

John Addison Ebing, 82

John Addison Ebing, 82, passed away Monday, July 26, 2004, at Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.

John was born Sept. 13, 1921, in Grasmere, Wash., to John Otis and Helen Faye (Siket) Ebing. The family lived in Washington and various places in Alaska, where he grew up and graduated from high school.

He and his dad fished commercially until John joined the Army. He served in the Pacific, and after World War II was in the Army Reserves where he trained equipment operators and pilots.

After the Reserves and a couple family jobs, he was running heavy equipment as a crane operator on Grand Coulee Dam when he met Sylvia Evensen, a medical secretary, in Spokane. They married June 28, 1952, and not long after moved to the Flathead. He worked

as a crane operator building the aluminum plant where he worked until retirement in 1982.

John particularly enjoyed the water; fishing, boating and skiing and even building boats. He loved golfing, gadgets, and coffee with his friends. He was a lifetime member of the Moose.

John was preceded in death by his wife, Sylvia; brother, Charlie; sister-in-law, Dorothy; and his parents.

He is survived by his daughters and families, Sue Ebing and Jim Zielanski of Bigfork, Karen and Larry Yerian of Columbia Falls; grandsons Paul and Levi Yerian; a sister and family, Alice and Jack Ferguson, of Roach, Mo.

No services will be held at his request. He has been cremated and inurnment will be with Sylvia at the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell.

Judy Eileen Eby, 43

"Our beloved" Judy Eileen Eby, 43, of Libby "passed on to heaven" on April 2, 2004, at her home, in the loving arms of her family.

She was born in Kalispell, on Aug. 10, 1960. She was the youngest of four children of John and Alma Stout Monk. She moved to our loving town in her grade school years. She graduated from Libby Senior High School in 1978. She then attended Spokane Community College.

Judy married Rick Eby on Aug. 25, 1985, and they were blessed with a son, Joseph, on April 3, 1987.

Judy had adopted parents, due to the loss of her parents at a young age. They are Fred and Marvel Thompson.

Judy brought much joy to all of our community. She enjoyed her job at First National Bank where she worked for 21 years. Her job brought her a lot of joy since she was able to interact with the people of Libby. One of her favorite things was helping the elderly people. She helped them with banking but also with anything else in her off-time from work.

She was an active member of the United Methodist Church and

sang in the church choir. She enjoyed quilting, and belonged to the local quilt guild. Pets for Life was a big part of her life. She also had a lot of hobbies.

Judy's greatest joy was her family and friends. She loved to go camping and fishing. She enjoyed visiting with all of her family and friends and to have fun.

Her mother, Alma Robertson; father, John Monk; stepfather, Tom Robertson; and two brothers, Rick and Billy Erickson, preceded her.

Survivors include her husband, Rick Eby, of Libby; a son, Joseph Eby, of Libby; a brother, Frank Erickson and wife, Sharon, of Florida; father and mother-in-law, Richard and Beverly Eby of Bonners Ferry, Idaho; sisters-in-law, Dixie Beasley and husband, Kelly, of Spokane, and Cheri Javorsky and husband, Robert, of Libby; adopted parents, Fred and Marvel Thompson of Libby; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 10, at the United Methodist Church in Libby. A reception will follow at the church.

Memorials may be given of either Pets for Life or Hospice.

Lora Lee Edwards, 53

Lora Lee Edwards, 53, passed away peacefully in her husband's arms on July 20, 2004, after a two year battle with cancer.



She was born in San Francisco, and grew up in the Petaluma, Calif., area.

She graduated from Petaluma Senior High School, Santa Rosa Junior College, and California State University-Sonoma where she received a bachelor of art in history. She went back to complete an associate of science in nursing at Napa Valley College and passed her state boards. In Northern California Lora worked as a registered nurse in several hospitals including St. Helena, Alta Bates, and Queen of the Valley.

She moved to Montana in the early 1990s and worked at St. Patricks, Kalispell Regional Medical Center, and for Intrepid Healthcare Service. Following additional training in Asian Bodywork Therapy, she assisted her husband in their local business: Shin Mei Kan — Oriental Martial Arts and Healing Institute. She always cared for others — offering a healing touch, a listening ear, and a loving word.

Lora began a study in fine art at SRJC in the early 70s, and painted many works over the years, some of which have been sold locally. Anticipating a return to graduate school to complete an master of arts in history, she also continued independent historical research for over 20 years in the Arthurian legend and the Holy Grail. She has numerous books and extensive notes on this period. Much of her art revolves around this research.

Lora started martial arts in 1977 and earned several black belt ranks: Shodan in Kempo, Nidan in Judo, Sandan in JuJitsu, and Gold Sash in Tai Chi Ch'uan. She held national certification as a Sensei (instructor). She entered and won many competitions, and had numerous special awards and certifications in the martial arts, the most recent of which was 2003

Grand Master of the Year given by the United States Martial Arts Association International Hall of Fame. She taught the martial arts to over a thousand teens and adults, many of whom later earned their black belts.

She belonged to several professional organizations; California Nurses Organization, American Judo and JuJitsu Federation, Christian JuJitsu Association, American Organization for Bodywork Therapies of Asia, United States Martial Arts Association, etc. A devout Christian, Lora was a member of Christian Center — Assemblies of God of Kalispell.

Lora was co-founder and on the board of managers of the Christian JuJitsu Association since its inception in 1994. Since 2001 she served as the manager of publications, working as the editor of their national magazine, The Divine Light.

Lora helped initiate a unique Bible Study group at the Shin Mei Kan, open to all, over three years ago. It has met weekly and continuously ever since. She utilized her considerable historical research skills in evaluating such topics as the Great Pyramid at Giza (Is. 19:19-20), Jacob's Stone (Gen. 28:17; Ex. 17:6, etc.), Aliens and Giants (Gen. 6:1-2, Amos 2:9, etc.), etc.

She is survived by her husband, Gene Edwards, her sons, Jen and Kan Lord, and her mother Vera King, all of Kalispell. In California she is survived by her stepson, Bret Edwards; her father, H.O. "Bud" Prevetie and her stepmother, Ruby Prevetie; her brother, Mike Prevetie and his wife, Dianne; her double cousins, La Roe Moak, Allen Prevetie, and in Florida, William Prevetie; and numerous cousins.

A memorial Celebration of Life —Everlasting will be at 11 a.m. Monday, July 26, at the Christian Center, 255 Summit Ridge Drive, Kalispell. Reception to follow. Dress is casual.

Donations are greatly appreciated and may be made in Lora's name to the Christian JuJitsu Association (a nonprofit 501.C.3 organization dedicated to strong Christian and American ideals), P.O. Box 7174, Kalispell, MT 59904-0174.

Dolene Marianna Hugill Spencer Eggert, 82

Dolene Marianna Hugill Spencer Eggert, 82, died Wednesday evening at her home in Libby.

She is survived by four children, Judy Schmidt of St. Charles, Mo., Donna Munson of Sheridan, Ore., Gail Maestas of Herndon, Va., and Keith

Spencer of Roseburg, Ore.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Friday, July 16, at St. John Lutheran Church with the Rev. Eric Christiansen officiating. Interment with military honors will follow at the City of Libby Cemetery under the direction of Nelson & Vial Funeral Home.

Kathleen E. Eldred, 66

Kathleen E. Eldred, 66, died Wednesday, Nov. 3, 2004, at Kalispell Regional Medical

Center in Kalispell. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Henry 'Hank' Elespuru, 80

Henry "Hank" Elespuru, 80, died Jan. 14, 2004, in Sacramento, Calif. He was born March 4, 1923, in Blackfoot, Idaho.

He was raised in Great Falls and was a starter in football at Great Falls High School for three years.

He graduated from the University of Montana, University of Vermont and Columbia Teachers College in New York with majors in physical education and political science.

During his professional career, he coached athletics at California State University — Sacramento, including boxing, wrestling, football and track and field. He was also a referee and judge of professional boxing matches, including more than 40 world title fights in

Canada, Europe, Japan, South Korea, Brazil, Mexico, Australia, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Thailand, Puerto Rico and Africa.

He is survived by his wife, Jayne Elespuru, of Sacramento, Calif.; daughter, Sandra Joanne Elespuru-Bishop, of Ventura, Calif.; son, Richard Elespuru, of Folsom, Calif.; sister, Mary McKay, of Minden Nev.; two grandchildren; and several nephews, cousins and other relatives, including Peter F. Elespuru of Whitefish.

Funeral services were held on March 12 in at the CSUS Alumni Center.

Remembrances may be made to the Hank Elespuru Scholarship Fund, c/o CSUS Alumni Center, 6000 J. St., Sacramento, CA 95819.

Carol Jean Elverud, 59

Carol Jean Elverud, 59, of Charlo, died Friday, Dec. 10, 2004, at St. Patrick Hospital in Missoula.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Carol is survived by her husband, Bud, of Charlo; her stepfather, Roy Desch of Kalispell; her sister, Kay Boski of Oregon; a daughter, Debbie Haug of Memphis, Tenn.; four

stepchildren, Bruce Elverud of Charlo, Craig Elverud of Ronan, Scott Elverud of Chester and Kelly Houston of Victor; and 14 grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and many friends.

A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 14, at the Grogan Funeral Home in Polson. Cremation has taken place.

Terry J. Ellenberger, 58

Terry J. Ellenberger, 58, of Tonopah, Ariz., died on Thursday, Aug. 26, 2004, in Kalispell.

He is survived by his wife, Peggy Ellenberger, of Tonopah; a son, T.J. Ellenberger of Tonopah; and a daughter, Cassandra Ellenberger of Del Norte, Colo.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Sept. 3, at Johnson Mortuary Chapel.

A memorial service will be Sunday, Sept. 5, at 150 Snowline Lane in Kalispell between the first and second ropings during the team roping competitions.

Keith Everett Ellsworth, 73

Keith Everett Ellsworth, 73, died on April 21, 2004, at St. John's Lutheran Hospital in Libby.

He retired from Champion International as a construction millwright superintendent.

Survivors include his wife, Marilyn, of Libby; three daughters, Diana Wilson of

Longview, Wash., Carla of Forsyth, and Judy Slater of Libby; and two sons, Keith of Loman, Minn., and Dan of Libby.

Private family services will be held.

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

Tessa Grace Engellant

Tessa Grace Engellant was born Nov. 2, 2004, and passed away Nov. 12, 2004, at Community Medical Center in Missoula.

She is survived by her loving parents, Melissa and Daren Engellant of Kalispell; proud big brother, Drew, 3, and twin brother, Treyton; grandparents, Patsi and Doug Morton of Kalispell, and Mavis and Ken Engellant of Germal-

dine; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Family memorial services are being held 4 p.m. today at Garden City Funeral Home in Missoula.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to Northridge Lutheran Church Sunday school, 323 Northridge Drive, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Betty Lou Elliot, 94

Betty Lou Elliot, 94, of Greenwood Village, Colo., passed away Dec. 1, 2004.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 35 years, Robert Warner Elliot.

She is survived by a son, Thomas Clark Elliot, daughter-in-law, Kathryn Elliot, and two grandsons, Thomas Clark Elliot Jr. and Robert Braxton Elliot who live in Cherry Hills Village, Colo.

Betty Lou was born on May 3, 1910, in Ottawa, Kan., but grew up on a ranch outside of Jordan. She spent most of her adult life in Miles City, Billings, Whitefish and Kalispell, before moving in recent years to the Denver area.

Betty Lou received her bachelor of arts degree from Baker University and her master degree in education from Eastern Montana College. After working various family businesses, she had a career in elementary education.

A long-time supporter of the arts, Betty Lou was also a published poet and award-winning artist. She was an avid reader, particularly about Montana history and Western art, and enjoyed traveling the world during her lifetime.

Betty Lou was a woman of great dignity, generous heart, had a pioneer spirit and an indomitable sense of humor. She was deeply loved and will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

A memorial service is planned for Flathead Lake, in Montana, at a future date and interment will be in the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell.

For those who wish, memorial contributions may be made to the Betty Lou Elliot Memorial, c/o Montana Historical Society, P.O. Box 201201, Helena, MT 59620-1201.

Arrangements were made by The Monarch Society.

Zachery Twain 'Zach' Engle, 48

Zachery Twain "Zach" Engle, 48, "joined our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ," on Thursday, Sept. 9, 2004, after a longterm illness.

An artist at heart, Zach spent his days working in his woodshop and spending time with family and friends. He also enjoyed riding his Harley bike with his best friend, Dave Butler.

Zach is survived by his companion, Gloria Faye Mitchell; stepchildren, Michelle Freund of Lakeside, and Jeffery Freund of Vancouver, Wash.; sisters-in-law, Carol O'Brien of Kalispell, Lisa Caldwell and Becky Gaynor, both of Bigfork; father, Burrell Engle; daughters, Brooke and Tiffany; grandchildren, Joshua and Jasmin



Freund, of Lakeside; and special friends, Mary O'Brien of Bigfork, and Cindy Samson of Lakeside.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Dorothy Louise Sutton.

The family would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the staff at Hospice for their commitment and care; Lakeside Baptist Church for their friendships, love gifts and prayers; Lamplighter for their support over the years; and also Syke's Pharmacy for their friendship and professionalism.

Any donation for the widow will be most gladly accepted and can be made at Whitefish Credit Union for Gloria Mitchell, in care of Carol O'Brien.

Cremation has taken place.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 18, at the Lakeside Baptist Church.

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

Agnes G. Erickson, 89

Agnes G. Erickson, 89, passed away on Friday, Feb. 20, 2004, at Kalispell Memorial Medical Center in Kalispell. Agnes was born on April 15, 1914, in Ural to Lawrence and Teresa Sadler Gregor. Agnes grew up on a ranch in Eureka, where she attended grade school and high school, graduating in 1932.

She worked at the Olson Hospital for some time and on the ranch. Agnes married Jerry Fritch from Ural. He was the postmaster and she was his assistant until his retirement. She was named as the acting postmaster for a period of time also. They had a small general store which they operated for many years. In 1969, the government purchased their property to make room for the Libby Dam project. They moved to Kalispell shortly thereafter.

Agnes' husband passed away in 1971, and Agnes moved back to Eureka to be near her father.

In 1981, she married Olaf Erickson in Kalispell, where they made their new home so they could be near his children.

She was very active in the Senior Citizens Center and did vol-



unteer work in her community. She was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary and the American Legion Auxiliary in Libby. She was a member of St. Matthew's and Risen Christ Catholic churches.

Agnes was preceded in death by her husbands, Jerry Fritch and Olaf Erickson, and a stepson, John Erickson.

She is survived by her brother, Joe Gregor, and his wife, Dorothy, of Kalispell; a sister, Mary Franks, and her husband, Sylvester; stepchildren Bertha Watson of Kalispell, Mae Christensen of North Pole, Alaska, Julia Weber of Great Falls, Ellen Rickard of Kalispell, Orlee Erickson of Columbia Falls, Leslie Erickson of Columbia Falls and Larry Erickson of Kalispell; and numerous stepgrandchildren.

Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. today, Feb. 24, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. A Rosary will be recited at 7 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 26, at Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church in Eureka, with the Rev. Henry Steinoff serving as celebrant. Burial will follow at the Tobacco Valley Cemetery in Eureka.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

This paid obituary is being run again at the request of the family.

Eulalia Marie Erickson, 89

Eulalia Marie Erickson, 89, a Kalispell resident, passed away Friday morning, July 23, 2004, at Brendan House in Kalispell of natural causes.

She was born Dec. 2, 1914, in Farmington, Minn., the daughter of Ernest and Jessie Allen. She was raised in Minnesota and married Russell D. Erickson on Sept. 15, 1933, in Austin, Minn. The couple celebrated 70 years of marriage.

She loved to play cards and in her youth she loved to swim and ice skate.

The couple came to West Glacier, where they lived for 45 years before moving to Kalispell in 1955, where they have resided since.

Eulalia is survived by her husband, Russell D. Erickson, at the family home in Kalispell; three brothers, Earl Allen in Austin, Minn., Guy Allen in Thornton, Colo., and Ralph Allen in Salt Lake City, and by many other friends and family.

Memorial services will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 28, at the Austin Funeral Home.

Olga J. Erickson, 92

Olga J. Erickson, 92, passed away on Tuesday, Jan. 11, 2005, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

Olga was born on Nov. 1, 1912, in Minot, N.D., to Ole and Johanna Wik. In 1927, the family moved to Kalispell where she attended Flathead County High School. She graduated as valedictorian of the class of 1930.

In July of 1936, Olga married William Erickson. She attended the University of Montana, where she received her bachelor degree with honors in English and Latin. Olga also received her Masters in Education degree and attended the University of Besancon in France in 1963. She received the prestigious John Hay Fellowship for study at Yale University School of Drama in 1965.

Olga taught senior English, literature, Latin and French in Columbia Falls, and later in Libby,

until her retirement in 1973. She coached speech and debate teams, and participated in summer theater productions at the University of Montana.

Olga enjoyed a life time of involvement in the communities she lived in. She loved their summer place on Flathead Lake, as well as reading and sewing.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, William; and one brother, Melvin.

She is survived by her son, Alan Erickson of Miami; a daughter, Lynda Morford of Scottsdale, Ariz.; one brother, Odin Wik of Renton, Wash.; sister, Hilma Strom of Kalispell; and two grandchildren, Paul Erickson of Austin, Texas, and Amy Morford of Phoenix.

Olga is being cremated and a memorial service will be held at a later date.

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

Rosemary Laing Erickson

Rosemary Laing Erickson passed away peacefully on Dec. 6, 2004.

She was born June 29, 1932, to Robert and Ruth Laing. Rosemary was raised in Missoula and graduated from Hellgate High School.

While attending college at the University of Montana and skiing at Big Mountain, she met the love of her life, William D. Erickson. Rosemary graduated from the University of Montana with a home economics major.

Rosemary had a passion for snow skiing and taught her children and grandchildren how to ski. Her other inspirations were ice skating, water skiing, swimming, floating the rivers and golf. Rosemary loved being outdoors with nature and her yard work.

Rosemary was preceded in death by her father, Robert George Laing; mother, Ruth Edna Hammitt Laing; and husband, William Dale Erickson.

Rosemary is loved and survived by her four children, Ronald Laing Erickson of Rollins, William Douglas Erickson of Helena, Rosemary Ruth Erickson of Helena, and Patricia Anne Little and husband, Ryan Little of Kalispell; she also is survived by her five loving grandchildren, Melissa Rae Connell and husband, Shane O. Connell of Missoula, Marcus Laing Erickson of Helena, Suzanna Joy Simmons of Helena, Lane Cutter Little of Kalispell, and August Rio Little of Kalispell.

Rosie was loved by many and will be deeply missed.

Burial will be 1 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10, at the Forestvale Cemetery on Forestvale Road in Helena. A reception following at Jorgenson's Restaurant, 1720 11th Avenue, Helena.

Memorials in Rosemary's honor are suggested to go to Cancer Society of Helena and Humane Society of Helena.

Kathleen Shannon Evelsizer, 50

Kathleen Shannon Evelsizer, 50, died at her Kalispell home on Feb. 24, 2004.

Services are pending. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Carl K. Evenson, 85

Carl K. Evenson, 85, passed away Aug. 20, 2004, in Oroville, Calif., after a long battle with Huntington's Disease.

Carl was born on the homestead in Hindsdale, on March 12, 1919, to August and Helen Anderson Evenson. He was one of 10 children. The family moved to Bigfork, in 1935.

Carl served in the U.S. Army in World War II in the South Pacific.

He worked on the Hungry Horse Dam and the Oroville Dam in California.

Carl married Thelma Lukenbill in May 1946. They were blessed with two children, Ken Evenson and Nancy Evenson. They divorced in 1952. Carl then moved to California and met and married Hazel Hays in May 1970.

He was preceded in death by his parents, August and Helen; his brothers, Lawrence, Clifford, Harry, Joseph, Donald and Russell; his sisters, Caroline, Lillian and Alice; and one grandson, Ronnie Evenson.

He is survived by his wife, Hazel Evenson, of Palermo, Calif.; his son, Kenneth and wife, Rosemary, and daughter, Nancy Evenson, all of Kalispell; his grandchildren, Kendra Chavez and husband, Jason, Crystal Evenson, Bret Evenson and Ashley Evenson, all of Kalispell; his great-grandchildren, Kaylin Chavez, Jakob Chavez and Tara Evenson, all of Kalispell; and several nieces and nephews.

He will be missed by all.

Burial will take place in Palermo, Calif.

Delores Kahl Everts, 80

Delores Kahl Everts, 80, died on Tuesday, Feb. 3, 2004, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

Funeral services and burial

will be held in Carrington, N.D.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Mildred 'Millie' Barta Ezell, 86

Mildred "Millie" Barta Ezell, 86, died Tuesday, Oct. 26, 2004, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

She was born May 28, 1918, in Dunn County, N.D., the daughter of Frank Trinka Jr. and Josephine (Tuma) Trinka.

She married John J. Barta, Feb. 11, 1935, in Dickinson, N.D. They had two daughters, two sons-in-law and a granddaughter when they moved to Polson. A few years later they made their home in Kalispell. John passed away, May 16, 1976.

She had been employed by the Dickinson Public School System to set up and assist with the first hot lunch program in the city school district. After the loss of John, she returned to work as a cook's helper at a school in Kalispell.

Millie married Tex Ezell, Jan. 19, 1979, in Kalispell. Together they enjoyed their retirement years. Tex passed away May 23, 2001.

She was preceded in death by

her two brothers and their spouses, William and Margaret Trinka of Michigan, and Charles and Mildred Trinka of Arizona.

Millie is survived by two daughters, June Olson and husband, Harlan, of Williamsburg, Va., and Nadine Kainz and husband, Gerald, of Jamestown, N.D.; granddaughter, Rae Hart, and husband, Cliff, of Warrenton, Va.; great-granddaughter, Breanna Hart, of Burlington, N.C.; and grandson, Chad J. Kainz, of Chicago; three stepdaughters, Sylvia Harant of Black Eagle, Mary Ezell Taylor of Kalispell, and Tammy Ezell of Great Falls; six stepgranddaughters, including Kaylene Taylor of Kalispell; and several stepgreat-grandchildren.

Private family services and burial were held on Thursday, Oct. 28.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory of Kalispell, Montana.