

Marvin Walter Kaber, 84

Marvin Walter Kaber, 84, died on Wednesday, March 31, 2004, at the Montana Veterans Home after a long illness.

Marvin was born on Jan. 10, 1920, in Rutland, N.D. He was the oldest of six children born to Walter and Ellen Kaber. The family moved to Whitefish, in 1935. He graduated from Whitefish High School in 1938.

He married Clara Krohn and they had one daughter, Barbara Jo.

He began working for the Great Northern Railroad as a fireman in 1942. He was inducted into the Army in 1944 where he served in Europe as part of the 11th Armored Division. Upon his discharge, he returned to Whitefish and his job with the Great Northern, then the Burlington Northern in engine service.

Marvin was a charter member of the Whitefish Kiwanis Club and the Keystone Kops. He also served one term as Kiwanis district lieutenant governor.

Marvin hunted, fished and loved to talk. He had a lot of stories to tell; some of them were even true.

He retired in 1981. In that year he married Carolyn Ward. They spent the next 10 years enjoying

life in Whitefish, Kalispell and Mesa, Ariz.

He is survived by his daughter, Barbara Barrett, of Boise, Idaho; grandson, Michael Barrett and wife, Cindy, of Austin, Texas; granddaughter, Michelle Pokorny, of Moscow, Idaho; and stepdaughter, Robin Haller and family of Bothell, Wash.; four great-grandchildren, Katherine and Andrew Pokorny and Melinda and Rhys Barrett; He is also survived by his brothers, Harvey and Larry Kaber and wife, Charlotte; sister, Emma Lou Fredrickson of the Flathead Valley; and several very special nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his two wives, Clara and Carolyn; his brother, Louis; his sister, Lois Hull; and stepson, Scott Smith.

The family would like to thank the staff of the Montana Veterans Home for the kind and loving care they gave him for the last five years.

He will be cremated with services to be held at a later date.

Donations in Marvin's name may be made to the Montana Veterans Home, P.O. Box 250, Columbia Falls, MT 59912.

Austin Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

George Theodore Kallmann, 83

George Theodore Kallmann, 83, died on Saturday, Feb. 21, 2004, as the result of an automobile accident.

He is survived by one sister,

Melba Simms.

Cremation has taken place.

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

Kenny Kasselder, 37

Kenny Kasselder, 37, a native of Whitefish, died on Nov. 4, 2004, while climbing Mount Hood in Oregon.

Survivors include his wife, Brittany; his mother, JoEllen Cookson; and his three chil-

dren, Zachary, Chloe and Garrett.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13, at the First Baptist Church in Whitefish. A gathering will immediately follow at Truby's in Whitefish.

Norman E. Kastle, 79

Norman E. Kastle, 79, of Whitefish, passed away March 22, 2004.

Norman was born in Whitefish, April 10, 1924, to Anton and Dagny



Kastle. Norman grew up in Whitefish when he graduated from high school in 1943, then enlisted in the U.S. Army and served in the European theater until 1946.

He attended a trade school of metallurgy, and was employed with several lumber mills, and for 36 years at the aluminum plant in Columbia Falls. He retired in 1989.

He married Ettie Hanson in 1946 and they made their home at 230 Dakota Avenue in Whitefish. They were blessed with six daughters,

Rochelle and Jim Killeit, Ruth and Martin Slaamot, Linda and Donald Phelps, Melody and Eddy Hall, Ann and David Phillips, and Nancy and John Kruger.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Melvin; and sisters, Esther and Irma; also a granddaughter and grandson.

Norman is survived by his wife of 57 1/2 years; his daughters; his sister, Ruby Osman; brother, Orris; cousins; numerous grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be held at 4 p.m. today, at Whitefish Church of the Nazarene with the Rev. Clifford Purcell officiating. A family dinner will follow.

Memorial contribution can be made to the National Parkinson Foundation Inc., at P.O. Box 116931, Atlanta, GA 30368; or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Aldine Charles Kauffman, 85

Aldine Charles Kauffman, 85, died Saturday, Sept. 11, 2004, of cardiac arrest at his home on Lake Blaine Road east of Kalispell.

He was born Oct. 14, 1918, near Creston, to Anna (Snyder) and Roy Kauffman. His schooling was at local schools of Creston and Cayuse Prairie.

In his youth, he joined the Mountain View Mennonite Church and was a faithful member all his life. All who knew him could attest to his active faith in Jesus Christ.

On Sept. 16, 1945, he married Mabel Fern Eash in Harrisburg, Ore.

He worked with his father and brothers in a family-owned sawmill and with the timber industry most of his life. For many years, he owned his own logging truck and drove for Plum Creek, covering thousands of miles in northwest Montana.

When he retired in 1980, he and his wife Mabel did a year of volunteer work at the McMinnville Mennonite Home in Oregon, and then he cared for his wife until her death from cancer in 1984.

He loved hunting, fishing and reading until macular degeneration took much of his eyesight, and after that he listened regularly to radio and audio books, or enjoyed having someone read to him. He kept busy visiting his children and grandchildren from Virginia to Alaska to Hong Kong. He especially enjoyed his grandchildren and one great-grandson.

His wife, Mabel; his parents,

Roy and Anna Kauffman; brothers, Rueben and Sanford Kauffman; and sisters, Mabel Miller and Ruth Stutzman, preceded him in death.

He is survived by four sons, Loyal, and wife, Sharon, of Glasgow, Loren "Charlie," and wife, Carrie, of Homer, Alaska, Leonard, and wife, Patti, of Kalispell, and Maynard, and wife, Becca, of Homer; and three daughters, Nola, and husband, Steve Estep, of Fulks Run, Va., Barbara Kauffman, currently of Kalispell, and Edie and husband, Paul Landis, of Carstairs, Alberta. He also has seven grandsons, seven granddaughters, and one great-grandson. He also is survived by brothers, Paul, David, Norman, Jim and Joe Kauffman, who all live locally; and sisters, Mary Slater of Homedale, Idaho, Berniece Reimer of Newton, Kan., Lily Weber of Guernsey, Saskatchewan, Rosella Eby of Drake, Saskatchewan, and Gladys Reimer of Whitewater, Kan.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Sept. 17, at Mountain View Mennonite Church with burial following at Fairview Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 16 at Johnson Mortuary Chapel.

The family suggest memorials be made to Gospel Echoes Northwest (a prison ministry) P.O. Box 255, Tangent, OR 97389; or Gideons International, P.O. Box 140800, Nashville, TN 37214-0800.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Catherine Jane 'Jane' Gunderson Katana, 84

Catherine Jane "Jane" Gunderson Katana, 84, entered peacefully into eternal rest on Sept. 5, 2004, following a valiant struggle with cancer.



Born in Outlook, on May 28, 1920, Jane attended schools in Navaho and Flaxville, graduating in three years after just turning 16. She went on to business college in Great Falls, where she met Julius M. "Julie" Katana of Roundup. They married in 1940.

She received the Grand Cross of Color, Order of Rainbow for Girls, and was active in Women

of the Moose. The Katana family lived in Roundup for 10 years before moving to Conrad, in 1951, where Jane pursued a career as secretary to Robert B. Emerick of Emerick Oil Field Management, which later became the State Farm Insurance Agency of Conrad.

Retiring in 1984 after 32 years, she studied piano and organ, and became an organist for the First Christian Church. A 19-year resident of the Conrad Horizon Lodge, she served as treasurer for the residents council, and enjoyed calling bingo on Friday evenings.

She moved to California to live with her daughter last September.

Jane was preceded in death by her parents, John L. and Catherine E. Gunderson; her husband "Julie" of 44 years; and siblings, Margaret Norby, and John Gunderson.

Survivors include sisters-in-law, Betty Gunderson of Flaxville, Tana Katana of Billings, and Ann Golob of Great Falls; children, James M. Katana and Lynn of Bend, Ore., and Julie E. Katana of Stockton, Calif.; three grandchildren, and three stepgrandchildren; and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Sept. 13, in the First Christian Church of Conrad.

In lieu of flowers, please make memorials to the charity of your choice.

Jessie Marie Keck, 14,

Jessie Marie Keck, 14, passed away on Tuesday, Aug. 10, 2004, as the result of an auto/pedestrian accident.

Jessie was born on Aug. 2, 1990, in Flagstaff, Ariz., to Eric and Patricia Aguilar Keck. She attended school at the Christenson Elementary in Flagstaff, until September of 2000, when they moved to the Flathead Valley where she attended Smith Valley School. Jessie would have been entering the eighth grade this coming September.

Jessie loved art and music. She



liked to be silly and dance around. She was the sunshine in every dark room. She was a truly beloved daughter and sister. She is going to be desperately missed by her family and many friends.

She is survived by her parents, Eric and Patricia Keck, of Kalispell; one brother, Robert Keck, of Kalispell; grandparents, Thomas and Sheila Aguilar of Flagstaff, and Roberta Keck and Fred Avitt, both of Libby; great-grandmother, Ruth H. Aguilar, of Flagstaff; and numerous aunts and uncles in Arizona, Oregon, Hawaii, Utah and New Mexico.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 14, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

Florence Jean Keefauver, 78

Florence Jean Keefauver, 78, died on Friday, Oct. 1, 2004, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

She is survived by her children, Diane Keefauver of Kalispell, Doris Utter of Antioch, Calif., Don Keefauver of Cumberland, Md., Daniel

Keefauver of Portland, and Donna Keefauver of Warm Springs.

There are no services planned at this time.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Reuben S. Kauffman, 93

Reuben S. Kauffman, 93, of Condon passed away Feb. 16, 2004, at Community Medical Center in Missoula.

He was born July 31, 1910, in Wellman, Iowa, to N.L. "Roy" and Anna G. (Snyder) Kauffman. At the age of 8 months, his family moved to the Creston area of the Flathead Valley.

On Sept. 22, 1940, he married Sadie Miller in Bloomfield, and in August of 1947, they moved to the Swan Valley where they have resided ever since.

Over the years, Reuben was active doing many things. His wife says he was a very caring person, putting his needs in second place. He served his country during World War II by working at two different Civilian Public Service camps. Many of the summer homes at Swan, Holland, Lindbergh and Placid Lakes are a testament to his excellent carpenter skills. He was also a rancher, logger and school bus driver.

His favorite hobby was genealogy and he spent many hours tracing his family tree, even tracing family lines clear back to Germany. He was also an avid hunter and spent many years as camp cook for the hunting camps he set up in the Bob Marshall Wilderness with his brother, David "Doc" Kauffman. He also put a lot of time and effort into the Kauffman family reunion, held biennially at the Lions Camp on Bitterroot Lake and attended by hundreds.

Another activity that he particularly enjoyed was in his wood working shop where he made lamps, cedar chests, doors, cabinets, tables and just about anything else that was requested of him. His service to others also included many years serving on the SOS Hospital board and with the Swan Valley School PTA, where he served as president a number of years.

Reuben was a lifelong member of the Mennonite Church and for more than 30 years they traveled to Creston to attend worship services there. When failing eyesight and health made that impossible,

they often attended services at Swan Chapel.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his infant son, Jere; one brother, Sanford Kauffman; and two sisters, Mabel Miller and Ruth Stutzman.

He is survived by his wife, Sadie Kauffman, of Condon; and his five children, three daughters, Gwen Kauffman and husband, Paul Kauffman, of Wolford, N.D., Carol Kauffman and husband, Dennis Kauffman, of Lebanon, Pa., and Myrene Kauffman Iverson and her husband, Jerry Iverson, of Long Lake, Minn., two sons, Lowell Kauffman and wife, Pauline, of Missoula, and Nathan Kauffman and wife, Fern, of Condon; six brothers, Paul Kauffman and wife, Esther, Aldine Kauffman, Norman Kauffman and wife, Margaret, Joseph Kauffman and wife, Ruth, all of Kalispell, David "Doc" Kauffman and wife, Ruth, of Whitefish, and James Kauffman and wife, Naomi, of Marion; five sisters, Mary Slater of Homedale, Idaho, Bernice Reimer and husband, A.G., of Newton, Kan., Lillie Weber and husband, Gordon, of Guernsey, Saskatchewan, Rosella Eby and husband, Claire, of Drake, Saskatchewan, and Gladys Reimer of Whitewater, Kan.; also 19 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services for Reuben S. Kauffman will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21, at the Mountain View Mennonite Church, on the corner of Mennonite Church Road and Fish Hatchery Road, near Creston, with Pastor Jeryl Hollinger officiating. Interment will follow at Creston Cemetery. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 20, at Johnson Mortuary Chapel, and Saturday one hour prior to service at the church.

The family suggests memorials be made in Reuben's name to the Mennonite Central Committee, P.O. Box 500, Akron, PA 17501, to support their programs to feed the hungry around the world.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Sally Hayton-Keeva, 55

Sally Hayton-Keeva, 55, a former resident of Swan Lake before moving to the North Fork area where she and her husband, Joseph, owned a ranch along the Flathead River, passed away Aug. 12, 2004, one week after being diagnosed with a rare form of uterine cancer.

Her husband, Joseph, said, "Sally's enormous heart and unyielding principles simply would not allow her to ignore a situation if she thought she could change it even slightly for the better; whether that meant sponsoring Vietnamese orphans, making soup for sick friends or cookies for healthy friends, protecting nature and open space, or preserving and protecting historic homes and schoolhouses. Sally's innate, nurturing nature compelled her to try and make life a little better, or more beautiful and enjoyable."

While living in Montana, she and Joe negotiated conservation easements for ranches to preserve the area and completely remodeled an uptown Columbia Falls building, now the home of H & R Block. Sally was a novelist and may be remembered in the valley's bookstores at her book signings.

Sally and Joe bought an 1859 home in the historic town of Coupeville on Whidbey Island off the coast of Washington state and moved there permanently four years ago.

In that area they continued their preservation work where they restored the Blowers House near downtown Coupeville built in 1874 and the 1909 San de Fuca one-room schoolhouse. Sally was a member of the Friends of Krueger Farm, a community group that is raising money to preserve a 33-acre property on the west side of Coupeville. She was afraid it would open the door for developers to drastically change the landscape of this historic town.

In addition to her preservation

work, she was an author who has several books to her credit. Her latest, "Ancestral Walls: Old Abodes of Central Whidbey Island" was published last year.

One of her earlier books, published in 1987 and re-published in 2003 by the Washington State University and used in studies there, "Valiant Women in War and Exile" — 38 true stories of women's personal accounts from pre-World War I Europe to Central America in the 1980s, was made into an off-Broadway play. The play opened Aug. 20 at the Greenwich Street Theatre to a packed crowd and received a standing ovation, ironically the evening before Sally's interment.

Sally was born in Mount Vernon, Wash., and raised in southern California, and received her Bachelor of Arts degree in dramatic arts. She was awarded Best Actress of the Year at Laguna Playhouse in 1967. She married her first husband and they had a son, Blake Hinderaker. Later she met and married her soulmate and eternal partner, Joseph Keeva, in 1976.

Joseph said, "Sally shared her heart and her gifts as an author, writer and columnist with thousands of readers through her books, plays, magazine articles and newspaper columns and stories."

Numerous friends will miss her infectious laughter and her kind, loving heart. She leaves behind her beloved Cisco Kid, Miss Gracie, and the love of her life, Joseph Keeva. "Sally, those that knew and loved you say, 'See ya, Pal!'"

Interment was held Aug. 21 at Sunnyside Cemetery near Coupeville followed by a wake held at her recently preserved San de Fuca one-room schoolhouse and attended by the many who appreciated her.

Memorials may be made to Krueger Farm Fund, P.O. Box 1515, Coupeville, WA 98239.

Roy D. Keithley, 78

Roy D. Keithley, 78, died May 30, 2004, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

No services will be held. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Frances Hope Stiles Keller, 73

Frances Hope Stiles Keller, 73, passed away Thursday, Jan. 8, 2004. She was born Dec. 26, 1930, in Kalispell to T. Milton and Mary Elizabeth Hope Stiles.



When she was less than 2 years old her mother passed away; she was then raised by her father on the family farm in the West Valley area, and by her two loving aunts and her grandparents.

She attended Kalispell schools as well as Washington schools. She graduated from Flathead County High School in 1948 and went on to attend college at San Jose State University.

In the fall of 1949 she married Alvin M. Keller and three children were born to this marriage. After 30 years of working on the family farm, she and Alvin were divorced and she began a career of volunteer work. She volunteered for 20 years at Kalispell Regional Medical Center and also 20 years for Meals on Wheels. She volunteered for the Flathead County Literacy Program and helped in the library at Peterson School. But her favorite was her time spent volunteering at the Flathead County Library.

Later in her life she spent her winters in Yuma, Ariz., enjoying her volunteer work there.

She was a longtime member of

the National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution and she enjoyed the lifelong friendships of the extension homemakers club. The 3'J's, which she helped organize in the late 1950s. As a mother of three children she was also active in their school, 4-H and FFA activities. She was an active member in the Shining Mountains Center For Positive Living until it was difficult for her to attend.

She was preceded in death by her father and mother.

She is survived by her daughter, Jeanine, and husband Kevin Buettner, and their children, Hanni and husband Nick Hanson and their son, Avery, and Hillary Buettner, all of Kalispell; son, Leland, and wife Arlene Keller, and their children, Justin, Tiffany and Alanaha, all of Spokane; also son, Les, and wife Katy Keller, and their children, Kline and Laura, all of Kalispell.

Frances's life revolved around her three children yet she found time to enjoy her love of art, music and reading.

"You are forever in our hearts, Mom."

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

The family suggests memorials be sent to West Valley School, 2290 Farm to Market Road, Kalispell, to help fund their library.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Kathryn S. 'Sue' Keller, 45

Kathryn S. "Sue" Keller, 45, of Libby, died Friday, May 14, 2004, in a Missoula hospital.

She was employed at Pamida for 10 years, and most recently at Aiken's Quick Stop.

She is survived by her husband, Kevin Keller; her chil-

dren, Marsha Moen and Dan Moen; and her father, Paul Sikes, all of Libby.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at the City of Libby Cemetery.

Arrangements are by Nelson & Vial Funeral Home.

Katherine 'Casey' E. Kelley, 93

After living a beautiful life, Katherine "Casey" E. Kelley, 93, who was born on Dec. 17, 1910, in Missoula, to Ernest Alexis Landquist aka "Big Dad" and Ellen Katherine (Larson) Landquist aka "Chubby"; died of natural causes on Sept. 3, 2004, in Missoula at Saint Patrick Hospital. Her last days were spent with loving family and friends while in the care of the compassionate hospital staff.



As a young child she moved to Ronan when her father became the stage-stop coach blacksmith. She completed her early education in the Ronan Public School system. As the first born daughter she helped her mother, before indoor toilets and electricity, to raise four siblings and nurturing and home-arts became second nature to her.

After high school she attended Saint Luke's Hospital Training School for Nurses in Spokane from 1930 until Feb. 4, 1933. She graduated as a registered nurse.

While in Spokane she met the man of her dreams, Patrick Myron Kelley, and they married on Nov. 4, 1935. She followed her husband's career, living in many different places: Spokane, Marysville, and Tekoa, Wash., Bonners Ferry, Idaho, and Ronan, Alberton, and Missoula. She raised two sons with her husband Pat.

Casey's nurturing and nursing skills always contributed to the communities where she lived. She was the nurse at Camp Paxon on Seeley Lake for many years. Her hospital nursing career also covered work at Saint Luke, Sacred Heart, and Deaconess in Spokane; Saint Luke in Ronan; Saint Joseph in Polson; and Northern Pacific (Missoula General), Saint Patrick, and Community in Missoula. She had many private duty assignments. Casey concluded her nursing career as charge nurse at the University of Montana Health Services, retiring in 1975.

She was a member of the Eastern Star Chapter Anemone No. 93

in Ronan, and Chapter Moyie No. 31 in Bonners Ferry, Idaho; and the Montana Nurses Association.

In all her stories, high school basketball played a large influence on her life. She also enjoyed fishing (biggest brook trout), gardening (best roses and veggies ever), cooking and canning (old fashion country-style recipes), sewing (making her own and her family's clothes), playing pinochle and cribbage with family and friends, and taking care of her grandchildren and her friends pets.

Music was always a large part of her life, and she had an extensive LP collection.

As was said by niece Michele Landquist, "She was the youngest old person I ever knew, and she gave me inspiration in my life. I truly believe anyone she ever befriended feels the same way."

Casey was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; and her siblings, Walt, Harry, Clarence "Buck" Landquist, and Florence "Bunny" Engler.

She is survived by her loving sons, Terrence L. and Steven D. Kelley; and other immediate family members, MaryAnn Kelley, and Paul Trueblood; grandchildren, Mason and Tina Kelley, Apollo Guisto and Lorrie Suket, Rilyn E. Kelley and SkyAnn Kelley; great-grandchildren, Evan and Gavin Kelley; and many nieces and nephews, cousins and close friends.

"Casey was a woman who continued her friendships for a lifetime of love and caring, no matter what!"

Arrangements are with Garden City Funeral Home in Missoula where she will be cremated. A celebration of Casey's life will take place on Saturday, Sept. 25, starting at 2 p.m. at Orchard Homes Country Life Club, 2537 South Third Street West, Missoula, MT.

Your flowers or garden plants are welcomed, as Casey always appreciated them.

She will be interred at Mountain View Cemetery in Ronan next to her husband and family on Sunday, Sept. 26, at 2 p.m. A memory party will follow which is to be announced.

Herbert G. 'Mike' Kelly, 66

Herbert G. "Mike" Kelly, 66, of Kila, passed away Wednesday, April 21, 2004, at his home.

He was born Aug. 26, 1937, in Yakima, Wash., to Noble G. and Minnie M. (Mannin) Kelly. Herb grew up in Naches, Wash., and was a graduate of Naches High School.

He married Betty Honroth on April 14, 1965, at the courthouse in Tacoma, Wash., and was employed as a general foreman with Kaiser Aluminum in Tacoma. He retired after 30 years with Kaiser.

The Kellys moved to Montana in 1995 and loved it, they were very happy to be here in Montana. Mike loved to hunt and fish, and enjoyed spending time fixing and repairing things.

He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers, and two sisters.

Survivors include his wife, Betty M. Kelly, of Kila; three sons, Noble George Kelly and his wife, Julie, of Yakima, Thomas Leroy Kelly and his wife, Bobbie, of Cre-



ston, and Christopher Shane Kelly, of Spanaway, Wash.; a daughter, Tina Marie Simpson and her husband, Donald, of Graham, Wash.; a stepdaughter, Cynthia Marie Meador and her husband, John, of Kila; there are 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; a brother, Noble L. Kelly and his wife, Peggy, of Malott, Wash.; and four sisters, Lelia Marie Lounsbury and her husband, Ervin, of Naches, Hazel Rhea Knutson and her husband, Don, of Tieton, Wash., Phyllis Kenyon and her husband, Bob, of Tacoma, and Nancy Patnode and her husband, Pat, of Benson, Ariz. There are many nieces and nephews.

A celebration of Mike's life will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 1, in the chapel of Johnson Mortuary with Herb's brother-in-law, George Honroth, officiating. There will be no visitation.

Memorials may be sent to the Hospice/Home Health Option, 175 Commons Loop, Suite 100, Kalispell, MT, 59901, or the American Cancer Society, 3550 Mullan Rd., Suite 105, Missoula, MT, 59808.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Mary Ellen Kenney, 83

Mary Ellen Kenney, 83, died on Thursday, Sept. 2, 2004, at the Friendship House with her longtime friend, Donna Guthrie, by her side and her Friendship House family in attendance.

Mary was born on Feb. 6, 1921 in Forsyth, to Mike and Sarabel (Steel) Kenney; according to Mary "it was the coldest day of the year."

Mary had a way about her that made her a very special person. "We were all blessed to have her in our lives. She made us all better people for having known her and to care for her. We will miss her, but we know she is in a far better place now. Dear sweet Mare Bear, Your light has been extinguished

on earth, but you'll shine forever in heaven."

Mary was preceded in death by her parents and her siblings.

She is survived by her Friendship House family and her Flathead Industries family and friends.

Funeral services for Mary will be at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 7, in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel, with Pastor Daniel Lambert of Easthaven Baptist Church officiating. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. on Tuesday until the time of service. Burial will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Elma M. Kennedy, 83

Elma M. Kennedy, 83, died Tuesday, Dec. 14, 2004, at her home near Columbia Falls.

Elma is survived by her children, Wayne L. Kennedy, Ronald L. Kennedy, Larry M.

Kennedy, and Judy M. Kennedy Davis.

A memorial gathering will be held at a later date.

Arrangements are by Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

Donald V. Kenoyer, 85

Donald V. Kenoyer, 85, of Libby, died Friday, Aug. 20, 2004, at the Libby Care Center after an extended illness.

He is survived by his wife, Pat, of Libby; a daughter, Victoria Santeford of Burlington, Wash.; a son, Jeff Kenoyer of Marysville, Wash.; and stepchildren, Fred Brown of Missoula, Kendra Gaustad,

Bobbie Nelson, Toni Glenn and Jean Brown, all of Libby, Patsy Klare of Missoula, and Laurie Brant of Stevensville.

Graveside services with military honors will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at the City of Libby Cemetery. Friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. today, Tuesday, at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home.

Danny Jay Kerzman

The "good Lord decided to take home one of his best," Danny Jay Kerzman, on Tuesday, March 16, 2004. Danny fought a short courageous battle with cancer.



He was born Feb. 17, 1949, in Minot, N.D., to Harold "Bud" and Frances (Nelson) Kerzman. They moved to the Evergreen area when he was 3 years old.

In 1966, Danny enlisted in the United States Army with his cousin, Richard Kolden and his two best friends, Bill Johnson and Jack McManus. When he was sent to Vietnam, he was caught in an ambush, was shot in the shoulder, and was sent back home with an honorable discharge and a Purple Heart.

Danny was "the best front end loader operator in the state of Montana." He worked for McElroy and Wilken for the last 12 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents and grandparents. Survivors include his three children, Denise, Jayson and his wife, Sheila, and Ryan and his wife, Niki; five grandchildren, Kelly

and Corey Campbell, Danielle Swartzenberger, and Trey and Jayla Kerzman; three brothers, Gary and his wife, Norma, Dave and his wife, Lona, and Willis; also, the mother of his children, Faye Kerzman; and many nieces and nephews, cousins, and many friends. He loved you all.

"We who are left behind will forever miss his sense of humor, dumb jokes, wisdom, and compassion." He never had a bad word to say about anyone and everyone he met was a friend for life. His favorite pastime was talking to his buddies at Nickel Charlie's and giving his waitresses a bad time. His love of cars goes way back. Last summer he bought a rare 1987 Cadillac Allante, only one in 2,700 cars built. His son will fulfill his dream of restoring it.

"This is not good-bye-see you later, Danny. Uff-da!!"

Cremation has taken place and memorial services for Danny Kerzman will be at 1 p.m. Monday, March 22, at the Christian Center Assembly of God, 255 Summit Ridge Dr., Kalispell. A reception will follow at the Kalispell Elks Club.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Treyton 'Trey' Michael Kesner, 15

Treyton "Trey" Michael Kesner, 15, passed away Sunday, Jan. 11, 2004, in Bigfork.

Trey was born Nov. 15, 1988, in Oklahoma City, Okla., to Sherry Burge and Dennis Kesner.

Trey was raised in Bigfork and is survived by brothers and sisters, Chance, Paige and Torrington Garner; and grandparents, Mike Burge, and Linda and Zay

Baker, all of Bigfork.

Funeral services for Trey will be at 2 p.m. today at the Bigfork Assembly of God Church.

Contributions may be made to the Trey Kesner Memorial Fund, account no. 806285, c/o Flathead Bank, P.O. Box 308, Bigfork, MT 59911.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Edmund 'Ed' G. Kienas, 88

Edmund "Ed" G. Kienas, 88, "went to be with our Lord in Heaven" on May 13, 2004. He passed away at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish of natural causes.



Ed was born on March 4, 1916, in Somers, to Amalie and Herman Kienas. At the age of six he moved with his family to a dairy west of Kalispell, where he attended Boorman school.

In October of 1941, Ed enlisted in the Army where he served as a private first class with the 41st Infantry division. He served in Australia, New Guinea and Fort Missoula in Montana as an interpreter for the German prison camp. He was honorably discharged in May of 1945 from the Army.

He returned home where he went to work for the Hungry Horse Dam project.

Ed married Betty Remelle in Oklahoma in 1951. They lived in Denver for a short time. They moved back to Kalispell where in 1952, they built a home west of town.

Ed worked for over 15 years at the creamery for Equity Supply until his retirement.

He was an active member of Trinity Lutheran Church for most of his life. Ed lived his life as a

faithful Christian. He was a caring and gentle man of few words. His greatest joy was watching his grandchildren grow up.

Ed was residing at Riverside Senior Living in Whitefish, where he grew to love the staff and thought of them as family. His favorite hobby was bingo. He was a loving father, "we will miss his smile the most."

Ed was preceded in death by his wife; his parents; a sister, Elsa; and three brothers, Arnie, Alfred, and Albert.

He is survived by a sister, Natalie Joy, of Polson; son, Kenneth Kienas and his wife, Chris, of Bowie, Md.; two daughters, Elaine Kienas, of Longmont, Colo., and Ramona Mahoney and her husband, George, of Polson; five grandchildren, Michael Mahoney of Daytona Beach, Fla., Christopher Mahoney and Caitlin Mahoney of Polson, and Jazmin and Jade Kienas of Bowie; sister-in-law, Janice Kienas of Kalispell; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be at 1 p.m. Monday, May 17, at Trinity Lutheran Church. Family burial will take place prior to the memorial service at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials to the American Heart Association or a charity of the donor's choice.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Claude Alton Kimes, 68

Claude Alton Kimes, 68, passed away Sept. 17, 2004, in Kalispell.

He was born April 2, 1936, in Kalispell where he spent most of his life. Claude loved hunting, fishing or just about anything in the outdoors. He was a logger by profession most of his life.

Graveside service will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 25, at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell. Following the service there will be a gathering at the Eagles Club where Claude had been a proud member.

Claude is survived by his sisters, Delores Courter of Kalispell,

and Anona Artz of Pikeville, Tenn.; his children, Marshall Kimes of Liberty Lake, Wash., Monte Kimes of Chicago, Natalie Kimes of Vellarde, N.M., Michael Kimes of Post Falls, Idaho, Nadine Kimes of Kingman, Ariz., and Nikki Eccher of Walsenberg, Colo.

Claude was preceded in death by his parents, Marshall and Claudie Marie Kimes; and brother, Andrew Kimes.

Claude was a kind spirit and will be greatly missed.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home caring for the family.

Cleo Helen Kimmons, 45

Cleo Helen Kimmons, 45, of Kalispell, died on Thursday, Feb. 5, 2004, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center from

natural causes.

Arrangements will be announced by Grogan Funeral Home, Polson.

Theodore 'Ted' Henry Kinniburgh, 83

Theodore "Ted" Henry Kinniburgh, 83, passed away on Monday, April 19, 2004, at his home in Marion.

He was born Sept. 11, 1920, in Tecumseth, Neb., to James and Leah Amelia (Stizel) Kinniburgh.

Ted joined the Army in August of 1942 and served in France and Africa during World War II. He received an honorable discharge in October of 1945.

He was a logger and went into partnership with his brother in their logging company, Kinniburgh Brothers Inc.

He married Viola Johnson June 30, 1947, in Kalispell, and they enjoyed 56 years together.

He enjoyed golf, reading of westerns and the Bible; walks in the woods and gathering firewood for the winter. He also loved being with and playing with his grandchildren, showing his many tricks with coins, cards, and juggling.

Ted was a member of the First Baptist Church of Marion and devoted his service and love for the Lord from 1960 to his death.



He was preceded in death by his parents; four sisters; and four brothers.

He is now survived by his wife, Viola Kinniburgh, of Marion; two daughters, Sherian Hanson and husband, Allen, of Marion, and Diana Kinniburgh of Kalispell; four grandchildren, Sandra Hanson, Crystal Hanson, Jesse Lindahl and wife, Sylvia, and Brian Hanson and wife, Kari; three great-grandchildren, Cody, Austin and Lucas; one brother, William Kinniburgh of Kalispell; also a niece, Katie, and son, Christopher, of Marion; and many other nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. on Saturday, April 24, in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with Pastor Joe Kuefler. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be Friday at Johnson Mortuary Chapel from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The family suggests memorial gifts be given to the American Heart Association, 600 Central Plaza No. 304, Great Falls, MT 59401; or the charity of the donor's choice.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Scott G. Kiral, 37

Scott G. Kiral, 37, of Kalispell, died in an aviation accident on Wednesday, Aug. 18, 2004.

Scott was born in Minneapolis, Minn., on May 23, 1967, to Gerald and Barbara Kiral. He grew up in Bloomington, Minn., and graduated from Jefferson High School.

He moved to Kalispell in June 1998 to marry the love of his life, Carla.

Scott was blessed to have numerous friends who will remember his sense of humor and bright smile.

He had many interests and lived his life to the fullest. He was an accomplished computer and network technician, a licensed pilot, outdoors enthusiast, forest firefighter and home remodeler.

He worked most recently at Installation Technologies and



Coldwell Banker, both of Kalispell.

He is survived by his loving wife, Carla, daughter, Shae Buggs of Kalispell; his parents, Barbara and Gerald Kiral of Bloomington, Minn.; sister, Brenda and Brian Teter and nephew, Austin Teter, Maple Grove, Minn.; and grandmothers, Vanita Breza and Harriet (Kiral) Dick.

A celebration of Scott's life will be held today, Saturday, Aug. 21, from 4 to 8 p.m. at Faith Alliance Church, 348 2nd Ave. West.

Memorial services will be on Monday, Aug. 23, at 2 p.m. at Faith Alliance Church, with Pastor Jim Davey officiating. Interment will be at the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery, Kalispell.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the Scott Kiral Memorial Fund, Glacier Bank, 202 Main Street, Kalispell, MT 59901.

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

Patricia Louise Kirby, 77

Patricia Louise Kirby, 77, died Sunday, March 21, 2004, at her home in Woods Bay.

Memorial services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 27, at

St. Catherine's Catholic Church in Bigfork.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Thelma Montana Kirby, 88

Thelma Montana Kirby, 88, passed away Sunday, Feb. 22, 2004, at Heritage Place in Kalispell where she resided for the past year. She was born Nov. 5, 1915, in Polson to Nels and Isabel (Knutson) Johnson.

In 1931, she married Roy W. Kirby in Whitefish. They lived in Somers for eight years, then moved to the Swan River community where they had made their home.

She was a member of the Little Brown Church and the Swan River Homemakers. Her hobby was doll making. She had made over 1,000 dolls that had been sent all over the world. She also made many wonderful pies for the county fair.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Roy, in 1979; and one brother, Lester.

She is survived by her five children: one daughter, Patsy Zachary, and husband, Cecil, of

Bigfork, and four sons, Bill Kirby and his wife, Marion, Don Kirby and his wife, Marlene, Jim Kirby and his wife, Connie, all of Bigfork, and Allen Lynn Kirby of Alaska; her brother, Pete Johnson, of Bigfork; sister March Tupper, of California; and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, as well as many nieces and nephews.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 25, at Lone Pine Cemetery in Bigfork, with Pastor Jim Holman officiating. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 24, at Johnson Mortuary Chapel.

The family suggests that donations be made to Bigfork QRU, 810 Grand Ave., Bigfork, MT 59911, Attn: Vern Childers; or to the charity of the donor's choice.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

Micky C. Kirby, 31

Micky C. Kirby, 31, "left his many friends and family of 31 years" on Aug. 4, 2004, due to a tragic propane explosion and fire.

Micky was born July 11, 1973, in Fairbanks. He attended school in North Pole and was active in youth hockey, wrestling and many recreational motor sports.

He attended trade school in Arizona and returned to Alaska to work as a small engine mechanic.

He could always be found hiking, fishing and hunting in his favorite Alaska wilderness areas.

Micky was a true friend who was always ready to help out a friend in need.

He leaves behind his son, Paul of Caldwell, Idaho; father Allen Kirby, mother, Linda Prince, brothers, Jay Dee and Tony, and sister, Kay Dee Kirby Johnson, all of North Pole; and many other family members and friends in Montana and Idaho.

A private family service will be held.

Arrangements were by Chapel of Chimes Funeral Home.

Olga June 'June' Kirkhoven, 86

Olga June "June" Kirkhoven, 86, died Aug. 6, 2004, in Libby.

She had been a beautician and bartender until her retirement.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday, Aug. 13, at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home Chapel in Libby; interment services will follow in the City of Libby Cemetery.

Wayne Albin Kittilson, 82

Wayne Albin Kittilson, 82, of Libby, died Dec. 27, 2004.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy Kittilson; and his stepchildren, Patrick Day of Missoula, Donna Leatherberry of Baraboo, Wis., Ella Myers of Richland, Wash., Sharon Weber, Robert Day and Hazel Day of Post Falls, Idaho, Sara Hedahl and Dennis Day of Libby, Agnes Sunell of Priest Riv-

er, Idaho, and Donald Day of Lufkin, Texas.

Visitation is from 1 to 5 p.m. today, with parish vigil services at 5 p.m. at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Libby. Mass of the Resurrection will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Dec. 31, at St. Joseph Catholic Church with the Rev. Jozef Perehubka as celebrant; with burial to follow at City of Libby Cemetery.

Betty J. Kjelstrup, 80

Betty J. Kjelstrup, 80, passed away on Saturday, May 29, 2004, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell. Betty was born on Aug. 4, 1923, in Havre to Frank



and Esther Griggs Opp. She moved to the Flathead Valley as a small child where she attended schools, graduating from Flathead County High School in 1940. Following high school, she attended Montana State University for two years in the nursing program.

Betty married Kenneth Kjelstrup on Jan. 23, 1943, in Glasgow. They divorced in 1985.

Betty worked as a bookkeeper and a bartender for most of her life. She loved playing bridge, boating, traveling, cooking, knitting, golf, most sports and playing the piano and organ.

She was a member of the

Kalispell Duplicate Bridge Club, the Lakeside Ladies Club, the Eastern Star and the Methodist Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and one brother.

She is survived by three children, Randy Hawthorne of Lakeside, Edis "Rick" Kjelstrup of Lakeside, and Kenneth "Kelly" Kjelstrup of Conrad; brother, Alan Opp and wife Shirley, of Kalispell; sister, Margaret Campbell, of Santa Rosa, Calif.; grandchildren, Tana Lorrington of Missoula, Larry Hawthorne of Charlotte, N.C., Tory Kjelstrup of Cut Bank, and Terri Neiskens of Laurel; and great-grandchildren, Dustin Peres, Katelin Loring, Jace Loring, Faithe Kjelstrup, Ty Kjelstrup and Dylan Neiskens.

A gathering of family and friends will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. Thursday, June 3, at the Short Branch in Lakeside.

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

Earl Duane Klindt, 60

Earl Duane Klindt, 60, of Federal Way, Wash., died Sunday, Feb. 8, 2004, at Harborview Medical Center surrounded by family.

Earl was born Oct. 29, 1943, in Langdon, N.D., to John and Julia Klindt. As a child he was raised on a farm in Walhalla, N.D., with his oldest brother, Curt Klindt, and his younger sister and brother, Josephine Berg and Warren Klindt.

Earl graduated from Walhalla High School in 1961. He soon after joined the Army in April of 1963.

In June of 1965, Earl married Shirley Richotte of Walhalla. They moved to Columbus, Ga. Soon after getting married, Earl went to Vietnam. After an honorable discharge from the military in April 1966, Earl and Shirley moved to

Columbia Falls, and Seattle, before finally settling in Kalispell.

Earl was preceded in death by his father, John Klindt, and brother, Courtney.

Earl is survived by his three sons, Marty Klindt, Mitch Klindt and Monte Klindt, all of Kalispell; his mother, Julia Klindt of Whitefish; brother, Curtis Klindt of Burien, Wash.; sister, Josephine Berg of Langdon; brother, Warren Klindt of Rozette, Wyo.; and numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Earl was strong in mind and spirit. No one ever met a harder working man. He was loved by all his family and friends and will be sorely missed. "We will celebrate his life at Johnson Funeral Home in Kalispell on Feb. 16 at 2 p.m."

Sherry Ann Kline, 52

On Friday, Jan. 7, 2005, "God gazed down from Heaven, in search of a helper with a good heart, and called upon Sherry Ann Kline."



Sherry Ann Carter Kline was born on Feb. 14, 1952, in Whitefish, to Ray E. Carter and Gladys V. Johnson Carter.

A Valentine's baby, Sherry enjoyed collecting anything and everything "heart-shaped." The youngest of four children, she and her older brothers grew up learning to fish and swim in the Flathead River and roaming the foot of Columbia Mountain, at the Carter and Johnson family farms. She attended Columbia Falls Schools and later, attended FVCC, majoring in human services. Sherry worked in customer service all over the valley for the majority of her life, while raising her three children, Shellie, Renae, and Jason.

While growing up, Sherry and her kids found laughter in small things like old records and games of Yahtzee, trips to Nebraska to see grandparents, catching fireflies, and drive-in movies. She took great pride in her kids and could always be counted on to help with a last minute project — a costume, a dress for a band concert, or a scouting craft. She was a talented seamstress and sewed many of her children's clothes, as well as agreeably mending her son-in-law's work jeans and making blankets and cloth diapers for her grandchildren.

Sherry found her soul mate in Greg Kline, and they married in July of 1986. Greg and Sherry were an invincible duo and could always be seen hand in hand and obviously in love. From rummage sales to road trips, and as many trips as they could fit to the Red Lobster in between, eighteen years of "hearts," love notes, and constant companionship were gifted Sherry and Greg. He cared for her with empathy and grace the remaining months of her life, never failing to tell her each day, how beautiful and cherished she was.

Sherry claimed all "bragging rights" to her four grandchildren, Justin, Kasmir, Amaia, and Hannah, as you could tell by her walls covered in photographs and her constant search for a whimsical "goodie" to send home in a bag "for the kids." She loved surprising others with gag gifts, especially her famous "Rudolph" gifts, and was always up for a good prank, a good story, or a good talk.

Some of her greatest joys in life were gardening and supplying her family with canned and dehydrated bounty from her green thumb, as well as fishing, camping, and spoiling her cat. Sherry really loved boating — while some people do figure 8's, Sherry excelled at figure 22's! She was always the first in line to help plan and organize a party or event, right down to doing most of the catering herself — whether for 25 or 125. She was famous for her baked beans and fried chicken, her stuffed green peppers, and her artistic vegetable trays.

Sherry will always be remembered for her generosity of spirit, her perseverance, her sense of humor, and her vivacious and tenacious love of life. She taught those around her that you always keep your chin up and a smile on your face, dare to believe in yourself and never give up, and when all else fails — grab a star and hang on!

To all of those who knew and loved her, Sherry will always be remembered as "one tough Norwegian woman," and to those who knew her best of all, it is no surprise that she lived her last moments the way she lived her life — fully, with dignity, and most of all, "her way." She will be greatly missed and remembered always, for the person she strived to be, and in the process, taught us all how to become. While she was here, she made the grass greener, the lights brighter, the tastes sweeter, and the nights warmer.

Sherry was preceded in death by her mother, Gladys (Johnson Carter) Kile; an infant daughter, Tina Rae Sibley; father, Ray E. Carter, Sr.; and grandparents T.S. and Bessie Carter and Nicolai and Winnie Johnson.

She is survived by her husband, Greg, of Columbia Falls; daughters, Shellie Spilis and husband Chucko, and Renae Gugler and husband Rocky, of Kalispell; a son, Jason Polensky, of Wichita, Kan.; grandchildren, Justin, Kasmir, and Amaia Spilis, and Hannah Lou Gugler; brothers Ray Carter, Jr., of Pierre, S.D., Larry Len Carter, of Newton, Kan., and Jack Carter, of Tulsa, Okla., and numerous other relatives.

Cremation will take place under the direction of Columbia Mortuary. Services will be held in Kalispell, at Northridge Lutheran Church, 323 Northridge Drive, on Wednesday, Jan. 12, at 11 a.m., with fellowship following.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in Sherry's name, to the Northridge Lutheran Church general fund or the charity of your choice.

Lois Claire Kjelsrud, 79

Lois Claire Kjelsrud, 79, passed away Sunday morning, Nov. 21, 2004, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.



"Mom" was born to Sam and Catherine Harris Oct. 11, 1925, in Judith Gap. She was delivered at home by her grandmother, Caroline Mundt. Her father, Sam, was employed by the Great Northern Railroad as a machinist. A few months after her birth they moved to Duluth, Minn., where they lived until she was 3, when Sam was transferred to Great Falls. They moved to East Glacier when she was 9, then back to Great Falls when she was 10. She remembered the snow piling as high as the roof of the house that winter in East Glacier. She would tell us of sledding off the roof of the house right on to the snow piled up there.

After graduating from Great Falls High School in 1943, she and Delores Philippi drove to San Diego where they went to work assembling 50-caliber machine guns. They returned to Great Falls, in 1944, and she went to work on Gore Hill driving a two and half ton truck. She also drove a 24-passenger bus and a wrecker. She had to look through the steering wheel to see where she was going because she was too short to see over the wheel. In order to back up she had to stand with one foot on the running board and one on the clutch. While working there she met Mavis Woodahl. She and Mavis would become lifelong friends exchanging many letters and later in life, e-mails.

She met the love of her life, Mel Kjelsrud, when she was 15 years old. When he returned from the war they were married. They lived in a small two-room house behind her parents' house while "Dad" built a basement house on a lot that they bought at 1425 Fourth Ave. S. They lived on her paycheck from the creamery she

worked for and used Dad's to pay for the house.

About 1950 Dad built the brick house on top of the basement. They lived there until about 1960 when they bought the five acres on Wilkinson Lane and lived there until retiring to Mortimer Gulch on Gibson Reservoir in about 1980. About 1984, they built the house on the hill above Lakeside — "The Perfect Place," according to Mom, where she lived until her passing.

She was a secretary for the school district in Great Falls until she and Dad retired, making many friends among the students and teachers at the schools she worked in.

She summed up her life in one paragraph in an e-mail letter she wrote to her cousins, Gail and Sharon, shortly after finding out about the cancer spreading: "I must say that I have lived my life exactly as I wanted to and accomplished everything I set out to do. I wanted three boys and managed to raise them to be fine upstanding men that I am proud of. I married the guy I fell in love with when I was 15 and managed to live with for 55 great years. We never had a whole lot of money but were always happy."

Survivors include her sons, Tom and Ruth of Laurel, Chuck of Great Falls, and Jack of Somers; 11 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; brothers, Roger, and Russell and Carol Harris of Great Falls; her special cousins in Great Falls, Gail, Evie, Gina, Joannie, Cleone, Sharon of Stanford, and her very good friend, Mavis Woodahl.

She also leaves Lexie, the German shepherd, she "saved" from the dog pound and who would become her special friend and companion.

There will be no funeral service per her request. Her ashes will be spread at the old cabin site in Mortimer Gulch some time in the future.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory in Kalispell is handling arrangements.

James David 'Jim' Kline, 73

James David "Jim" Kline, 73, passed away July 14, 2004. He was born June 4, 1931, in Denver, the son of E. James and Kathryn (Kiel) Kline. He graduated from Steamboat Springs High School in 1949. He was a ski patrolman in Steamboat Springs, a seasonal employee for the U.S. Forest Service and an original land surveyor in Alaska before serving in the Army for two years during the Korean conflict, where he earned a Bronze Star commendation.

He then went to college and graduated from Colorado State University in 1958 with a Bachelor of Science degree in forest management. He then worked for the U.S. Forest Service until retiring in 1988 as district ranger of the Tally Lake District in Whitefish.

Jim married Myrna Harvey on Aug. 5, 1955, in Brighton, Colo. They spent three months as missionaries in India.

They have lived in Albany, Ore. the last eight years.

Jim was a member of the United Presbyterian Church of Albany. He was an avid bike rider, logging up to 5,000 miles a year for over eight years running. He will be remembered as an active outdoors man, biker and skier in his work, his social life and private life.

He is survived by his wife, Myrna, of Albany, Ore.; his daughter, Kim Kline of Albany, his son and daughter-in-law, David and Amy Kline of Corvallis, Ore.; his grandchildren, Davis Kline, Piper Kline and Slater Kline; and his sister, Raynette Morelock of Watkins, Colo.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and his brother, Gary Kline.

Memorial services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday, July 23, at the United Presbyterian Church in Albany, Ore.

Contributions may be made to the National Kidney Foundation or the Presbyterian Foreign Missions, c/o Fisher Funeral Home, P.O. Box 156, Albany, OR 97321.

Mary Kloeckl, 68

Mary Kloeckl, 68, passed away Monday, July 5, 2004, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

She was born on Jan. 20, 1936, in Waseca, Minn., to Cecelia and Leo Dardis.

Mary married John Kloeckl on Jan. 27, 1958, and then moved to eastern Montana, where they farmed and then moved their family to Kalispell in 1963.

Mary loved traveling, quilting, sewing, scrap booking, reading, doing genealogy and spending time with her children and grandchildren. She always loved an adventure and faced each adventure and challenge with a reassuring smile, which stayed on her face throughout her courageous battle until she passed on. Some of her most memorable "adventures" were learning to ski at Big Mountain on her 40th birthday and traveling to Ireland by herself in 1999. She also enjoyed spending time in Glacier Park sightseeing and hik-



ing, and especially loved spending time at Lake McDonald.

She was preceded in death by her parents and brother, Joseph.

She is survived by her husband, John, of Kalispell; her children and their families, Steve of Phoenix, Dave of Kalispell, Ken and Pam and their sons, Curtis, Zane and Brock, also of Kalispell, Ruth and Wayne Stoffel and their daughters, Katelyn and Marguerite, and son, John, of Wausau, Wis.

Funeral services will be held 10 a.m. Friday, July 9, at Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Visitation will be held from noon to 6 p.m. today at Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Burial will be at the Fairview Cemetery following the services.

The family has suggested that donations be made to the Hospice Home Health Options at 175 Commons Loop, Suite 100, Kalispell, MT 59901, due to their compassionate care they gave Mary during the latter stages of her courageous battle with cancer.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Larry Ray Knapp, 62

Larry Ray Knapp of St. Ignatius, at age 62, passed away on April 9, 2004, while on vacation in Tahiti.

"Captain El Ray" had a passion and reverence for the power of the sea, the beauty of boats and the adventure of the "passage." It is indeed fitting that he died at sea, doing what he loved — diving — in one of the most exotic seafaring waters known to man, where many a famous sea captain have passed from our world.

Ray is survived by his wife, Mara DelliPriscoli, of St Ignatius; his mother, Joy Matheson, sons, Douglas and Stephen, and sisters, Lorraine and Cheryl, all residing in Washington State; and sister, Sandy, residing in California.

Ray was predeceased by his father, Hal Knapp.

Ray was a retired U.S. Navy lieutenant commander and Naval aviator, having served for 23 years including extended service time in Vietnam. Commander Knapp was an accomplished test pilot and survived over 23 emergency landings. He

earned many commendations for his pioneering high altitude rescue techniques put to the test in the search and rescue of civilian mountain climbers and hikers in Washington State. Based on his demonstrated skill and military record, Ray was recommended by the Navy for astronaut training.

Ray was the proverbial Renaissance man. Extremely intelligent and inquisitive, he studied and excelled at a wide range of disciplines applying his talents and skills, from setting first-time records for high altitude helicopter rescues to delivering outstanding wildlife lectures, to undertaking an impressive range of wooden boat restorations.

He received a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Utah in meteorology, with a minor in zoology. In retirement he undertook advanced studies in psychology at the University of Montana. He was an accomplished diver, worldwide sailor, test pilot, exceptional navigator, dog breeder, commercial fisherman, avid horse lover, expert marksman and national archery champion. He



traveled thousands of miles on motorcycles throughout the U.S.A. and in foreign countries. He indeed pushed the limits through many adventures that could fill several lifetimes! With a lifelong mission for learning and "just doing" the things he loved, he spent his intensely active life in pursuit of knowledge and "creating" or "building" projects and various successful entrepreneurial pursuits. For Ray it wasn't the number of years of life one had but the actual mileage racked up and what one was able to do with his time on earth that counted. As Ray (or "Walks Alone" as some referred to him) would counsel — "Just do it, to the best of your ability and beyond — and forget the fanfare."

Born in Washington State, Ray called Montana his home. Between service duties in Vietnam, he purchased land in Lake County in the 1960s and built — log by log — Mandorla Ranch; a beautiful self-sufficiency school in the Mission Valley, situated in the foothills of Mount McDonald. In his retirement years, he developed and ran the Mandorla Ranch as a successful bed and breakfast, receiving guests from all over the world. Ray spent endless days in his beloved backyard, the Mission Mountains, sharing his incredible knowledge of wildlife and sustainable living practices with friends and guests.

Ray also envisioned and undertook the historic preservation and rehabilitation of three buildings on Main Street, Ronan, as well as creatively applied his talents to the launch of the Cappuccino Cowboy Coffee House, detailing the colorful interior décor, concept and merchandising logo.

A very accomplished seaman, Ray purchased a 1926 56-foot classic wooden vessel m/v "Seafarer" and piloted it on Flathead Lake as a tourist attraction. He kept many passengers entertained with the flora and fauna and colorful stories of this diverse geographical area. His navigational and sailing skills are still talked about today as he traveled thousands of miles throughout the world — and on at least one occasion barely escaped a treacherous port under gunfire. His knowledge of and expertise in the art of navigation, boat safety and heavy weather sailing served to tutor many a crew member. Ray was considered an exceptional

captain involved with several rescue missions at sea as well as numerous boat deliveries, often with only compass navigation. In the 1980s, he and his wife Mara sailed on one adventure for three years on a 45-foot sailboat without an engine from Bermuda throughout the Caribbean Islands to Venezuela.

Ray, in collaboration with his wife Mara, worked on many international tourism projects and missions helping to develop "tourism as a passport to peace" in the Crimea, Ukraine and Egypt to name but a few destinations. His expertise was in the development of sustainable tourism practices and ecotourism and contributed to several reports and agendas for the World Bank and foreign tourism ministries. He made many, many friends around the world, and within the international community of educational travel.

A memorial service open to all who wish to celebrate Ray and his insatiable passion for adventure and the gift of life will be held 10 a.m. on Thursday at Mandorla Ranch B&B (also called the Cappuccino Cowboy Spa), St. Ignatius.

Family and friends from near and afar are gathering to share their experiences with Ray.

As Ray was a true lover of animals, donations in lieu of flowers may be made to The Lake County Humane Society in Polson c/o LRay Knapp Memorial Fund.

Lenora Knapton, 91

Lenora Knapton, 91, a longtime Columbia Falls resident, passed away on New Year's Day, 2005, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

She was born on Sept. 1, 1913, in Bagley, Minn., (outside Bemidji) to Ludvig and Sarah Amundson. She graduated from Bemidji High School in 1932 and married William "Bill" Knapton in Bemidji, on June 5, 1934. They had three sons there, Dick, Jim, and Doug.

The family moved to Columbia Falls when Plum Creek mill relocated following World War II. Lenora supported her sons in all their various activities while they were growing up and volunteered for many of them. She was a Cub Scout den mother, junior and senior Luther League advisor and a regular at school plays, band concerts, and football and basketball games.

Some of Lenora's other activities included working with her husband at Gateway Lumber and driving a school bus route, where she handed out more treats than discipline. Her cookies were well known by kids of all ages. She knitted and crocheted an untold number of sweaters, afghans, tablecloths and blankets.

Lenora was a member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church for more than 50 years where she worked on different committees

and belonged to the Morning Circle for many years. Lenora also volunteered for several years at the Columbia Falls Senior Center. She especially enjoyed working in the kitchen. Her family and church were very important parts of her life.

She became her husband's care giver after Bill suffered a stroke. She always enjoyed hearing what her sons, grandchildren and great-grandchildren were doing. She also enjoyed seeing them whenever they came to visit. Lenora traveled to several states to help when grandchildren arrived.

Lenora is survived by her sons, Dick and Sandy of Houston, Jim of Conrad, and Doug and Janice of Columbia Falls; seven grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, two sisters, and a brother.

Lenora will be missed by all the people she touched along the way.

A memorial service will be held 11 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 6, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Columbia Falls with Pastor Tom Gopp officiating.

Memorials are suggested for Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Immanuel Lutheran Home, or charities of choice.

Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is in charge of the arrangements.

Ryan Knapton, 22

Ryan Knapton, 22, of Libby died Saturday, Aug. 7, 2004, as a result of an automobile accident.

Arrangements are pending with Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory.

Olga Knutson, 74

Olga Knutson, 74, New Rockford, N.D., died Sept. 9, 2004, in a Bismarck medical center.

She did housekeeping with various community cleaning crews.

Survivors include her brothers and sisters, Leonard Knutson, Irene Barnhart, and Edith Mason, all of Columbia Falls, and Knute Knutson of Benton Harbor, Mich.

Services are pending.

Olga Signe Viola Knutson, 74

A graveside memorial service for Olga Signe Viola Knutson, 74, who died Sept. 9, will be at 1 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 3, at Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls. The Rev. Tom Gopp will officiate.

Linda Jean Kochsiek, 57

Linda Jean Kochsiek, 57, of Big Arm, passed away at her home on Wednesday, April 14, 2004, from natural causes.



She was born March 12, 1947, in Blackduck, Minn., to Robert and Eunice Braezeal Hower. She attended and graduated from Frenchtown High School in 1966.

Linda married Roy Kochsiek at Blackduck in 1982.

She was very passionate about gardening, camping and especially family gatherings.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and brothers, David and Bobby.

She is survived by her husband, Roy, of Big Arm; son, Michael and Linda McDonald of Missoula; daughter, Kimberly

McDonald of Waco, Texas; step-daughter, Kristine Elvrum of Minneapolis; sisters, Bonnie and Roy Jarvis of Plains, Patsy and Mike Roling of Missoula, Janet and Kevin Smith of Kalispell, Elaine and Roger Fraley of Frenchtown, and Pamela and Dan Hammontree of Yakima, Wash.; brothers, Lonny and Ardella Hower, and John Hower of Missoula, and Bill Hower of Kalispell; six grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held 12:30 p.m. Saturday, April 17, at the Kochsiek residence 503A Fifth Street in Big Arm. Should you need directions, please call the residence at 406-849-5767.

Memorials may be made in Linda's name to the American Cancer Society.

Cremation and arrangements under the direction of Grogan Funeral Home, Polson.

Dell Berta Kopp, 77

In loving memory of Dell Berta Kopp, 77, who passed away unexpectedly at her home in Kalispell, Dec. 6, 2003.

Della was born Nov. 24, 1926, in Hazard, Ky., to Carter and Viola Burns, the oldest of five children.

She was preceded in death by her parents; sister, Mable; and her brother, Carter.

She is survived by two brothers, Kenneth and Jerry Burns.

Della married Adolph Kopp on May 1, 1944, in Chicago. After his discharge from the Air Force, they moved to Swan Lake, where they bought a quarter section homestead. They resided there until Adolph's death in 1995 and had four daughters.

During her life, Della worked at a variety of jobs. She volunteered for the Red Cross, was a clerk for the school district and modeled clothes for Montgomery Ward.

Della was very talented with many interests and hobbies. She learned nearly every craft invented and did beautiful work. She was a superb cook, a beautiful singer and played the piano and accordion! She loved her flower gar-

dens, enjoyed bowling, pinocle, rock collecting and playing bunko.

She had a wonderful sense of humor and told fascinating stories about her early life. Most of all, she will be remembered for her sweetness and her close and loving relationship with her family and friends.

Della is survived by her daughters, Marion and her husband, Wes Jolin of Plains, Suzie Sorenson and friend Curtis Abbott, of Kalispell, Lucinda Gahr of Cranbrook, British Columbia, and Lisa and husband, Fred Hanson of Rogue River, Ore. She will also be sadly missed by her nine grandchildren, Kerrie and husband, Wayne Harvey, John Gahr, Christopher Kopp and wife, Spring, Ranette Sorenson, Rebecca Gahr; Misty Gahr and Mike Stephan, Rachel and husband David Martinez, Jessie Sorenson and Ehren Sorenson. Della also has 12 great-grandchildren whom she adored and they will miss their Gramma Great!

The family is planning a private memorial service at a later date.

Warren P. Koebel, 93

Warren P. Koebel, 93, died Sunday, Nov. 21, 2004, at Mountain View Manor in Eureka.

He was born May 22, 1911, in Grinnell, Iowa, to Geo and

Ruby (Parish) Koebel.

Graveside services will take place at 11 a.m. Monday, Nov. 29, at the city of Libby cemetery under the direction of Nelson and Vial Funeral Home,

Ross Frederick Koehler, 69

Lifelong Libby resident, Ross Frederick Koehler, 69, passed away at his home Jan. 25, 2004.

He was born July 4, 1934, to Fred and Freda Koehler. He attended public schools in Libby and graduated from Libby High School in 1952.

Ross married his high school sweetheart, GelaRae Holland, on April 1, 1955. Together they had six children.

Following graduation, he went to work for J. Neils Lumber Company, St. Regis and Champion until his retirement in December 1992 as production manager.

Ross enjoyed fishing and hunting and loved the outdoors. He was an avid Libby Logger fan and loved watching his sons and grandchildren compete in athletics.

He was active in the community, serving in various volunteer positions, including president and a member of the board of directors of the Libby Senior Citizens Center.

He was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-



day Saints where he served as a bishop, a missionary with his wife in Omaha, Neb., and in numerous other leadership positions.

He is survived by his wife of 48 years, GelaRae; his children, Clint and Tami of Spokane, Charlotte and David Baker of Libby, Melinda and Kim Colton of Sandy, Utah, Bill and Heather Koehler of Salt Lake City, and Etta and Glen Doubek of Libby; 15 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; his sisters, Emily Jean Postan, Kathy McLeish and Carol Kelley, all of Bonners Ferry, Idaho; and extended family members, Nancy Pomeroy, Dixie White and Jolynn Koehler.

He was preceded in death by his mother and father, Fred and Freda Koehler; his brother, Kenneth "Pete" Koehler; and his son, Danny Koehler.

His outgoing personality, his love for people and his zest for life will greatly be missed.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 29, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Libby.

Interment will follow at the Libby Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Danny Koehler Scholarship Fund or the Libby Senior Citizens Center.

Gary Max Koepke, 52

Gary Max Koepke, 52, of Missoula, died Wednesday, Oct. 6, 2004, at St. Patrick Hospital.

Graveside services will be held at 1 p.m. Monday, Oct. 11, at Sunset Memorial Cemetery

in Missoula.

A memorial service will follow at 4 p.m. Monday at the Missoula Alliance Church, 100 E. Foss Court, Missoula.

Edwin Hale Koyl, 89

Edwin Hale Koyl, 89, passed away Friday, May 14, 2004, at Heritage Place in Kalispell. He was born Sept. 17, 1914, in Missoula to George and Ruth (Wiley) Koyl, the youngest of three children.



Edwin received his early education in Missoula and was a veteran of World War II, serving in the United States Army.

He married Maxine Preston in 1950, and began his career with Northwest Energy in 1951 as a draftsman and salesman. He retired in the late 1960s.

Edwin became a member of the Baha'i Faith while living in Chicago in his early 20s, taking the teachings of love, unity and peace for all into his heart and putting them into practice in his daily life. Two of the many gifts the local Baha'i community will remember him for was his appreciation for the simple things in life and what it means to have respect.

Ed loved the Montana outdoors

and the Kalispell region. He had many friends in the community, and in his retirement years was active with the Meals on Wheels program. One of Ed's favorite places to visit was Syke's. He had a great fondness for Siamese cats and had several. He enjoyed leather arts and crafts, reading, community service, and as a teller of many corny jokes, kept a smile on your face.

He is survived by his daughter, Arlene Eubanks, and her husband Robert, of Hoquiam, Wash.; five grandchildren, Kimberely Kirkwood and her husband John, and Stephanie Eubanks, all of Hoquiam, Robin Ward and her husband Bob, of Malibar, Fla., Bram Eubanks, of Chicago, and Torbey Eubanks and his wife Teresa, of Denver; and seven great-grandchildren, Tracey, Aaron, Joshua, Amber Yvette, Taylor, Bramford II and Sarah Kimberely Eubanks.

Graveside services for Edwin Hale Koyl were held Thursday, May 20 at the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Arrangements were under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Clarence A. Kraft, 85

Clarence A. Kraft, 85, formerly of Kalispell, died Nov. 8, 2004, at his home in Salem, Ore.

He was a retired language professor from Willamette University in Salem.

He is survived by his wife,

Millie, of Salem; a son, Richard, and three daughters, Mary, Joyce and Lorraine, all of Oregon.

A memorial service was held at St. John Lutheran Church in Salem.

Walter C. Kraft, 87

Walter C. Kraft, 87, formerly of Kalispell, died Jan. 26, 2004, at Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center in Corvallis, Ore.

He was a retired professor from Oregon State University in Corvallis.

He is survived by his wife, Rose, of Corvallis; and foster daughter, Edna Pemberton-Kelly, of Tifton, Ga.

Services have been held with burial at Willamette National Cemetery.

Mary M. Kramer, 44

Mary M. Kramer, 44, died Friday, May 14, 2004, from injuries resulting from a car accident.



Viewing will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. today at the Columbia Mortuary. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, May 20, at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

Mary was a black belt in karate and taught tae kwon do before moving to Columbia Falls in 1988. She loved to dance and

grow flowers. She was employed at the Nite Owl restaurant for the past nine years and was an award-winning server. She was a friend to all and took great pride in her career.

She is survived by her daughter, Angela, and son, Rodney; her mother, Phyllis Kramer; four brothers, Steve, Brian, Tim, and Rod; and three sisters, Gloria Pascoe, Wanda Sampica, and Kathy Jackson.

Her happy face, sweet smile, and wonderful attitude will be missed by all who knew her.

A memorial fund has been established at First Citizens Bank.