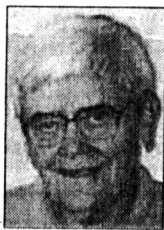


## Herbert John York, 77

Herbert John York, 77, "passed to the other side" Tuesday, Nov. 4, 2003, after a hard-fought battle with lung cancer. He joins his parents, Otto Eddy York and Martha



Venoy Cox York; his brothers, Ken and Frank; as well as his grandson, Cameron, who preceded him in death.

Born March 16, 1926, in Miles City, Herb spent the first years of his life living near Ashland. At age 3, he moved with his family to Stevensville where he spent the remainder of his youth.

During the summer following his junior year in high school, Herb enlisted in the Air Force and served as a crewman on a B-29. On leave in July of 1945, Herb returned to Missoula and married Merle Beckman of Anaconda.

After the war, Herb was discharged at the request of the U.S. Forest Service to return to Montana to become a smokejumper. He jumped during the 1946 and 1947 fire seasons. He continued working for the Forest Service during summers while attending the University of Montana. He graduated in 1950 with a degree in wildlife technology and began reseraching for the Fish and Game and U.S. Forest Service.

As his young family grew, Herb decided the amount of time away from home was detrimental to his family's well-being. He returned to school to finish his teaching degree. He worked nights at the Bonner Mill and weekends at the Anaconda Smelter to support his family. Graduating with a Masters of Science in 1953, he accepted a teaching position at St. Ignatius High School.

Herb completed 33 years as a science teacher and guidance counselor at St. Ignatius. He also taught at the University of Montana after his retirement.

Learning was one of Herb's greatest loves! The Russian Sputnik program spurred the U.S. government to increase the effectiveness of science education. Taking advantage of this opportunity by attending numerous scientific institutes, Herb studied at seven universities and completed two additional Master of Science degrees. Yet, his greatest love was sharing his learning with his students at Mission High.

Herb was a gifted teacher and was recognized nationwide for his work. His physics class was honored as one of the top 10 in the U.S. He was honored by the state university system for excellence in

teaching chemistry and by the National Biology Teachers Association as an outstanding biology teacher. This led to being recognized by the National Science Foundation for a Presidential Award as Montana's Science Teacher of the Year in 1983. His most cherished award came in 1984, when the University of Montana declared him a Distinguished Alumni.

Herb made it clear that he did not seek these awards and by far his greatest reward was the youthful lives he touched. He often reminisced about his many trips to the coast with his advanced biology class to study the tide pools and rain forest. Many of his students had never seen the ocean and he cherished giving them this opportunity.

Although Herb touched many young lives, his greatest love was his eternal bond with Merle, his wife of 58 years. Together they fought Merle's multiple sclerosis for 44 years. They were a team, committed and loving to the end. They will be soul mates for eternity.

Retiring in 1985, Herb and Merle split their years between St. Ignatius and Tucson. They moved to Missoula in 1997, living at Grizzly Peak Retirement Community and recently at Riverside Nursing Home.

Herb is survived by Merle; a daughter, Gerrie and husband, Bruce Hedquist, of Albuquerque, N.M.; sons, Randy and wife, Marte, of Missoula, John and wife, Corey, of Kalispell, and Steve and wife, Kim, of Polson; a special nephew who, while in high school, lived with Herb, Mike and wife, Michelle, of Seattle; a sister, Bev and husband, Ken Brown, of Honolulu; sisters-in-law, Ralpha of Cottonwood, Ariz., and Maggie of Superior; eight grandchildren, Karen and husband Michael Hughes, Jana and husband Brian Peterson, Bekah and husband Charlie Blood, Emily and husband Chad Villegas, Ryan and wife Jennifer, and Whitney, Jordan and Morgan York; five great-grandchildren, Michael, Benjamin, Savannah, Nathan and Cameron.

"Dad, we love and will miss you. We will always remember your love for us and your influence on us. We will see you on the other side."

A memorial service will be held 1 p.m. Saturday at the Garden City Funeral Home in Missoula.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial in Herb's name may be made to the University of Montana Foundation, Box 7159, Missoula, MT 59807, or to a charity of your choice.

## Evelyn York, 62

Evelyn York "left for the wonderful forever" on April 6, 2003.

She was born on Aug. 5, 1940.

She died as she lived — with quiet dignity and grace surrounded by loving family and friends. She was loved into eternity. She was loved by all she touched and is

survived by a large family and dear friends.

"We will all love and miss her."

She was preceded in death by her father, Fred Winegar, and "the most beautiful of all," her mother, Stella Winegar.

"Godspeed."

## Michael 'Mikey' Wayne Yutzy, 23

Michael "Mikey" Wayne Yutzy, 23, of Kila "went home to be with his Lord and Savior" on July 16, 2003.

Mikey loved the outdoors; he was an avid hunter, fisherman and was an exceptional cabinetmaker who loved his work.

He was a friend to everyone he ever meet and was always there



for everyone to lend a helping hand. He will be missed by his family and friends.

He is survived by his grandmother, Frances; mother, Martha; father, Jack; his two sisters, Jeanne and Donna; brother, Derek; and numerous other relatives and friends.

A memorial service will be held 2 p.m. on Thursday at the Gospel Light Baptist Church in Kalispell.

Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish is in charge of the arrangements.