

Anna Chupp Nadwornick, 98

Anna Chupp Nadwornick, 98, of Wibaux, formerly of Glendive, died on Tuesday, Oct. 12, 2004, at the Wibaux County Nursing Home in Wibaux, and was freed from her long struggle with Alzheimer's.



Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 16, in the Chapel of the Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home in Glendive with Pastor James Hageman officiating. Interment will be in the Dawson Memorial Cemetery in Glendive.

Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Glendive is entrusted with arrangements.

Anna was born on Sept. 19, 1906, in Stanton County, Neb., the daughter of Carl and Mary (Lueps) Dietz. The family later homesteaded in the Forsyth area where she attended school.

Anna was united in marriage to Ammon Chupp on Oct. 11, 1922, in Miles City. They lived in the Bloomfield community for a number of years until moving to Glendive, in 1936, where they raised five children. In 1954, they moved to Darby, where they had a small

sheep ranch and later moved to Kalispell, where they lived until her husband's death in 1965. Anna then moved to Glendive to be near her elderly parents.

In 1968, she married Jake Nadwornick, who preceded her in death. In 1991, she moved to the Wibaux County Nursing Home.

Before the onset of Alzheimer's, Anna enjoyed dancing, crocheting, embroidery, gardening and her beloved cards, as well as serving as a member of the Women of the Moose and the Senior Citizen's Center.

Survivors include one son, Gene Chupp and his wife, Geanne, of Imnaha, Ore.; four daughters, Francine Guelff and her husband, Bob, of Glendive, Ella Mae Pisk and her husband, Peter, of Kalispell, Melva Mika and her husband, Carl, of Rainier, Wash., and Audrey Rhine of Roy, Wash.; Anna was one of 17 children and is survived by her brother, Alvin Dietz and his wife, Ida Mae, of Dickinson, N.D.; and two sisters, Doris Kenney of Cody, Wyo., and Freda Schulenberg of Billings; 17 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren.

Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at: www.silvernale-silhafuneralhome.com

Edith C. Napier, 84

Edith C. Napier, 84, died Thursday, May 27, in Libby.

She worked at the Libby Hotel and the Libby Cafe, Ten Pin Cafe, and other area restaurants.

Survivors include children, Barbara Napier and Richard Napier, of Libby; Regina (Jean) Hovland and husband

Larry of Port Orchard, Wash.; and Roger Napier and wife Robin of Great Falls.

Services will be held 11 a.m. Tuesday, June 1, at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home Chapel, with Rev. Robert Foote officiating. Interment services will follow at the City of Libby Cemetery.

Thelma R. Naslund, 87

Thelma R. Naslund, 87, of Rollins passed away at her home on Thursday, Aug. 12, 2004.

Thelma was born in Havre on Sept. 27, 1916. The daughter of Jack and Mabel

Williams, she attended elementary and high school in Havre and Chinook.

Soon after high school she married a country boy, Harvey Naslund. This was during the Great Depression. They managed to scrape up five dollars for the minister, leaving very little to live on. The popular songs going around then included, "Two Can Live as Cheap as One," and "Now is the Time to Fall in Love." In not too many years she became the mother of six boys: Harvey Jr., Jim, Robert, Larry, Alan and Curtis.

Much can be written about the hardships endured and struggles faced in making a home on alkali land and trying to provide clothes and good food on the table for the family. During these early years Thelma made many friends in the community she loved. She belonged to the Lohman Loyalties Women's Club, and with her husband served as a sponsor of the 4-H Builders, a county-wide program for older members of the many 4-H clubs in



Blaine County.

In the 1950s, after the last son left home, the rest appeared empty, so Thelma decided to go to work in Chinook. During the next 10 years or more, she worked at various stores including the Tasty Freeze, The Bakery, the Model Hardware Store, and a ladies dress shop. She then ran the Tasty Bite for about two years. She finished her employment in Chinook working at the Sweet Retirement Home.

In 1974, Thelma and Harvey sold their farm west of Chinook and brought a retirement home on the west shore of Flathead Lake near Rollins, where they have since resided. However, most winter months were spent in Arizona.

Thelma was a member of the Good Sam Club and was very active in the Rollins Women's Club and the Presbyterian Church in Dayton. During her 30 years on Flathead Lake she made many friends, and also leaves many close friends in the Havre and Chinook area.

She is survived by her husband of 70 years, six sons, 15 grandchildren, and 19 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 17, in the First Presbyterian Church in Dayton, with Rev. Dave Anson officiating. Cremation will follow services.

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

Kenneth Gordon Nasset, 80

Kenneth Gordon Nasset, 80, formerly of Kalispell, died June 29, 2004, at Marias Valley Care Center in Shelby.

Survivors include his daughter, Jacki Nasset, and son,

Peter Nasset, both of Wayzata, Minn., and Rebecca Terhune of Whitefish.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, July 6, at the Whitted Funeral Home in Shelby.

Betty Jean Nathe, 67

Betty Jean Nathe, 67, died Thursday, Sept. 16, 2004, in her Helena home with family after a long battle with lung cancer.

Services were held Tuesday, Sept. 21, at the Cathedral of St. Helena with burial after at Resurrection Cemetery.

* Betty was born Dec. 15, 1936, to Fredrick and Jean Banning in Whitefish. She grew up in the town of Fortine and graduated from the high school in Eureka.

On July 6, 1957, she wed David M. Nathe of Kalispell and they made their home there, and later in 1978 they moved to Helena. Betty gave birth to three children, Kelly, Janet and Mark.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her daughter, Janet; and husband, David.

She is survived by her sons,



Kelly D. Nathe, wife Tammy, and two sons, Kody and Kyler of Great Falls, and Mark A. Nathe, his wife Sheila, and his two sons, Mike and Logan of Helena.

Mrs. Nathe was a professional bookkeeper and tax preparer working for Bell Manufacturing, S&S Logging, Galusha, Higgins, and Galusha Accounting, and Clayton Sheets Accounting.

Betty treasured her home and flower gardens in Helena, spending many hours tending to her flowers and plants. In her last days she spent many comforting hours surrounded by family, friends, and many caring neighbors.

The surviving family would like to extend great appreciation to the Hospice Staff of St. Peters Hospital. Their wonderful care, comfort, and love was greatly felt by Betty and her family.

In lieu of flowers or other, memorials are desired to be sent to St. Peters Hospice of Helena.

Judy (Ramlow) Neer, 52

Judy (Ramlow) Neer, 52, formerly of Whitefish, died on July 3, 2004, in Chariton, Iowa, of Lou Gehrig's disease.

Survivors include her husband, Greg Neer; daughter,

Janelle Reinbold, son, Jeff Neer; and her parents, Russ and Mary Ellen Ramlow.

Funeral services were held in Chariton, Iowa, with burial in Williston, N.D.

Lawrence Guy Nees, 87

Lawrence Guy Nees, 87, was born to L.G. Myrtle Nees in Douglas, N.D., on Oct. 19, 1916, and died March 26, 2004, at his home in Kalispell.



Lawrence, known as Guy, moved with the family to Poplar, in April 1919, where they settled on a homestead 30 miles north of Poplar. The family continued to farm the homestead for many years and Guy's father divided his time between farming and church work. His father and mother, both ordained ministers, were founders of several churches throughout Montana. Guy attended high school at Sidney and graduated from Northwest Nazarene Academy in Nampa, Idaho, in May 1934.

Guy and Doretta Wagner were married on Sept. 11, 1936, at Doretta's family home in the Lower Valley.

He followed in his father's footsteps and entered the ministry in 1937 and pastored Nazarene churches in Wyoming, Montana, and Minnesota before completing his college work. Guy graduated from Northwest Nazarene College at Nampa, Idaho, in May 1942.

Following graduation from college he served as pastor in Weiser, Idaho, and Vancouver, British Columbia. He then served as president of Canadian Nazarene College in Red Deer, Alberta. He returned to pastoring and pastored St. Clair Ave. Church of the Nazarene in Toronto, Ontario, College Church of the Nazarene in Kankakee, Ill., and First Church of the Nazarene

in Los Angeles. Guy was granted an honorary Doctor of Divinity Degree by Olivet Nazarene College in June, 1955. He then served as district superintendent of the Los Angeles District from 1964 to 1975.

In 1975 he was elected president of Mt. Vernon Nazarene College until being selected as director of the World Mission Department for the International Church of the Nazarene in 1980. He continued to serve there until 1985 when he and his wife, Doretta, retired in Kalispell. After retirement Dr. Nees supplied several churches as interim pastor until poor health forced him to step down.

He enjoyed golfing and fishing, travel, reading, and family gatherings. He was known for his compassion, encouragement, gentle spirit, and wonderful smile among family and friends.

Guy is survived by his wife of 67 years, Doretta. He is also survived by two sons, Thomas Gifford and his wife, Patricia, and Ronald Guy and his wife, Diane; two daughters, Lois Wagner and Carol Nees and her husband, Les Brown; 13 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Dorothy Dennis and Mildred Sutherland; and a host of friends and colleagues locally around the world.

The memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Monday, March 29, at Kalispell First Church of the Nazarene.

The family requests that donations be made to Kalispell Hospice, or another hospice of your choice, in lieu of flowers.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Dallas Raymond 'Ray' Nelson, 26

Dallas Raymond "Ray" Nelson, 26, died Saturday, Aug. 21, 2004, of injuries suffered in a motorcycle accident in Missoula. He left the world with the surge of energy that characterized his life from the day he was born on June 8, 1978, in Whitefish.

At just 12 hours old, he took a private jet ride to Spokane for medical treatment. But with the power of a prayer service held for him in the Flathead Valley, Ray began breathing normally exactly at the time the prayers began.

While still a toddler, he began driving a small lawn mower with the blade removed. When he was 3, Ray jumped on a bike with training wheels and tackled the steepest hill he could find on the family farm in Smith Valley. His mother remembers when he said the good news was he didn't hit the fence but the bad news was he broke his arm.

By about 4, he had mastered dirt bike riding that became a joyful thread throughout his life. Ray amazed family and friends by performing wheelies that lasted for a quarter of a mile. At 6, he won a jitterbug contest with his little sister Sarah.

Ray went to several Kalispell elementary schools and Kalispell Junior High School. He graduated from Flathead High School in 1997. Ray also graduated from Flathead Valley Community College and then received a bachelor's degree in business and marketing from the University of Montana in 2003. He made the dean's list as an honor student at both FVCC and the U of M.

A devoted hunter and fisherman throughout his life, Ray took pride in his marksmanship with guns, as well as a bow. More than anything else, he enjoyed people—

a trait that helped him succeed in a variety of jobs, including his last job as a salesman at Rex's appliances.

His best friends recalled that he always made new friends feel special by conferring a unique nickname on each one that somehow was perfect and seemed to stick. Ray enjoyed his own names from "Little D" to "Dirty D" to "Big D." They remember him as shooting star that glowed with energy and love. When a friend faced tough times, Ray called first and cared the most.

He was a favorite uncle to his many young nieces and nephews who shared his joy of life during hours of play.

Before he died, Ray realized the dream of his life by buying a Harley after years of trying to keep up with "hogs" on his little trail bike. He took his last ride on a warm summer night that ended at a hospital in Missoula. When Ray died of his injuries, "a power surge rippled through the hospital as a bright light left the lives of his family and friends and returned to heaven."

Survivors include Ray's parents, Dallas and Marilyn Nelson; sister, Allie, and her husband, Kevin Sturgess; sister, Dawn Grant; and brothers, Bill and John Nelson.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Sarah Fern; grandparents, Ray and Fern Nelson, and Pascal "Pat" and Ruby Patton.

Viewing is scheduled from 10 to 5 p.m. Friday with services to follow at 2 p.m. Saturday at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and interment at Glacier Memorial Gardens in Kalispell. A potluck reception will follow the funeral at the Nelson home, 600 Morning View Drive, in Kalispell.

Ruth K. Nelson, 84

Ruth K. Nelson, 84, died Friday, June 25, 2004, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

She is survived by her husband, John Arthur Nelson of Kalispell, and her son John C. Nelson of Whitefish.

At the family's request, there will be no local services. Urn burial will take in Aurora, Ill.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Mabel K. Nelson, 93

Mabel K. Nelson, 93, passed away Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2004, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

She was born Dec. 6, 1910, in Panhandle, Texas, one of eight children, to Frank and Sarah (Hamlin) Kennedy.

Mabel married Chris H. Nelson on Feb. 2, 1946, in Kalispell. She was employed with Weyerhaeuser in Washington state, the Flathead County Nursing Home and the Kalispell Laundry.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Chris Nelson; a stepson, Chris E. Nelson; a stepdaughter, Dorritt C. Hanson; a granddaughter, Linda; two brothers, Arthur and Howard Kennedy; and two sisters, Gertrude Holt and Mae Gingery.

Survivors include her grandchildren, Cecile Powell and her husband, Melvin. Carlene Moore,



Melvin "Skip" Hanson and his wife, Bonnie, Tina Bagget, Cheri Bailey, Marie Hamil, and Dee Dee Freeman and her husband, Melvin; there are 11 great-grandchildren, 21 great-great-grandchildren, and 14 great-great-great-grandchildren; two sisters, Bessie Ekman and Helen Brown, both of Helena; and a brother, Jessie Kennedy, of Oregon and Arizona; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services for Mabel Nelson will be at 1:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 23, in the chapel of Johnson Mortuary with Pastor Raymond Powell officiating. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. Monday until the time of services at the funeral home.

The family suggests memorials be given to Hospice/Home Health Options, 175 Commons Loop, Suite 100, Kalispell, MT, 59901, or the Immanuel Lutheran Home, 185 Crestline Ave., Kalispell, MT, 59901.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Otto Nelson, 81

Otto Nelson, 81, died on Thursday, April 1, 2004, at the Brendan House in Kalispell.

An informal family gathering will be held later this sum-

mer in honor of Otto.

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

Otto C. Nelson, 84

Otto C. Nelson, 84, of Libby, died Thursday, April 15, 2004, at Sacred Heart Medical Center in Spokane, Wash.

Surviving are children, Beverly Johnson of Kalispell, Lawrence Visger of Libby, Mickey Visger of Moundsview, Minn., and Patsy Elliott of Libby.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at the Church of the Nazarene with Rev. Jerry Bell officiating. Interment with military honors will follow in the City of Libby Cemetery. Friends may call at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home from 1-8 p.m. Sunday and until noon Monday.

Rick E. Nelson, 46

Rick E. Nelson, 46, of Libby, died Wednesday, July 28, 2004, at St. John's Lutheran Hospital.

He is survived by his three children, Brittany Nelson and Ashiely Nelson, both of Las

Vegas, and Tyler Nelson of Escondido, Calif.

Services will be 11 a.m. Monday, Aug. 2, at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Libby. Visitation will be from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday.

Janice Darlene Nelson, 74

Janice Darlene Nelson, 74, passed away Jan. 10, 2005, at Sacred Heart Medical Center in Spokane.



Janice was born Oct. 20, 1930, in Minot, N.D., to Marian and Sig Ludwig. She grew up in Kalispell, graduated from Flathead County High School and later graduated from the University of Montana in 1952. She was a member and past president of the Alpha Phi Sorority and Phi Gamma Mu Honor Society.

Janice married Richard Nelson at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Kalispell, on March 30, 1957. They made Spokane their home and together raised four children. She was a resident of Spokane for over 50 years.

Janice was always active in her community. For 30 years she served on the American Heart Association at both the local level and on the Washington State board. For 25 years she was an active member of the Sacred Heart Service League, the same hospital where she gave birth to her children.

Janice was a longtime active member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church and a member of the Spokane Alpha Phi Sorority Alumnae Chapter. She served on the board of the Inland Empire Girl Scouts, was a sustaining member of the Spokane Junior League, a former member of the Spokane

Golf and Country Club and was one of the coordinators of the Volunteer Aide Program at Lewis & Clark High School.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Marian and Sig Ludwig.

Janice was survived by her husband, Richard; two daughters, Juli and husband, Greg Knoebel, of Yakima, Wash., and Linda and husband, Mitch Watkins, of Twin Falls, Idaho; two sons, Mark Nelson and wife, Loris Stupel, and Jon Nelson, all of Spokane; eight grandchildren, Kaitlyn and Brian Knoebel, Ashley, Andrea, Conner and Madeline Watkins, and Andrew and Spencer Nelson. She has one brother and sister-in-law, Bob and Barbara Ludwig and niece, Kathy, of Kalispell; sister-in-law, Betty Nelson, and her son, Roger, of Oregon; and one uncle, Bud Ludvigson, of Tucson, Ariz.

A memorial service will be held 1 p.m. Friday, Jan. 14, at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 316 E. 24th, Spokane, WA 99203. A private inurnment will be at St. John's Cathedral Columbarium.

The family suggests that memorials be made to St. Mark's Lutheran Church.

Janice will be remembered as a loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister-in-law, sister, friend, a Montana Golden Grizzly, and as God's faithful servant in everything she did.

Arrangments have been entrusted to Hennessey-Smith Funeral Home, 2203 N. Division, Spokane, WA 99207, 509-328-2600.

Walter G. Nelson, 84

Walter G. Nelson, 84, died at his home in Eureka, on June 10, 2004.

At his request, no services

will be held.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Madge V. Neville, 97

Madge V. Neville, 97, of Bigfork, passed away on Saturday, Sept. 18, 2004, at home. She was born on Jan. 22, 1907, in Livingston to Fred and Alice (Laffoon) Shadoan.

Madge was educated in the Montana school system. She later met and married Edwin L. "Buck" Lewis "the Montana Kid." They had a daughter, Joyce L. Meek.

After several years, Buck and Madge divorced. As time went by she met and married Dale Case. They remained married until Dale passed away. She later married Robert "Red" Neville whom she remained married to until he passed away. After the death of Robert, Madge remained a widow.

During her long lifetime, Madge had many different jobs. She worked on a ranch for many years as a cook, owned and operated a food and beverage establishment, and did secretarial work at the Air Force Base in Great Falls and for North American Van Lines.

Though she worked hard for many years, she most enjoyed her work in the ministry as a volunteer Bible student as one of Jehovah's Witnesses. She would talk to others about the wonderful hope the Bible holds for the future, the many Bible truths she had learned, and about the hope for a resurrection of lost loved ones. She continued to work in the ministry talking to others about the Bible as long as her health permitted. Many in the community remember Madge and her daughter, Joyce Meek, calling at their door with a Bible in their hands.

Madge had a fondness for planting flowers, watching the birds and deer, and playing the piano. She loved being around children. In her earlier days, she especially enjoyed taking care of others for as long as she was able. She was always concerned about other people.

She is survived by her grandson, Richard Meek, and his wife, Donnie, of Bigfork; three great-

grandchildren, Autumn Drey and her husband, Aaron, of Milwaukie, Ore., Britney Meek of Bigfork, and Misty Thomas and her husband, Seth, of Bigfork; two stepgreat-granddaughters, Kari Zavala and her husband, Roberto, of Yellow Bay, and Billie Roberts and her husband, Ryan, of Kalispell; one great-great-grandson, Cohen Drey of Milwaukie, Ore.; five stepgreat-great-grandchildren, Serena Zavala and Tyler Zavala of Yellow Bay, and Carson, Madeline and Parker Roberts of Kalispell; a former son-in-law, Allen R. "Bud Meek Sr.", of Bigfork; and a former granddaughter-in-law, Nancy Meek, of Bigfork.

Madge was preceded in death by her parents, Fred Shadoan and Alice (Laffoon) Belton; two brothers, Henry and Richard "Dick" Shadoan; three husbands, Edwin L. "Buck" Lewis, Dale Case, and Robert Neville; daughter, Joyce L. Meek; granddaughter, Amber L. Spence; grandson, Allen R. Meek Jr.; and great-granddaughters, Crystal Jean Spence and Lori A. Meek.

Memorial services for Madge V. Neville will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 9, at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 100 Vista Drive (off Montana 35), Bigfork. Michael S. Milan, an Elder from the Bigfork Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, will officiate.

Frieda Nevin, 58

Frieda Nevin, 58, died on Thursday, Dec. 30, 2004, at her home in Kalispell.

She is survived by two daughters, Cathy Gibson and Rhonda Watts of Whitefish;

and one son, Carey Nevin, of Springfield, Mo.

There will be no services.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Ken Newgard, 52

Ken Newgard, prominent area physician, passionate outdoorsman, a family man with a heart as big as the mountains he loved, died unexpectedly Tuesday, April 13, 2004, near his Kalispell farm. He was 52.



A memorial service celebrating Ken's life will be held 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 20, at the Christian Center in Kalispell.

Dr. Newgard's distinguished 25-year career in medicine began at Stanford University, where he was a medical student and resident, and culminated in his work and service at Kalispell Regional Medical Center, where he served most recently as Director of Cardiovascular Anesthesia Services.

Ken was an energetic force in helping build the cardiac surgery program at the Kalispell center. The outer technological reaches of cardiac care were one of his greatest passions.

Indeed, the driving force in Ken's life, his friends and family say, was his passion for learning new things, whether on the cutting edge of medicine, or the farthest edges of sports, music, finance, science, politics, animal husbandry and friendship.

"Ken was passionate about everything, equally," said David Weisberg of Rhode Island, a close friend for more than 25 years.

"Everything he did was that way — fiercely passionate. He did nothing half way."

An avid windsurfer, wake boarder, hunter, fisherman and guitar player in a local band of doctors, Ken was known in medicine, sports and intellectual circles, for inspiring others to achieve, in both mind and body.

"Ken was such a huge personality that if you just met him once, you remembered him forever," said his friend David

"Life with Ken was living one adventure after another," said his wife Linda Newgard. "He opened up worlds for me, and for our girls. He introduced me to windsurfing. I never would have gotten a scuba diving license if I hadn't known him. Living with Ken was living fully. It was living in huge ways. I loved him with all my heart and my soul."

Ken "Ken" Warren Newgard was born in San Francisco in 1951. His father Kurt was a prominent San Francisco physician, whose parents had arrived in the city as immigrants from Nazi Germany. Ken's grandfather, Max, created a booming business from the ground up, and his achievement was a lifelong source of inspiration to Ken.

Ken started on the path to achievement early, growing up as an accomplished equestrian who competed nationally. His love of horses and other animals, espe-

cially dogs, led him to University of California at Davis, where he intended to study veterinary medicine. He chose medicine instead.

"He was accepted at Stanford Medical, and the rest is history," said his sister, Kaycie LaRock of Colorado.

He was still a Stanford medical student when he met the love of his life, his wife, Linda Davis Newgard, on a Colorado ski slope. Ken always said that Linda gave him the greatest gift of his life, his biggest passion of all, his daughters Jenna, 17, and Sara, 14.

"Another thing you have to remember about Ken," said friend David, "he was fiercely loyal, to his family, to his friends. Your battles were his battles. Your enemies were his enemies. Your struggle was his struggle. Your achievement was his great delight."

Ken distinguished himself in the discipline of anesthesiology, practicing in California until 1995, when he moved his family to Kalispell. Montana was Ken's idea of Heaven. He built a kennel for his beloved dogs here. He navigated lakes and mountains here. He hunted and excelled at target practice here. Most of all, his daughters Jenna and Sara flowered here, their many gifts and accomplishments in sports, academics, outdoor living and personal growth, were a constant source of inspiration and pride.

Ken was passionate about intellect and political ideology as well, often saying that the creed he lived by was Winston Churchill's famous words: "If you're not a liberal in your 20s, you don't have a heart. If you're not a conservative in your 40s, you don't have a mind."

Professionally, Ken quickly distinguished himself at Kalispell Regional, serving the community not only as a gifted physician, but also in administrative roles. Ken was a member of the Medical Executive Committee at the hospital; he served both as vice chair and chair of Hospital Based Services, and from 2001 until the time of his death, he was president of Glacier Anesthesia and Pain Management as well as director of hospital cardiovascular services. Ken continued to serve as well as an adjunct clinical faculty member at Stanford University Hospital. During the last four years, Ken achieved National Board Certification in Transesophageal as well as Transthoracic Echocardiography.

As well as his wife Linda and daughters, Jenna and Sara, Ken is survived by his sister, Kaycie LaRock; his nephew and niece, Brody and Lindsay LaRock; his mother-in-law, Vicky Davis; his cousins, Carol Street and Dail and Jerry Neugarten; and a legion of devoted friends and colleagues.

Donations can be made to the Flathead High School Guidance Department.

Christina Mae 'Chris' Nichols, 70

Beloved wife, mother and Nanna, Christina Mae "Chris" Nichols "was called home by her Lord and Savior" on Aug. 1, 2004.



Born Nov. 17, 1933, in Terre Haute, Ind., she was raised in the spotlight, and sang and danced for the Armed Forces during the war.

She moved to California at the age of 9, where she later met and married her lifelong love, Ted L. Nichols. Settling in Napa Valley, Calif., they raised their three children. In 1976, they moved on to Montana and eventually chose the Flathead Valley as home. Married for 52 years, Ted and Chris enjoyed a lifetime of happiness together.

Chris was preceded in death by her mother, Mary Rachel Sappington; father, Vangel Nitchoff; siblings, Phillip Allie, Bill Allie and Charlotte Walters; and grandson, Scotty Nichols.

She is survived by her husband, Ted Nichols, of Columbia Falls; daughter, Teddi "Penny" Nichols, of Columbia Falls; daughter, Toni and Rick Chaffin of Three Forks; son, Nick and Vell Nichols of Missoula; granddaughter, Chrissie and Chad Clemons of Kalispell; granddaughter, Angela Nichols of Missoula; grandsons, Nicholas Nichols of Missoula, Ted Chaffin of St. Louis, and Bob Chaffin of Three Forks; and great-grandson, Colby Clemons of Kalispell.

"A void has been left in the lives of her loved ones, but that void will heal over time with the loving memories we have of her. Her eloquence, beauty, love and forgiveness have sustained us and will continue to carry us on. Until we meet in Heaven ... We love you."

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 5, at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls with the Rev. Tod Fox officiating. A graveside service will be conducted at 2 p.m. Friday, Aug. 6, at the Plains cemetery.

Lennerd 'Lenny' Terman Nielsen, 57

Lennerd "Lenny" Terman Nielsen, 57, passed away Monday, March 1, 2004, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell, after a long, courageous battle with leukemia.



He was born in Copenhagen, Denmark, on May 8, 1946, to Fvend and Ragnhild (Mathiason) Nielsen. Lenny and his family moved to the U.S. in 1948. He was a graduate from Fort Benton High in 1964.

He then attended a University in Utah, where he studied psychology. From there he was a counselor for the Job Corps program. He later became a sales representative in many areas of the automobile industry. He was also a body and fender man, and specialized in the painting of cars.

Knowing every inch of Flathead Lake, his most enjoyable times were spent in a boat, always fishing for "the big one." He was a

very entertaining person, who loved to party and live life to its fullest with his family and friends, but most of all Lenny loved having his 16-year-old son, Saylen, by his side. Lenny was an extremely unique individual who will be forever missed. "We loved him very much."

Lenny was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his companion, Carrie Proffitt, of 20 years, and their son, Saylen Taylor James Nielsen of Kalispell; son, Troy Nielsen, from a previous marriage who lives in the Salt Lake City area; two sisters, Ibby Trainer and her husband, Bob, of Woods Bay, and Liala Thomson of Coos Bay, Ore.; several nieces and nephews and relatives in Denmark; a special great-niece whom he called "Booger," who is the daughter of his nephew, Kel Hansen and wife, Missy.

Memorial services for Lenny Nielsen will take place at Flathead Lake this summer.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Stanley Henry Nielsen, 76

Stanley Henry Nielsen, 76, passed away Monday, May 3, 2004, at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.

He was born July 21, 1927 in Sidney, to Theodore and Martha (Sorensen) Nielsen. Stanley's father was a Danish immigrant who served as an American soldier in World War I in China, the Philippines and Japan. At a young age his parents moved to the Kalispell area where Stanley attended school in Helena Flats.

He joined the Army Air Corps and served at the end of World War II as a reserve boat operator on the island of Guam.

After leaving the military he returned to Montana and married Della M. Jacobson of Sidney, in 1951. They moved back to the Flathead Valley and finally settled in Somers.

Stan spent many years as a volunteer fireman in Somers. He served on the Somers school board and was a member of Eidsvold Lutheran Church. One of his passions was building wooden boats for Stancraft near Lakeside and Lee Craft in Somers. He later moved on and became a foreman for Bell Camper until the business



moved. He next worked for Glacier Boat Builders, then many years at Plum Creek in Columbia Falls as a construction millwright. Upon retiring from Plum Creek he went to work part-time for S & S Campers of Kalispell, then worked at Glacier Docks on LaSalle until fully retiring.

Stan was an avid pilot and enjoyed taking skydivers up. He enjoyed air shows and air races. He truly loved camping, fishing, and boating with his family and dear close friends. He and Della's home was always open, and it was often a temporary home for numerous others over the years.

Stan was preceded in death by his parents; his son, Bruce, in 1997; and his brother Grant.

He is survived by his wife, Della Nielsen of Kalispell; two sons, Allen "Al" Nielsen of Kalispell, and Clifford Nielsen of Grass Range; one daughter, Cynthia Nielsen of Fort Mohave, Ariz.; one sister, Beulah Prestbye of Kalispell; and one brother, Harlan Nielsen of Cloudcroft, N.M.; also numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

A memorial to honor Stanley Henry Nielsen and celebrate his life will be held 2 p.m. June 12, at the Somers Fire Hall.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Mark William Nordahl, 43

Mark William Nordahl, 43, of 27 Kelley Dr., Swan Sites/Bigfork, unexpectedly passed away after a fun-filled day on Flathead Lake with family and friends, on Sunday, July 25, 2004, at Woods Bay RV & Marina.

Mark was born July 5, 1961, in Missoula. He had a loving devotion to his mother and sister. He enjoyed camping, skiing, boating, hunting, fishing and golfing. Mark attended school in Missoula, Florence and Whitefish, then attended Vo-Tech



College in Helena. After spending most of 27 years helping with the family business at the Allen's Motel in Whitefish, he was building a family home in the Swan Lake area.

Mark was preceded in death by his father, William Harry Nordahl.

He is survived by his mother Marie Nordahl of Bigfork/Swan Lake; his sister, LeAnne Nordahl of Phoenix; and many family and friends.

A celebration of life will be held 5 p.m. Thursday, July 29, at the Bay View Resort at Woods Bay, on Flathead Lake.

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

Anna Gazur Nordtome, 92

Anna Gazur Nordtome, 92, "joined her beloved husband and son in heaven" on Feb. 14, 2004.



Anna was born July 4, 1911, in Monarch, Wyo., to Josef and Anna Ligoeki Gazur. She moved to Flathead Valley at the tender age of five, first to the old Schmauch place, then to Lost Creek where she lived with her sister, Eva, and brother-in-law, Paul Gorolka. She attended Bissell School, riding to school on horseback.

On Aug. 8, 1934, she married the love of her life, Sigvald Nordtome, and moved to the Nordtome family homestead northwest of Kalispell where she made her home until her death. Together they raised three children and managed the family ranch.

She was a long-time member of the Stillwater Free Lutheran Church and the Merry Matrons Home Demonstration Club. She loved gardening, was an avid read-

er of westerns and shared her crocheting and quilting with the entire community. Many babies born in the area were wrapped in one of her afghans.

She was preceded in death by her parents; siblings, Josef and Philip Gazur, Eva Gorolka, Mary Roek, and Paul Porembski; her husband, Sigvald; and son, Joseph Nordtome.

She is survived by daughters, Carol Starbuck and her husband, Bill, and Elaine Lessor, both of Kalispell; grandchildren, Linda Haymans of Fayetteville, N.C., Yvonne and Erik LaSeur of Seattle, David Lessor of Kalispell, Donald Lessor of Auburn, Wash., Liana and Mark Rowe of Bigfork, Jolene and Mike Bucher of Kennewick, Wash., Josef Nordtome of Auburn, Wash., and Laura and Ken Eslick of Belgrade; 10 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandsons.

There will be a memorial service to celebrate her life at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 28, at the Stillwater Free Lutheran Church.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Anselm O. Norman, 79

Anselm O. Norman, 79, died Monday, Feb. 23, 2004, at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls where he had resided since 1998.

A graveside service will be at 1 p.m. Monday, March 1, at

the Fort Harrison Veterans Cemetery in Helena with military graveside honors.

Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is in charge of arrangements.

Karl A. 'Bud' Norvell, 67

Karl A. "Bud" Norvell, 67, died Tuesday, Dec. 21, 2004, at his home in Libby.

He had been an employee of the Montana State Highway Department for 30 years before retiring in 1992.

He is survived by his wife, Rhea; and his daughters, Karla Norvell of Wheat Ridge, Colo., Annamarie Norvell of San

Ramon, Calif., and Marilee Brown of Libby, and a stepbrother, Dick Barrett of Fresno, Calif.

Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 26, and from 9 a.m. to noon Monday, Dec. 27. Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Libby.

Franklin D. Nowman, 65

Franklin D. Nowman, 65, passed away on Sunday, Feb. 22, 2004, at Evergreen-Hot Springs Care Center in Hot Springs. His death was due to a long battle with lung cancer which had spread to his brain.

He was born on Nov. 20, 1938, and grew up in the Flathead Valley. For the past nine years he had lived in Glasgow.

Frank is survived by two broth-

ers, William G. Nowman of Camp Verde, Ariz., and Ed Nowman of Polson; two sisters, Margaret Fautch of Spokane, and Sharlene Nowman of Neosho, Mo.; and one son, Eric Nowman, of Gobles, Mich.

No public funeral services will be held.

Coffelt-Bunch Funeral Service in Plains is in charge of arrangements.

Clyde A. 'Bud' Novak, 73

Clyde A. "Bud" Novak, 73, of Whitefish, died Tuesday, April 6, 2004, at his home in Whitefish, from natural causes.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. April 17, at the

Whitefish Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's, with Raymond Foltz officiating.

Cremation and other arrangements are under the direction of Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish.

Clyde A. 'Bud' Novak, 73

Clyde A. "Bud" Novak, 73, died peacefully, "with the hope of a resurrection to a paradise earth, firmly on his mind," at the home he shared with his daughter, Sarah Wilson, and her husband Curtis, in Whitefish.

Bud was born Oct. 25, 1930, in Rice Lake, Wis., to James and Ellenor Novak. Bud grew up on the family dairy farm in Sheldon, Wis.

After high school, he continued his education at the University of Wisconsin and later at the University of Idaho in Moscow, Idaho. He paid his own way through college by working at various jobs, including horse logging in Idaho, setting bowling pins, and at a mortuary. He obtained a bachelor's degree in chemistry and a master's in biology. It was while he was in college that he met his beloved wife, Delores, to whom he was married until she died in 1990. Bud and Delores had four sons and four daughters.

Bud and his growing family lived in several different states as he served in the U.S. Marines and then the Air Force, later taught chemistry at the University of Utah in Logan, Utah, worked for the Game and Fish Department in the Badlands and then the Black Hills of South Dakota.

He finally settled in Southern California where he worked for many years for the Southern California Gas Co. as a chemical engineering projects manager, until he retired in 1969. While working for the gas company he managed the construction of the coal gasification plant in Beulah, N.D., as part of a joint venture, in 1984-85. After retiring, he worked as a consultant to the gas company and as an expert witness for the FBI in chemical forensics. He moved to Whitefish in 1993.

Though he accomplished many things, secularly, during his full life,



his greatest love was his ministry as one of Jehovah's Witnesses. Bud was baptized at a convention in New York, in 1958, beginning an unbroken record of faithful service. He quickly gained privileges and responsibilities since 1959, including serving as a presiding minister in several different congregations and substituting as a traveling representative of the Watchtower Society. He was used as an instructor at the Kingdom Ministry School for elders in the Los Angeles and Ventura County areas, and also served as a director at the Woodland Hills, Calif., Assembly Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses. Many of these privileges he enjoyed while serving along side his longtime, equally faithful close friend, Lloyd Harding. Bud was loved and respected by all who were touched by his faithful Christian life course.

Bud was preceded in death by his parents; and brother, Raymond; a son, Bruce, in 1978; his wife, Delores, in 1990; and a granddaughter, Elizabeth, in 1997.

He is survived by daughters, Susan Kaplan and husband, Howard, of Agua Dulce, Calif., and Gwen Eckman and husband, Andrew, of Redding, Calif.; sons, Dale Novak and wife, Angela, of Kalispell, Brian Novak and wife, Rebecca, of Morgan Hill, Calif., and Ladd Novak and wife, Susan, of Portola, Calif.; daughters, Elaine Stark and husband, Lowell, of Portola, and Sarah Wilson and husband, Curtis, of Whitefish; and daughter-in-law, Lynn Novak of Whitefish. He is also survived by 22 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Cremation has taken place and any other arrangements are being handled through Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish. A memorial service will take place at the Whitefish Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, April 17 at 2 p.m. with Raymond Foltz officiating. A second memorial will be held at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses in Newhall, Calif., on April 24 at 3 p.m.