an avid gardener and would rather pick peas or dig carrots than go camping. When she and her husband did travel and camp, she enjoyed the moment. They traveled south many years and would go watch the Rose Bowl parade in Pasadena, Calif.

Betty was a farm girl home-maker and did her share of milking, stock working and even shoveling gravel into cement mixers for her contractor husband. She played girls basketball during the 1920s where she grew up in Ismay.

Clyde and Betty moved to Kalispell, in 1937, after following construction in North Dakota and South Dakota and eastern Montana. They lived Smith Valley until 1950, and then moved to their ranch below Lone Pine Park which then was sub-divided. Betty lived there until her hearing became impaired.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 29, at English Funeral Chapel in Coeur d'Alene, and graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 30, at Glacier Memorial Gardens, in Kalispell.

Memorials to Hospice of North Idaho, 9493 N. Government Way, Hayden, ID 83835; or to Gands "L" Cottage, 1921 E. Hayden View Dr., Hayden, ID 83835.

Please sign Elizabeth "Betty's" guest registry and view online

memorial at [www.englishfuneralchapel.com](http://www.englishfuneralchapel.com).

## Gennette P. 'Nettie' Wilson, 87

Gennette P. "Nettie" Wilson, 87, passed away on Sunday, March 16, 2003, at Colonial Manor in Whitefish.

Nettie was born on June 9, 1915, in Austin, Manitoba, to Ruben and Edith Hotel Biggar. She moved to Whitefish where she graduated from Whitefish High School at the age of 15.

During World War II, she was a welder and foreman in the sheet metal department at the Seattle shipyards. Nettie had a variety of jobs, including bookkeeper at Manions, owning and operating a grocery store in Hot Springs, manager of the city of Whitefish water department for many years, then she retired. Bored with retirement, she became the bookkeeper and CAN at Colonial Manor retiring for the second time in her 70s.

Her passion was reading. When her eyesight failed, she enjoyed talking books from the low vision library in Helena. She loved to

take her poodle and cat in her pickup and camper and explore the back roads and historic sites of Montana. Her dream came true when she got to travel to Hong Kong and Singapore.

Nettie was preceded in death by her parents, Reuben and Edith Biggar; sisters, Margaret Biggar and Enid Gilbert; brothers, Richard, Philip and Hugh Biggar.

She is survived by sisters, Clara Knauss and Sheila Calhoun and her husband, Bruce, all of Whitefish; sisters-in-law, Gwen Biggar of Kalispell, and Vera Biggar of Eureka; nieces and nephews, Dennis, Jacqueline, Billy, Sandra, Peggy, Don, Myrtis, Dewey, Joe, Dawn, Dana, Joanie and Annette.

Private family services will be held later this spring.

Memorials are requested for the Whitefish Public Library.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Howard Harold Wilson, 61

Howard Harold Wilson, 61, died Friday, June 20, 2003, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

There will be no services at

this time.

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



## Joseph Wilson, 84

Joseph Wilson, 84, of Kalispell, died of natural causes Wednesday, Nov. 5, 2003, at Harmony Home.

He was born Oct. 26, 1919, in Bemidji, Minn. He was a railroad machinist and served in the military during World War II.

Graveside services will be

held Tuesday at 3 p.m. at the Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Kalispell with military honors provided by the United Veterans of Flathead Valley. Service arrangements are under the direction of Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish.

## Kenneth M. Wilson Jr., 72

Kenneth M. Wilson Jr., 72, died on Wednesday, Feb. 26, 2003, in Kalispell.

He was born on Dec. 28, 1930, in DuPuyer, to Kenneth and Mayme Wilson. The family moved to the Evergreen area in 1936, and he resided in the Kalispell area most of his life.

Kenneth was an Army veteran who received his honorable discharge in 1955. He was a Teamster the majority of his adult life, working construction on road and dam projects throughout Montana. Kenneth was an avid horse lover.

He was preceded in death by his

father, Kenneth Sr. on Dec. 3, 1958.

He is survived by his mother, Mayme Abraham, of Kalispell; brothers, Richard Wilson of Stevensville, and Gary Wilson of Great Falls; a son, Keith and daughter, Kathy; aunts, Grace Hanson of Cut Bank, and Betty Held of Bigfork; uncle Doug Tibke of Columbia Falls; numerous cousins, nephews and nieces.

Graveside services were held on Friday, Feb. 28, at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Family request donations be made to a charity of donor's choice.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Madlin L. Wilson, 89

Madlin L. Wilson, 89, formerly of the Flathead Valley and the Libby area, "went home to be with her Lord" May 28, 2003, at the home of her granddaughter, Debbie Hildebrand, in Wasilla, Alaska.

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

Madlin was born March 2, 1914, to Theobald and Rosena Kirschenmann in Burnstead, N.D. She was one of 10 children.

In 1934, the family moved to Hardin where she met and married Harold L. Wilson in 1936. They lived in Trego, Fortine, Eureka, and then Libby.

Madlin moved to Alaska on April 14, 2002.

She was a lifelong homemaker. She enjoyed being with her family, crocheting, church activities and helping people.

Harold preceded her in death in 1994. She was also preceded in death by an infant son; and her granddaughter, Tami Sena, in 1997.

Madlin was a member of the Church of the Nazarene in Kalispell and Libby.

"She went to be with Jesus. We will miss her and love her very much, but know she is at peace."

Surviving her are her three daughters; Evelyn R. Sena and her husband, Benny, of Wasilla; Madelle M. Bowen and her husband, Jim, of Griffen, Ga. and Ida R. Fisher of Kalispell; eight grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

Arrangements were with Valley Funeral Home and Crematory in Wasilla.

## Alice Mae Wittlake, 67

Alice Mae Wittlake, 67, "our beloved wife, mother and friend," passed away Nov. 1, 2003, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.



She was born Sept. 22, 1936, in Dunseith, N.D., daughter of Gunvald and Ida Nelson.

She married James Allen Wittlake on Aug. 29, 1955. They raised their family in Somers where they have lived for 48 years.

She started her early married years as a housewife and a mother until her children began school. Alice then began working at Vista Linda restaurant where she cooked for many years. Prior to retiring, she cooked at St. Matthew's school where she loved working around the children. She inherited her passion for cooking from her mother, Ida Nelson, who was also known throughout the

valley for her wonderful cooking.

Among her many interests, Alice enjoyed her crocheting, crafts, flower garden, cake decorating and stamping cards.

She was preceded in death by an infant son in 1968; an infant granddaughter; her father, Gunvald, in 1975; and her mother, Ida, in 2000.

Those left to cherish her memory are her husband, James, and son, Matt, in Somers; and four daughters, Kathy Taylor and her son and daughter of Tempe, Ariz., Chris Burnell of Eugene, Ore., and her three sons of Longview Wash., Debbie Bowman of Burbank, Wash., and Laurie Forman of Kalispell and her four daughters, three of Kalispell, and one of Cincinnati, Ohio; and one great-granddaughter of Cincinnati. Alice was also very fond of the family cats, Tut, Buddy, George and her beloved Little Bit.

No services are planned at Alice's request.

## Fred Carl Wittlake III, 79

Fred Carl Wittlake III, 79, passed away Thursday, Oct. 30, 2003, at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.



Fred was born Feb. 14, 1924, in Andes to Fred C. and Clarabelle (Jackson) Wittlake.

Fred served in the U.S. Army during World War II and was honorably discharged. He married Aurelia "Rea" E. Kaylor in Kalispell on July 22, 1954. They had been married for 45 years.

Fred retired from Columbia Falls Aluminun Co. in Columbia Falls and enjoyed hunting and farming. His parents, a sister and one son preceded him in death.

Fred is survived by his wife,

Rea, of Columbia Falls; sister, Wilma Zundel, and brother, John Wittlake, both of College Place, Wash.; children, Fred Wittlake IV of Gold Hill, Ore., Lenard Wittlake of Milton Freewater, Ore., Evie Tevorio of Caldwell, Idaho, Joan Gutierrez of Nampa, Idaho, Neal Wittlake of Augusta, Kan.; Steven Wittlake of Columbia Falls, and Ann Roberts of Homedale, Idaho; 19 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be held from noon to 5 p.m. today, Oct. 31, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 2, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Chapel with Pastor Gerald Schulze officiating. Burial will take place at 10 a.m. Monday, Nov. 3, at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Mary Wittlake, 71

Mary Wittlake, 71, of Kalispell, passed away at her home on July 18, 2003.

Mary was born on Nov. 3, 1931, in Kalispell, to Charles and Frances Hesse. She lived in Kalispell most of her life, spending about six years in Denver. She graduated from Flathead County High School in 1949.

She married Emery Wittlake, her husband of 53 years, on Jan. 14, 1950. They lived in Kalispell where she worked as a dental technician and with her husband, operated several businesses, including the Airport Limousine Service, Avis Rent-A-Car and

Worldwide Shipping and Packaging, until their retirement.

She is survived by her husband, Emery Wittlake; one daughter, Wanda Costello, of Portland; one son, Jeff Wittlake, of Kalispell; two sisters, Alta Cameron of Kalispell, and Etta Wyman of Columbia Falls; two grandchildren, Leslie Klusman of Portland, and Derrick Wittlake of Kalispell; one great-granddaughter, Gerise, of Portland; and several other relatives throughout the Flathead Valley.

A potluck memorial service will be held at 4 p.m. Sunday, July 20, at the Smith Valley Grange Hall.

## Otto W. 'Bud' Witzig, 87

Otto W. "Bud" Witzig, 87, of Whitefish, died on Thursday, Nov. 6, 2003, at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth M. Witzig of Whitefish, and his daughter, Susan Tim-

mons of Whitefish.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 10, at the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish, with the Rev. Charles Roman officiating.

## Beatrice Arlene Woessner, 85

Beatrice Arlene Woessner, at age 85, passed on Sept. 9, 2003, peacefully with family with her.

Beatrice was born July 4, 1918, at Strabane to Grover C. and Esther Parker.

She grew up and went to school around the Choteau area.

Beatrice married Erwin W. Woessner July 16, 1939. They worked on ranches in the Choteau area and owned a market in Augusta.

They had four children before moving to the Kalispell area in 1948.

Beatrice was a Sunday School teacher at the Stillwater Lutheran Church for over 15 years. She belonged to the Stillwater Ladies Aide for many years. She was a 4-H leader for several years.

Her home was always open and she touched many lives and left many memories for a lot of people along her way.

In 1972, after their children had grown, Beatrice and Erwin moved to Bull River in Noxon. There she helped start the Senior Citizen Center and was the Senior Citizen Advocate of Sanders County.

Erwin passed on in 1991, and Beatrice moved back to Kalispell and resided the last nine years at the Buffalo Hill Terrace. There she started the Buffalo Hills Terrace branch of the Montana Associa-

tion of the Blind.

She is survived by her four children, Grover E. Woessner, Esther B. Olson, and husband Ronald, of Columbia Falls, Katherine C. Moffit and husband George of Fairbanks, Alaska, and Sally E. Copper and husband Leslie of Kalispell; grandchildren, Jeannie Sappington and husband Andrew, Scott Woessner and wife Shelly, Cheryl Hanson and husband Daniel, Lois Murdock and husband David, Gordon Olson and wife Tammy, Ronald Olson and wife Tracy, Glen Olson and wife Dawn, Beverly Bartels, Barbara Bitney and husband John, Craig Schelling and wife Travis, and Ian Cooper; and 20 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren. She is also survived by sisters-in-law, Anna Woessner and family, and Melba Parker and family; and brother, Paul Parker and family.

Cremation has taken place by the direction of the Buffalo Hills Funeral home.

Beatrice had requested there be no funeral, but had asked for a celebration of her life to take place on July 4, 2004, to be announced at a later date.

In lieu of flowers the family requests that memorials be sent to Hospice or the Immanuel Lutheran Home.

## Ted Wolfe Jr., 73

Ted Wolfe Jr., 73, of Whitefish, passed away on Monday, Oct. 13, 2003, at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

Ted was born Feb. 12, 1930, to Mr. and Mrs. Ted Wolfe Sr. in Pershing, Iowa. The family moved to Whitefish, in 1936, where Ted attended the public school system, graduating in 1949.

After graduating, he served in the United States Navy during the Korean War aboard the USS Philippine Sea Aircraft carrier.

Upon discharge, he returned to Whitefish where he was employed by the Great Northern Railroad as



a brakeman.

In 1956, he married Beverly Jean Kassens who was also employed by the Great Northern Railroad.

Ted enjoyed an active outdoor life of hunting and fishing in Montana.

He is survived by his wife, Beverly Jean of Whitefish; brothers, Gerald, and Boyd "Pete" Wolfe of Whitefish; a son, Scott, of Whitefish, son, Benjy and his fiancé, Jan Hinrichs, of Whitefish, and son, Jody and wife, Jolene, of Houston. He is also survived by two grandchildren, Nathan and Amanda Wolfe of Houston, and numerous nephews and nieces.

There will be no services at Ted's request.

## John Scott Wolfe, 47

John Scott Wolfe, 47, died on Tuesday, April 1, 2003, at his home in Hungry Horse.

Arrangements are pending

at this time.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

## Florence Olive Brown Wood, 100

Florence Olive Brown Wood, 100, of Stevensville, died on Wednesday, May 28, 2003, at Kathy's Place in Florence.

She was born on July 30, 1902, to James LaFayette and Rosie Lee (Hayden) Brown in Stevensville where the Stevensville Airport is now located. She lived on the Old McNeil Place up 8-Mile, and in 1911, her parents bought a place east of the Stevensville city limits. She attended the Stevensville grade school and later passed her GED.

She married Roy Gerald Wood on Dec. 24, 1920, in Hamilton. The couple lived in many places including, Stevensville, Missoula and Washington.

She was a hard worker. She raised big gardens, canned hundreds of quarts of vegetables and fruit, worked in canneries, and was a cook for the hot lunch program in Stevensville, and Methodist Church Camp at Rollins. She also did private catering for organizations in Kalispell, as well as raising her children.

She was a member and president of the Moose Lodge Women's Auxiliary in Auburn, Wash., president of the American Legion Women's Auxiliary in Stevensville, and president of the relief society in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She served a two-year stake mission for the LDS church in Kalispell, and also served as Sunday school teacher, primary teach-

er, relief society teacher and visiting teacher for the LDS church.

Her great love was gardening and flowers, she enjoyed cooking and preparing meals for others. She did many pieces of knitting, crocheting and sewing. For many years she painted and ceramics. She also loved to read to her children and taught them poetry and songs. One of her favorite poems was "The Village Blacksmith" by Longfellow.

Florence loved to travel and visited 25 states, Canada and Hawaii. She chartered a small plane once to fly from Idaho to Montana so she could go home to get her car.

She was preceded by her parents; children, Carl Rex Wood and Leroy Gerald Wood; and her husband in 1979.

Survivors include daughters, Ila Marie Long Niemann of Stevensville, Leona Louise Clatworthy of Oregon, and Mable Johnson Williams; 13 grandchildren, 41 great-grandchildren, several great-great-grandchildren, and nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held at the Stevensville LDS church relief society room on Monday, June 2, from 10 a.m. until service time. Funeral services will be held at the church at 2:30 p.m. on Monday. Burial will follow at the Sunnyside Cemetery east of Stevensville.

The Whitesitt Funeral Home of Stevensville is in charge of arrangements.

## Wanda M. Worley, 71

Wanda M. Worley, 71, of Big Arm, passed away Jan. 6, 2003, of cancer at St. Patrick Hospital in Missoula.

She was born Aug. 2, 1931, in Houston County, Texas, to Jesse and Oma Bruner.

As a young girl she lived in Weldon, Texas, and graduated from Lovelady, Texas, public schools in 1949.

On July 23, 1964, she married Bobby E. Worley. They lived in Houston until 1987, when they retired from American General Insurance and moved to Big Arm.

She loved fishing, hunting, gardening, cooking, canning, sewing and quilting. Wanda enjoyed the outdoors and life in Montana to

the fullest.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and son, Tommy Adams.

Survivors include her husband, Bobby E. Worley of Big Arm; children, Johnny Adams, Rickey Adams, Mary Sessions, Sherry Otto and James Worley, all of Texas; three brothers, Tim and Will Bruner of Montana and Joe Bruner of Texas; three sisters, Francis Whitmire, Marion Machac, and Nell Tinder of Texas; and nine grandchildren.

Services are pending and will be announced at a later date.

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

## Alice M. Workman, 80

Alice M. Workman, 80, of Eureka, died Saturday, August 30, 2003, at Mountain View Manor in Eureka.

She is survived by her husband, Sid Workman of Eureka; two sons, Lee Workman of Eureka and Steven Workman of Challis; Daughters Sandy McCrorie of Rexford

and Sydney Island of Columbia Falls.

Services will be Wednesday, Sept. 3, 2003 at 2 p.m. at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Eureka. Visitation will be from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. today.

Local arrangements are under Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Eureka.

## Keith Wright, 78

Keith Wright of Polson, passed away on Thursday, Feb. 27, 2003, at the age of 78. He sustained his characteristic positive attitude through a six-month struggle with multiple hospitalizations and health setbacks, finally succumbing to pneumonia, which was a complication of his lymphoma and surgery. Those closest to him will not soon forget the struggle and the strength of such a gentle old man who showed us how to go through this with such dignity and love.

Keith was one of Polson's "local boy does well" stories. His grandparents moved to Polson in 1911, and his parents moved there in 1918 (in the days before there were roads to Polson).

He was born in 1924 as the second child of Edythe and George Wright, and grew up in Polson. The Depression had a lifelong impact on him and he lived up to his childhood

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vow that "his family would never go to bed hungry." He started working as soon as he could as a child and never really quit working.

In high school, he was active in football, track and drama and developed his love of organized sports. His sense of service was first demonstrated when he memorized the eye chart to pass the Air Force medical in World War II, where he served as an aircraft instrument and bombsight supervisor in Northern Ireland and Germany.

Upon return, he put himself through college with the GI Bill to earn a bachelor of science in electrical engineering in 1950 from Montana State College (yes Griz fans, he is also a 'Cat). He helped found the Bozeman Sigma Nu chapter and was active in other technical and social organizations.

Upon graduation, he moved to Missoula and soon started Wright Lumber Co. with the humble beginnings of a bunk of plywood next to his car. He had an intense devotion to those who had worked for him over the years.

Even during his startup years and the start of a new family, he supported numerous causes to improve education, sports opportunities, health and other causes. He was proud of donating 19 years as a board member for Community Hospital in Missoula.

Perhaps he is more widely remembered for his many decades of support of the University of Montana Grizzlies. He donated his time, money and enthusiasm to the booster clubs, including stints as the Century Club president. He was a Golden Grizzly and the only lifetime member of the Century Club. Anyone who has been to a game with him knows the extent of his passion for sports.

During retirement, he stayed involved in Polson, most recently with the Polson Sports Complex and as a member of SCORE (Senior

Corps of Retired Executives.) He always had time to listen and was most flattered if someone had a problem for him to solve. Keith loved to have a project. His favorites involved some engineering and he liked to get his hands dirty. He was never intimidated by the size of a project, and was always willing to think big. Later in life, he tinkered in his wood shop doing projects for loved ones.

Keith was most proud of being a family man. He is survived by his wife, Gail Wright, of Polson; sons, Brad Wright and his wife, Heidi, and their children, Molly and Ben of Kalispell, and Blaine Wright of Whitefish; daughter, Beth Cole and her children, Madison and Sam of Missoula; stepsons, Ralph Ashmore of Fall City, Wash., and Dan Ashmore and wife, Debbie, of Stevensville; sister, Gina Devlin of Polson; niece, Penny Brace; nephews, David Warren and Brian D'Angelo; and cousin, JoAnn Irvine.

He was a man of his word, always kept his promises and took pride in being fair. This family adored this gem of a man and cannot ever forget his humble beginnings and his lifetime devotion to his family, friends, employees, community, country and God.

Keith's grandfather built the Presbyterian Church in Polson, in 1916, and Keith considered the ministry as a young man. He took a different path, but what more fitting place to have services for him. Services will be held at 1:30 p.m. Monday at the Presbyterian Church in Polson. A reception will follow in the Presbyterian reception hall.

One of Keith's final wishes was to provide college funds to financially needy Polson youths. Keith and the Wright family will be contributing to this fund. In lieu of flowers, a contribution would be the grandest way to honor his memory. If you choose to, please send contributions to: the Keith D. Wright Scholarship Fund, in care of Polson High School, 111 Fourth Ave. E., Polson, MT 59060.

## Joseph Trent Wyatt, 38

Joseph Trent Wyatt, 38, died at Kalispell Regional Medical Center on Friday, Feb. 14, 2003.

Graveside services will be held on Wednesday at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.