

## Betty Absalonson, 72

Betty Absalonson passed "to the care of God" from natural causes on Jan. 19, 2004, at the age of 72. Her family will miss her very much.



The daughter of Paul Kanne and Loretta Lewin, she was born on April 25, 1931, in Dent, Minn., later moving to southern California, then to Seattle and finally settling in Whitefish where she graduated from high school in 1949.

On Aug. 27, 1950, she was married to Oliver Absalonson in Whitefish, where they continued to reside, with Betty attending to her family and home. She enjoyed several years working at Big Mountain in the maid service and later in downtown Whitefish.

A quiet person, Betty took personal pride in her flower gardens which always made her backyard a peaceful oasis where a beautiful view and a good cup of coffee were never far away. With "Ab" and sons she enjoyed camping, and

rides in the country. Her freezer was always stocked with huckleberries.

She was preceded in death by her husband Ab; her father; mother; and sister, Bev Sullivan, of Whitefish.

She is survived by sons, Michael, and wife, Sandy, of Kalispell, and Steve and wife, Susan, of Phoenix; five grandchildren, Ryan, Kirk, Christa, Brent and Jeff; great-grandchild, Alexander; and nieces and nephews.

Personal goodbyes may be made at the Austin Funeral Home Chapel between 2 and 8 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 23. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Christ Lutheran Church in Whitefish. Interment will be at Glacier Memorial Gardens in Kalispell. Everyone is invited to attend an informal luncheon following at the Christ Lutheran Church in Whitefish.

The family requests that any memorials be directed in Betty's name to the Immanuel Lutheran Home, Brattsburg Wing. Their care and love truly made her last days much richer.

## Marian F. Abbott, 101

Marian F. Abbott, 101, died Sunday, Aug. 29, 2004, at Lakeview Care Center in Bigfork.

She was born Feb. 12, 1903, in Butte, to Henry A. and Jenny W. (Ayers) Fitzpatrick. Marian graduated from Butte High School and the University of Montana, obtaining a degree in physical education. While at the university, she was member of Kappa Alpha Theta Sorority, Mortar Board and was May Queen in 1925. After graduation she became women's and children's director at the Butte YWCA.

Marian married Robert C. Abbott of Anaconda on Aug. 20, 1930. She was a devoted mother to her two sons, Robert and James, and a devoted wife to her loving husband.

Marian was an active member of P.O.E., serving as state president and holding numerous local chapter offices. She was also a longtime member of Christ Church Episcopal in Kalispell. She was also very active in the political arena, serving as vice chairwoman of both the Montana Republican Committee for Western Montana and the Flathead Republican Central Commit-

tee. Marian was also a Montana voting delegate to the 1956 San Francisco Republican National Convention that nominated Dwight D. Eisenhower for his second term as president.

After the death of her husband in 1953, Marian became the women's editor at the Daily Inter Lake in Kalispell. In 1968, she was named the Best Women's Editor of the Hagadone newspaper chain. She retired in 1970.

Marian was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; one son, James; a sister, Laura C. Nelson; and a brother, George A. Fitzpatrick.

She is survived by her son, Robert B. Abbott, and wife, Nonie, of Helena; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held at a later date.

The family suggests memorial gifts be given in Marian's name to the local Special Olympics Organization or to the charity of the donor's choice.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

## Verna E. Adkins, 73

Verna E. Adkins, 73, "went home to be with Jesus" Wednesday, Jan. 14, 2004, at the Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

She was born Sept. 10, 1930, in Livingston, to Roland and Rosa Adkins. Verna moved to a ranch on the Thompson River in western Montana, and came to the Flathead Valley in 1952. She was a resident of the Fourth Avenue Group Home in Kalispell.

Verna enjoyed music and dancing, housework, and she loved working jigsaw puzzles. She was an active participant in the Montana Special Olympics.

Verna was preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Madeline; two brothers, Neal and James; and an infant sister.

She is survived by a sister, Marjorie Bothman, of Libby; and two brothers, R.T. Adkins and his wife, Elaine, of Kalispell, and Barry Adkins and his wife, Helen, of Pason, Ariz.; there are 29 nieces and nephews, and over 60 great-nieces and -nephews.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, in the chapel of Johnson Mortuary. Pastor Ron Pierce will officiate. Private burial will take place in Glacier Memorial Gardens.

The family suggests memorials be sent to the Flathead Industries, 66 Fourth Ave. WN; Kalispell, MT, 59901.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

## Spring Christine Adams, 28

Spring Christine Adams, 28, passed away Monday, May 10, 2004, at her home in Bigfork.

She was born Jan. 17, 1976, in Prescott, Ariz., to Larry David and



Nona Bee (Haist) Adams. Spring spent her childhood in Prescott, and attended the Chino Valley Schools from K-12 grades. She was in the school choir and worked as a teacher aid.

After her graduation from high school, she went to work for Stockmen's Bank. Her dream was to move to Montana, which she did in 1999. She then went to work for the Flathead Lake Lodge and the Big Sky Mercantile in Bigfork. In her spare time she enjoyed horseback riding, shopping and crafts. Her niece and nephews brought a special joy to her life.

"Spring was such a joy to all of us. We will carry her in our hearts forever. She has gone home to be with the Lord, whom she loved with all her heart."

Spring was preceded in death by her grandfathers, Melval Haist and Bob Adams.

She is survived by her parents of Bigfork; two brothers, Bill Adams and his wife, Susan, and Brett Adams, and one sister, Gloria Ferrari, all of Bigfork; nieces and nephews, Jeffery, Christopher, Alac, Samantha, and Branden, all of Bigfork, and Andrew Adams of Laguna Hills, Calif.; two grandmothers, Pauline Haist of Reading, Pa., and Sarah Adams of Prescott; and many, aunts, uncles and cousins.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, May 14, at the Bigfork Community Cemetery, Bigfork.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

## Elizabeth J. Aiken, 70

Elizabeth J. Aiken, 70, died at her Kalispell home on March 15, 2004.

She is survived locally by

her daughter, Sandra Scull, of Kalispell.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Cathe Mortensen Aldrich, 53 Danny L. Aldrich, 48

**Cathe Mortensen Aldrich, 53**, was born on Feb. 6, 1951, in Fresno, Calif. Cathe and her husband, Danny Aldrich, died after a fatal car accident on Friday, Feb. 6, 2004.

Cathe grew up in Sanger, Calif., and graduated from Sanger High School in 1969. She received her teaching credential from California State University, Fresno, where she was a member of the Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority.

Cathe began her teaching career at Clovis West High School, Fresno, Calif., where she taught physical education and coached for three years.

She then moved to Montana and had taught health and physical education at Kalispell Junior High since 1984.

Cathe was a dedicated teacher and touched the lives of many students during her years of teaching and coaching. She will be remembered fondly by all who knew her for her bright smile, love of family and friends, and generous heart.

Cathe is survived by her parents, C. Ray and Helen Mortensen of Sanger, Calif.; her brother, David Mortensen, and his wife, Valerie, of Shaver Lake, Calif.; her sister, Kristi Mortensen, of El Sobrante, Calif.; and her nephews, Eric and Chris Mortensen and Drew and Dana Perkins.

Interment will be at 3 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 12, at Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery. A memorial service will be at 4:30 p.m. at the Kalispell Junior High School gymnasium.

Remembrances/memorials may be sent to Kalispell Junior High School Hearts and Flowers Fund, c/o Cathy Malarchick.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

**Danny L. Aldrich, 48**, of Kalispell, passed away on Saturday, Jan. 7, 2004, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center as the result of a traffic accident.

Danny was born on Dec. 23, 1955, in Kalispell, the son of Lloyd and Edna Aldrich. He was raised and attended schools in Columbia Falls, graduating in 1974.

He continued his education at DeVry Technical Institute in Phoenix, receiving computer and electronics training. He worked in the computer field in California for one year before returning to the Flathead Valley where he was employed at Columbia Falls aluminum plant. During that time he earned his electrician's license. In 2002, he began working for Hungry Horse Dam as an electrician.

Danny met Cathe Mortensen



while taking night classes at Flathead Valley Community College. It all began when Danny asked Cathe out after class for a frozen yogurt. They were married on May 24, 1991, in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, and for many years they would return to Coeur d'Alene on that date to celebrate their anniversary.

Danny enjoyed many activities including hunting, fishing, motorcycling, hiking, berry picking, camping, travel, family gatherings and barbecues. But mostly Danny enjoyed people. He had a wonderful sense of humor and had an amazing ability to put people at ease.

Danny was an extraordinary person. He valued his wife, family and friendships above all else. Always a man of his word, he was fair and honest. You could count on Danny for help anytime it was needed. He was kind and generous, always ready to lend a helping hand.

Danny is survived by his mother, Edna Aldrich, of Columbia Falls; two brothers, David Aldrich of Columbia Falls and Glen Aldrich and his wife, Beverly, of Chile; one sister, JoAnn Kimbrough and her husband, Don, of Billings; nieces Barbara Wagner, Cynthia Ryan, Rebecca Kimbrough and Alena Kimbrough; and nephews Aaron Aldrich and Matthew Aldrich.

He was preceded in death by his father, Lloyd Aldrich; one brother, Alan Aldrich; and one niece, Marcy Kimbrough.

"To have both Danny and Cathe taken from us is a terrible loss and they will truly be missed."

Memorial suggestions are to Home Options Hospice, 175 Commons Loop, Suite 100, Kalispell, MT 59901; or American Red Cross, 17 First Ave. East, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

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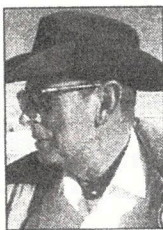
## John Paul Allen, 92

John Paul Allen, 92, passed away on Monday, May 10, 2004, at the Brendan House in Kalispell.

He was born on Feb. 11, 1912, in Pinedale, Wyo., to John Lewis and Frona (Cantlin) Allen. He was a longtime resident of Pinedale.

Paul attended school in Pinedale. In his early days he enjoyed hunting, fishing and later taking up photography and golf.

Paul married Lillian C. Clementsen at the age of 25, and by that time he was in livestock hauling. He eventually went into real estate and insurance, owning Allen Agency of Pinedale, Wyo. Paul was on the state board of directors for real estate business for about 10 years. He was a member of the Lion's Club and served as the secretary for the town clerk for many years. He was also a member of the Pinedale Masonic lodge No. 31.



Paul later married Charlene Whitman in Saint George, Utah. They traveled from Saint George in the winter and to Pinedale in the summer. They moved to Whitefish this last summer.

Paul was preceded in death by his first wife; his parents; and two daughters, Jean McGreggor and Beverly Ann Prather.

He is survived by his wife, Charlene Whitman of Whitefish; two grandsons, three granddaughters, six great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

Memorial services for J. Paul Allen will be held at 6:30 p.m. today, in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with Pastor Ray Davis of Epworth United Methodist Church officiating. There will be visitation in Pinedale, on Saturday, May 15, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Hudson's Funeral home. Graveside services will then be held on Monday, May 17, at 11 a.m. at the Pinedale Cemetery.

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

## Sixten Edward 'Bink' Almquist, 87

Sixten Edward "Bink" Almquist, 87, passed away peacefully on Monday, Feb. 2, 2004 at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

He was born on March 18, 1916, one of five children of Swedish immigrants, Gustaf and Sigrid Almquist, who made their home in the community of North Park in Chicago. He graduated from Von Steuben High School and at 6 feet 4 inches tall, played center for their basketball team. He attended Washburn Trade School and Wright Jr. College in Chicago.

During World War II, he was inducted into the Army in 1941 and served in England. Later, he was sent to the Pacific Theater of Operations and was honorably discharged in 1945.

After the war, he returned home and was introduced to Clarice Whitney Peterson who was a nurse at Swedish Covenant Hospital in Chicago. They married on Nov. 1, 1947, at North Park Covenant Church.

A painter by trade, he worked for North Park University for nine years, and the City of Chicago for 28 years, and was a long time member of Painter's Union No. 194.

He and Clarice retired to Wisconsin where they lived for 20 years before moving to Kalispell.

Bink was an active member of the Evangelical Covenant Church

of Chicago for 65 years and enjoyed his friends in Nopari. As a volunteer, he served in the Boy Scouts of America, Meals on Wheels, school breakfast programs, did visitations and provided a foster home to 13 newborn infants awaiting adoption. He was a lifelong sports fan and loved being in the water.

He was a devoted husband and father, a wonderful, gentle Christian man, exemplified daily in all his thoughts, words and deeds.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Clarice, of Kalispell; his daughter, Linda Paisley, and husband, Jim, of Kalispell; his son, Edward Almquist, and wife, Jean, of Bartlett, Ill.; five grandchildren, Ian Paisley of Denver, Laura Paisley of Boston, Elizabeth Almquist of Chicago, Tessa and Dan Almquist of Bartlett, Ill.; and his sister, Ruth Johnson, of Arlington Heights, Ill.

The family suggests memorials be given to Alzheimer's research through the National Alzheimer's Association, 225 N. Michigan Ave., 17th Floor, Chicago, IL 60601; Hospice; or a charity of their choice.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 12, at Northridge Lutheran Church for his family and friends to celebrate his life and the gift of eternal life.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home caring for the family.

## Gladys Margaret Sather Andersen, 84

Gladys Margaret Sather Andersen, 84, passed away on Sunday Oct. 3, 2004, at her home in Kalispell.

Gladys Margaret Vick was born the fifth child of Carl T. Vick and Margaret Effie-Baldry Vick on Oct. 26, 1919, in LeFlesh, Saskatchewan. She spent her early childhood around Opheim, where her family homesteaded and she attended school in Tango.

While visiting her oldest sister in the '40s, she met Bennie R. Sather at a dance. They were later married, and had three of their four children, Daryl, Bonnie and Kathy, born in Montana; Dorene, their fourth, was born in Missouri.

Gladys had the gift of hospitality, and shared her home and love with her family, neighbors and friends. Her life was her family and church. She was known for her baking, and most often her cinnamon caramel rolls were sold in the parking lot before she even got them into the bake sale.

Bennie and Gladys shared 41 years together, enjoying their families and serving the Lord in their community. Bennie passed away on Oct. 4, 1984.

While attending her brother Melvin's 50th wedding anniversary party in Kalispell, Gladys reconnected with an old friend of her youth, Stanley Andersen, and on Feb. 14, 1990, they were married.

She learned how to yodel as a youngster, and it only seemed fit-



ting that she moved to Yodelin Ridge Road in Kalispell with Stan where they shared 15 years together.

Stan's niece, Grace Hall, gave them great care and enabled Gladys to stay at home for the last few months of her life.

Gladys and her family appreciate her loving conscious care and feel blessed because of Grace. Gladys was blessed to live a life blessing others with her warmth and inclusive love. What she had she shared and we are all richer because of her.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her first husband, Bennie; one sister, and two brothers.

She is survived by her husband, Stanley, of Kalispell; children, Daryl and his wife, Rosalie Sather, of Havre, Bonnie and her husband, Jim Major, of Issaquah, Wash., Kat McKay of Helena, and Dee and her husband, Leroy Bishop, of Great Falls; brothers, Melvin Vick of Kalispell, Kenneth and his wife, Phyllis Vick, of Hamilton; sister, Dorothy Graham of Holdon, Mo.; grandchildren, Julie and her husband, Greg Borloug, Tony Sather, Loralie Sather, Vanessa Hanson, Christopher Major, Curt McKay, and Laci Bishop; great-grandchild, Reese Hanson; and numerous nieces and nephews and friends.

Private family viewing and services were held in Kalispell on Oct. 5.

Memorial services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 7, at Community of Christ Church, 821 10th Ave. S.W., Great Falls, MT.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

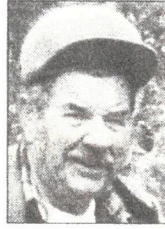
## John L. Altenburg, 80

John L. Altenburg, 80, passed away Wednesday, May 5, 2004, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

He was born May 23, 1923, in Somers, to Louie and Alvina (Baer) Altenburg. John attended Batavia School through the eighth grade, making the Smith Valley area his home. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

John met and married Eldora Dorothy Whitlake in Kalispell, in 1946. He worked at the aluminum plant in the early 50s; John was a masonry contractor until his retirement in 1976. He was a longtime member of the Kalispell Eagles.

John liked to spend part of his pastime shooting gophers. He also enjoyed hunting and fishing with his sons and grandchildren. The Altenburgs loved living on Lake Blaine.



He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, and one sister.

John is survived by his wife Eldora "Dode"; two sons, John Altenburg and his wife, Lynda, Bruce Altenburg and his wife, Pam, all of Kalispell; five grandchildren, Shawn Altenburg and his wife, Heather, of Deer Lodge, Shannon Altenburg and his wife, Kim, of Kalispell, Scott Altenburg and his wife, Teresa, of Anchorage, Alaska, Brock and Lacy Altenburg of Kalispell; sister-in-law, Ruby Altenburg of Great Falls; nephews, Robert Iverson and his wife, Sue, and Tom Iverson and his wife, Linda, both of Whitefish.

Memorial services for John will be held 2 p.m. Saturday, May 8, at the Jehovah's Witness Assembly Hall at 1414 Woodland Avenue in Kalispell with grandson Shawn Altenburg officiating.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory

## Eric Altenburg, 95

Eric Altenburg, 95, died at Community Hospital in Monterey, Calif., on Dec. 18, 2004.

He was born at home on a ranch outside of Holt, Mont., on Nov. 30, 1909, to German parents.

Eric left home at the age of 16, jumping trains as he worked his way west. He worked at the Allan Ranch in Ripon, Calif., where he cared for the San Francisco Zoo animals.

Eric joined the U.S. Army and served two and a half tours in the Pacific. He was wounded at Biak Island in New Guinea and received the Purple Heart.



Eric then returned to Ripon and married the rancher's daughter, Thelma. They moved to the Monterey Peninsula in 1945 and Eric worked for Wilson's Plumbing for 30 years.

Survivors include his grandson, Tyson Eric Altenburg, and his daughter-in-law, Lynn Altenburg, both of Pacific Grove, Calif.; his sister, Martha Holm, of Olympia, Wash.; and his brothers, Edward of Cut Bank, Arthur of Spokane, and Richard of Kalispell.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 49 years, Thelma, in 1995; and his son, Thomas, in 2003.

At his request no services will be held.

Arrangements are under the direction of The Paul Mortuary in Pacific Grove, Calif.

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## Eric Robert Anderson, 22

Eric Robert Anderson, 22, passed away Saturday, July 3, 2004, in a single vehicle accident. He was returning from officer candidate training in Fort Mead, S.D.

Eric was born Oct. 26, 1981, in Billings, the son of Robert and Lynda Anderson. In grade school and middle school, Eric enjoyed playing soccer, and he was involved in track and wrestling in high school. Eric graduated from Skyview High School in 2000 where he developed an interest in art.

After high school, Eric joined the Army National Guard. He excelled with his role in the military and during this time he really grew as a person, an officer and as a gentleman. While serving his country in the Guards, Eric attended MSU-Billings, majoring in his passion for art. His art displays were enjoyed by many, and could often be seen on display around Billings.

"Eric was an exceptional, promising artist. His last works were two wonderful series of panels exploring color and texture and the inner workings of the human mind and spirit. Parts of these series can be seen at Billings Deaconess Clinic and in McDonald

Hall in Billings at MSU-Billings. Eric will be dearly missed by the faculty, staff and students at MSU Department of Art, where he would have been a junior this fall," said Peter Whitson Warren, Professor Department of Art, Montana State University, Billings.

Eric is survived by his parents; two brothers, Geoffrey and Nikki Lund of Belgrade, and Riley Anderson of Billings; his grandparents, Gene and Margaret Anderson of Billings; and many aunts, uncles, cousins and very dear friends.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Jean Everette, and Edwin and Beverly Kirk; and great-grandparents, Pete and Winifred Peterson, and Myrtle Everette.

Eric will be deeply missed by his family and friends.

"For he shall give his angels charge over thee." Psalm 91:11."

Funeral services for Eric will be held at 10 a.m. on Friday, July 9, at Faith Chapel, 517 Shiloh Road, Billings, with interment to follow. Visitations will begin today at Smith Downtown Chapel.

Memorials may be sent to Eric's family for an art memorial to honor him.

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## Donovan Gail Anderson, 48

Donovan Gail Anderson, 48, of Condon, died March 12, 2004.

A celebration of Donnie's life to be held 2:30 p.m. Satur-

day, March 20, at the Swan Valley School gym "to share memories of his days with us."

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## Miles Gregory Anderson, 73

Miles Gregory Anderson, 73, a longtime Whitefish resident, died Sunday, Sept. 12, 2004, at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls of natural causes.

He had worked for Whitefish Property Management until he retired in 2000.

He is survived by his wife, Doris of Whitefish; two daughters, Janel Hall of Browning, and Laurie Anderson of Osburn, Idaho; and two sons, Paul Anderson of Whitefish,

and Mark Anderson of Longwood, Fla.

Visitation will be 2 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 16, at the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish. A rosary will be recited at 7 p.m. at the funeral home. Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 18, at the funeral home with the Rev. David V. Kauffman officiating. Inurnment will take place at a later date with military honors at the Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Kalispell.

## Robert Lewis Anderson, 84

Robert Lewis Anderson, 84, of Kalispell died Jan. 20, 2004, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center after having suffered a cerebral hemorrhage.



Robert "Bob" Anderson was born on July 14, 1919, in Havre, to Lewis and Bernice Anderson. He graduated from Havre High School, Northern Montana College, and Kinman Business School.

On June 2, 1943, he married his sweetheart, Lola B. McAuley. They celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary this last year.

Bob served in the Army, stationed in France and Germany, during World War II. He was honorably discharged at the rank of master sergeant after World War II ended and arrived home to surprise his bride on her birthday.

Bob was known to many as, "The Post Card Man." He owned and operated a post card distributorship for 28 years. Those who saw it often remembered his Winnebago, with painted reproductions of two of his favorite cards on either side. He retired in 1981.

An athlete all his life, Bob was an avid and accomplished golfer, bowler, and softball player. Bob was always proud of the fact that he had been chosen to play in the softball World Series in Chicago when he was only 15 years old.

During his retirement, he played golf, mostly at West Glacier and eventually resided at Village Greens. He spent many

summers at his home on treasured Lake Five with his grandchildren. The final year of his life was spent in residence at Buffalo Hills Terrace where he greatly enjoyed himself.

Bob had been an active volunteer in the elementary school program, helping children improve their math skills by learning to play cribbage.

His parents; a sister, Carol; and brother, Jim, preceded Bob in death.

His beloved wife, Lola; a son, Robert Arthur Anderson of Kalispell; a daughter, Carole Phillips of Kalispell; granddaughters, Stacie Phillips and Melissa Phillips of Missoula; a son-in-law, Roger Phillips, of Kalispell; a sister, Geraldine Miller, of Washington, D.C.; and several nieces and nephews survive him.

Bob was a lifelong Lutheran and helped to found a Lutheran Church in Colorado when they lived there. They eventually moved to Kalispell in 1958 and had been members of Bethlehem Lutheran for many years.

A funeral service will be held at Johnson Mortuary Chapel 10 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 24. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday at the Mortuary. Internment will be at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery following the funeral service.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests a memorial to Buffalo Hill Terrace, Immanuel Lutheran Home, or the Shriners Children's Hospital in Spokane.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.



## Robert Odell 'Bob' Anderson

Robert Odell "Bob" Anderson died on Sunday, July 11, 2004 at his home in Swan Lake.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, July 16, at 3 p.m. at Bethany Lutheran Church in Bigfork. A second memorial service will be held at Nordland Lutheran Church in rural Paynesville, Minn., on Saturday, July 24, at 1:30 p.m.

Bob was born on Jan. 19, 1928, in Kensington, Minn., to Fred and Gina (Everson) Anderson. Bob lived with his family and attended school through the eighth grade in Finley, N.D. He attended high school in Havre. During his junior year, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy.

After his discharge from the Navy, Bob returned to Havre and began working as a salesman for grocery chain Gamble-Robinson. During a visit to Minnesota, he met Margaret Pederson at Nordland Lutheran Church and they were married on Sept. 22, 1951.

Bob learned to plaster and stucco in Paynesville and continued this trade while living in St. Cloud and New Hope, Minn., and in Havre, through 1956, as well as off and on through much of his working life.

Bob and Margaret lived on a farm near Nordland church from 1957-1960. They sold the farm and moved to a house on the south shore of Lake Koronis in 1960. In the following years through 1968, Bob owned various businesses in Paynesville, including the Jack and Jill grocery store, the Paynesville Hotel, a Montgomery Wards catalog store, and the Hilltop Truck Stop service station. He then worked in the post office in Paynesville until 1971.

Bob also served as president of the Chamber of Commerce and was a member of the Lions Club, Jaycees and several other organizations during this period.

In 1972, he bought a cherry

orchard near Bigfork, where he began spending springs and summers. He also owned the Tastee Freeze in Polson, and the Burger-town restaurant near Bigfork. During this period, Bob built and remodeled several homes in Paynesville during the fall and winter.

In 1978, Bob and Margaret sold their property in Montana and returned to year round residence in Paynesville. Bob began selling real estate and worked locally for Chuck Olson Realty in Kalispell, until 1995.

After Margaret's death in 1979, Bob sold the home on Lake Koronis and moved to Paynesville. In 1987, Bob became reacquainted with Joan Phillips at their 40th class reunion in Havre. They were married in 1989 and moved to Swan Lake. Bob enjoyed hunting, fishing and especially visiting with his many friends and relatives.

Bob is survived by his wife, Joan; children, Debra and Greg Bork of Bigfork, Michael and Rita Anderson of Maple Grove, Minn., Tammy and Ron Wienke of St. Cloud, Minn., and Karen Wisted of Paynesville, Minn.; stepchildren, Martia and Darrell of Seattle, Jan and Dana Phillips of Rudyard, Dana Eliason of Yakima, Wash., Rhonda and Ross Ritter of Rudyard, and Kane Phillips of Yakima, Wash.; 21 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; brothers, Raymond, John and Ken; sisters, Alice, Glennis, Francis and Phyllis; and many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and in-laws who all loved him very much.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Margaret; his parents; and brothers, Melvin, Marvin and Fred.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions be sent to the charity of your choice.

## Tim R. Anderson, 63

Tim R. Anderson, 63, of St. Regis, passed away at his home Saturday, July 31, 2004, following a long illness.

He was born Sept. 19, 1940, in Jamestown, N.Y., the son of Carl and Jane (Bennett) Anderson. He grew up and was educated in his early years in New York before moving with his family to San Francisco at the age of 12.

After finishing school, he enlisted into the U.S. Army in Oakland on Feb. 25, 1959. Tim was honorably discharged at Fort Hamilton, N.Y., on April 5, 1962. Throughout his years, he was employed as a logger and a carpenter.

Tim was an active 21-year member of AA and an encourager to all. He loved old cars, motorcycles and especially traveling. His daughters, Bobbi and Kristie, were precious to him.

his parents; an infant son, Timothy Alexander; and a son-in-law, Chuck Williams.

He is survived by his two daughters, Bobbi Williams of Turlock, Calif., and Kristie Mitchell of St. Regis; six grandchildren, Amber, Brittany, Caitlyn, Kevin, Jasmin and Easton; a sister, Judy Cooper of Polson; three stepchildren, Tesa O'Brian of Missoula, Rodger Rawlings of Kalispell, and Lorry Napier of Benicia, Calif.; three nieces, Kelly Magnus, Trish Krier and Cheryl Drake; two nephews, Richard and Bill Doyle; and numerous friends and relatives.

A memorial gathering will take place at 7 p.m. today, Aug. 4, at the St. Regis Community Park. All friends and neighbors are invited.

Bunch-Toews Chapel of Plains

## Deloris Ann Angermeyr, 88

Deloris Ann Angermeyr, educator, mother and friend, passed away on March 31, 2004, in Ronan, at St. Luke Nursing Home. She was 88.



Deloris was born Nov. 23, 1915, to Rudolph and Marie Wentura in St. Paul, Minn.

She graduated from the University of Minnesota at Morris with a degree in elementary education. During her college years she spent her summers working as a waitress in the hotel lodges of Yellowstone and Glacier National Parks and fell in love with Montana and the Rocky Mountains.

Upon receiving her degree, Deloris began her first teaching job in Morton, Minn., where she was introduced by a fellow teacher to George "Bud" Angermeyr, a young local farmer. Deloris and Bud married June 11, 1941, and Deloris continued to teach elementary school in Morton as well as in Franklin and Redwood Falls, Minn.

In 1953, Deloris took a hiatus from teaching and traded it for motherhood upon the birth of her first daughter, Alice, followed by the birth of her second daughter, Anne, in 1955. In addition to raising her children, Deloris worked tirelessly as a farm wife, a role which suited her well due to her great love of animals, the outdoors, and hard work.

When Bud passed away in 1965, Deloris continued to operate the farm, and two years later resumed teaching elementary school in Morton.

Upon her retirement in 1978, she embarked on a new adventure, fulfilling a long-held dream of living in Montana. She was drawn to the Flathead Lake area and, upon moving to Polson, set about building a new log home on Finley Point and meeting her many wonderful neighbors.

It wasn't long before the adventure bug bit Deloris again and she decided to pursue another lifelong ambition. In 1980, at the age of 64,

she joined the Peace Corps and traveled to the Philippines to spend two years teaching the English language to native Filipino children.

Upon her return to Montana in 1982, Deloris continued her involvement with children and education by volunteering with the reading program at the Cherry Valley School in Polson.

Deloris was passionate not only about teaching others, but also about learning new things herself. She spent many hours reading from her vast collection of books, writing, memorizing poetry and interesting facts, challenging her mind with games and puzzles, and listening to several news broadcasts daily. She enjoyed pursuing crafts involving fabrics and yarns and was a talented seamstress, quilter, weaver, and creator of colorful braided rugs.

Deloris also was a great lover of nature, spending many happy hours hiking around Finley Point, collecting firewood, picking wild raspberries, and observing the many birds and animals in the area — including an occasional black bear standing on his hind legs to peer through her living room window.

Deloris touched the lives of many people — her students, family and friends. She will be greatly missed.

Deloris was preceded in death by her husband and a sister, Dorothy Gray.

Survivors include two daughters, Alice Robb of Liberty, Mo., and Anne Angermeyr of Bozeman; and one sister, Lois Anderson of Burnsville, Minn.

A community memorial service will be held at a later time to be announced. Her ashes will be scattered over her beloved Flathead Lake.

Memorials may be sent to the Deloris Angermeyr Scholarship Fund, c/o Polson Dollars for Scholars, Emily Peck, Polson High School, 111 4th Ave. East, Polson, MT 59860.

Arrangements and cremation are under the direction of Grogan Funeral Home and Crematory, Polson.

## Edna M. Arhart, 91

Edna M. Arhart, 91, passed away Thursday, Jan. 15, 2004, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

She was born March 18, 1912, in Woonsocket, S.D., to Theodore and Minnie (Luker) Feistner. Edna was a bright student and attended the local rural school in South Dakota.

She met and married Paul Arhart on Jan. 19, 1939, in Lane, S.D. They lived in the Lane/Alpena community for 65 years, moving to Altoona, Wis., in 1977, and lived there for 13 years, then to Kalispell, in 1990.

Edna enjoyed reading a variety of books, doing crossword puzzles and writing letters to her family and friends. She also enjoyed working around the house and her farming years, cooking and tending to her large vegetable garden.

She gave many hours volunteering at her church in which she taught Sunday school and kept active in her Lutheran faith throughout her life. She also participated in volunteer work at hospitals. She enjoyed traveling. Her family was the joy of her life.

Edna was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Paul; two sons, Dale and Lloyd; four brothers, Julius, Fred, Alfred, and Elmer Feistner; one sister, Clara Sheffield.

Survivors include her daughter, Carol and her husband, Wayne Blake, of Kalispell; and two daugh-

ters-in-law, Marilyn Arhart of Kalispell, and Juanita McGilliard of Morganton, N.C.; three brothers, Ernest Feistner of Letcher, S.D., Emil Feistner of Woonsocket, and Herman Feistner of Sioux Falls, S.D.; three granddaughters, Michelle and her husband, Jon Sevesind, and Angela Arhart, all of Columbia Falls, Misty Blake of Boise, Idaho; seven grandsons, Neal Arhart and wife, Lisa, of Huron, S.D., Kent Arhart and wife, Diane, of Fort Pierre, S.D., Ray Arhart and wife, Robin, of Morganton, N.C., Jason Arhart of Dallas, Paul Ulberg and wife, Darcy, of Orlando, Fla., Warner Blake and wife, Lisa, of Kalispell, and John Blake of Fort Worth, Texas; and 18 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be 3 p.m. today at Bethlehem Lutheran Church with Rev. Larry Stappler officiating. Visitation will be held at the church prior to services, from 1:30 to 2:50 p.m.

On Monday, Jan. 19, at 7:30 p.m., at Bashman Funeral Home in Wessington, S.D., there will be an evening prayer service with Pastor John Paulson officiating. Graveside services will take place in the Fairview Cemetery in Lane, S.D., at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 20.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory in Kalispell and arrangements in South Dakota will be under the direction of Basham Funeral Service, Inc.

## Elaine Robertson Arnold, 58

Elaine Robertson Arnold, 58, "went to be with her Lord and Savior" on Monday, Aug. 9, 2004. She was surrounded by her loving family as she passed in her sleep after a long battle with lung, kidney and heart problems.

She was born March 4, 1946, in Boise, Idaho, to Ernest Delbert and Katherine Elizabeth (Snow) Robertson. As she grew up, the family moved between the states of California and Montana.

On Sept. 26, 1962, Elaine married Walter Ephram Arnold and resided in Whitefish, until 1982, when they moved to their current address in Columbia Falls.

Elaine worked as a certified nurses assistant at the Colonial Manor and Extended Care in Whitefish; then at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell as a laundry assistant. Later she was a secretary at the Salvation Army until her health refused to let her continue.

Elaine was a longtime member of the Women of the Moose, Chapter 597 in Whitefish.

Elaine was preceded in death by

her parents; four brothers, Cole Jewell Gardner, Vern Gardner, DeWayne Robertson, and Henry Gale Robertson; three sisters, Dolly Marie Robertson, Clara LaRue Otero, and Lois Brightengross; and a granddaughter, Laehdonis Elaine Hinkley.

She is survived by her husband, Walter Arnold; mother-in-law, Nelie Arnold; four children, Robert Arnold and Rowena of North Pole, Alaska, Wendy Hinkley and Bryan of Columbia Falls, David Arnold and Lori, and their children, Ruben, Marvette, Tonya, Cheryl and Duane of Whitefish, and Katrina Arnold; three adopted children, Angelika Arnold, Jaymie Arnold, and Christian Arnold at the family home; brothers and sisters, Doris May Gardner and family, Delbert Lamar Robertson and family, Ernest Carl Robertson and family, Mark Gene Robertson and family; and several nieces, nephews, and good friends.

A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 21, at the Whitefish Moose Lodge with Rev. Davis Kauffman officiating.

## Patricia Boyle Arthur, 82

Patricia Boyle Arthur, 82, passed peacefully away on May 31, 2004, at Brendan House and "began her great adventure with her Lord and Savior." She fought a valiant fight against leukemia with courage, grace and dignity.



She would have wanted to thank each and every care giver, nurse and doctor, especially Dr. Palchak and Dr. Goodman, who assisted her at the end of her life with such love and kindness.

The beginning of Patricia's life started on Feb. 26, 1922, in New York City, N.Y. She took great pride in having been a New Yorker. She was the oldest child of Larry Boyle and Eda Hartman. She adored her mother and treasured the memories of her childhood especially after losing her mother at age 12. She enjoyed reminiscing of the summers spent in their rustic log cabin in Woodstock, N.Y. She and her sister Marietta would collect wild mushrooms and play in the stream with their mother then eagerly await the weekend arrival of their beloved daddy from the city. Her mother Eda had been a Broadway dress designer and one of Patty's favorite pictures was of her and Marietta outfitted in lovely dresses her mother had designed and made for them.

After her mother's death in the mid 1930's her father remarried then whisked the family off to Southern California for a fresh start. She arrived in bobby socks only to find all the girls her age in stockings and thus began big changes in her life. She then attended Westlake School for Girls.

At age 18 she married Allen Ratterree instead of going on to college. Her childhood dream was realized with the birth of Patsy

and then Michael but dashed a few years later when the marriage fell apart. Though the dream slipped away with the end of her marriage her role as a mother became her paramount goal in life.

After her children were raised she married Martin Arthur and they moved to Tucson, where she took great delight in doing volunteer work. She so enjoyed working with children and tutoring them in reading since reading was a one of her great passions. She also spent hours helping out at Oasis, a large senior organization.

Wherever Patty went people were drawn to her and over the years she made many wonderful friends. She had the amazing ability of making people feel special and loved.

When Patty was 79 she "called out to Jesus to become her Savior." When she was in her hospital room after breaking a hip she commented "Imagine being born again at 79!"

She was fiercely independent and never wanted to be a burden on anyone but last November she made the difficult decision to move to Montana where her family could take care of her.

Patty was preceded in death by her parents; sister, Marietta; infant daughter, Michelle; and husbands, Allen Ratterree and Martin Arthur.

She is survived by her daughter, Patti Graham and her husband, Robin, of Somers; son Michael Ratterree of Kalispell; half brother, Larry Boyle, of Fairfield, Conn.; granddaughter, Quimby Wilson and husband, Doug, of St. Joseph, Mich.; grandson, Benjamin Graham of Columbia Falls; cousin, Jerry Boyle of Marion; two great-grandsons, Luke and Isaiah Wilson; and special friend, Milton Loftus of Boise, Idaho.

A memorial service will be held this summer when all the family can be present and her ashes will be scattered over Flathead Lake.

## Ralph Grant Atlee, 67

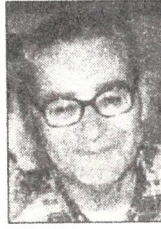
Ralph Grant Atlee, 67, died of a sudden heart attack on Feb. 29, 2004.

He was born on March 8, 1936, in Victoria, British Columbia. He was raised in Victoria and Beaverton, Ore., and completed his education in Beaverton.

Ralph worked in his early years on various dam constructions in Montana, including Yellowtail and Libby dams. From there he worked at various mines in Montana. Prior to his death, he took on a stint of over the road trucking, and later retired to dispatching and brokering of his company, Midway Transport.

On Sept. 24, 1960, he married Judy Jolly in Beaverton, Ore., and the two have been married for 43 years.

Ralph extremely enjoyed family get-togethers, camping and fishing with family, and taking adventurous trips exploring Montana's history and the Oregon coast. He loved his die-cast car collection, his huge music collection, and



every car show he attended.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Jean Atlee, and his brother, Jim Atlee.

Ralph is survived by his wife, Judy Atlee, of Kalispell; his children, Dana and Royce Honstain of Seattle, Mark Atlee of Oregon, Erica Atlee of Bigfork, Dara Mellum and Kirk and Tonya Atlee, all of Kalispell; and extended family, Tom Fowler of Arizona, and Marcy and Rod Kuntz of Kalispell. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Cassandra Kuntz, Justin Kuntz, Taalyr Kuntz, Devin Kuntz, Shayna Atlee, Hannah Atlee, Alivia Atlee, Daria Honstain, Brenna Honstain, Tyler Mellum and Zachary Atlee.

Cremation has taken place. A family memorial service is planned at Howard Lake this summer. An open house will be held to honor "our dad, husband and 'gramps'" at his son Kirk's home at 5 p.m. today, at 140 Greenbriar Drive in Kalispell.

Memorials are suggested to the Wings Foundation of the Flathead Valley who so supported his fight and battle with cancer the last year and a half.

He will be dearly missed by his family and those who knew him.

## Elza Allen Athey, 66

Elza Allen Athey, 66, died on Sunday, July 18, 2004, at his home in Eureka.

He is survived by his wife,

Louise, of Eureka.

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

## Frank Atwood, 63

Frank Atwood, 63, died Monday, Feb. 23, 2004, at Glacial Ridge Hospital in Glenwood, Minn., from injuries sustained in a car accident.

He is survived by his wife, Mary; children, Scott Atwood of Browerville, Minn., Sandra

Wilson of South Haven, Minn., Suanne Sizemore of Helena, and Shelly Deneault of Polson; stepchildren, Staci, Stephanie, and Sandra Halvorson, all of Starbuck.

Funeral services were held Feb. 26 in Starbuck.