

Donald L. Sabol, 54

Donald L. Sabol, 54, died of a heart attack on Sunday, Dec. 19, 2004, in Sarasota, Fla.

He was born on July 18, 1950, in Bozeman, by Stephen and Markie Sabol. He attended schools in Whitehall, Flathead, and Wolf Run. In 1964, he moved with his family to Kalispell. He graduated from Flathead High School in 1968, and then attended the University of Montana and Flathead Valley Community College.

Dona and Kory Kitterman were married in July 1982. She died in a car accident in 1987.

He moved to Florida, married Gloria W. Zane and is survived by her at the family home in Sarasota. After a 30-year marriage.

Don will be remembered by family and friends as outgoing, with a sense of humor and a zest for life.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Kerry; his father, Steve; and brother, Stephen.

He is survived by his mother, Markie Sabol, in Kalispell; his sister, Cheryl Sabol, and nephew Treymon Hopkins and niece Elizabeth Hopkins in Columbia Falls; his sister, Kathy Woodward and her husband, Vern, nephew Dan Woodward, and nieces Lisa and Angie Woodward and great-nephews Taylor and Eddie in Billings; his uncle, Darrell Reynolds in Butte; and aunts Phyllis Reynolds in Gillette, Wyo. and Carol Caldwell in Philipsburg.

Cremation has taken place and a memorial service is pending.

Memorials may be made to Oneco Elementary School, 5214 22nd St. Court East, Bradenton, FL 34203.

Ellamae P. Safford, 88

Ellamae P. Safford, 88, passed away Oct. 3, 2004, at her home in Kalispell.

The several weeks preceding her death were spent with daily visits with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. All had joyous times.

Ellamae was born in Lindsay, Calif., on Sept. 8, 1916, to Marion Santway and Oscar Elmer Poston.

She met her husband, John William Safford, at Washington State University in Pullman and they were married in 1937. After both graduated they moved to Montana where they raised three sons and a daughter in Butte, Missoula, Bozeman and Helena.

During that time Ellamae was a wonderful mom, kept the home fires burning and taught French and Spanish in a Helena junior high school as John pursued his career in veterinary medicine. John had taught his sons the fine art of fly fishing and Ellamae was in charge of the unruly boys as the family spent many fantastic days camping and fishing along the Gallatin River. She dodged, not always successfully, more than one misguided cast.

After retirement in 1973, Ellamae and John moved to their home on Flathead Lake; a place that quickly became a favored gathering spot for children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Their 24 years together at the lake were filled with family visits, gardening, fishing, swimming (Ellamae and kids only — water was far too cold for John!) and boating. One of the most prized gifts her children would receive annually was a case of canned, smoked Kokanee salmon caught and prepared by Ellamae and John.

Winters were frequently spent touring the United States and Mexico in their Airstream. When not traveling, Ellamae would drive to Kalispell once a week as a volunteer for the Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

Following John's death in 1997, Ellamae moved to Kalispell where she quickly made many new friends. Her time was spent visiting with family, playing bridge with friends, volunteering at the hospital and quilting. Ellamae took up the latter at the age of 82 and quickly became very accomplished, sharing her quilting passion with her daughter. All of her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren received treasured quilts.

During the last several years Ellamae would escape the Montana winters, traveling to El Paso, Texas, to stay with her daughter. Mother and daughter went on several cruises together including a quilting cruise early this year.

She is survived by John Jr. and his wife, Sarah, and Bob and his wife, Lori Bell, all of Kalispell, Tom and his wife, MaryAnn, on Whidbey Island, Wash., and Mary Sue Stevens in El Paso, Texas. In addition to her four children, Ellamae is survived by nine grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Ellamae will be remembered as a wonderful wife, mom, teacher, and friend who has given all who have known her a lifetime of joyous memories. She will be missed.

Her children are establishing a memorial for Ellamae and John Sr. at the Flathead Valley Community College Arboretum. Her family suggests that donations be made to Home Options Hospice, 175 Commons Loop, Suite 100, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Robert Ingersal Sagen, 76

Robert Ingersal Sagen, 76, "started his eternal life" Wednesday, April 28, 2004, in his home while sleeping.

Bob was born in Northwood, N.D., on July 5, 1927, to Thorben Albin Sagen and Clara Irene Brekke Sagen. Thorben Sagen moved his family to the Flathead Valley in 1929 and homesteaded south of Whitefish off the Spring Prairie Road, clearing 240 acres for farmland. Bob helped work the family farm until he started work for the Great Northern Railroad at age 15.

Bob served in the U.S. Army's 4th Battalion in Germany during the Korean War, returning home in 1952, at which time he returned to work for the Great Northern Railroad. Bob then married Bonnie E. Schlegel, raising four children while residing in Whitefish.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Bert, Kermit "Swede," Merle, and Lloyd.

He is survived by his sister, Twila Dehlbon; his cousins, Helen Lutton of Ronan, Wally Sagen of Kalispell, Bruce Sagen of Troy, Arlene Berto of Troy; two sons, Bennie J. and wife, Luanne, R. Thomas "Tom" and wife, Sally, of Whitefish; two daughters, Cathy and husband, Chris Finberg, of Columbia Falls, and Connie Sagen of Phoenix; 10 grandchildren, sev-



en great-grandchildren; plus numerous nieces, nephews.

He married Kay Smith in 1982, spending 20 years together.

Bob retired from the railroad in 1989 after 46 years, finishing his career as an engineer. Bob enjoyed hunting, fishing and trapping with his family and friends. "We have many memories, stories and one-liners that will never be forgotten." He was a jack of all trades who loved to work with his hands, helping anyone who needed help out of the goodness of his heart. His positive outlook on life will be missed. He was the best man who ever squatted behind a pair of heels!

Bob will be greatly missed by his friends, neighbors and caregivers. He kept them all entertained with his gift of gab.

The family appreciates Judy and Cathy from Home Health Care. (Cathy's quick wit and Judy's all around health care, especially her fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy.)

Viewing is from 12 to 6 p.m. today at Johnson Funeral Home. Memorial services will be held at Johnson Funeral Home at 1 p.m. Tuesday, May 4, with Dr. Kauffman officiating. Burial service will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens with military services.

"The family would like to invite everyone to attend a tribute to our father being held at the V.F.W. in Whitefish immediately after the burial. Come celebrate his life."

Gary K. Sakahara, 53

Gary K. Sakahara, 53, died suddenly Monday, March 29, 2004, at his home in Kalispell.

He was born May 22, 1950, in Whitefish, to Kenji and Miyeko (Takehara) Sakahara. Gary received his early education in Whitefish, and graduated from Whitefish High School.

Gary loved his animals, the outdoors, music, sharing his skills, his knowledge and his experience with others. As an outdoorsman, Gary began exploring the Flathead Valley as a child in the Haskell Basin and expanded his interest into the Jewel Basin, the Swan Valley and Glacier National Park. He was an avid skier and fisherman who enjoyed floating the Flathead, wildlife, nature photography and was dedicated to preserving the environment.

Gary enjoyed making the recreational activities available in the Flathead to his friends and visitors. He liked working with young people and sharing the skills and knowledge that he had acquired while working with his father, working at the Sportsman and through his personal desire to learn. Gary was so clever and

patient and was able to solve any problem in his own unique, ingenious, delightful way. He will be missed.

Gary was looking forward to taking his boat out more often, remodeling his kitchen and wanted to do a little traveling. A connoisseur of music of all kinds. Gary enjoyed getting together with friends to play music, to sing and talk about music.

Gary was preceded in death by his father and is now survived by his mother, Miyeko Sakahara, of Kalispell; three sisters, Nancy Sakahara of Salt Lake City, Phyllis Sakahara of Oakland, Calif., and Gail Boyd of Leesburg, Fla.; and a niece, Sara Boyd also of Leesburg.

Memorial services for Gary Sakahara will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 3, at Lawrence Park in Kalispell to celebrate Gary's life and his love of the outdoors and his love of music.

The family suggests memorials be given in Gary's name to Flathead Industries, P.O. Box 1916, Kalispell, MT 59903.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Robert F. 'Bob' Salandi

Robert F. "Bob" Salandi, longtime pharmacist, died after an extended illness of cancer, Tuesday morning, Oct. 19, 2004, in Helena.

He had a career at Drug Fair before buying the Hungry Horse IGA. His final employment was with Safeway.

Survivors include his wife,

Mary; three sons, Mike, Pat and Jeff Salandi, and stepchildren, Larry, Dave, Yvonne, Patty and Donna.

Cremation has taken place. Mass of Christian burial will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Oct. 22, at Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church in Helena.

Retz Funeral Home in Helena is handling arrangements.

Frederick Henry Salter, 82

Frederick Henry Salter, 82, died Friday, Sept. 3, 2004, at his home on Foothill Road in Kalispell.

He was born Aug. 19, 1922, in Gulph Mills, Pa., to Frederick

Evan and Ethel M. (Jordan) Salter. Fred grew up in the hills of Pennsylvania, ran a trap line and played fiddle in a hillbilly band at barn dances.

He joined the U.S. Horse Cavalry while a teenager. He fought in North Africa as a recon scout from 1942-1943, then in Sicily in 1943, and also in Italy in 1944.

He married Pauline Folding in November 1946 in West Chester, Pa. After World War II they wound up raising three sons in a log cabin in southeast Alaska on the shores of Auke Bay. In 1977, they moved to mountain farming in the foothills of the Swan Range in Northwest Montana.

Fred raised sheep until his first wife's death in September of 1991. He married Cecelia Moleski in August of 1993, at St. Richards in Columbia Falls.

Fred enjoyed hunting, fishing, farming, woodworking, playing country music, writing and poetry. He has played music all over the valley. He was the author of



the books, "Recon Scout" and "The Maverick Tumbleweed." He was a life member of the Disabled Americans, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the American Legion.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife, Pauline V.; and a daughter, Kathleen, in 1952.

He is survived by his wife Cecelia of Kalispell; three sons, Michael of Kalispell, Fred James of California, and Eric Cody of Juneau, Alaska; granddaughters, Christy Behm of New Meadows, Idaho, and Veronica Salter of Juneau, Alaska; a brother, George of Eagleville, Pa.; a sister, Ethel Gitty of Norrisville, Pa.; and five stepchildren, Dan, Bill, Larry, Chris and Nancy Moser.

Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 8, at Risen Christ Catholic Church with Father Rudolph Bullman officiating. Burial will follow services at C. E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 7, at Johnson Mortuary Chapel.

The family suggests that donations be made to Hospice Home Health Options, 175 Commons Loop, Ste. 100, Kalispell, MT 59901, or the local VFW Group, 111 S. Main Street, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Arthur V. 'Bud' Salyer, 74

Arthur V. "Bud" Salyer, 74, passed away Thursday, April 8, 2004, at his home in Kalispell.

He was born Feb. 12, 1930, in Wilson, Okla., to John T. and Mathe (Cypert) Salyer.

Arthur grew up in Ardmore, Okla., and graduated from Ardmore High School in 1948. He worked for Southwestern Bell Telephone, and then joined the Sea Bees during the Korean War from Oct. 4, 1950 to July 6, 1954.

He married Jonell Stephens on Nov. 4, 1955, in Healdton, Okla. After marriage they resided in Ardmore. In 1971, they moved to the Northwest Montana area in hopes of a better way of life.

They lived here in Kalispell, where he drove his own logging truck for years. Bud was an expert marksman, learning its required accuracy during his service tenure. Arthur loved to ride horses and was an excellent animal trainer. Bud will miss his special pets Trouble and Buffy. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and was the world's greatest story teller. Bud also enjoyed gardening, and toying with his old tractor until it ran smoothly. He loved his best friend



& dear wife, Jonell, his children and his grandchildren. Bud was a member of the United Church of God with many friends and much fellowship with the Living Church of God, as well.

He will be fondly remembered for his unswerving faith in God, his sense of humor, his ability to fix almost anything, and his great endurance in overcoming the worst of every hardship and physical trial. He will be greatly missed.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, J. T. Salyer and Jimmy Ray Salyer; and a nephew, J. T. Salyer, III.

Survivors include his wife, Jonell; two sons, Arthur V. Salyer, Jr. and wife Sharon, Dalton J. Salyer and wife Lori, all of Kalispell; a daughter, Sherri Lynn Salyer, of Dillon; seven grandchildren, Rebecca Anne, Sherri Beth, Jedidiah A., Joanna L., Zane L., Rachel Grace Salyer; all of Kalispell, and Joshua B (Smith) Salyer, serving in Baghdad, Iraq.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. today in the chapel of Johnson Mortuary, with Elder Roc Corbett officiating. Burial will follow in the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Visitation will be from 10:30 a.m. today until the time of services at the funeral home.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

Thomas W. Samuel Sr., 88

Thomas W. Samuel Sr. "went peacefully to be with his Lord and Savior" on Thursday, Oct. 28, 2004, while under the tender care of his physician, Annie Bukacek, and family at Brenden House in Kalispell.

Born Dec. 8, 1915, to Benjamin and Elizabeth Samuel in Memphis, Tenn., Tom spent his growing up years in Paducah, Ky. During World War II he served honorably with the United States Army Railroad Battalion.

In 1946, Tom married the love of his life, Catherine Cramer, and partnered with his father and one brother to form B. H. Samuel & Sons Railroad Contractors in Portland. He continued in that profession building industrial railroad around the Pacific Northwest until his retirement in 1980.

At his retirement, Tom and Catherine moved to Kalispell, where he loved working outdoors on the acreage around his home, playing golf, and being near his grandchildren as they grew up. The greatest delight of his life was

that his wife, children and grandchildren all had received Jesus Christ as the Lord and Savior of their lives.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Catherine, of Kalispell and his two children, two grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Daughter, Joann Howard lives in Sierra Vista, Ariz., and son, Thomas W. Samuel Jr. and wife, Susan, reside in Kalispell. Surviving grandchildren are Catherine "Kate" Anderson and husband, Timothy, of Kalispell, and Thomas W. Samuel III of Kalispell. Surviving great-granddaughter is Grace Susan Anderson of Kalispell.

He was preceded in death by his parents and four siblings.

A memorial service celebrating Tom Samuel Sr.'s life will be held 7 p.m. at Faith Covenant Church, 611 Third Ave. East, Kalispell, Wednesday, Nov. 3.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorial donations be made to Hope Pregnancy Center, 940 First Avenue East, Kalispell.

John C. Sanca, 60

John C. Sanca, 60, a Columbia Falls area resident, died May 9, 2004, at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish of natural causes.

He had been a maintenance mechanic for UPS.

He is survived locally by his wife, Patricia, and two daughters.

Memorial services will be 2 p.m. Friday, May 14, at the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish.

Leroy Harland Sanders, 90

Leroy Harland Sanders, known by his friends as Roy or "Chip," passed away peacefully in Kalispell at the age of 90 on Friday, May 7, 2004.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, May 10, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1380 Whitefish Stage Road, Kalispell. Friends are invited to call at the church one hour prior to services. Burial will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Roy was born to Anna and Ralph Sanders on Jan. 4, 1914, in Caputa, S.D. His early years were spent on the family ranch in the Black Hills. He attended local schools and later South Dakota Agricultural College in Brookings, S.D., and the National Automotive School in Los Angeles. Roy, together with his devoted wife, Mildred, who he married in 1944, ranched in the Black Hills and at Dupuyer, before retiring in Kalispell.



Roy is survived by a myriad of family and friends: a son Daniel Barr Sanders and Pat of Kalispell, daughter, Laurel Jeanne and Gary Kramer of Orem, Utah, and Kathryn Ann and John Stott of Hayden, Idaho; 21 grandchildren and 31 great-grandchildren; and a wonderful longtime friend, Clem Bourquin of Rapid City, S.D.

Several years ago in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary, Roy and Mildred summed up what each felt about the other. For Roy he keenly observed Mildred's positive and pervasive influence on the family. Just as important, Mildred put at the top of her list of accomplishments for Roy, his honesty in dealing with others and his consideration of friends, neighbors, and family. "Indeed, he taught all of us the real value of making do with whatever you have and not envying others." He revered the earth, trusted in God and was a faithful companion, a deeply committed father, and a loyal friend. "Happy trails till we meet again."

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Kermit Edwards Sanders, 89

Kermit Edwards Sanders, 89, died at his home in Eureka, Feb. 13, 2004.

Services are pending at this

time.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Jeanette N. Sasgen, 84

Jeanette N. Sasgen, 84, died Thursday, Nov. 25, 2004, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

Arrangements are currently pending with Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

Neil Sauerbier, 87

Neil Sauerbier, 87, passed away Saturday, July 10, 2004, at the Kalispell Regional Medical Center, surrounded by his wife and loved ones.



He was born Aug. 10, 1916, in Virginia City, to Karl and Eva Jane (Trennary) Sauerbier. Neil received his education through Virginia City schools.

He married Mary Julia Tate in Laurin, Mont., on Dec. 27, 1937; they were married for 66 1/2 years.

Neil worked for both Inter-mountain Transportation Company and Manion Motors, putting in 20 years of service at each job. He enjoyed fishing, riding and training horses, participating in high school rodeos and youth horse organizations, and was always willing to share his knowledge with others including his grandchildren.

Neil was preceded in death by his parents, and one brother,

Gilbert Sauerbier.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Sauerbier of Kalispell; son, K. David Sauerbier of Missoula; daughter, Mary Pat Orr of Denver; and son, Richard T. Sauerbier of Kalispell. Grandchildren include Christi Scott of Cypress, Calif., Carin Orr of Westminster, Calif., Carolyn Bush of Kihei, Maui, Hawaii, Daniel Sauerbier and his sons, (great-grandsons) Bradon, Jacob, and Tyler all of Seattle, Diana Huntley of Coeur D'Alene, Idaho, Kaimana Bush of Maui, and J. D. Orr of Westminster; one brother, Lowell Sauerbier of Alder; one sister, Jane Dawson of Salt Lake City; and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial gathering of family and friends will be 2 p.m. Saturday, July 24, at Julie's Restaurant on U.S. 2 West.

The family suggests memorials go to the National Foundation for Cancer Research, P.O. Box 96024, Washington, D.C. 20090-6024.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Orville O. Sather, 81

Orville O. Sather, 81, former Whitefish resident, died Monday, Nov. 8, 2004, at Greenwood Village Assisted Living Facility in Kalispell, from cancer.

He was a retired business manager for the Havre School District.

Survivors include his wife, Lavon Sather of Kalispell; two daughters, Sharman Sather of Denver, and Jill Leo of Havre;

and two sons, Vance Sather of Fairfield, Calif., and Grant Sather of Bremerton, Wash.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 12, at the First Lutheran Church in Havre. Burial with military rites will follow at the Highland Cemetery in Havre.

Arrangements are by Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester.

Harriett I. Satterfield, 78

Harriett I. Satterfield, 78, died Tuesday, April 20, 2004, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

She is survived by her

daughter, Linda Ornowski, of Kalispell.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Evelyn Elizabeth 'Jackie' Schandelmier, 94

Evelyn Elizabeth "Jackie" Schandelmier, 94, passed away Friday, May 28, 2004, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

She was born Dec. 27, 1909, in rural Bottineau County, North Dakota, to Fred and Sophia (Glentz) Shaw, the youngest of five children.

When Jackie was young, she and her siblings moved to Turner, Mont., with their mother and grandmother to homestead. Jackie then began working as a cook for the landowners in the area.

In 1929, Jackie married Clyde William Schandelmier, and they moved to Astoria, Ore., to attend vocational school for a short time; Clyde pursued training in mechanics, and Jackie pursued beauty school. They later moved back home to eastern Montana.

In the early 1950s, the family moved to Bigfork, where they began farming, raising sheep, carpentry work, and buying and selling property. Jackie maintained her role as homemaker, and when the chores were done, loved flower gardening, baking, sewing, quilting, and riding horses, as well as oil painting various life scenes of living in Montana. Jack-

ie and Clyde traveled occasionally, but most of all they loved being home.

She was active in establishing and building the Assembly of God Church at Bigfork, and was past president of the Women's Missionary Council.

Jackie was preceded in death by her husband; her parents; a sister, Ruth Kienenberger; and three brothers, Ford, Ken, and Tolbert Shaw.

Survivors include two daughters, Kathy Eslick and her husband Paul, of Bigfork, and Terri Larson, of Polson; six grandchildren, Eric Eslick, Aaron Eslick, Pauline Gibbs, Randy Walter, Lori Lakey, and Justin Larson; several great grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services for Evelyn "Jackie" Schandelmier will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, June 2, in the chapel of Johnson Mortuary, with the Rev. Miles Finch officiating. Burial will follow at the Lonepine Cemetery, Bigfork. The family will receive friends from 1 p.m. Wednesday until the time of services at the funeral home.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Lee Raymond Schar, 59

Lee Raymond Schar, 59, died on Tuesday, June 15, 2004, at his home in Whitefish.

After a courageous 10 month battle with cancer, he succumbed to the disease in his own bed surrounded by family, listening to one of his favorite songs.

Lee was born in Chicago's Norwegian-American hospital on Jan. 13, 1945, to Wallace and Fern Schar, the oldest of three boys. Growing up in Berkeley, he attended Proviso West High School where he met his wife-to-be, Joyce.

He graduated from the University of Illinois in 1968, with a major in psychology and a minor in human factor engineering.

In 1969, Lee married his wife of 35 years and in 1974, started work as a U.S. Secret Service agent, a career that spanned 26 years and took him all over the world. In 1980, he moved the family from Chicago to Washington, D.C., where he protected U.S. presidents and vice-presidents. Eight years later, he returned to Chicago to work intelligence and fraud.

In 2000, Lee retired and pursued a dream of moving out West and building a mountain home. Soon after 9/11 however, he accepted a position supervising federal air marshals in Seattle for



the TSA; he worked there until January of 2004.

Lee was a loyal Chicago Cubs and Bears fan and also enjoyed home remodeling, riding his Harley and history. Above all, he was a devoted family man who was never too busy to talk to or spend time with his daughters and wife. His stories and advice will never be forgotten.

He is survived by his wife, Joyce G. Schar, of Whitefish; his three daughters, Kristin Schar of Whitefish, Jenny Schar and husband, Seth Hutt, of Seattle, and Katherine Schar of Whitefish; parents, Fern and Wallace Schar of Naperville, Ill.; two brothers, James Schar and wife, Jan, of Westmont, Ill., and Keith Schar and wife, Beth, of Fontana, Wis.; and a large extended family.

A memorial service will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, June 18, at Christ Lutheran Church in Whitefish, with a reception to follow. Visitation will be held from 3 to 9 p.m. on Monday, June 21, at Grove Memorial Chapel in Elk Grove Village, Ill.

A memorial service will be held on Tuesday, June 22, at 10 a.m. at Grove Memorial followed by burial at Mt. Emblem Cemetery in Elmhurst, Ill., with a luncheon to follow.

Donations in Lee's honor may be made to the American Cancer Society or Christ Lutheran Church in Whitefish.

Albert John Schlapman, 92

Albert John Schlapman, 92, longtime resident of Conner, passed away Thursday, Sept. 16, 2004, at Heritage Place in Kalispell of natural causes.



He was born July 12, 1912, in Gladstone, N.D., the son of Anton and Anna (Simon) Schlapman.

Albert spent his early years cowboying and building on Fort Peck Dam with the Civilian Conservation Corps. He worked his way west to Bozeman, where he worked in the timber industry.

Albert met Enid Alverson in a logging camp where she was the cook. They married on July 16, 1940, in the Lutheran church in Livingston. Together they moved to the Bitterroot Valley in 1945. Albert began working for Dee Shook and remained there until retiring in 1977. Albert and Enid remained in the Bitterroot Valley until moving to Kalispell in January of 2004.

Albert is survived by two daughters, Charlotte Dolan and husband, Ken, of Sand Coulee, and Enid Lloyd and husband, Randy, of Kalispell; two granddaughters, Gwyn Dolan of Great Falls, and Becky Watts and husband, Richard, of Bonners Ferry, Idaho; one grandson, Brett Lloyd, of

Kalispell; three great-grandsons, Coe and Marshall Watts of Bonners Ferry, and Cameron Lloyd of Kalispell; sister, Lillian Holden, of Hettinger, N.D.; half brother, Richard Schlapman, of Taylor, N.D.; stepsister, Freda Larson, of Taylor, N.D.; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Enid, in April of 2004; four sisters, Rose, Wilma, Evelyn and Louise; three brothers, Fred, Tony and Rudy; and several nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 19, at the Daly-Leach Chapel in Hamilton. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, Sept. 20, at the Lone Pine Cemetery in Darby. There will be a reception following the services at the Darby Clubhouse. Pallbearers will be Don Brock, Eric Huggans, Dan Huggans, Richard Watts, Brett Lloyd, Carl Schlapman and Dee Shook.

The family would like to thank WellLife, the Heritage Place and the medical staff at Family Health Care in Kalispell for all of their compassion and care given to Albert.

Memorials may be made in Albert's name to the charity of the donor's choice.

Arrangements are under the care and direction of the Daly-Leach Chapel.

Enid Viola Alverson Schlapman, 86

Enid Viola Alverson Schlapman, 86, a longtime resident of Conner, passed away Monday, April 19, 2004, in Kalispell of natural causes.

She was born Dec. 18, 1917, in Livingston, the daughter of John and Eva May Alverson. Enid was raised and educated in the Livingston area and graduated from Clyde Park High School.

She married Albert John Schlapman on July 16, 1940, in Livingston.

Enid spent 35 years as a 4-H leader and also worked as an election judge in Conner for several years.

She was a member of the Conner church for many years. Enid loved taking care of her flowers and gardening, and she will be remembered for her beautiful yard.

Enid was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, James and Kazen Alverson; two sisters, Eva Sasse and Thelma Perkins; and a half brother, Howard Jacobson.

She is survived by her husband, Albert, of Kalispell; two daughters, Charlotte Dolan and husband, Ken, of Sand Coulee, and Enid Lloyd and husband, Randy, of Kalispell; half sister, Annabel Fredricks of Clyde Park; half brother, Art Jacobson, of Billings; three grandchildren, Becky Watts and husband, Richard, of Bonners Ferry, Idaho, Brett Lloyd of Kalispell, and Gwyn Dolan of Great Falls; and three great-grandsons, Coe and Marshall Watts and Cameron Lloyd.

Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. today at the Daly-Leach Chapel. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday at the Conner Church in Conner with burial to follow at Lone Pine Cemetery in Darby.

The family suggests that memorials be made in Enid's name to the Marcus Daly Hospice Center, 1200 Westwood Dr., Hamilton, MT 59840.

Arrangements are under the care and direction of the Daly-Leach Chapel.

Rosella (Drollinger) Hagen Schell, 71

Rosella (Drollinger) Hagen Schell, 71, passed away Saturday, June 19, 2004, at Brendan House in Kalispell, where loving staff assisted her and the family with all final requests. She was comforted and "at peace with the Lord" in the presence of her two daughters and niece.



She was born in Great Falls, on Feb. 9, 1933, to Burl and Ragna (Aune) Drollinger. Rosella, known as "Rosie" to all, moved with her parents to Kalispell, when her dad accepted a job with the U.S. Forest Service.

As a young adult, Rosella returned to Great Falls in the late '50s where she met her first husband, Raymond J. Schell. They were married and had their first child in 1961 before leaving the state. Her husband was an air traffic controller for the U.S. Air Force.

Travels for them began with a transfer to Battle Creek, Mich., shortly after the birth of their son. While stationed in Battle Creek, their first daughter was born in March 1963. Within a couple years they were transferred overseas to an Air Force base in Germany. There Rosella worked as a civilian on base in the commissary while her husband continued his career. They fondly enjoyed the company of new friends and experienced many memorable times. Mr. Schell also had his private pilot's license and flew his family all over neighboring countries in a single engine plane. In 1968 they returned back to the U.S. and were stationed in Richmond, Virginia; the birth place of their second daughter.

An unfortunate turn of events brought Rosella and her three children back to Kalispell in the early 1970s. Her marriage to her husband ended and she remained to raise her children as a single parent. Her work history in the Flathead Valley was varied, starting with delivering newspapers to Glacier Park. She also became an Avon and Tupperware representative in the Evergreen area. She soon met and married her second husband, Lee A. Hagen, in 1974. Even though their relationship ended some years later, Mr. Hagen

continues to have and build a close bond with his two stepdaughters.

In 1994, Rosella made a move to Anchorage, Alaska, where her three children resided. She embarked on many adventures with them as they showed her the beauty of the "Last Great Frontier." Together they enjoyed building more memories of family gatherings, hiking, fishing, camping, etc. After about a year's time, Rosella found herself returning back to Kalispell as she missed the quaintness of a small town.

She was retired on a medical disability and filled her days with walking, biking, shopping and frequent coffee breaks at Syke's, her favorite hang out! She always looked forward to the annual summer arrival of her three grandchildren whom she adored immensely.

Her passion and hobbies included horses, rodeos, country music, dancing and reading western novels. She said her only goals were to simply radiate happiness and humbleness in hope of inspiring others. The children believe "that the Lord truly blessed their lives with a 'Rose.'"

A special thank you from the family is extended to each caregiver, nurse, physician and hospice staff for their professional services, support and kindness. They would like to thank all relatives and friends for their loving support and prayers for her.

Rosella was preceded in death by her first husband, Raymond J. Schell; one brother, Wesley B. Drollinger; one sister, Sara Ellman McManus; and her parents.

She is survived by her son, Raymond M. Schell, of Clearwater, Fla.; daughter, "DeeDee" Donna Trush and husband, Paul, and their children, Danielle, Brandon and Paxton of Anchorage, Alaska; daughter, Beth A. Schell of Kalispell; also one brother, Argol Drollinger and wife, Patricia, of Gympie, Australia; with many cousins, nieces and nephews.

Memorial services for Rosella will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 26, at Johnson Mortuary Chapel with urn burial following at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. A reception will follow service for family and friends.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Rae Jane Schermerhorn, 84

Rae Jane Schermerhorn, 84, of Eureka, died Oct. 24, 2004, in Kalispell. She is survived by her children, Dexter and Randal, both of Eureka, Barry of Columbia Falls, and Ray and

LeeAnn, both of Kent, Wash.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 28, at Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church.

Arrangements are Nelson & Vial Funeral Home of Eureka.

Ervin C. 'Bud' Schilling, 86

Ervin C. "Bud" Schilling, 86, passed away on Thursday, Dec. 23, 2004, at Emmanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

Bud was born on March 30, 1918, to Charles and Julia Schilling on the family homestead 12 miles north of Harlem. He attended schools in Harlem, graduating from Harlem High School in 1937.

Bud married Helen Marker on Feb. 15, 1941, in Harlem. They had met in high school. They had six children, five sons and one daughter.

Bud owned his own farm but had to change careers when it was discovered that Helen was allergic to alfalfa dust. He went to work for the post office for 18 years.

In 1983, the Schillings moved to



Somers. They enjoyed spending their winters traveling in their motor home to Arizona. He enjoyed fishing, welding and playing pinochle. He was a member of Eidsvold Lutheran Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Julia Schilling; one sister, Dora; and a son, Wayne Schilling.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Helen, of Somers; daughter, Sharon Bruyer of Kalispell; sons, Charles Schilling of Harlem, Jerry Schilling of Somers, Mark Schilling and William Schilling, both of Havre; 10 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 29, at Eidsvold Lutheran Church in Somers. Urn burial will take place at a later date at the Harlem Cemetery in Harlem.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Alvera Mae Hillman Schmidt, 78

Alvera Mae Hillman Schmidt, 78, "was called home to teach with the Lord" on Saturday, April 17, 2004, at her home in Kalispell.



She was born Feb. 26, 1926, in Marietta, Minn., to Carl and Bertha (Lau) Hillman.

Alvera grew up in Minnesota and graduated from Canby High School. She continued her schooling in that state, receiving her teaching degree from Mankato State University.

She married Armin A. Schmidt on April 2, 1944, in Canby.

For the next 20 years, Mrs. Schmidt taught grades one through 12 in rural South Dakota and Minnesota, and in August of 1968, the Schmidts moved to the Flathead Valley. Alvera immediately started teaching elementary school at Hedges School in Kalispell, and she retired in 1988. She truly loved teaching the kids — that was her passion.

She was a member of the Eagles Auxiliary #234, the Delta Kappa Gamma Society, was a charter member of the Moose Auxiliary #1710, and was a member of the

Lambda Chapter of Alpha Mu State.

Alvera was a great cook and baker, and she was always very creative at craftwork, embroidery, and crocheting. She also enjoyed spending time camping with her family. The Schmidts were member of the Campers' Club.

Survivors include her husband, Armin A. Schmidt, of Kalispell; their children, Rhonda Farmer and her husband Don, of Kalispell, Rodney Schmidt and his wife Debbie, of Whitefish, Becky Schmidt, of Kalispell, and Ranell Schlatter and her husband Phil, of Centreville, Va.; eight grandchildren, Jason and Janessa Guyman, Josh, Kali, Kristy, and Jessica Schmidt, and Peter and Stasia Schlatter; one great-granddaughter, Alexia; a sister, Lyla Schmidt, of Marietta, Minn.; a brother, Hugo Hillman, of Battle Lake, Minn.; and several in-laws, nieces, and nephews.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 21, at the Calvary Lutheran Church, with Pastor Kurt Rau officiating. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday at Johnson Mortuary.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

Donald H. Schnaidt, 91

Donald H. Schnaidt, 91, passed away Sunday, Sept. 19, 2004, at the Kalispell Regional Medical Center.



Donald was born June 9, 1913, in Parkston, S.D., to Henry and Bertha (Wiedman) Schnaidt. Donald graduated from Parkston High School and attended South Dakota State College, University of Minnesota, and received his Bachelor of Arts degree in art from Dakota Wesleyan in 1936. He then attended Oberlin Conservatory with graduate work in voice.

In 1943, Donald enlisted in the U.S. Army where he taught Morse code and aircraft recognition. He was honorably discharged in 1946.

He married Kathryn Zinzow in Parkston in 1945. They had 59 wonderful years together. Donald served as a vocal soloist in various churches and synagogues; was a member of the Shakespeare Repertory group; theater make-up teacher and artist. He also worked as a

TV newscaster, owned and operated a hardware and paint business, and was an investment planner. Donald was instrumental in co-organizing the Little Bitterroot Lake Organization and served as president.

Besides being a soloist, he directed an early community choir. Donald's passion was for singing, fishing, gardening and woodwork. He was also a jazz music collector and an avid reader.

Donald was preceded in death by his parents, Henry and Bertha Schnaidt.

He is survived by his wife, Kathryn, of Kalispell; son, Mark Schnaidt of Whistler, British Columbia; daughter, Martha Wheeler and David of Moorhead, Minn.; and two grandchildren, Nicholas and Daniel Wheeler of Moorhead.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Sept. 24, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home Chapel.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions be made to the Little Bitterroot Lake Association or to the donor's choice.

Jason Brenden Schnur, 33

Jason Brenden Schnur, 33, was born in Arlington Heights, Ill., on June 5, 1971, and passed away in Missoula on Aug. 12, 2004.

He was a vibrant, fun, sweet, and passionate man who always had a way of making people laugh. He had a gentle and kind spirit. He was a loving father who absolutely adored his children.

Jason enjoyed hiking, biking and other outdoor activities. He had a great passion for cooking and was the head chef at the North Fork Grille at Meadow Lake in



Columbia Falls.

Jason was baptized on May 23, 2004.

He is survived by his sons, Cameron and Nicholas; daughter, Arika; mother, Lynn; sister, Amber; grandmother, Mickey; aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his father, Ken, who passed away on Oct. 12, 2003.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 15, at Kalispell Apostolic Church, 1765 Montana 35, in Kalispell.

In lieu of flowers the family is asking for any donations to be made to the Schnur Children Family Memorial Fund at Mountain West Bank.

Elizabeth Ann Schooley, 69

Elizabeth Ann Schooley, 69, died Wednesday, June 16, 2004, at North Valley Hospital.

Elizabeth was born Sept. 25, 1934, in Whitefish, to Emmett and Lucille (Sherman) Howke. Elizabeth grew up in Whitefish and attended high school there.

She married George "Al" Schooley in Cheyenne, Wyo., in 1950.

Elizabeth had been a past member of the Moose Lodge.



She was preceded in death by her husband, George "Al"; brother, Jack; and her parents.

She is survived by her two children, Crystal Humiston and Carol Rogers; three sisters, Karen of Kalispell, Dorothy of Wisconsin, and Roberta of Washington; grandchildren, Heather Vallejo and Wendy Rogers-Nielson; great-grandchildren, Selena Vallejo, Zack and Tyler Rogers and Cheyenne Nielson.

Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. today, at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Dr. Charles Joseph Schott, 81

Dr. Charles Joseph Schott, 81, died Aug. 22, 2004, at his home on Swan Lake near Bigfork.

He is survived by his three sons, Peter Schott of Langley, Wash., Rick Schott of Calgary, Alberta, and Charlie Schott of Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario;

and one daughter, Lisa Martz of Kirkland, Wash.

A visitation for family and friends will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 25, at Johnson Mortuary Chapel in Kalispell. Memorial services will be held in Lethbridge Alberta, at a later date.

Stephen Allen 'Steve' Schuldheiss, 63

Stephen Allen "Steve" Schuldheiss, 63, passed away on Sunday Aug. 29, 2004, in Kalispell, as the result of an airplane crash.

Steve was born on March 26, 1941, in Salt Lake City, to Allen and Leona Schuldheiss. He attended schools in the Flathead Valley, graduating from Flathead County High School in 1959. He also attended Montana State University.

Steve began his career in Oregon working in real estate and with Northwest Airlines in the 1960s. In the 1970s, Steve worked on the Trans Alaska Pipeline. During the 1980s, Steve independently owned and operated a successful sandwich franchise. He eventually returned to the Flathead, where he became a commercial vehicle operator.

He enjoyed flying, photography, motorcycles and boating. Steve loved staying connected with his close friends and loved ones. Steve loved to sing, and was blessed and with a wonderful voice and had a passion for country music.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Leona Schuldheiss; and one brother, Tim Schuldheiss.

He is survived by his loving and longtime partner, Janet Lund, of Lakeside; his father, Allen Schuldheiss, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell; two sons, Troy Schuldheiss of Richland, Wash., and Jeff Schuldheiss of New Jersey; one daughter, Shauna Saichompoo of Fort Lewis, Wash.; grandchildren, Wyatt Cade, Peyton Schuldheiss, Erin Woner, Nathan Schuldheiss, and Zakkery, Tyler and Brendon Saichompoo; and one great-grandson, Dillan Woner.

Family interment will be at 9 a.m. Friday, Sept. 3, at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Memorial services will follow the interment at 10 a.m. at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kalispell.

Memorials are requested to the Trinity Lutheran School in honor of his father's lifelong pursuit of a Christian education.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.



Allen Schuldheiss, 92

Allen Schuldheiss, 92, passed away on Tuesday, Sept. 14, 2004, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

He was born July 11, 1912, in Kulm, N.D., to Daniel and Ida Marie (Diegel) Schuldheisz.

Allen's high school and college years were spent at Concordia College, St. Paul, Minn., graduating in June of 1931. That fall, he entered Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Mo., and graduated in 1935.

He met and married Leona Oster on Sept. 27, 1936. Allen served Christ Lutheran in Murry, Utah, from 1936-1943. He then accepted a call to St. John's Lutheran church in Oakes, N.D. from 1943-1952. Allen was called to Houston, Texas, to Our Savior Lutheran Church from 1952-1955. In 1955, Pastor Schuldheiss accepted a call to Trinity Lutheran Church in Kalispell, from 1955-1965. He was able to fulfill his lifelong dream, starting Trinity Lutheran School in 1958. The last



call he accepted was at the Pilgrim Lutheran Church, Beaverton, Ore., from 1965-1977. He and Leona then moved back to Kalispell, in 1977, to retire.

Allen was preceded in death by his wife, Leona; his parents; his brother, Benjamin; and sons, Stephen and Timothy.

He is survived by his daughter, Mary Beth "Betsy" Osborne and her husband, Robert, of Denver; daughter-in-law, Shiela Fleming and husband, Jim, of Kalispell; two sisters, Esther Parr and Evangeline Meske, both of Oregon; three brothers, Clarence of North Dakota, Erwin and Russell of Minnesota; eight grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

Funeral services for Allen Schuldheiss will be held at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 21, at Trinity Lutheran Church with Dan Wurster officiating. Burial will be at 12:30 p.m. prior to the service at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be Monday, Sept. 20, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

John George 'Jack' Schulte, 82

John George "Jack" Schulte, 82, died after being stricken by a heart attack on June 12, 2004, in Evansville, Ind., while living with his daughter and son-in-law.



His family said they believe "God's chariot of Angels, driven by Betty Schulte, and led by Irish bagpipers, came to take her beloved husband, Jack, to his final resting place at the right hand of St. Patrick."

Jack was born in Butte, on April 3, 1922, to John A. and Mary Elizabeth Schulte. He was educated at Webster grade school, where he later coached football and track. He graduated from Butte High School in 1941.

He was a part of the Bulldogs 1940 state championship team. He is also a member of the Golden Bees. He enlisted in the 280 Ordnance Branch of the U.S. Army and served in World War II.

Jack married Mary Elizabeth "Betty" Schulte on Oct. 23, 1947, in Butte, where they lived until moving to Anaconda where Jack was employed by Fuller Paint until 1970 when he opened Schulte Paint & Glass. He also pulled double shifts at the Anaconda Job Corps. They moved to Helena, in 1976, and owned and operated Schulte Custom Framing and Art Supplies.

They retired in 1985 and returned to Anaconda.

Jack was a 25-year member of the Montana Officials Association in both football and basketball and umpired Legion baseball. He was most happy when hunting, fishing, and camping with his family. He enjoyed bowling and won many awards including the Anaconda Bowling Hall of Fame. He loved pitching horseshoes.

He was a past president of the Anaconda AOH and past exalted ruler of B.P.O.E. in Anaconda and Helena.

Jack was preceded in death by his parents; wife Betty; brother Billy; and sister, Betty Bennett.

He is survived by his brother, Bob, and wife, Pat Schulte, of Butte; brother-in-law, Gene Bennett of Deer Lodge; sons, Dan and wife, Kathy, of Kalispell, Paul and wife, Cathy, of Wolf Creek, and Sean and wife, Kathy, of Missoula; daughter, Marian and husband, Carl, of Evansville; 14 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Friends may call to pay to pay their respects in the Longfellow Finnegan Funeral Home in Anaconda beginning today at 5 p.m. The parish vigil service will be held in the funeral home at 7 p.m. The funeral mass will be celebrated 10:30 a.m. Thursday. Following the luncheon, burial will be in Holy Cross Cemetery.

Joseph C. Schumacher, 69

Joseph C. Schumacher, 69, a native of Montana, died Aug. 27, 2004, at Village Health Care in Missoula.

Joe was born on Jan. 17, 1935, to Tony and Eula (Couture) Schumacher at Missoula Community Hospital. Joseph attended school in both Polson and Kalispell. Joe graduated from Flathead County High School in Kalispell in 1953. Joseph excelled in art and continued his education at the Art Center School of Design in Los Angeles.

He served in the U.S. Army in the late 1950s and spent the majority of his military service in the Special Forces based in Fort Ord, Calif.

Joseph married Judy Stiegers and to this union two children were born: J Spencer and Jasn Jawn. Although later divorced, Joe and Judy remained good friends.

During the early years of his art career he did commercial art for advertising agencies as well as private clients. After several years in this capacity he made the decision to devote all his time to his art and left the corporate world behind.

Joseph was a talented, admired and accomplished artist who's works included oil and acrylic painting, pen and ink drawings, and other media. His works were exhibited in many galleries throughout the Western United

States, including President Nixon's Western White House in LaJolla, Calif.

Throughout his life he lived in a variety of locales including San Francisco, Los Angeles, and Depoe Bay, Ore. However he returned home to his beloved Montana for the last decade of his life.

Joseph leaves behind a son, J Spencer Schumacher of Inglewood, Calif.; a daughter, Jasn Jawn Schumacher of Denver; his brother and sister-in-law, Jon and Ione Schumacher of Missoula; as well as many other loving relatives; great-aunts, cousins, nieces and nephews, and other family members.

He maintained friendships over a great swathe of geography, staying in touch with all despite the distance. His sense of humor, intelligence and affability made him someone who is remembered with admiration and esteem.

Joe was an enrolled member of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribe and had done many Native American paintings.

In lieu of flowers the family has requested that donations be given to the Salish Kootenai College, Pablo, MT.

A graveside service will be held 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 31, at the Lakeview Cemetery in Polson. A reception will follow at the Kwataqnuq Resort in Polson.

Arrangements are by Grogan Funeral Home of Polson.

Barbara Ann Schwab, 40

Barbara Ann Schwab, 40, died Wednesday, Nov. 24, 2004, as a result of a vehicle accident near St. Regis.

Private memorial services

will be held at a later date.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Roman 'Romey' P. Schwegel, 74

Roman "Romey" P. Schwegel, 74, passed away on Oct. 7, 2004, at North Valley Hospital.

Romey was born April 30, 1931, at St. Joseph, Minn., to Michael and Ottilia (Gillitzer) Schwegel. He was raised in the Blackduck, Minn. area, attending school there. He graduated from Blackduck High School in 1949.

Romey enlisted in the U.S. Army and served as forward observer in Korea. He earned several medals, including a Bronze Star that he was very proud of.

After his military service he worked for several companies, including Continental Baking in Minneapolis and the Minnesota Highway Department, where he was foreman of a bridge repair crew.

In 1957, he married the former Nancy Corne at Blackduck. Together they raised five children.

In 1973, he moved his family to Olney, where American Timber Co. employed him as the head boiler operator and plumber. He retired in 1993.

Romey loved the outdoors, hunting, fishing and camping. He has many funny stories about his hunting and fishing experiences, many of which included his sons. He was always tinkering with something, trying to improve it —



the "Tim Allen" of his generation.

During his early retirement years, he made beautiful hand-made wood furniture until his health forced him to give it up. There are many fine examples of his cedar chests and cabinetry throughout Northwest Montana and other states.

Romey was preceded in death by his parents; brothers Clarence, Henry, Benedict, George, Frank and Leroy; sisters Hildagarde and Mildred; and infant daughter, Christine.

He was a life member of VFW Post 276, Whitefish, and for many years was active in the Whitefish Moose Lodge.

He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Nancy; daughters, Lisa and husband, Gary Hill, of Olney, and Lana and husband, Daniel Wright, of Kalispell; his sons, Kim and wife, Jera, of Kalispell and Arizona, Greg and wife, Janet, of Olney, and Carl and wife, Lisa, of Craig, Alaska; grandchildren, Jason, Michael, Sara, Maria, Larry, Misty, Tarsha, Kimisha, Jeramie, Chad, Cody and Edward; and seven great-grandchildren. He is also survived by two brothers, Albert of Whitefish and Arthur of Columbia Falls; and a sister, Caroline "Lillian" of Blackduck; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Oct. 17 at the VFW Post 276, Whitefish.

"We love you Dad."

Kathryn Lynette 'Kathie' (Smith) Schreiber, 59

Kathryn Lynette "Kathie" (Smith) Schreiber, 59, died peacefully on the morning of Dec. 31, 2003, in Seattle.

She was born in Kalispell, on Nov. 15, 1944, to Benjamin Smith of Everett Wash., and Ruth Smith (Rognlien) of Kalispell.

She is survived by her children, Matthew Brown of Lake Oswego, Ore., Darren Brown of Fall City, Wash., Ronald Schreiber (Brown) of Seattle, and David Schreiber (Brown) of Washington; her grandchildren, Chancellor Schreiber of Seattle, and Shad Schreiber of Fall City; and her sister, Shirley Woods (Smith) of West Seattle.

Kathie raised her four boys primarily by herself and often had to work to support them. Her husband, Gerald Brown, and father of her four sons, passed away 10 years ago. As a working mother, she was a typesetter by trade and had worked for the federal govern-



ment in Washington, D.C., the St. Petersburg Times in Florida, and Heath Printers of Seattle. She was known for her fast and accurate typing speeds that were in excess of 100 words per minute. She peaked at 120 once during a competition.

She became disabled by the complications of two kidney transplants and was unable to work for several years. While on dialysis she was able to travel to Europe on the "Dialysis Around the World" program and dialyzed in Germany where one of her sons was stationed in the military in the late 1980s. Kathie survived the second kidney transplant for about 10 years before it failed weeks before her death. She will be dearly missed by her family and friends.

A memorial service was arranged by her church on Sunday, Jan. 4, in Seattle.

The family is planning a summer memorial service near her much beloved Kalispell. Details about the service will be available in late spring. If you are interested in attending, please contact the family.

Geraldine Maria Schrock, 73

Geraldine Maria Schrock, 73, passed away on Sunday, Nov. 7, 2004, at her home in Kalispell. She was born on April 4, 1931, in Plentywood to Stanley and Edna (Andersen) Ottosen.



Geraldine received her early education in Kalispell and attended Flathead High School.

She married Larry Schrock on Feb. 12, 1962, in Great Falls.

She enjoyed sewing, walking, quilting, knitting, baking and being outdoors with Larry. Geraldine also loved her grandchildren, gardening, her flowers, and most of all, serving the Lord.

Geraldine was preceded in death by her father; and a sister, Darla Cervantes.

She is survived by her husband, Larry; a daughter, Tami Bjarko, and husband, Bryan, of Great Falls; three sons, Gene and wife, Judy, of Great Falls, Kalvin of Kalispell, and Todd and companion, Kari, of Kalispell; her mother, Edna Ottosen, of Bigfork; three brothers, Don, David and Edward Ottosen; two sisters, Monta Thomas and Milley McClure; and four grandchildren, Jesse, Jakob, Tausha and Jeremy.

Memorial services for Geraldine will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 11, at the Christian Center/Assembly of God with Pastor John Weaver officiating.

The family suggests memorial gifts be given to the Home Options Hospice, 175 Commons Loop, Suite 100, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

Irvin D. Scoggins, 51

Irvin D. Scoggins, 51, died Tuesday, March 30, 2004, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

He is survived by his mother, Evelyn Patterson; and two

daughters, Shawna Sturges and Kristi Miller.

He will be cremated and services will be at a later date.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Dorothy Scott, 81

Dorothy Scott, 81, of Troy, died Friday, July 2, 2004, at the Libby Care Center.

Survivors include two sons, Dave Scott of Missoula, and Rick Scott of Noxon.

Graveside services will be at

3 p.m. Saturday, July 10, at the Milnor Lake Cemetery in Troy. Visitation will from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday.

Arrangements are by Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Libby.

Robert 'Bob' Leroy Scott, 76

Robert "Bob" Leroy Scott, 76, "took his last trail ride" on April 4, 2004.

He was born Nov. 28, 1927, in Gordon, Neb., the second of six children born to Ellis and Laura Cornwell Scott.

At a young age the family moved to Wyoming and finally settled in the Cody area, where he attended Sage Creek Country School.

As a young man Bob worked for Holm Lodge Guest Ranch.

In 1950 he married Louise Hoskins and they had one daughter, Wanda. While working in Yellowstone National Park he met his second wife, Mary Jo Maxwell. They were married Sept. 17, 1955 in Laurel.

Their first daughter, Linda, was born in Montana before they moved to Cody in 1957. There, they had another daughter, Peggy, and a son, Bobby.

Bob worked in construction, the oil field, and finally at the Celotex Corp., where he worked for two years.

Upon retiring Bob and Mary Jo moved to Dillon, where they owned and ran an apartment building once owned by Mary Jo's grandparents.

Bob's passion was horses, and he trained and shod horses all his life after being taught by Billy Howell of Holm Lodge.

He was a member of the Eagles in Cody and the Elks in Dillon. He

was a Master Mason in Dillon Lodge #16 and a member of Mizpah Chapter #13 Order of Eastern Star in Dillon.

Bob was preceded in death by both parents; son Bobby; brothers Ellis Jr. and Emery; sister Margaret; and great-grandson Issac Gluyas.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Jo; daughters, Wanda and Glen Lorenz of Glendo, Wyo., Linda and Mike Zaborowski of Belleville, Mich., and Peggy and Rodney Wenger of Columbia Falls; grandchildren, Lyle and Kim Hanes of Texas, Margaret Gluyas of Marbleton, Wyo., Patience Hendrix of Michigan, Lesley and Tony Eacker (stationed in Baghdad, Iraq) of Kalispell, Susan Wenger of Kalispell, Charles Wenger of Fort Bragg, N.C., Patrick Wenger of Columbia Falls, and Michael Zaborowski of Belleville, Mich.; great-grandchildren Megan, Elijah and Carmen Gluyers, Cody and Hailey Hendrix, Zoe Hanes, August Eacker, and Elliott Wenger; step-grandchildren Gary Duncan, Deanne Lewis, Sean Zaborowski, Butch Lorenz, and Troy Lorenz and their children; brother Lloyd and Anneke Scott; sister Mildred and Bob Shotts of Cody; sister-in-law Jackie Melvin; four nephews and a niece.

Services are scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday, April 11, at the Methodist Church in Cody.

Richard C. Seay, 91

Richard C. Seay, 91, of Libby, died Tuesday, Nov. 30, 2004, at the Libby Care Center from natural causes.

He had worked as a mechanic all his life.

Survivors include his wife, Jennie, of Libby; son, Gerald

L. Seay, of Deer Park, Wash.; and daughter, Shirley S. Pine, of Vancouver, Wash.

Private family services have been held.

Arrangements are by the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Libby.

Carolyn Seits, 55

Carolyn Seits, 55, died on Thursday, July 8, 2004, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

Arrangements are pending with Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory.

Herbert Francis Shelley, 94

Herbert Francis Shelley, 94, of Bigfork passed away Thursday, Aug. 5, 2004, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell. He was born Dec. 24, 1909, in Pine River, Minn., to Stephen Francis and Mary Elizabeth (Herder) Shelley.



Herbert was raised in Watford City, N.D., where he received his early education. Before moving to Montana he herded cattle in North Dakota. His family lived in Polson, and he attended Lower Valley Hodgson School. He loved the outdoors, fishing and hunting, hiking, and picking huckleberries.

He enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1943 and served in the Asia-Pacific regions. He received nine America Area Ribbons, nine Bronze Stars, the Asiatic-Pacific Area Ribbon, and the Phillipine Area Ribbon. He was discharged in 1945.

On Sept. 7, 1949, he was united in marriage to Roberta M. Bartel in Helena.

As a young man, he worked as a lookout at the Allan Peak Lookout in the Cabinet Mountains. He also worked as a logger for J. Neils logging, and later worked scaling logs for Montana Saw, and later for J.D. Wickham for more than 20 years. Then later he worked for Bill Kaiser

piling brush until his retirement.

He was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day-Saints in Bigfork.

He is preceded in death by his parents; four brothers, Harvey and Raymond Shelley and two who were infants; three sisters, Mertie Pelkey, Bertie Rose Houtchen and Ethel Sager; six grandsons; and one great-grandson.

He is survived by his wife Roberta "Bobbie" Shelley of the home in Bigfork; four sons, Herbert Shelley, Jr. of Bigfork, Steve Shelley of Columbia Falls, Joe Shelley and wife Barb of Thorn Bay, Alaska, and Don McIntyre of Kalispell; two daughters, Lilly Wainwright of Kalispell, and Patricia Chubb of Columbia Falls; 20 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday at The Church of Latter Day Saints on Whitefish Stage Road in Kalispell. Viewing will be from 12-6 p.m. Monday at Johnson Mortuary Chapel, and on Tuesday one hour prior to the services at the church. Burial will be at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Memorial gifts (for the purchase of Melita Island) may be sent to Montana Council, BSA, c/o Tagen Vine, 111 River Butte Drive, Columbia Falls, MT 59912.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

Eddie D. Sheppard, 78

Eddie D. Sheppard, 78, passed away Feb. 12, 2004, in Crockett, Texas.

He was born in Blooming Grove, Texas, Feb. 1, 1926, to Griffin and Bunie Mae Sheppard. At the age of 17, he joined the Navy and served aboard a minesweeper in Dutch Harbor during World War II.

Eddie married Lois Holcomb in 1945 and together they raised seven children.

In 1959, Eddie opened Sheppard's Mercantile and Pawn Shop which has remained a family business for the past 45 years.

Eddie was an avid sportsman and enjoyed hunting and fishing.

He was preceded in death by his loving wife, Lois, in 1991.

Eddie is survived by three sons, Ronnie Sheppard of Spokane, Randy Sheppard of East Glacier, Steve Sheppard of Kalispell; and three daughters, Connie Warner, Brenda Flaget, and Beverly Opper, all of Kalispell, and Debbie Ulrich of Palmer. Eddie also leaves behind 12 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

The Sheppard family wishes to express their sincere gratitude to all of Eddie's loyal customers and good friends throughout the years.

Cremation has taken place in Texas and private burial will be at Glacier Memorial Gardens in Kalispell.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the American Cancer Society.

Eugene Carlos Sempf, 73

Eugene Carlos Sempf, 73, a former resident of Kalispell, died Sept. 20, 2004, at his residence in Anchorage, Alaska.

Eugene was born Sept. 28, 1930, in Kalispell. He graduated from Flathead High School.

He served in the U.S. Navy from 1950 to 1953.

Eugene became a resident of Alaska in the late 1950s and worked on the trans-Alaska oil pipeline and as a commercial fisherman.

He loved football and baseball. He also enjoyed fishing and was an avid reader.

He was a member of VFW Post 10252 and was retired from the Laborers Union.

Eugene is survived by his nieces, Denise Miller of Virginia Beach, Va., and Deborah Starin of Las Vegas; and his nephew, Daryl Sempf, of Kila.

A graveside service with military honors was held at Fort Richardson National Cemetery in Anchorage.

No local services are planned. Arrangements were with Witzleben Family Funeral Homes in Anchorage.

Ellie Suzanne Serio, newborn

Ellie Suzanne Serio, newborn daughter of Jeffrey and Tiffany Serio of Kalispell, was born at 3:31 p.m. and passed away at 3:46 p.m. Monday, Nov. 15, 2004, at Community Medical Center in Missoula.

She is survived by her maternal grandparents, Sue Thompson, of Kissimmee, Fla., and Mike and Gail Thompson of Kalispell; paternal grandparents, Tony and Irene Serio, of Lakeworth, Fla.; aunts, Nicole Thompson of Kalispell, Katrina Thompson of Kissimmee, and Torina Coutavas of Sanford, Fla.;

and uncles, Jesse Serio of Kalispell, and Randall and Broston Serio of Lakeworth.

Private memorial services for family and close friends will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 27, at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 1100 W. Reserve Dr., Kalispell.

The family suggests memorials to St. Patrick's House, 501 W. Alder, Missoula, MT 59902 (406-541-2828).

Cremation was provided by Garden City Funeral Home in Missoula.

Helen Elizabeth Sevier, 89

Helen Elizabeth Sevier, 89, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, Aug. 18, 2004, with her family by her side at the Kalispell Regional Medical Center.



Helen was born to Curtis and Verna Shoemaker on March 29, 1915, at Mitchville, Iowa. She joined two brothers and became part of a family of 10. The family later moved to Creston. Helen graduated from Flathead County High School and Modern Beauty School in Missoula.

She worked for a short time until meeting the love of her life while roller skating at Lake Blaine. She and Gene Sevier were married on Dec. 3, 1939. They were married for 64 happy years.

Helen and Gene ranched and farmed at Dayton in the early years and at Round Butte, for over 40 years. She became a very adept farm girl, working side by side with Gene, while raising two daughters. Helen was a wonderful cook, sewed beautifully, and raised a great garden. Her favorite hobby was square dancing, which they sometimes did three nights a

week. Also, Helen enjoyed bowling and liked to beat Gene at cards.

Helen was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Carl and John; a sister, Marguerite; a granddaughter, Crystal; and a son-in-law, Dan McAllister.

She is survived by her husband, Gene; daughters, Janet and LeRoy Lafrinire of Polson, and Margaret McAllister of Ronan; three grandchildren, Leslie Muth of Pablo, Rayne Lafrinire of Polson, and Kelly and Tanya McAllister of Ronan. She has eight great-grandchildren, Reece, Ryan, Mateel, Tisa, Jona, Trevor, Kane, and Trapper, and she has one great-great-grandson, Brendon. Her brothers and sister are Hugh and Virginia of Kalispell, Grace Bell of Washington, George and Bette of Oregon, Mary and Stan Preskitt of Texas, Glen and Charlotte of Kansas, Doris Lockridge of Washington, and Stan and Daisy of Kalispell.

Services for Helen will be held 2 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 23, at the Pablo Christian Church with Pastor Andy Campbell officiating. A reception will follow the services.

Memorials may be made to the choice of the donor.

Arrangements are under the direction of Grogan Funeral Home in Polson.

Martha H. 'Martie' Shiffman, 55

Martha H. "Martie" Shiffman, 55, of Somers, died Saturday, March 27, 2004, at the Brendan House in Kalispell.

Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Wednesday, March 31 at the Eidsvold Lutheran Church in Somers, with the

Rev. Wayne Pris officiating. Entombment will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens in Kalispell. There will be no visitation.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Fred E. Shipley, 73

Fred E. Shipley, 73, passed away Friday, April 9, 2004 at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

Fred was born Jan. 7, 1931 in Oakland, Calif., to Jack and Marion (Morehead) Shipley.

Fred grew up in Alameda, Calif., where he graduated from high school. He married Ethyl "Micki" Field in 1959.

Fred served two years with the California Air National Guard and then became employed with the City of Alameda Police Department. He was appointed Dec. 16, 1954, and retired on July 19, 1992. During his police career, Fred held positions as patrolman, field training officer, traffic investigations, SWAT team marksman, and as



warrant bureau officer.

Fred was a 40-year member of the Alameda and Grass Valley Elks lodges. He attained the office of Esquire at the Grass Valley Lodge. After moving to Kalispell five years ago, he became a member of the Kalispell Elks Lodge also. Fred enjoyed trap shooting, pistol shooting, and collecting coins and baseball cards.

Fred is preceded in death by his parents and his oldest son, Steven.

He is survived by his wife "Micki"; sons Chris and Mike; five grandchildren, Terry Neumann, Robert Frederick Shipley, Sarah Nicole Shipley, Taylor McKenna Shipley and Daniel Connor Shipley; daughters-in-law, Jaimi Shipley and Kimberly Shipley.

Memorial services will be held 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 14, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Rome Chapel.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Carol A. Siler, 56

Carol A. Siler, 56, passed away July 8, 2004, in Kalispell of natural causes.

She was born Dec. 3, 1947, in California and raised in Yuba City, Calif.

She received a bachelor's degree from Cal Poly State University in San Luis Obispo, Calif.

Carol worked as a substitute teacher in California for a number of years before moving to Kalispell, in 1990. She then went to work for the state of Montana as an eligibility specialist.

Carol enjoyed sewing, working



on her crafts and spending time with her grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her father, Eldon Siler.

She is survived by her mother, Eleanor Siler, of Kalispell; and sons, Brian Reynolds of Sierra Vista, Ariz., and Chris Siler and wife, Jennifer, of Kalispell; her grandchildren, Jaden and Jordan Siler of Kalispell; and brother, Phil Siler of Bigfork.

Cremation has taken place. No services are planned.

The family requests memorials be made to the National Fibromyalgia Association at www.fnaware.org; or to the National Heart Association, at www.americanheart.org, 1-800-AHA-USA1.

Loren Gale Simmons, 69

Loren Gale Simmons died Wednesday, July 14, 2004, at his Albany, Ore. home. He was 69.

Born Nov. 13, 1934, in Crawfordville, Ore., Loren was the middle of three children born to parents Lee Herbert and Ruth Agnes (Collins) Simmons. He graduated from nearby Lebanon Union High School and lived in Lebanon and Albany for most of his life.

He married Rose Mary Barber on April 13, 1954, in Kelso, Wash., of this union were born three sons.

Loren's father died when he was very young. Loren worked for many of the farmers around Lebanon doing field work and also worked in several plywood mills in the area. He worked at an Albany rare metals fabrication plant for 32 years where he was a maintenance supervisor. In 1989 he was sent on a business trip to China where he walked the Great Wall, and felt the many things he saw were a highlight to his life.

Loren lived to work. He was always helping friends and family build or fix things. He will be missed by all who knew him. "Loren is with the Lord now, where the nails are always straight and all the wrenches fit."

He loved waterskiing, fishing, hunting, and at age 55 took up golf. In 1991, he and Rose moved to Bigfork, where he had built a log cab-

in. They would winter in Yuma, Ariz., where Loren loved the warm weather and took up playing water volleyball. The couple moved back to Albany in September.

In December, Loren was diagnosed with myelodysplastic syndrome at the Mayo Clinic Hospital in Scottsdale, Ariz.

Survivors include his wife, Rose Mary, of Albany; sons, Ron and Richard Simmons, both of Sweet Home, Ore.; grandchildren, Josh Long and Brandi Simmons, also of Sweet Home; sister, Phyllis Schaefer and her husband, Dick, of Lebanon; brother, Leonard Simmons of Vernonia, Ore.; aunts, Bev Marquess and her husband, Walt, and Norma Jaska and her husband, Frank, all of Medford, Ore.; uncle, Paul Collins and his wife, Dale, of Lebanon; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Loren was preceded in death by son, Randel Lee Simmons, in October of 1980.

Memorial services will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, July 17, at AAsum Funeral Home. Private family inurnment with his son, Randel, will be at the Lebanon Oddfellows Cemetery.

Memorial contributions are suggested to Evergreen Hospice, care of AAsum Funeral Home, 805 Ellsworth St. SW, Albany, OR 97321.

Eleanor (Littares) 'Terry' Siler, 81

Eleanor (Littares) "Terry" Siler, 81, passed away on Jan. 8, 2005, in Kalispell, of natural causes. She was born Oct. 21, 1923, in Gridley, Calif.

Terry, as she was known to her friends, spent her professional career as a registered nurse, following World War II, and earning her license in 1947. Her favorite position was that of school nurse to the children of Lockheed Elementary School on Beale Air Force Base in California.

She was married to Eldon "Si" Siler for 35 years before his passing.

Terry was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

In her later years she particularly enjoyed her friends and

church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Eldon "Si" Siler; and her daughter, Carol Siler.

Terry is survived by her son, Phil Siler, of Bigfork; and grandchildren, Brian Reynolds of Sierra Vista, Ariz., and Chris and wife Jennifer Siler, and great-grandchildren, Jaden and Jordan Siler, all of Kalispell.

A memorial service for Terry and her daughter, Carol Siler, who passed away on July 7, 2004, will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Central Christian Church, Third Street East in Kalispell. Terry will be interred next to her late husband in California.

Memorial donations are suggested to the Multiple Sclerosis Foundation.

Maurice Glen Simonson, 83

Maurice Glen Simonson, 83, passed away at 10:10 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, 2004, at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.



He was born in Broken Bow, Neb., and moved with his family to St. Ignatius, where he enjoyed playing basketball in high school.

He married Patricia Hays (now deceased). His four children of that marriage were Gail Witzel of Colorado Springs, Colo., with her children, Rick, Patti, Wendy, Jerry, Charles and Kathy; Judy Opie (now deceased) with her sons, Jeff and Robert; son, Terry and wife, Alena, of Katy, Texas, with his daughters, Tracy, Erica and Katelyn; son, Ted and wife, Thelma, of Rapid City, S.D., and his sons, Shane, Scott and Stephen.

Maurice entered the Army in 1944 and served in the South Pacific until 1946. On his return to Montana he married Mary (Hovey) Young, mother of JeAnna (Peggy J) Wisher and husband, John, of Columbia Falls, and their children, Paul, Jonna and Luke.

Maurice moved to Washington state in 1953 where he worked as a Teamster. His hobbies were hiking, hunting and fishing and he loved boating and water skiing.

In 1967, he married Gladys Jones (now deceased). He was "Big Daddy" to stepchildren Rex, Regi-

na, and Reggie. He was acting grandpa to Regina's children, Cheryl, Angie and Jerry. He leaves a legacy of 20 great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

In retirement he traveled with Sam's Motorhome Club, and in 2001, returned to Montana to live with his daughter, JeAnna, in Columbia Falls. In 2002, he went to Montana Veterans Home, where he lived and was cared for until the end.

He was preceded in death by brothers Galen, Russell, Harvey and Keith; and a sister, Ruth.

He is survived by a sister, Barbara Yandt, of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. Dec. 30 at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls with Pastor Tim Bartholomew of Stillwater Lutheran Church officiating, followed by pot luck and celebration of Maurice's life at the Wisher home in Columbia Falls. He will be interred at Pleasant View Cemetery in St. Ignatius in the spring of 2005.

The family would like to express their thanks and appreciation to the staff at Montana Veterans Home for their special care and attention to Maurice's needs and for helping him feel at home during his stay there.

Donations may be made, in lieu of flowers, to Olney-Bissell School Playground Fund c/o JeAnna Wisher.

Harold E. 'Hap' Simpson, 78

Harold E. "Hap" Simpson, 78, passed away on July 9, 2004, at Kalispell Regional Hospital in Kalispell.



Hap was born on Oct. 28, 1925, to Dr. Joseph J. and Maude I. Simpson of Kalispell. He attended primary school at Hedges School and graduated from Flathead County High School in 1943. His passion for sports started in high school. He played on both the tennis and football team for the Flathead Braves, achieving All State honors for football. After high school he attended the University of Washington in Seattle.

On Nov. 7, 1944, he married Helen Cameron, his wife of 59 years.

His father and mother preceded him in death.

He is survived by his brother, Raymond Simpson of Sacramento, Calif.; his wife, Helen; and their three children, son Larry Simpson and his wife, Margie, of Kalispell, daughter, Kay Leary and her husband, Tom, of Sacramento, and daughter, Linda Cloutier and her husband, Brian, of Bigfork. He was the beloved grandfather of seven grandchildren, David and Michael Simpson; Chris, John, and Kevin Leary; and Lisa and Jenny Cloutier.

Other than his family, his greatest love was golf. He was active in the Kalispell Golf Association serving as president and chairman of the expansion project at Buffalo Hills.

He was also an avid supporter of the high school golf program.

In addition to being active in the Kalispell Golf Association he was a founding member of the Kalispell Jaycees. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge, the Shriners, Elks Club, Rotary Club, and Hoo Hoo, a lumberman's organization. For many years he served on the board of directors of First National Bank.

He worked for 30 years in the lumber industry in Montana and British Columbia. He had a small mill in Olney and then one in Marion. He started H. E. Simpson Lumber Co in the 1950s and was a partner in the Selkirk Spruce Mills in Donald, British Columbia.

Upon his retirement he and his wife Helen spent winters in Hawaii and southern California. They enjoyed traveling extensively with family and friends including several trips to Europe and Asia.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests donations to the Shriners Children's Hospital in Spokane, Wash., or an organization of the donor's choice.

The family would like to express their extreme gratitude to the magnificent staff at the Kalispell Dialysis Center for all the care and support they provided for Hap over the past eight years.

The family will hold a private family service on Wednesday. A celebration of Hap's life will be held at the home of his son, Larry, at 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday for family and friends.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Lewis 'Louie' Arthur Sindt, 57

Lewis "Louie" Arthur Sindt, 57, died Sunday, April 18, 2004, at Colonial Manor in Whitefish of natural causes.

He was born Nov. 20, 1946, to Lewis and Eva Sindt in Sandpoint, Idaho. The family lived in Hot Springs, Anaconda and finally moved to Columbia Falls in 1960 where he resided until his death.

He joined the Army in 1967 and was ready to ship out to Vietnam when he was hurt in a car wreck and was left disabled, but he never gave up.

Louie had a heart of gold and would help anyone that needed it. He enjoyed listening to the police scanner and spending time with

his friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Lewis and Eva Sindt, and his brother, Richard Sindt.

He is survived by his brother, Russ Sindt of Columbia Falls; and John Hewitt of Polson; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews, one great-nephew; and friends.

Cremation has taken place. Interment of his ashes will be held at Woodlawn Cemetery with graveside services at 4 p.m. today, April 23.

Columbia Mortuary is charge of arrangements.

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

Evagene Shonkwiler, 89

Some say letter-writing is a lost art. But letter writing was a profound pleasure for Evagene Shonkwiler, who spent her life giving to



others, serving her family, and staying in touch through lively correspondence with a vast network of friends stemming back to childhood days. She died Thursday, Dec. 16, 2004, at her Hamilton home of complications related to Parkinson's disease. She was 89.

Evagene and her husband, Lincoln Neil Shonkwiler, who died in 2002, moved to Hamilton, in 1957, when they purchased the Ravalli County Bank. Evagene worked in cash management and public relations at the bank for 18 years and was a member of its board of directors until retiring in 2002. She was also active as an elder and a deacon of the First Presbyterian Church.

Church activity was a central aspect of Evagene's life; her first full-time job in Minneapolis was as secretary of the enormous Hennepin Avenue Methodist Church, keeping track of its many members in the metropolitan area. "She was on the switchboard," said Evelyn

Heath, a Minneapolis friend since high school days. "She knew everything about what was going on and was a part of it all."

The church's Sunday night youth program, The University of Life, attracts 600-700 young adults weekly. Out of that youth group, Evagene formed lasting friendships with other young women embarking on school, careers and marriage. "We didn't have a date every minute of the day," said Mrs. Heath, "so we did all kinds of things together on Saturday afternoons." These friends would eventually form the "Round Robin," a letter-writing group of astonishing longevity that helped them all to keep in touch as they passed through college, courtship and marriage, the births of their children, the nurturing of their families, and the inevitable challenges and frailties of old age.

When World War II broke out, Evagene attempted to join the Red Cross but the petite girl was rejected because she didn't meet the minimum weight requirement. She then pursued a master's degree in social work at the University of Minnesota and worked in child placement services, for which there was high demand during the war years. A friend from the graduate school program, Geraldine "Gerry"

Nilsstuen, was another lifelong friend who never lost touch. "She wore my wedding dress," said Mrs. Nilsstuen. "We were always on the same wave length. And luckily for us, our husbands also got along. We went on many trips together early in our married lives."

Evagene was born on Nov. 7, 1915, in Columbus, Ohio. She was the daughter of Ruth Detwiler Sanders and Charles Sanders. Ruth was well-known for her porcelain painting. Charles was a high school teacher and coach. The family moved around a lot when Evagene was growing up, to Oak Park, Ill., then to Milwaukee, Wis., and finally to Minneapolis, where Evagene attended West

High School and the University of Minnesota. She met Lincoln Shonkwiler at the university and married him on Oct. 6, 1945.

The couple lived in Estherville, Iowa, for the first 10 years of their married life. They moved to Skokie, Ill., when Lincoln and a group of Chicago businessmen started the Skokie Trust and Savings Bank in 1957.

Evagene was a member of the PEO sisterhood for more than 50 years, most recently Chapter AF in Hamilton. At one time she served as president of the Hamilton branch of the American Association of University Women and of the Presbyterian Women. She was a lifetime member of the Marcus Daly Memorial Hospital Auxiliary. She enjoyed playing tennis and doing water aerobics, and she derived great pleasure as a charter member of the Presbyterian Church's Memorial Bell Choir.

"She loved playing in that choir," said Mildred Brownlee, another charter member. "I still have a picture of the original group." When Evagene's mother died, she bought some bells for the choir's upper octave in her memory.

Evagene always expressed mixed feelings about her name, which was originally two words, Eva Gene. Because she was petite, she was often called "Tiny," a nickname she tolerated. But when a grade school teacher took to calling her "Little Eva," she persuaded her parents to change it to Evagene.

The family would like to extend its heartfelt thanks to an extraordinary group of care-givers who made it possible for Evagene to spend her last days at home in peace and comfort. Karen Ernst, Sharon Holmes, Lisa Shafer, Diana Malone, Anna Polin, Janice Sooy, Michele Bundy and May Weldon — she could not have done it without you.

Evagene was preceded in death by her brother Rodney D. Sanders.

She is survived by daughter, Nancy Malitz, and her husband, Lawrence B. Johnson, of Detroit; Mich. daughter, Barbara Lee and her husband, Tom Lee, of Kalispell, and son, Chuck and his wife, Niki Shonkwiler, of Hamilton. There are five grandchildren, Holli Paugh, and her husband, Harley, of Durham, N.C.; Adam Shonkwiler of New York City, N.Y.; Tim Shonkwiler of Hamilton, and Cori and Lori Lee of Kalispell; and several nieces and nephews.

A visitation is planned for friends and family from 6 to 8 p.m. at Dowling Funeral Home, 415 South 2nd St. on Tuesday, Dec. 21. A memorial service, Rev. Janet M. Malone officiating, and reception are scheduled at 2 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 23, at First Presbyterian Church, 1220 West Main St. The private family inurnment will take place at Riverview Cemetery in Hamilton.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to a charity of your selection, or to the Bitterroot Public Library, 306 State Street, Hamilton, MT 59840 and Bitterroot Youth Home, 316 N. 3rd Street, Hamilton, MT 59840.

The arrangements are under the care and direction of Ronald Brothers with Dowling Funeral Home and Crematory in Hamilton.

Amanda M. Skare, 91



Amanda M. Skare, 91, passed away on Sunday, Oct. 3, 2004, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center. She was born on Jan. 6, 1913, at Fairdale, N.D.,

the daughter of Andrew and Hilda (Anderson) Lofgren.

She was raised and educated in the Fairdale community, completing the eighth grade.

On March 23, 1929, she was united in marriage to Ingvald Skare at Grafton, N.D.

She was an accomplished seamstress, and enjoyed painting and doing crafts. She loved to cook, especially Swedish and Norwegian dishes. She was a homemaker, but had worked a few years at the old Kalispell General Hospital and the Imperial Laundry. She attended Northridge Lutheran Church, and was a charter and life member of Kalispell Eagles Auxiliary No. 234. She was also their pianist and drill captain for many years, winning many competitions.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Andrew and Hilda Anderson Lofgren; her husband, Ingvald Skare, in 1985; two sisters, and one brother.

She is survived by two sons, Allen Skare and his wife, Arlene, and Ronald Skare and his wife, Joan, all of Kalispell; a daughter, Rosella Coffin of Richland, Wash.; numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Visitation will be today from 12 to 6 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary. Burial will follow at C. E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. The family suggests any memorial contributions be sent to Kalispell Eagles Auxiliary No. 234, 37 First St. W., Kalispell, MT 59901.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

William J. "Bill" Skranak, 79

William J. "Bill" Skranak, 79, formerly of Libby, died Wednesday, Oct. 27, 2004, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

He was born at Bonners Ferry, Idaho, on July 16, 1925, to Medhadej "Mike" Skranak and Frances Mary Bobek Skranak. He came to Libby shortly thereafter where he was raised and educated; he served with the United States Army during the Korean Conflict, returning to Libby following his honorable discharge.

Bill, along with his brothers, Henry and Frank, had owned and operated Skranak Brothers Construction Company for many years in Libby.

He married Lorraine Ryan on June 9, 1966, at St. Joseph Catholic



Church in Libby. In 1970, he and Lorraine moved to the Flathead Valley, residing in Whitefish. Bill was employed by the National Park Service at Glacier National Park until his retirement.

His wife Lorraine preceded him in death in 1984. He remained in Whitefish until moving to Kalispell in 1987. He was also preceded in death by brothers, Frank, George, Charles and Henry, and a sister, Irene.

Survivors include nieces and nephews, Mary Iverson of Kalispell, Jim Skranak of St. Maries, Idaho, Allen Skranak of Arlington, Wash., David Skranak of Eureka, Duane Skranak of Libby, Caroline Treadway of Columbia Falls, and Mike Skranak of Pinehurst, Idaho.

Graveside services with military honors will be 11 a.m. Monday at the City of Libby Cemetery under the direction of Nelson & Vial Funeral Home.

Marjorie M. Slack, 95

Marjorie M. Slack, 95, died Monday, May 10, 2004, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

She is survived by her son,

James, of Bigfork.

Private family services will be held.

Bigfork Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Leonard 'Rosy' Sleizer, 89

Leonard "Rosy" Sleizer, 89, a lifelong resident of Libby, died Sunday, May 2, 2004, at the Libby Care Center from natural causes.

Survivors include his daughter, Ruth Norris, of Libby.

Services will be at 1 p.m.

Wednesday, May 5, at St. John's Lutheran Church. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. May 5.

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