

Bernice Slethaug, 88

Bernice Slethaug, 88, passed away on Monday, March 8, 2004, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell where she resided since July 2003.



She and her twin brother, Boyd, were born in Hartman, Colo., on Nov. 1, 1915. She was the daughter of Myron and Laura (Evans) Sherman. At 3 months of age, she moved with her family to the Flathead Valley, where her father farmed and logged. Bernice was one of 9 children, and since her family lived quite a ways out of town, she stayed with her sister in Kalispell so she could attend Flathead High School, graduating in 1934.

On June 5, 1937, Bernice married Erwin Slethaug. They made their home in Kalispell most of the 59 years that they were married, but also lived for a short time in Polson, Malta, Great Falls and Laurel. Upon Erwin's retirement from Safeway in 1978, they made their home in Rollins until 1996.

Bernice enjoyed reading, baking, sewing, traveling and crafts. She worked for several years in libraries in the towns where she lived.

Bernice is survived by her

three daughters, Billie Jean Moksnes, and husband Steve of Maui, Hawaii, Barbara Slethaug of Kalispell and Joanne Knutson of Bigfork; five grandchildren, Erik Moksnes of New Meadows, Idaho, Karen Moksnes of Bethesda, Md., Jeff Knutson and wife Tiffany of Kalispell, Jon Knutson of Chesterfield, Va., and Josh Knutson of Lynnwood, Wash. Bernice is also survived by two great-grandsons whom she adored; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1996, her parents; eight siblings; a son-in-law, Don Knutson; and a grandson, Joseph Knutson.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, March 12, at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church with Pastor Larry Stappler officiating. Burial will follow at the Glacier Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be at Johnson Mortuary on Thursday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The family suggests memorial gifts be given to Bethlehem Lutheran Church for the Erwin and Bernice Slethaug Scholarship Fund, 603 South Main Street, Kalispell, MT 59901; or the Flathead County Library, 247 First Ave. East, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

Sidney 'Ray' Sletton, 57

Sidney "Ray" Sletton, 57, died Nov. 10, 2004, at his Ferndale residence, after suffering a massive heart attack.

He had worked as a maintenance engineer throughout the Flathead Valley and the West.

Survivors include his mother, Joy, of Anaconda; and sisters, Sandra Chestnut of Columbia Falls, Carol Miller of Billings, and Shirley Niles of Whitefish.

A celebration of life will be at 1 p.m. Monday, Nov. 22, at the Anaconda Chapel of KT Riddle Funeral Homes, with the Rev. Chuck Lanes officiating and the Rev. Darryll Newby participating. Inurnment will follow in the veterans section of New Hill Cemetery with military honors presented by the Anaconda American Legion Post No. 21 Color Guard.

Helen M. Sloan, 96

Helen M. Sloan, 96, passed away Monday, Jan. 10, 2005, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

She was born May 1, 1908, in Springfield, Colo., to Nicholas

James and Anna Louise Con-samos. Helen grew up in Vinton, Iowa, with her only sibling Irene. She graduated from Vinton High School in 1925 and graduated from Mercy Hospital School for Nurses in 1935.

In 1943 she joined the Red Cross nurses. Her travels brought her to Kalispell in 1946, where she worked for Kalispell General Hospital.

It was in Kalispell where she met Vincent Sloan, her beloved husband of 41 years. They were married May 1, 1954, at St. Ann's Cathedral in Great Falls.

Helen was devoted to nursing until she retired in 1970. She and Vincent loved archery, fishing, hunting and camping.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Vincent; and her sister, Irene.



She is survived by many nephews and nieces including Joseph Sloan and wife, Doris, Steve Sloan and wife, Cheri, Brian Sloan and wife, Amber, Adam Sloan and Parker Sloan and Kim Geer, James Sloan and wife, Virginia, Nathan Sloan and Peter Sloan, all of Kalispell, also Michael Sloan and family of Banning, Calif., Robert Sloan and family of Renton, Wash., Dennis Sloan and wife, Rosie, Beverly Jacob and husband, Bruce, all of Rapid City, S.D., and Bill Sloan and wife, Jessica, of Stanford.

Mass of Christian Burial for Helen M. Sloan will be held 11 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 14, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church with Father Vic Langhans as celebrant. A committal will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be held from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. today, with a vigil service at 4 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel.

The family suggests memorials be given in Helen's name to Hospice Home Health Options, 175 Commons Loop, Suite No. 100, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Roy Raymond 'Ray' Slusher

Roy Raymond "Ray" Slusher passed away April 30, 2004, at Montana State Veterans Home in Columbia Falls. He was born Nov. 20, 1918, in Horton, Kan., to Roy and Margaret Slusher.



During World War II he served in the United States Army in the Philippine Islands. He received the Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal; Bronze Service Star; Combat Infantryman Badge; Good Conduct Medal; World War II Victory Medal; Army of Occupation Medal; Japan Clasp of Philippine Liberation Ribbon; and the WWII Honorable Service Lapel Button.

As a young man Raymond learned the baking business from his father Roy and his Uncle Irvin in Glen Elder, Kan., and later perfected his baking skills in bakeries he owned in Limon, Colo., and Montana.

Raymond married Viola Burger on Aug. 23, 1939, in Wilson, Kan., soon after they moved to California. After completing his service with the Army, Raymond and his family returned to Glen Elder where he worked in his father's bakery. Raymond and Viola then moved to Limon, where they owned and operated a bakery until 1955.

Raymond moved his family to Montana, and owned and operated a bakery in Stevensville for a short time. He and Viola then settled in Whitefish in 1961 where they owned and operated Slusher's Bakery for more than 20 years. Although the Slusher's retired and sold the bakery in 1981, many customers still express fond memories of the Slusher's Bakery and Ray's famous Blueberry Sweet Rolls.

Raymond had great compassion for others and during his lifetime he was able to help many young people by getting them started in the baking business. He had many interests including studying his Bible, fishing, rock-hounding, hunting and camping, and watching baseball on TV. He will be greatly missed by those who were close to him and great comfort is taken in knowing that he is at home with the Lord.

Raymond is survived by Viola, his wife of 64 years; sons, Ron Slusher and wife Carrie of Kalispell, and Terry Slusher and wife Barbara of Homer, Alaska; sister, Rosalie Porter and husband Morris of Omaha, Neb.; grandson, Todd Slusher and wife Joyce of Las Vegas; granddaughter, Shelly

House and husband Ken of Phoenix; great-grandchildren, Cilia Waggoner and husband Jake, Logan Slusher, Grayson Slusher and Noah Slusher, all of Las Vegas; and Sheree Brock, Makayla House and Tanner House, all of Phoenix; great-great-grandson, Jeffery Young of Las Vegas; and also numerous nephews, nieces and extended family members.

A memorial service will be held for family and friends at Whitefish United Methodist Church at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 8. Cremation has taken place by Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish.

The Slusher family would like to thank all the special people involved in Raymond's care.

Memorials in his honor may be made to the Montana State Veteran's Home, Columbia Falls.

Albert K. Smith, 74

Albert K. Smith, 74, of Troy, died Wednesday, March 31, 2004, at the Libby Care Center.

He worked for the J. Neils Lumber Company, the St. Regis Paper Company and Champion International until retiring in 1987.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Bette Schoonmaker

Smith; and his children, Deborah Hill of Chester, Carla Smith of Great Falls, and Alan Smith of Newport, Ore.

Services will be 11 a.m. Saturday, April 10, at the Troy Church of God with the Rev. Gene Bushnell officiating.

Arrangements are by Nelson & Vial Funeral Home.

Clara Olive Smith, 98

Clara Olive Smith, 98, died on Sunday, Nov. 28, 2004, at the Heritage Place in Kalispell.

She is survived by her son, Dwight Spaulding of Kalispell, and a daughter, Barbara Shields of West Palm Beach, Fla.

No services are scheduled at this time. Urn burial will take place in the Kensico Cemetery in Valhalla, N.Y.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

Clarence 'Bob' Smith

Clarence "Bob" Smith died Sunday, June 20, 2004, at his home in Marion.

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

Clarence Clinton Smith, 75

Clarence Clinton Smith, 75, passed away on Sunday, June 20, 2004, at his home in Marion.

He was born on Sept. 6, 1928, in Minot, N.D. Clarence moved with his family to Eatonville, Wash., with his family as a young man. At the age of 11 he rode the rails to Dillon, and worked for the Flynn's Ranch until he was 18. Riding the rails back to Eatonville, Clarence worked as a single jack with a misery whip until going to the coast to work as a Merchant Seaman from 1947 to 1970.

In 1956, he met and married Florence May in Burien, Wash. He then cared for 10,000 bee hives from Washington to California until 1982. He began work in the construction business, working as an operator from 1983 to 1988, at which time Precision Dirt Works, Inc. was formed with Oscar Orloske in Monroe, Wash. In 2002, the company expanded their oper-

ation to Marion.

Among Clarence's interests were deep sea fishing, lake fishing, and his work as a commercial fisherman.

He was a member of the Eagles Lodge in Monroe and Sultan, Wash., and in Kalispell. He was also a member of the Elks Lodge.

Clarence was preceded in death by his wife, Florence May.

He is survived by two sisters, Charlotte and Clara, both of Sumner, Wash. His two partners, Oscar Orloske and Cristina Miller still reside in Marion.

At his request, no services are scheduled at this time.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Edward C. Smith Jr., 49

Edward C. Smith Jr., 49, died on Friday, Dec. 31, 2004, at his residence west of Marion.

Services for Edward C.

Smith Jr. are pending.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Jan C. Smith, 61

Jan C. Smith, 61, died on Feb. 25, 2004, at her home in Whitefish after a long battle with cancer.

She was born on Nov. 10, 1942, in Whitefish, to Dr. Robert and Marjorie Stewart. Jan attended grade school in Whitefish and graduated from high school in Alexis, Ill.

After graduating from the University of Iowa in 1964, she married Bill Smith, now deceased. They settled in Wauwatosa, Wis., where Bill was a hospital administrator. They had one daughter, Alison.

Jan was a teacher at St. Pius X school in Wauwatosa for many



years. In 1990, she returned to Whitefish and for the past 11 years has been a teacher at Columbia Falls Junior High School.

Survivors include her daughter, Alison Smith-Moser and husband, Aaron, of Missoula; and her four grandchildren, Alex, Aidan, Anton and Anna; her stepchildren, Chris Smith, Stephanie Smith and Pam Nelson; her brother, David Stewart of Whitefish; and nephews, Michael and Andrew Stewart.

Funeral services will be held 4 p.m. Monday, March 1, at St. Charles Borromeo church in Whitefish with Jan's friend, Father Charles Roman presiding.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to the Children of Kathmandu, P.O. Box 1179, Whitefish, MT 59937.

Joyce Ardelle Jacobsen Smith, 74

Joyce Ardelle Jacobsen Smith, 74, treasured mother, stepmother, mother-in-law, grandmother, cousin, friend, "joined her Loving Creator" and the many family members and friends who arrived just ahead of her Wednesday morning, Oct. 13, 2004, at Brendan House from cancer, surrounded by her family.



Joyce was born Aug. 19, 1930, in Dagmar, the daughter and only child of Carl and Susie Jacobsen. She met and married Willie Joe Smith of Missouri while he was in the U.S. Air Force. She loved to travel and she and Bill had the privilege of being stationed overseas in England for three years, which she enjoyed tremendously.

She returned from England to Ohio for 18-plus years, making many lifetime friends as well as being a very active leader in the Miami Valley Council of the Boy Scouts of America, the Girl Scouts, and president of Vocal Boosters for West Carrollton Senior High School.

Sharing the love of the Lord was her life, and she was a very gifted musician. As a very active member of First Presbyterian Church in West Carrollton, Ohio, she shared the Lord through her music in the senior choir for many years.

Joyce was often fondly referred to as "the momma of the neighborhood." Her door was always open. She was always there whenever someone needed an afternoon snack, a listening ear, strong shoulders to lean on or a word of encouragement.

An avid sports fan, Joyce never missed any sporting event her children or others were involved in. Whether at a football, softball, baseball or soccer game, you could always hear her voice loud and clear above everyone else shouting, "You can do it!" and "Way to go, kiddo."

She had an especially deep love of baseball, which she shared with family and friends by attending

many Cincinnati Reds games and watching or listening to many Atlanta Braves games with her son-in-law, Barry.

In 1990, she moved back to Montana, to Flathead Valley to be closer to her parents and other family members. She transferred her membership from First Presbyterian Church in Ohio to First Presbyterian Church here in Kalispell, where she became an active member, singing in the choir and serving as a deacon.

Always a lover of the great outdoors, Joyce spent many an adventure-filled summer up in Glacier National Park as a "park brat" with her mother, Susie, and father, Carl, who was a seasonal park ranger there. Some of her very favorite places they spent the summers were Two Medicine, St. Mary's, and Swift Current.

The loves of her life were her Lord, her family and her friends and she is survived by her son, Master Sgt. Christopher Smith of the USAF in Texas; her daughter Faith and son-in-law, Barry Duke, of Kalispell; and Joyce's grandchildren, Adam, Christopher, and Jennifer Topp; stepson, Samuel and wife, Norma Smith, of Illinois; grandson, Stuart and wife, Julie Smith and family of Minnesota; grandson, Miles and wife, DonnaAnn, of Wisconsin; stepson, Andrew Smith of Colorado; granddaughter Tandy and family of Colorado; and many more family members, friends and acquaintances.

A memorial service and celebration of Joyce's life will be at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 21, with her son-in-law the Rev. Barry Duke and the Rev. Glenn Burfeind officiating.

The family suggests that any memorial contributions be made to First Presbyterian Church of Kalispell, the American Cancer Society, the American Diabetes Association, Brendan House, Kalispell Regional Medical Center, The Salvation Army, Friends of Head Start, or any other programs/organizations that nurture and support families and children.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Cpl. Raleigh Clinton Smith, 21

Cpl. Raleigh Clinton Smith, U.S. Marine Corps, was killed in action on Dec. 23, 2004, in Fallujah, Iraq. He was born Dec. 7, 1983, in Libby. He was raised and graduated high school in Troy. He left for boot camp two days after he graduated.

He loved fishing, hunting, trapping, camping, prospecting, long-distance running and tennis.

He belonged to and was a charter member of the Troy Baptist Church.

He loved life, his family, and friends. In May of 2004 he became a very proud uncle. He loved school and learning and had great respect for his teachers. He was looking forward to going to college and becoming a history teacher when he got out of the service.

He will be missed, always loved and never forgotten. "One day we will be reunited with him in heaven."

He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Frank Nelson.

Survivors include his parents, Raymond and Gail Smith, of Troy; his brother, Ramsey; sister-in-law, Traci, and nephew, Tyler James; grandparents, Evelyn Nelson of Troy; Ediel Elmont of Troy, and Ray Smith Sr., of Payette, Idaho; numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and close friends.

"Raleigh you will always be our hero! We love you."

Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Monday, Jan. 3, at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Libby.

Services will be at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday at Troy High School.

Sharon Barbara Smith, 61,

Sharon Barbara Smith, 61, "moved to the best seat in the house" on Friday, Aug. 13, 2004, at Brendan House after a long and valiant battle with cancer.



She was born on Sept. 10, 1942, in Livingston, to Milton and Viola (Gallagher) Rogers.

Soon after graduation Sharon married Ed Smith and began a 30-year marriage that would give them five sons and see them live in several locations that included Montana, Washington and Alaska. During those 30 years Sharon became a fixture at all of her boys' successes and failures, triumphs and defeats; never missing a football, basketball or baseball game. Always the coach, confidant and biggest supporter, Sharon's proudest moments came through the eyes of her children and numerous grandchildren.

After her marriage ended, Sharon began anew, and true to form, she followed two of her sons to the Bozeman/Livingston area while they were at school and to also heal in her hometown. While there she joined the Moose Lodge and was involved in several activities. Always up for a good game of pinochle, Sharon also returned to bowling and the outdoors. Sharon returned to Kalispell to be with her sons and their families, going to work for what would be her favorite place of employment, Semitool.

The last 10 years of her life saw her in the bleachers again, this time for her grandchildren and all of their various pursuits — from soccer (which she didn't under-

stand), to dance (which always brought tears to her eyes), to the old standby of baseball and softball (for which she always said that the bleachers were too hard). Always there, Grandma Sharon became a fixture in her grandchildren's lives as she had in her sons' lives.

Sharon loved to be involved with all of her family's pursuits and, in the end, her biggest concern was her boys. "It's a nice out day, Grandma," became Sharon's favorite saying for the times when things were tough in her life or others' lives. Drawing on that simple saying from her oldest grandson when he was a young child never failed to make her smile.

Sharon was preceded in death by her son, Michael; her brother, Howard "Butch"; and her parents, Milton and Viola Gallagher Rogers.

She is survived by four of her sons, Dan and Dona, Darrell and Chris, Eric and Shelly, and Lane and Laurie, all of Kalispell; her grandchildren, Derek, Cassidy, Kaycee, Kate, Alex, Caitlin, Bristol and Conor; her sister, Sandra and husband, Bill Fowlkes, of Cameron Park, Calif.; brothers, Jerry Rogers, and wife, Earline, of Arlee, and Don Rogers and wife, Sandra, of Auburn, Wash. Additionally, Sharon had numerous nieces and nephews throughout the United States.

A celebration of Sharon's life will be at 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 11, at the home of her son, Dan.

The family suggests that memorial contributions be made to Hospice Home Health Options, 175 Commons Loop Suite 100, Kalispell, MT 59901, for without their support the family could not have done it.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Marion W. Smith, 86

Marion W. Smith, 86, died Monday Oct. 4, 2004, at Lake View Care Center in Bigfork.

Arrangements are pending with Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

Alene F. Sokoloski, 78

Alene F. Sokoloski, 78, died Monday, June 7, 2004, at Libby.

She is survived by her husband, Dave, of Libby; and her children, Alene Adkison of Hollis, Alaska, Charles Noble of Washington, Catherine Bauer of Libby, Debbie Noble of Spokane, and Kenneth

Noble of Libby; and stepchildren, Dan Sokoloski of Asotin, Wash., Debbie Sellers and Don Sokoloski, both of Great Falls, Dean Gregory of Helena, and Dorthy Little of Payson, Ariz.

Services will be 2 p.m. Friday at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home Chapel.

C.F. 'Smokey' Sorensen

C.F. "Smokey" Sorensen died Wednesday, Aug. 25, 2004, at his home on Woods Bay, near Bigfork.

He was born Dec. 16, 1924 in Elyria, Neb. After attending school, he worked for a time in Salt Lake City. He joined the Marines in 1943, and served in the Pacific. He was on Iwo Jima when the flag was raised.

After his marriage in 1950 to Marion "Dot" Kaley, they lived in Kansas, Nebraska, Minnesota, Wyoming and Montana. Smokey had a car dealership in Casper, Wyo., in 1961. They moved to Great Falls where he also had a car dealership. They resided there until



1988.

He served as state senator from Cascade County from 1971-1975.

After retirement, they moved to Woods Bay and operated a candy store in Bigfork for six years. He enjoyed politics, traveling, golf and cards.

He is survived by his wife and five children, Sue and Chris Toppen of Monarch, Jodi and Matt Dhillon of St. Louis, Chris Sorensen of Great Falls, Cindy and Joe Griffo of Burbank, Calif., and Holly Sorensen of Venice, Calif.; a brother, Robert of Taylor, Neb.; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by four brothers and a sister-in-law.

Cremation has taken place and a memorial service will be held at a later date.

Elizabeth June Sorensen, 87

Elizabeth June Sorensen, 87, passed away on Wednesday, Nov. 10, 2004, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

She was born on June 15, 1917, in Mound City, Mo., to George E. and Edna (Markt) Alkire. Elizabeth completed high school in 1935 graduating from Abraham Lincoln in Council Bluffs, Iowa. She went on to graduate from nursing school at Jennie Edmundson School of Nursing in Council

Bluffs as well.

On March 17, 1940, Elizabeth married Oscar Sorensen in Council Bluffs. She worked as a general duty nurse but also worked as a private duty nurse; and was a member of the Beta Sigma Phi Sorority.

In 1991, she moved to Montana and resided at the Immanuel Lutheran home from 1998 until her passing.

Elizabeth was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, and one sister.

She is survived by three sons, Gary E. of Kent, Wash., Frederick A. of Omaha, Neb., and Stephen L. of Kalispell; one sister, Maxine Teel of Nebraska; and seven grandchildren.

Memorial services for Elizabeth will be at 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 14, at the First Church of the Nazarene on Whitefish Stage with Pastor Ed Koteskey officiating.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Douglas Matthew 'Doug' Soteris, 57

Douglas Matthew "Doug" Soteris, 57, passed away Friday, Nov. 26, 2004, on Elk Ridge near Helena. Doug was born to Nick and Marie Soteris on Nov. 28, 1947, in



Waterloo, Iowa. At age 11, he moved with his family to Sylmar, Calif.

He met and fell in love with Judie Gianettoni during his junior year at Sylmar High. They married April 6, 1966, and spent the next 38 years raising four children together.

In 1967, Doug enlisted in the U.S. Army, serving our country until 1970. He was especially proud to fight for freedom in Vietnam as a member of the 173rd Airborne Ranger Blackhawks. He was awarded the National Defense Medal, two O/S Bars, the Vietnam Service Medal with two Bronze Stars, the Vietnam Campaign Medal with Device 1960, Expert M-14 and M-16, Combat Infantry Badge, Parachutist Badge, Good Conduct Medal, and the Air Medal.

Doug moved his family and his construction business to Kalispell in 1977. He continued his construction business until the time of his death.

He was an active member of Alcoholics Anonymous and helped many people in need. Whether a person needed a place to sleep, a job, or just an empathetic ear,

Doug was always there, ready and willing to help.

He was also a member of Gold Prospectors of America and was passionate about outdoor adventures. He loved being in the great outdoors with friends and family, camping, gold panning, fishing and hunting. His last days were spent searching for a big bull elk deep in the woods, his sons at his side.

Survivors include his wife, Judie, of Kalispell; sons, Matt and Claudette of Tallahassee, Fla., and Christopher and Kimmy of Kalispell; daughters, Jonna and Scott Rossow of Redding, Calif., and Heather Soteris and Nate Schwegel of Kalispell; three grandchildren, Nick, Jordan and Andrew Rossow; seven brothers, Nick of Chehalis, Wash., Tony and Nancy of Toledo, Wash., Mark of Chehalis, Steve and Ann of Arlington, Texas, Greg of Sylmar, Calif., Ron and Kim of Reno, Calif., and David and Pam of Kalispell; three sisters, Cecelia and Ike Eckelberg of Shell Rock, Iowa, Rhodel and Bob Avritt of Prospect, Ore., and Christine and Debi Swarts of North Hollywood, Calif.; and numerous nieces and nephews, and grandnieces and grand-nephews.

A celebration of Doug's life will take place at 4 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 1, at the Kalispell Elks Club.

In lieu of flowers, please send contributions to the Samaritan House, P.O. Box 592, Kalispell, MT.

Johnson Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

Robert J. 'Bob' Souhrada

Robert J. "Bob" Souhrada will be missed by many people. None more than his loving wife of 53 years, Gerry (Kellogg) Souhrada and his three sons and their



families. Bob passed away on Wednesday, April 28, 2004, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center surrounded by his family.

Born Robert John Souhrada to Vlademir and Violet Souhrada on Nov. 11, 1924, in Terry, Bob was a true Montanan. He was raised and attended school in and around Terry.

After graduation, Bob served in the U.S. Army Air Corps in England as a ball turret gunner on B-17 bombers in the 100th Bomber Group.

Upon returning from World War II he attend the University of Montana where he earned a bachelor's degree in history and physical education.

After completing his degree, Bob taught and coached for seven years throughout Montana. He later completed a master's degree in education at the University of Montana and began his career as a superintendent of schools. Bob served in this role for 22 years at three Montana schools: Edgar, Troy and Columbia Falls. After 12 years at Columbia Falls, he retired from public education in 1982.

Throughout his career, Bob was recognized by his peers as an outstanding Montana and regional educator. He served numerous educational organizations around

the state and the greater Northwest. He was elected as president of the School Administrators of Montana, the Montana Association of School Administrators, and the Inland Empire Education Association. He also received the G.V. Erickson Award for outstanding service as an educator.

In the spring of 1951, Bob married Gerry Kellogg. Together they raised three sons, Terry, Mark and Scott. Bob took great pride and pleasure in all three of his boys and especially enjoyed watching them participate in athletics.

Bob Souhrada also enjoyed participating in many athletic endeavors. During his years at the University of Montana, he was known as Missoula's "Mr. Shortstop." He and his entire H.O. Bell fast pitch softball team were made honorary members in the Montana Softball Hall of Fame.

Bob was an avid golfer, making three holes-in-one. He competed annually in many golf tournaments held around the state.

Bob is survived by his wife, Gerry; and their sons and families, Terry, his wife, Kathy, and their two daughters, Tassie and Jamie, Mark and Debra, and Scott, his wife, Donna, and their children, Conor and Carly.

In honor of Bob's life there will be a memorial service at 11 a.m. today at the Columbia Falls United Methodist Church, 117 Second Street West, with the Rev. David Jones officiating.

In lieu of flowers, please make a contribution to your favorite charity in his name.

Arrangements are under the direction of Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

Aida Laura Soward, 88

Aida Laura Soward, 88, of Polson, passed away on Tuesday, March 16, 2004, in Kalispell, surrounded by her loving family. "We were greatly blessed to be able to be with her and talk with her during her last hour before she closed her eyes and quietly left us."



Aida was born on May 12, 1915, in Boston, Mass. She was the oldest of five children born to Signorina and Galileo DiFonzo. She moved to New York in 1921. After graduating from eighth grade, she dropped out of school to work in her family's candy store and take care of her younger siblings while both parents worked in the garment industry. When her father died in 1931, Aida began work in the garment industry. Her life-long love of education led her to enroll in night school, where she completed almost enough courses to graduate from high school.

Aida met her future husband, Kenneth Soward, in September 1942 at a USO dance when he was stationed in New York. They were married on Dec. 6, 1942, in St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City. When Kenneth was detailed to the South Pacific, Aida lived and worked in San Francisco. At the end of the war they relocated to Denver where Aida attended Denver University.

In June 1946, they moved to Kalispell, and in 1947, to Hungry Horse, where Kenneth was the geologist on the construction of Hungry Horse Dam. During this time they had two daughters, Katherine and Patricia. They made many wonderful life-long friends among the dam community.

The family moved to Great Falls in 1952, and Aida started a nursery school in her home. She completed a two-year teaching certificate at the College of Great Falls and taught at Roosevelt, McKinley and Meadowlark schools in Great Falls. She continued to take part-time classes while being a full-time teacher and mother and was very proud to graduate from college the year her youngest daughter graduated from high school.

Another of Aida's dreams was realized when the family went to Europe and was able to visit her

mother's home in Sicily and to meet her father's family.

Aida and Kenneth were transferred to Casper, Wyo., in 1970, and upon Kenneth's retirement in 1977, they relocated back to Montana to live close to their daughters. Kenneth planted a cherry orchard on their land near Polson and they ran the orchard for many years, sharing food, cherries and love with family and good friends.

Family was very important to Aida and nothing pleased her more than having her daughters and their families gather at her home in Polson. She was a devoted mother and filled her children's and grandchildren's lives with books, music and a love of learning.

She loved languages and was fluent in Italian. She was an excellent cook and was well known to family and friends for her Italian dinners.

She also loved to travel and went with her husband to Hong Kong, China, Italy, parts of Europe, and the U.S. They met many friends on their travels and loved to stay in touch with them.

Music was an integral part of Aida's life and brought her much pleasure. She had a wonderful voice and loved playing the organ and piano. She loved Montana and often commented on how glad she was to have traded skyscrapers and crowds for mountains and open spaces.

Preceding her in death were an infant son; her mother and father; a sister, Dora Aiello; and a brother, Renato DiFonzo.

Surviving are her husband Kenneth at the family home in Polson; daughters and spouses, Katherine and Art Gayvert of Florence, and Patricia and Frank DiStefano of Kalispell; grandchildren, Jeremy, Charles (Jenn), Timothy, Annie, Daniel, Michael and Francesca; and brothers, Valentino DiFonzo of Sparks, Nev., and Roberto DiFonzo of New York; and many nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held in the Grogan Funeral Home, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, March 25. Funeral services will be held 1:30 p.m. on Friday, March 26, in the First Baptist Church, 435 South Shore Rt. with Rev. Rudy Ringhoff officiating. Burial will be held at Lakeview Cemetery, Polson.

Donations in lieu of flowers may be made to your favorite charity.

Donald H. Spencer, 83

Donald H. Spencer, 83, of Libby, died Thursday, April 1, 2004, at St. John's Lutheran Hospital. He is survived by his wife,

Blanche, of Libby.

Services will be 2 p.m. Monday, April 5, at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Libby.

Lavenia G. Barney Spencer, 92

Lavenia G. Barney Spencer, age 92 of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, died Saturday, October 16, 2004 of congestive heart failure. She was born May 13, 1912 in McAdam, New Brunswick, to Gordon and Bertha (Mott) Lister. Lavenia immigrated to the U.S. in 1930 and later became a U.S. citizen.

She married Clifford R. Barney on June 25, 1932 in Lewistown. They raised a family of five children, living and working at various places and jobs in Montana before settling at their home on the Swan River in Bigfork. There they operated a Grade A dairy of registered Jerseys, raised sheep, manned Forest Service look-outs and cooked for logging camps and the Forest Service. Clifford died in 1972. Lavenia moved to Coeur d'Alene and married Merle Willcox in 1973. They later divorced. She married Raymond "Bill"

Spencer in 1996 and they lived in Kellogg. They were members of the Baptist Church in Kellogg.

Besides being an excellent cook and homemaker, Lavenia enjoyed crocheting, knitting, sewing, dancing and painting. Her family meant everything to her.

She is survived by her husband, Bill in Coeur d'Alene; sons and daughters-in-law Eugene and Sally Barney of Victor, Donald and Shirley Barney of Bigfork, Douglas B. and Donetta Barney of Kalispell; daughters and sons-in-law, Arlene and Leroy White of Townsend and Barbara and Jerry Corbin of Coeur d'Alene; sisters, Ruth Eales and Joy Kneabone of McAdam, New Brunswick; 16 grandchildren; and numerous great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Services will be held at a later date.

Shirley Mae (Nelson) Spoklie, 67

Shirley Mae (Nelson) Spoklie, 67, died Monday, Feb. 9, 2004, at her home at Montana Pioneer Manor in Plentywood.



Funeral services for Shirley will be held at 10 a.m. today. Pastor David C. Curtright will officiate at the service at Plentywood Lutheran Church in Plentywood; interment will be in Antelope Creek Cemetery. Bearers will be her grandchildren, Devin and Janel Nordhagen, Dena, Zane, and Mandi Spoklie, Caitlin and Rob Nyby, and Jordan, Joshua, and Joelle Luoma, and Josie and Nate Spoklie; and her sons-in-law, Jeff Nordhagen, Bill Nyby, and Dennis Luoma. Honorary bearers will be Dale and Dorothy Fossen, Florence Arneklev, Grethe Yeager, Lillian Tischmak, Linda Torger-son, David and Judy Morken, and the staff and residents of Montana Pioneer Manor and the people she worked with at Glenwood. Don and Ardythe Hedges and Lyle McCauley will serve as ushers, and are also recognized as honorary bearers.

Shirley was born May 15, 1936, in Glasgow, to Tom and Annie (Arneklev) Nelson, where Tom worked in construction at Fort Peck Dam. The family moved to their farm in Antelope in 1941, when Shirley was 5 years old. She attended grade school and high school at Antelope, and graduated in 1954 as salutatorian of her class. As a young girl she was involved in 4-H, Rainbow for Girls, and playing piano; and was active in all high school activities, including being a cheerleader.

Following high school, she attended the University of Montana in Missoula for a time before returning to Antelope. She was the founding leader of the first 4-H Club at Coalridge.

Shirley married Robert Spoklie at Antelope Creek Lutheran Church, Aug. 8, 1954. They moved

to a farm at Coalridge, and later to Antelope where she spent most of her time caring for her five children and supporting their many school and sport activities.

Along with these activities, she was also involved with the Antelope Homemakers, Sweet Adelines, Sons of Norway, bowling, Ladies Aid, and playing cards. She was especially fond of small children, and in the past few years she spent much of her time following her grandchildren's activities.

Small animals were also very special to her as she always had a cat and a small dog.

Shirley moved into the Montana Pioneer Manor April 1, 1990, and considered the people at the Manor her second family. She also enjoyed working with the ladies at Glenwood, and took several bus trips throughout the United States.

She is survived by all five children, Darcy Nordhagen and her husband, Jeff, and their children, Devin and Janel, of Westby, Guy Spoklie and his wife, Diane, and their children Dena, Zane, and Mandi, of Antelope, Diane Nyby and her husband, Bill, and their children, Caitlin and Rob, of Plentywood, Hallie Luoma and her husband, Dennis, and their children, Jordan, Joshua and Joelle, of Joliet, and Grant Spoklie and his wife, Shari, and their children, Josie and Nate, of Kalispell. She is also survived by Bob Spoklie, of Kalispell; her brother, Gerald Nelson and his wife, Vivian, of Antelope, and their daughter, Carolyn Anderson, of Plentywood.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Tom and Annie Nelson; her stepmother, Marge Nelson; aunt, Ruth Stangeland; uncles, Ole Arneklev and Bill Nelson; and a nephew, Scott Nelson.

Some memorials will be given to the Plentywood Lutheran Church, the Montana Pioneer Manor, and to the Sheridan County Chapter of the Mental Health Association, as well as to other local charities.

Fulkerson Funeral Home of Plentywood has charge of arrangements.

Patricia Therese DesRosier Bergman Squires, 72

Patricia Therese DesRosier Bergman Squires, 72, died of cancer July 12, 2004, in Olympia, Wash.

Survivors include her children, Bob of Kent, Wash., Tom, John and Mike of Idaho Falls, Idaho, Marilyn Larsen of Firth, Idaho, Patrick of Thornton, of Colorado, Sheryl Schroeder of Chehalis, Wash., and Carol Hill of Pocatello, Idaho.

Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. Friday, July 16, at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. Rosary will be at 7 p.m. Friday at the Columbia Mortuary. Mass of the Christian burial will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 17, at St. Richard's Catholic Church in Columbia Falls, with the Rev. Jack Hunthausen officiating. Burial will follow at St. Richard's Catholic Church.

Voyle Ernest Staab, 91

Voyle Ernest Staab, 91, passed away Saturday, May 8, 2004, at his home in Kalispell. He was born Nov. 9, 1912, in Ansley, Neb., to John Ernest and Stella L.



(Miller) Staab. At the age of 7, his family moved from Nebraska to the West Valley area of the Flathead, where he attended West Valley School.

He met and married Lois L. Linendoll on Dec. 19, 1942, his wife of 61 years.

Voyle spent many years working in the woods as a catskinner and logger. He was an equipment operator with PP&L, and worked in construction as a welder and electrician. His jobs varied from Going-to-the-Sun Road, the Libby Dam, Anaconda Aluminum Plant in Columbia Falls, a site in Minnesota, power lines in Troy and Deer Lodge, and Glacier Concrete in Kalispell.

Voyle was a member of the IBEW 768, the Fraternal Order of Eagles 234 for over 50 years, and was a member of the bowling

league. He loved to take his sons fishing, camping, hunting, boating and bowling. He enjoyed taking and teaching his sons baseball and watching their games. After retiring, he loved reading Louis L'amour books, making hangers out of beads and woodworking.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother, and four sisters.

Survivors include his wife, Lois L. Staab, of Kalispell; two sons, Neil Staab and his wife Sherry, of Parker, Texas, and Stephen Staab and his wife Catherine, of Orofino, Idaho; there are seven grandchildren, Elizabeth Staab, Melissa Lewis, Kari Ames, Jeremy Staab, Justin Staab, Tricia Staab, and Stephen Staab; four great-grandchildren, Andrew, Sydney, Emma, and Madelyn. He is also survived by his twin sisters, Verda Carney, of Burbank, Wash., and Velma Walker, of Spokane.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, May 12, at Glacier Memorial Gardens with Pastor Daniel Lambert officiating. There will be no visitation.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Rodney P. 'Rod' Standley, 63

Rodney P. "Rod" Standley, 63, died May 19, 2004, near Rollins.



He was born on April 29, 1941, in Great Falls, to Donald and Juanita Standley.

He was raised on the family farm and ranch in Cascade. He attended Travis School, a country school east of Cascade, through the eighth grade and went to high school in the Cascade area.

He later joined the Navy. While in the Navy, he was a Navy SEAL and was commissioned during the Vietnam War. He enjoyed boxing and was awarded many trophies for his talent.

Upon retiring from active duty he worked for ranchers in the Cascade area and was married to Daylann Randall in 1963. During this time he was on the Ronan police force and was an undercover narcotics agent. He also belonged to the Lake County Search and Rescue. He later transitioned into carpentry and owning his own business. Together with Darylann Randall, they had four children, Paul Standley, Cammie Standley, Shana Standley, and Stacey Surrena.

He married Katherine Caverly on Oct. 14, 1978. They were joined together in Polson, and have been married 25 years.

His lifelong love was working with horses. He also enjoyed team penning, painting, furniture making and carpentry. He was an avid

hunter and fisherman and had a tremendous love for the outdoors. He was a member of the NWMT Team Penning Association, the NW Quarter Horse Association and the NAHC.

Rod made friends everywhere he traveled. He always had spirited conversations and was a strong man. For his children, wife, family, friends and most likely everyone he knew, he was their pillar of strength and for many of them, a motivation for life. His personality was charming and humorous. Those who knew him will remember great sayings about life and the uncontrollable circumstances that happen during it. He carried himself as a wise and proud man. He was greatly loved, respected, and admired for his character.

He was preceded in death by his father, Donald P. Standley.

He is survived by his wife, Kathy, at the family home in Bigfork; his son, Paul Standley of Missoula; daughters, Cammie Standley of Superior, Shana Standley of Charlo, and Stacey Surrena of Pittsburgh; two granddaughters, Kallie Standley and Grace Williams; mother, Juanita; brothers, Doug and Gary; sisters, Joy, Debbie and Melody; mother and father-in-law, Ken and Flo Caverly; brother-in-law, Ken L. Caverly; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. He is also "survived" by his loyal dog, Sparky.

He will be greatly missed by all.

Private services will be held. Bigfork Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Connie D. (Redpath) Stein, 59

Connie D. (Redpath) Stein, 59, "went to be with her Lord" on May 12, 2004. She passed away at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.



Connie was born Feb. 17, 1945, in Kalispell to Howard and Peggy Redpath. She grew up in Somers at the family home on Flathead Lake. She attended Somers School and graduated from Flathead High School in 1963.

She attended the University of Montana for a short time and then married her high school sweetheart, Frank Stein. They lived in Kalispell for several years then returned to their childhood area of Lakeside.

Connie was the executive director of the American Red Cross for 16 years. She was a member of the American Red Cross Disaster Response team and was assigned to a number of major disaster operations including an earthquake in California, hurricane in Florida, flood in Missouri, hurricane in Puerto Rico, and most recently the 9/11 attack on the World Trade Center. She felt she should help others and endeavored to do so through her work and her volunteerism.

She served on the board of directors for the Hockaday Center for the Arts. She served many years on the board of directors of the Flathead City/County Health Department, and was a member of the Flathead Area Medical Emergency Council. She was a charter member and EMTD with the Lake-

side Quick Response Unit. She co-taught the EMT course at Flathead Valley Community College for 10 years, training over 200 students as EMTs. Her greatest pleasure was in knowing she could make a small difference in someone's life and she more than obtained that in many ways.

She loved children and enjoyed spending time with her nieces and nephews. Her caring way and great sense of humor will be missed and always loved by many.

She was preceded in death by her father, Howard Redpath, in 1994.

She is survived by her husband, Frank, of Lakeside; mother, Peggy Redpath, of Somers; a sister, Janet Bourne and husband Dan of Kalispell; a sister, Randee Morrow and her husband, John, of Lakeside; a brother, Dennis Redpath, and his wife, Robyn, of Kalispell. She is also survived by her nieces and nephews, Shannie and John Heston and sons, Jordan "Dude" and Clayton "Cap," Corrie Bourne, Monica and Matt Bradford and sons, Kyle and Brodie, Dennis and Aileene Redpath, and Maren and Aaron King and children Sadee "Su" and Jonathan "Buzz," along with other relatives, many, many friends and her very best friend, Mary Granger.

Connie requested memorials be made to the Lakeside Quick Response Unit P.O. Box 911, Lakeside, MT 59911, so that this unit can continue to benefit the community.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Monday May 17, at the Lakeside Community Chapel with Pastor John Ulrich officiating. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

John W. Stein Sr., 92

John W. Stein Sr., 92, formerly of Lakeside, died Feb. 5, 2004, at his home in Las Vegas.

He is survived by his daughter, Jo Ann Hurlburt of Las

Vegas; and sons, John Stein Jr. of Seeley Lake, and Frank Stein of Lakeside.

Cremation has taken place. Burial will be in Kalispell.

Rudy Stevens, 73

Rudy Stevens, 73, passed away Saturday, June 19, 2004, at the Lake View Care Center in Bigfork. He was born on June 4, 1931, in Charleston, W.V., to Gordon and Alice (Johnston) Stevens. The family then moved to San Diego in 1946.



Rudy was an amateur boxer, sparring with Archie Moore and other top boxers. He met and married his wife, Iris, in San Diego; they were married one week shy of 54 years.

They say Rudy was born with a hammer in his hand and a green thumb. He helped build many large structures in San Diego, many bridges in Montana, and a dam in Canada. His love of the mountains and open spaces brought him to Kalispell in 1974.

He loved animals and was always bringing home a stray.

Rudy was a union carpenter, a member of the Artists and Craftsmen of the Flathead, and was known for his wood toy cars and trucks, especially his little red wagons. Together with his wife, they grew vegetables and flowers, which they sold at the Kalispell Farmers' Market for 22 years. After developing Alzheimer's, Rudy was never the quiet, loving man he once was.

Rudy was preceded in death by his parents, and his stepfather.

He is survived by his wife, Iris, and daughter, Sandra Brown, both of Kalispell; two sons, Gary of Portland, and Ronald of Whitefish; five grandchildren, Crystal Brown of Arlee; Dawn Brown of Washington; Jason Brown, serving in the Army; Travis Stevens of Arizona, and Brandon Stevens, serving in the Air Force; four great-grandchildren; two brothers, William Stevens of San Diego, and Richard Stevens and wife Ada, of Bonita, Calif.; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial services for Rudy will be held later this summer on Saturday, July 24. The family suggests memorial gifts be given to the charity of the donor's choice.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Harold Stevens, 83

Harold Stevens, 83, of Hungry Horse, passed away Aug. 10, 2004, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center. Cremation has taken place.



He was born Sept. 27, 1920, in Cleveland, Ohio. He joined the National Guard in 1938. He was inducted into the regular Army in 1941, immediately going to the South Pacific after war broke out, and engaging in battles in Luzon, Munda, Bouganville and others. He received the combat Infantryman's badge, Good Conduct medal, Bronze Star and various other ribbons. He was honorably discharged in 1945.

His parents relocated to Flint, Mich., and Harold joined them, working in their restaurant. He married Eleanor Albrecht, and they had two children.

His parents and sister moved to

Montana, buying the Hungry Horse Motel. Harold joined them in 1955 and went to work at Anaconda Aluminum. He moved to Missoula, in 1957, engaging in the gaming industry until his retirement in 1990, when he moved back to Hungry Horse.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Eleanor; father, Theodore; mother, Florence; sister, Elinor Jaycox; and grandson, Donald Stevens.

He is survived by daughter, Pam, and husband, Larry Zue, and their son, Scott Allen; son, Rodney Stevens, and his children, Jennifer, Rodney Jr., and Rhonda; brother, Milton; sister, Roz, and husband, Arvid Kristoffersen; numerous nieces and nephews; and beloved friend, Caroline Williams.

Memorial services with military honors will be 2 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 25, at the Baptist Church in Hungry Horse, formerly Club Rocco, on U.S. 2 East across from the turn-off to the Hungry Horse Dam.

Lelia Stephens, 82

Lelia Stephens, 82, of Bigfork, passed away Monday, Feb. 2, 2004, at the Brendan House in Kalispell after an extended illness.

She was born March 14, 1921, in Barbourville, Ky., to Pete and Martha (Davis) Baker. Lelia received her education at Knox Central High School in Barbourville.

She married Ralph Pickett in 1940, and they later divorced in 1952. His family is what brought her to Montana. Lelia moved to Bigfork in 1951 and married Sam Stephens on New Year's Day, 1954. They were married for 44 years until Sam passed away in 1998. They had one daughter, Donna, who continues to run the family liquor store business in Bigfork.

Lelia worked in the restaurant business, including Hennessy's Steak House for many years and

owned and operated the Koffee Kup Cafe in downtown Bigfork before her many illnesses. She was also a past active member of Bigfork Rebekah Lodge. Her illnesses led then to Yuma, Ariz., where she enjoyed their winter home there for over 20 years. Highlights of each winter were gambling trips to Laughlin, Nev., where she enjoyed participating in slot machine tournaments at the Pioneer Club.

Lelia was preceded in death by her husband, Sam; her parents; two brothers, Pete and Ed Baker; and three sisters, Freda Osborn, Lila Robinson and Hazel Jones.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Donna and Paul Lawson, of Bigfork; four sisters, Reva Edwards, of Avon Park, Fla., Betty Mendro, of Las Vegas, Kate McKinney, of Fort Wayne, Ind., and Sue Baker, of Yucca Val-

ley, Calif.; her brother-in-law, Donald "Bud" Robinson, of Bigfork; along with two special people in her life, her care giver, Anne Leuty, and Debbie MacLachlan, her second "adopted daughter"; and several nieces and nephews.

Those who knew and loved her will be blessed to know that she is finally out of pain.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 6, at the Little Brown Church in Bigfork with Pastor Ron Pierce officiating. Burial will follow at the Lone Pine Cemetery in Bigfork. Visitation will be from 2 to 6 p.m. today at the Johnson Mortuary.

The family suggests memorials be given to the QRU, 810 Grand Ave., Bigfork, MT, 59911.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Virginia Ross 'Ginger' Stephenson, 74

Virginia Ross "Ginger" Stephenson, 74, of Lakeside and Honolulu, died in Honolulu, on March 9, 2004, after a lengthy battle with a cancer related disease.

Survivors include her hus-

band, Howard; sons, Ross and Neal, of Honolulu; and daughter, Jann Boxold, of Honolulu.

Private services have been held.

Arrangements were by Williams Funeral Services.

James Roy 'Jim' Sterling, 83

James Roy "Jim" Sterling, 83, died May 15, 2004, at Lake View Care Center in Bigfork of natural causes.

He is survived by his daughters, Carolyn Verin of California, and Marty Wardle of

Kalispell.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service was held at Lake View Care Center. His ashes will be placed in the ocean in Moro Bay, Calif., in the fall.

Douglas D. 'Nute' Stevens, 67

Douglas D. "Nute" Stevens, 67, passed away July 18, 2004, at his home in Lakeside.

He was born Feb. 24, 1937, to Charley and Martha (Roof) Stevens. He was born in Lakeside at the home his father and oldest brother, Lloyd, built on Stoner Creek Road, and was raised there.

He served two years in the Army. Shortly after, he married Sara L. McGuigan on June 15, 1959, in Cut Bank.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing and croquet tournaments with his family. It was hard to beat "Grandpa" but everyone worked hard trying. His family was the most important thing in his life.

He was preceded in death by his parents, five brothers, one sister, and a special baby granddaughter.

He is survived by his wife, Sara; son, Mike and Laurie Stevens; daughters, Kathi and Bob Hoffman, and Kris and Ken Ensign; grandchildren, Zach and Britt Ensign, Rachel Stevens, and Rachel Hoffman; brothers, Lloyd Stevens of Kalispell, and Glenn Stevens of Bigfork; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He has been cremated. At his request, there will be no services. The family will celebrate his life at a later date.

Keith H. Stewart, 55

Keith H. Stewart, 55, passed away Friday, Feb. 13, 2004, in Kalispell. He was born April 2, 1948, in Grand Junction, Colo., to John D. and Doris L. (Swile) Stewart.

The Stewarts were a military family, and during Keith's early years in life they lived in Grand Junction, spent seven years in Mannheim, Germany, four years in Texas and two in Pennsylvania. In 1964, Keith's family moved to Anaconda, and Keith graduated from high school there, the class of 1966.

Following graduation, he moved to Kodiak Island, Alaska, and after a year there enlisted in the U.S. Army in June 1967. This would be the start of Keith's 30-plus-year military career in the Army.

Keith served three tours of duty during the Vietnam War, was a tank commander and combat engineer, served in the Army Reserves, and came to the Flathead in 1981, where he served in the Montana Army National Guard. He retired in 1998, with his rank as Command Sergeant Major.

He was a member of the BPOE Kalispell Elks Lodge, the Kalispell Eagles and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Keith enjoyed reading, boating, camping, golfing and bowling, and was a Discovery/History channels buff.



Keith was preceded in death by his parents.

Survivors include Judy C. Stewart of Kalispell, Sherry Stewart of Kalispell; a daughter, Denise Schultz of Seattle; two sons, Blair Stewart and his wife, Chris, of Billings, and Josh Stewart and his wife, Lena, of Kalispell; three grandchildren, Olivia, Chandler, and Zaybin; a brother, John Stewart, and his wife, Phyllis, of Butte; a sister, Sharron Harris, and her husband, Rocky, of Missoula; and numerous nieces and nephews, and various aunts and uncles.

Funeral services for Keith Stewart will be at 11 a.m. today, Feb. 17, at the First Presbyterian Church with Rev. Glenn Burfeind officiating. Burial with full military honors will follow at the Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

There will be a celebration of Keith's life starting at 2 p.m. today at the Kalispell Elks Club.

The family suggests memorials be given to the Veterans' Food Pantry, 2517 Montana 35, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Dorothy Eleanor 'Dottie' Stewart, 94

Dorothy Eleanor "Dottie" Stewart, 94, died on Saturday, Jan. 1, 2005, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

She is survived by her son, Dr. William W. Stewart, of Kalispell; and daughter, Kath-

leen Stokes, of Denver.

There will be no visitation or services.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Jan N. Stewart, 69

Jan N. Stewart, 69, died peacefully at her home in Bigfork on Friday, July 30, 2004, surrounded by her family, after a courageous battle with cancer. She was born Oct. 15, 1934, in Pampa, Texas, to Wesley and Faye (Addington) Davis.



Jan was a very caring and loving wife, mother and friend. She had a sparkling personality with a witty and sometimes mischievous sense of humor. The concerns and interests of family and friends were always placed ahead of her own.

As a wife, Jan was a life partner and a best friend. She was supportive and sensitive. As a mother, Jan was full of love and compassion for her children. She did a wonderful job of balancing the tricky task of giving love without spoiling her children. As a friend, she was always eager to lend a hand or an ear. She was spontaneous and cheerful.

Jan spent her early childhood in Texas, living there until 1946 when she moved to Boulder, Colo. She graduated from Boulder High School in 1952. Her interests were skiing, tennis and Jan loved to dance. She attended the University of Colorado and later Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill. At Northwestern she majored in television and drama. Jan was Miss Northwestern of 1954 and Miss National Press Photographer of 1954.

Jan married David M. Stewart on June 18, 1954, at her grandmother's home in Boulder. Dave and Jan celebrated 50 years of marriage this past June.

Jan was a resident of San Anselmo, Calif., for 17 years. During that time she and her husband Dave raised their two children, Deborah and Dave. Jan was very active in tennis and various charitable groups.

In 1977, Jan and her family moved to Lindberg Lake, Mont., and embraced a very different lifestyle. She loved the natural beauty of the lake nestled between the Misston and Swan mountains. She enjoyed the adventure of living in the wilderness both in summer and winter. Cross-country skiing, snowmobiling and summer boating with friends were among her favorite activities.

Jan excelled as a gourmet baker and became a renowned dessert chef. Her creative cakes, petites fours and chocolate creations not

only looked spectacular but were absolutely scrumptious. Jan was flattered when friends asked her to bake a cake for a special event or wedding and would spend happy hours crafting the perfect confection as her gift to cherished friends.

Jan enjoyed entertaining. Her parties were elegant, warm, festive and spiced with lively conversation and laughter. She was a talented artist, creating delicious food and beautiful décor. But her most enduring creations were her friendships for which she felt a deep gratitude.

In 1996 Jan and Dave moved to Bigfork, residing on the golf course at Eagle Bend. Jan soon took up golf for the first time and became an avid golfer. Her many friends quickly learned that you did not have to ask Jan twice to play golf. She was always ready — even in wind, rain and early snow. When it came to golf, Jan was not a "wimpette" but a devoted sportswoman.

Jan was a spiritual person who appreciated the breathtaking beauty of her mountains and the golden sun rising on a new day. She recognized and focused on the positive moments in life. Jan will be remembered as a beautiful and elegant woman — both inside and out. Her warmth, kindness, intelligence and feisty sense of humor will be missed. She was that special kind of person who made you feel better about yourself and your day when you spent time with her.

Jan was an active member of St. Patrick's Episcopal Church in Ferndale.

Jan was preceded in death by her parents, and her sister, Paula Trippe.

Jan is survived by her husband, Dave Stewart, of Bigfork; one son, Dave, and wife, Brenda Steward, of Columbia Falls; one daughter, Deborah Thompson, and husband, Tim, of Key West, Fla.; and her beloved Shih Tzu, "Skookie."

Memorial services for Jan N. Stewart will be at 1 p.m. Friday, Aug. 6, at Bethany Lutheran Church, 8559 Montana 35, Bigfork. A reception will follow the services at Eagle Bend Golf Club for family and friends. A private family placement will take place at a later date. The family suggests memorials be made in Jan's memory to Home Options Hospice, 175 Commons Loop, Suite 100, Kalispell, MT 59901; the Bigfork QRU, 810 Grand Ave, Bigfork, MT 59911; or the QRU of Condon, MT.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

Joseph 'Joe' Paul Stinauer, 60

Joseph "Joe" Paul Stinauer, 60, passed away Thursday, Feb. 5, 2004, at his home in Kalispell, from pancreatic cancer.

He was born Oct. 8, 1943, in Chicago, to Frank and Caroline (Kasper) Stinauer.

Joe was born and raised in the Chicago, Marquette Park area. He graduated from Harper High School, and then received his associates of science degree from Trinidad State Junior College. He then attended Adams State in Alamosa, Colo., where he received his bachelors of arts degree.

He met and married Helen Martinez on Sept. 11, 1965, in Weston, Colo. They moved to Ceres, Calif., where he taught school for nine months. After that, they moved to the Flathead in 1968 and he started teaching industrial arts, retiring in 1995.

Joe was a member of the National Rifle Association and the Winchester Arms Collectors Association. He enjoyed gunsmithing, hunting, fishing, yard work, collecting antiques, and playing with his grandchildren, his family meant the world to him. Joe



enjoyed the holidays; especially the Fourth of July, Oktoberfest, and Halloween.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Joe is survived by his wife, Helen; a son, Chris Stinauer and his wife, Nikki, all of Kalispell; a daughter, JoEllyn and her husband, Scott Swanson, and their two children, Morgan and Elise, all of Weatherford, Texas; three brothers, Robert Stinauer of Palos Park, Ill., Rudy Stinauer and his wife, Stella, of Havana, Ill., and John Stinauer and his wife, Marie, of Marco Island, Fla. Joe is also survived by his father and mother-in-law, Joe and Geraldine Martinez of Colorado Springs, Colo.

Memorial services for Joe Stinauer will be held Saturday, May 15, at the Stillwater Free Lutheran Church with Pastor Tim Bartholomew officiating. There will be no visitation.

The family suggests that memorials can be given to either Hospice Home Health Options, 175 Commons Loop, Suite 100, Kalispell, MT 59901; American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 1002, Kalispell, MT 59903-1002.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Barry A. Stout, 54

Barry A. Stout, 54, formerly of Hungry Horse, passed away on April 21, 2004.

He was born on Oct. 28, 1949, in St. Cloud, Minn., to John and Mary (Skudlarek) Stout. He grew up and attended school in St. Paul, Minn., and graduated from high school in Staples, Minn.

He attended Wadena Tech, in Wadena, Minn., where he studied plumbing.

He served in the U.S. Navy from 1968 until 1970. Barry married Patricia Colling on June 29, 1970, in St. Paul, where they made their home.

They moved to Wadena in 1978, where he continued to work as a plumber. In 1991, they moved to Hungry Horse and he went to work as a greens keeper at Glacier View Golf Course.

Barry is survived by his wife,

Patricia Stout of Moorhead, Minn.; two sons, Barry and Kimberly Stout of Baxter, Minn., and Allan and Rebecca Stout of Moorhead; one daughter, Jolene and Richard Luehring, Moorhead; five brothers, Steve and JoAnne Stout of Wadena, Jeffrey Stout of Fargo, N.D., Rex Stout of Wadena, Randy and Marie Stout of Sebeka, Minn., and David and Hope Stout of Fargo; one sister, Jacqueline and James McManigle, Wadena; and five grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Rick and David; and a sister, Anne Marie.

A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church in Moorhead. A memorial gathering will be held one hour before services.

Arrangements by Wright Funeral Home, Moorhead.

Evelyn F. St. Martin, 79

Evelyn F. St. Martin, 79, "went to be with her Lord and Savior" on Thursday, Jan. 8, 2004, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalspell, after a courageous battle with emphysema and lung cancer.



Evelyn was born on Oct. 23, 1924, in Jay, Maine, to Hollie and Mary MacDonald Osgood. She graduated from St. Mary's High School in Claremont, N.H.

She met her husband, Victor St. Martin, while working at a shoe factory in Claremont. They were married on June 5, 1944, in Claremont.

They moved to California in 1963, where Evelyn went to work for Continental Airlines as a payroll clerk. She retired after 20 years of service with them.

After retirement, she volunteered at the food bank, and elementary schools. They moved to Columbia Falls, in 2001, to be closer to their daughter. They moved to Kalspell in June of 2003.

Evelyn had enjoyed her computer for the past 10 years, especially e-mailing her many friends across the country. She enjoyed reading, doing crossword puzzles, and supporting her husband with his volunteer work in the elementary schools.

Evelyn and Vic enjoyed traveling across the country, especially to visit family and friends. They loved playing cards, games and square dancing with friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, three sisters, and eight brothers.

She is survived by her husband, Victor. She was also fond of their special dog, Sandy. She is also survived by one daughter, Charline and her husband, Tom Payne, of Kalspell; two sons, Doug and his wife, Debra St. Martin, of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Steve and his wife, Tammie St. Martin, of Garden Grove, Calif.; one brother, Ray and his wife, Ethel, of Florida; sisters-in-law, Loretta Caliri and Inez Plouffe of Claremont, N.H.; grandchildren, Vincent St. Martin, Eric and Evan Hogue, Bryan and Matthew St. Martin; great-grandchildren, Gabriela and Andrea St. Martin; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Mass of Christian burial will be at 10 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 12, at Risen Christ Catholic Parish in Evergreen, with the Rev. Rudy Bullman serving as celebrant. Burial will follow at St. Richard's Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

In lieu of flowers the family requests memorial Home Options Hospice, or American Cancer Society.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Herbert Walter Strauss, 84

Herbert Walter Strauss, 84, passed away on Friday, Feb. 6, 2004, at his home in Kalispell.

He was born on Nov. 15, 1919, in Brady, to Walter and Olga (Juelson)

Strauss. Herb began his early education in Brady before moving with his family to Kalispell in 1929, where they farmed. He attended school at Pine Grove Elementary and Flathead County High School. Herb then joined the Army, returning to Kalispell after World War II. He met and married Georgia L. Miller on Feb. 9, 1949, in Kalispell.

Herb raised quarter horses; enjoyed wood carving, hunting in the "Bob," and after retirement, gardening. He also enjoyed coffee at Syke's, Wednesdays at the sale ring, horse auctions, and watching rodeos. Until three years ago, Herb went horseback riding every day after lunch.

Herb was a member of the Calvary Lutheran Church, the Rocky Mountain Rider's Saddle Club of Columbia Falls, in which he served as president when the organization put on their first annual rodeo. He was also a member of the Helena Flats School Board and



the VFW.

Herb is survived by his wife, Georgia. They would have celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary on Feb. 9.

Also surviving are two daughters, Glenda Davis and husband, Norman, all of Kalispell, and Cheryl Riehl and husband, Greg, of Orting, Wash.; five grandchildren, Beverly Bjertness and husband, Corey, Karen Huskamp and husband, David, Sandy Mollerup and husband, Jonathan, Chris Collins and husband, Wayne, and Gregory Riehl and wife, Norma; and 16 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by four sisters, Inez Alverson of Bonners Ferry, Idaho, Junice Clarke of Columbia Falls, Alice Buck of Spokane, and Lola Booi of Ocean Park, Wash.; and many nieces and nephews.

Herb was preceded in death by his parents.

Memorial services for Herb will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 11, at Calvary Lutheran Church. Urn burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

The family suggests memorial gifts be given to Hospice, 175 Commons Loop, Suite 100, Kalispell, MT 59901, or to Calvary Lutheran Church, 2200 Hwy. 2 East, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Harold E. Street, 84

Harold E. Street, 84, passed away May 8, 2004, at Riverside Senior Living in Whitefish. He was born July 4, 1919, in Somers to Ephraim and Sadie Street, but spent his life in Whitefish, attending public school there.

He went to work for the Great Northern Railroad in 1933 as a car man, and retired from there in 1979. After he retired, he worked as a lift operator on Big Mountain for about 10 years. This was one of the best experiences of his life. He also spent two years serving in the 749th Railway Battalion during World War II, with most of that spent in the Philippines and Korea.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 57 years, Ardys; his parents; two brothers; Merle and Russell; and granddaughter, Kim Van Valkenberg.

He is survived by one daughter, Beverly Keierleber and husband

Gary, of Camino Island, Wash.; two sons, Ted and wife May of Woodbridge, Va., and Dale and wife Linda of Kennewick, Wash.; five grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren; also three sisters, Marvel Logan of Columbia Falls, and Thelma Smith and Allyce Street, both of Whitefish.

He was an honorary member of the Flathead Country Sheriff's Posse, a life member of Whitefish Moose Lodge No. 642, Lion Mountain Post No. 276 VFW of Whitefish, and the 749th Railway Veterans Club.

There will be a memorial service in his honor on June 5 at 11 a.m. at the First Presbyterian Church in Whitefish with the Rev. Andy Kennaly officiating. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations to the charity of your choice.

Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish is in charge of arrangements.

Lawrence 'Larry' J. Stremcha, 71

Lawrence "Larry" J. Stremcha, 71, died Jan. 6, 2004, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

He was born July 29, 1932, in Glasgow, to Joe and Elmo Stremcha.

Larry graduated from Glasgow High School in 1951, then went to work for the Ford dealership working as a mechanic.

In 1960, he went to work for the Glasgow Air Force Base continuing his work as a mechanic.

In 1965, he married Delores B. Bruch in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. In 1966, they moved to Missoula where he worked as a mechanic

for the U.S. Forest Service. In 1970, the Forest Service transferred him to Kalispell where he worked until his retirement in 1982. He enjoyed hunting and fishing.

He was preceded in death by his parents and wife.

He is now survived by one daughter, Cheryl Nolf; one stepson, Don Bruch; one stepgranddaughter, Brandy Finch; one brother, Swede Stremcha; and one sister, Erline Curtis.

No services are planned.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Samuel Stromberg, 75

Samuel Stromberg, 75, died Thursday, Jan. 29, 2004, at Kalispell Regional Medical

Center. Arrangements are by Buffalo Hill Funeral Home in Kalispell.

Janis A. Strong, 59

Janis A. Strong, 59, died Tuesday, July 20, 2004, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

No services are scheduled at

this time.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Sadie Amundson Stroud, 70

Sadie Amundson Stroud, 70, formerly of Kalispell, died April 14, 2004, in Grants Pass, Ore. Sadie was born Aug. 14, 1933, in Havre. She attended Shambo School in the Bear Paw Mountains from 1939 to spring 1943 when her family moved to Kalispell.

Sadie was preceded in death by her parents, Helen and Anton Amundson; brother, Harold (Korea, 1951); sister, Marie (Hot Springs, 1997); and husband, Ray Stroud (1990).

Survivors are her daughter, JoAnn of Copper Center, Alaska, who was with Sadie when life end-

ed; sister, Louise Myles of Vancouver, Wash.; brothers, Donald and Anton "Tony" of Kalispell, and William "Bill" Lefferson of Fairbanks, Alaska; also several nieces and nephews and relatives.

Although diabetes diminished her eyesight and Sadie spent several years on dialysis, her mind and spirit was never diminished. She had many friends.

Sadie's request was no service and cremation. Daughter, JoAnn, and a friend of Sadie's will accompany her ashes to Hawaii where they will rest by those of her husband, Ray.

Floyd 'Bud' Strozzi, 79

Floyd "Bud" Strozzi, 79, of Whitehall, passed away Wednesday, July 21, 2004, in Columbia Falls.

He was born Jan. 29, 1925, in Butte, to Joe and Annie (Harris) Strozzi. As a young boy he moved to Whitehall where he was raised and attended school, graduating from high school in 1944. He then entered the U.S. Navy and served during World War II.

Upon returning to Whitehall he ranched until marrying Betty Bersanti June 17, 1951, in Butte. He then worked for the Montana State Highway Department for 31 years. After retiring he worked as a handyman around Whitehall and also owned and operated the Mint Bar.

During high school he played six-man football and basketball and boxed during his service in the Navy. He later enjoyed coaching his sons in Little League, playing softball, hunting and camping.

He was a member of the Moose

and Elks lodges.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Joe Strozzi Jr. and Bob Strozzi; and a sister, Phyllis Heerman.

Survivors include a wife, Betty Strozzi of Whitehall; three sons, Wayne and Judy Strozzi of Gillette, Wyo., Rick and Lori Strozzi of Whitehall, and Shawn and Kris Strozzi of Butte; a daughter, Sandy and Bill House of Bigfork; 10 grandchildren; a sister, Thelma Kountz of Bozeman, sisters-in-law, Patty and Joann Strozzi, both of Whitehall, and Rosean and Jim Fitzpatrick of Missoula.

Memorials are suggested to the donor's choice.

Memorial graveside services with military honors will be at 1 p.m. Monday, July 26, at the Whitehall Cemetery with Father Joseph Finnegan officiating.

K&L Mortuaries of Whitehall in charge of arrangements.

John Thomas Struble, 65

John Thomas Struble, 65, died Friday, Feb. 6, 2004, in Whitefish.

Cremation has taken place.

A memorial service will be at 4 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 12, at Columbia Falls Assembly of

God Church, 738 Third Ave. W., in Columbia Falls. Dinner will be served following the service.

Arrangements are under the direction of Columbia Mortuary.

Jeane Lewis Sturdivant, 87

Jeane Lewis Sturdivant, 87, died at her home in Kalispell.

Services are pending at this time.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Sarah Richwine Sturm, 89

Sarah Richwine Sturm, 89, of Polson died Saturday, Feb. 28, 2004, at St. Luke Community Hospital in Ronan.

Sarah was born to Elmer and Susie Richwine at Medicine Lake on July 14, 1914. She received her elementary education in a rural school in Sheridan County. She graduated from Medicine Lake High School in 1931. Sarah attended Normal College in Dillon, receiving her teacher's certificate. She taught five years in eastern Montana before moving to Polson with her family, where she taught at Valley View for 13 years. In 1940, she married LeRoy "Bud" Sturm.

Sarah loved her children,



grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her parents, her husband, six brothers and one grandson.

She is survived by three sons, Edward of Spokane, Wayne of Seeley Lake and Roy of Polson; one daughter, Sylvia Vandeberg of Polson; one brother, Enoch Richwine of Polson; one sister, Jane Hall of Des Moines, Wash.; nine grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will take place at 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 4, 2004, at the New Life Christian Center in Polson, with the Revs. Shawn Madson and Miles Finch co-officiating. A reception will follow at the church. Internment will take place at Lakeview Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to New Life Christian Church.

Arrangements are through Grogan Funeral Home and Crematory.

Reverend Bernard John 'Bud' Sullivan, 85

Reverend Bernard John "Bud" Sullivan, 85, passed away at The Waterford in Helena on July 30, 2004. Born in Butte on June 29, 1919, he was the son of Quinn and Kate Murphy Sullivan.



Educated in the Catholic Schools in Butte, he then graduated from Carroll College in Helena and St. Edward's Seminary in Kenmore, Wash. On June 3, 1944, he was ordained a priest for the Helena Diocese, serving his entire life in Western Montana — Anaconda, Whitehall, Dillon, Helena, Thompson Falls and Columbia Falls. He also was Vicar General of the Helena Diocese from 1978 to 1989. Since his retirement he resided in Helena. During this time Father Bud assisted with many parishes throughout the Diocese, and enjoyed serving as Chaplain for many cruise lines.

Father Sullivan was very instrumental in the construction of many facilities in the Diocese — Anaconda Central High School, St. Rose Rectory in Dillon and St. Mary's Church and Rectory in Helena.

He was preceded in death by his four brothers, Joseph, Dan, Ray and Fran; and one sister, Mary O'Boyle.

He is survived by his sister, Margaret, and her husband,

Robert Wedin, of Walnut Creek, Calif.; his sisters-in-law, Virginia Roberts Sullivan and Caryl Bennie Sullivan of Butte; nieces and nephews, Kathy and Ted Delaney, and their children, Brian and Beth, of Missoula; Sheila and Paul Cutler, and their children, Katie, Corey and Marc, of Butte; Tom Sullivan of Missoula, and Robbie Wedin, and Colleen and Wilbur Harden of California.

Friends may pay their respects from 1 to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 4, at Retz Funeral Home in Helena. A vigil service will be at 7 p.m. that evening at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Helena. The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated 11 a.m., Thursday, Aug. 5, at St. Mary's. The most Reverend George Leo Thomas will preside. Concelebrants will be Archbishop Raymond G. Hunthausen, Father Jack Hunthausen, Father Jack Darragh, Father Jim Connor and cousins, Monsignor Joseph Harrington, and Father Scott Connolly of Seattle. Father Connolly will serve as homilist and Gerry Kuhl as deacon. Burial will take place in the Priests Plot, Resurrection Cemetery in Helena.

Memorials are suggested in Father Sullivan's name to Carroll College Foundation, 1601 North Benton Avenue, Helena, MT 59601 or Butte Catholic Education, 9 South Idaho, Butte, MT 59701.

Byron Finley Sundberg, 58

Byron Finley Sundberg was born to Martin and Lucille Sundberg on Jan. 7, 1946. He passed away peacefully with family at his side on the evening of March 22, 2004, at Reno, Nevada's Veterans Hospital after a long battle with cancer. He was 58.

Byron graduated from Flathead High School in 1965 and worked as a mechanic at Martin's Garage for his father.

Byron served four years in the Army. He was also a volunteer fireman with the Evergreen Fire Department that his grandfather and father founded.

Byron is survived by two children, Byron Anthony Sundberg of Susanville Calif., and Tamara Sundberg of San Jose, Costa Rica. He is also survived by a sister, Linda Sundberg; and a brother, Marty Sundberg, and by many nieces, nephews and friends who have supported him throughout the years.

Byron will be missed by both family and friends.

Cremation has taken place. Arrangements were by Reno, Nevada's Veterans Hospital.

A memorial ceremony will be organized later this summer in the Flathead Valley by his children.

Viola Bernadine Seney Sundgren, 84

Viola Bernadine Seney Sundgren, age 84, "went to be with the Lord" on Sunday, Aug. 8, 2004, at Immanuel Lutheran Home. Viola was born July 6, 1920, on a farm near Max, N.D., where she lived and completed eighth grade. She then stayed home to help on the farm and take care of her sisters.



She married Irwin Thingstad from Minot, N.D., and worked at St. Joseph Hospital as an aide for many years.

Viola moved to Kalispell in the summer of 1962 to be near her family. Her parents Ben and Dena Seney farmed in lower valley.

Viola then started working for the Immanuel Lutheran Home as an aide and worked there until her marriage to Art Sundgren in December 1967; they shared a farm in Joplin and a lake home in Bigfork.

Viola's hobbies were cooking and baking; especially Norwegian cookies and lefse and really super buns. Viola was a farm girl, so spent many hours gardening and canning. She was also busy with

her grandchildren and her great-grandchildren, playing games and shopping. Viola also loved to go shopping and out to lunch with her sisters and sister-in-law, Doris Seney.

Viola had been a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church for many years, and also was a supporter of the Lutheran Bible Camp.

Viola is survived by three children, Donna Ten Eyck of Vancouver, Wash.; Carol Trainer-Herring of Kalispell; and Judy and husband Clare Kinyon of Bigfork; seven grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; three sisters, Geneva Lockart, Velma Heinrichson and Vera Heinrichson, all of Kalispell; along with many special nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. today, Aug. 11, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 12, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home Chapel with burial to follow at C.E. Conrad memorial Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to either Bethlehem Lutheran Church or the Immanuel Lutheran Home.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Thomas J. 'Tom' Sutliff, 67

Thomas J. "Tom" Sutliff, 67, of Billings, died Sunday, Dec. 12, 2004.

He had worked throughout the state as a supervisor for Montana Job Services.

A memorial service will be 1 p.m. Friday, Dec. 17, at Retz Funeral Home Chapel in Helena. Interment will follow at the Montana State Veterans Cemetery with military honors.

Blanche H. Swaney, 93

Blanche H. Swaney, 93, passed away Friday, April 23, 2004, at the Kalispell Regional Medical Center.



She was born Oct. 14, 1910, in Todd County, Minnesota, to Ernest and Mattie (Hacking) Haggerty. The Haggerty family moved to Miles City, when Blanche was six years old, and she grew up and attended schools there.

On Jan. 29, 1930, she married Fletice Kiser in Coalwood, Mont. Together they had three sons, Bill, Bruce, and Noel. They came to the Flathead Valley in 1936, and Mr. Kiser passed away in February of 1948.

Blanche remarried to Burton Swaney on June 1, 1949, in Kalispell, and he preceded her in death in 1967.

She became postmaster of the Kila Post Office in 1958 and after 14 years of service, retired in 1972. Fol-

lowing her retirement, Blanche was a hostess at the Crescent Lake Lodge in Port Angeles, Wash. She enjoyed reading, and up until the age of 80, helped her son Bill cut Christmas trees at his tree farm in Kila.

Blanche was preceded in death by her son, Noel; four sisters, Mattie, Bessie, Leslie, and Estella; and three brothers, Ernest, George, and John.

Survivors include two sons, Bill Kiser and his wife, Kathy, and Bruce Kiser, all of Kila. There are 10 grandchildren, 14, great-grandchildren, and a great-great-granddaughter.

Funeral services for Blanche Swaney will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 27, in the chapel of Johnson Mortuary with Rev. Dan Lambert officiating. Burial will follow at the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Visitation will be from noon until 6 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

William John 'Bill' and Elsa Lillian Swanson

A joint celebration of life service for William John "Bill" Swanson of Kalispell who died Dec. 10, 2003, and his mother, Elsa Lillian Swanson, who died July 12, will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, July 16, at the

Hope Lutheran Church in Anaconda. Inurnment for both will follow in Sunset Memorial Park in Butte, where military honors for Bill will be presented by the American Legion Post No. 21 Color Guard.

Margaret Fennessy Swartz, 89

Margaret Fennessy Swartz, 89, formerly of Libby, died May 1, 2004, at Carmichael, Calif.

She is survived by her children, Barbara Ogden, Richard Swartz and Katherine Curtis.

Mass of the Resurrection

will be held today in Carmichael. Graveside interment services will be 11 a.m. Saturday at the City of Libby Cemetery with the Rev. Ray Hannigan officiating.

Local arrangements are by Nelson & Vial Funeral Home.

Waldemar F. 'Wally' Swantz, 83

Waldemar F. "Wally" Swantz, 83, died on Wednesday, Sept. 29, 2004, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

Burial was held on Satur-

day, Oct. 2 at Pleasant View Cemetery in Ballentine.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.