

# FREDERICK ELLSWORTH EASTMAN, 78

*February 14, 2005 at 5:00 am |*

Frederick Ellsworth Eastman, 78, passed away Friday, Feb. 11, 2005, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

He was born May 18, 1926, in Richey, to Henry Ellsworth and Myrtle Myral (Glenn) Eastman. He was the seventh of 14 children. The family moved to Park Grove and then to Nashua, where he attended school through 10th grade. He left Nashua to work in the shipyards in Bremerton, Wash.

On Jan. 18, 1944, at the age of 16, he joined the U.S. Navy and served on the USS Shea in the Pacific. On May 4, 1945, the USS Shea was hit by a Baka bomb near Okinawa and Fred was one of the surviving crew rescued at sea. He was honorably discharged in February 1946 and returned to Nashua.

He was hired as a brakeman on the railroad, but due to his young age he was unable to keep that job. He worked on both Fort Peck Dam and Hungry Horse Dam, and then began his career in construction. He was a master carpenter and superintendent, working for Montana Builders for 31 years and retired from Dearborn Construction in 1990. During his years with Montana Builders he built many schools and commercial buildings in the Flathead Valley and Northwest Montana.

On March 27, 1947, Fred married the love of his life, Alyce Lorraine Goodwin. They met at Norms News in Kalispell and were married in Polson. They would have celebrated their 58th anniversary in March of this year. Fred and Alyce lived in Glasgow and Fort Peck and moved to Somers in 1951. There they raised their five children and Fred built their dream home.

Fred was active in the community, working with the Boy Scouts, serving on the Somers School Board, the Somers Sewer District board, Eidsvold Lutheran Church Council, and was a member of the Somers Lions Club and the Kalispell Eagles. He was also a lifetime member of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and the Disabled American Veterans.

Fred was devoted to his family and shared his wisdom, strength and talents with his children, grandchildren and all his extended family. He loved bowling, horseshoes, playing cards, camping, fishing, hunting, baking bread and serving his famous sourdough pancakes. He was very proud that he was able to teach his children and grandchildren to play cribbage and was always ready for a game. The joys of his life were his 10 grandchildren and one great-grandson. He cherished every conversation with them and the time they spent together.

Fred was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, John, Walter and Thomas; sisters, Monica, Lois, Geneva and Lucinda; and his infant son Michael.

He is survived by his wife Alyce of Somers; five children, Nancy and Terry Brosten of Kalispell; Frederick (Rick) Jr. and Mary Eastman of Puyallup, Wash.; Kathy and Mark Hinrichs of West Linn, Ore; Marceen and Steven Whitham of LaCanada, Calif.; and USAF Mst. Sgt. James and Nancy Jo Eastman of Medical Lake, Wash.; grandchildren, Jennifer, Margaret and Frederick III Eastman; Andrew, Megan and Dylan Hinrichs; Mathew and

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Stephanie Whitham; James and JoAlyce Eastman; great-grandson Malachi Eastman; and godson Scott Sauer. He is also survived by brothers, Herbert, Emmery and Marion Eastman; and sisters, Beatrice Halstrom, Adeline Garden and Patricia Hartle; and many nephews and nieces.

Services will be held Wednesday, Feb. 16, at 11 a.m. at Eidsvold Lutheran Church in Somers, with the Rev. Wayne Pris officiating. Burial services will be at 10 a.m. at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday at Johnson Mortuary Chapel.

The family suggests memorials to Lakeside QRU, P.O. Box 911, Lakeside, MT 59922 or Eidsvold Lutheran Church, P.O. Box 100, Somers, MT 59932. Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

# ANN J. EMETT, 93

*September 14, 2005 at 5:00 am |*

Ann J. Emmett, 93, passed away Saturday, Sept. 10, 2005, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell of natural causes.

She was born April 7, 1912, in Kolin, Mont., to Charles and Anna Hodik, the fifth of eight children. She attended schools in Lewistown.

Ann married Archie Desy in November 1931. He preceded her in death in 1947.

Ann was head of the fashion department of Montgomery Ward in Lewistown. She moved to Butte in 1950, where she took a clerking position at Burrs Department Store.

Ann married Elden Emmett in 1956; he preceded her in death in 1991. Together they developed and built the Indian Trail Lodge and Cabins at the Gates of the Mountains in Helena. They retired in 1968 and traveled extensively, then chose to winter in Arizona.

Ann had a God-given talent for art and fancy work; she won numerous ribbons for fancy work at the fairs.

She is survived by two daughters, Evelyn Pacheco and her husband, John, of Whitefish, and Betty Ann Simonich of Whitehall; grandchildren, John and Tom Pacheco of Whitefish, Debbie Lemcke of Wenatchee, Wash., Donnie Pacheco of Seattle, Michael Spackman of Whitehall, and Michelle Perry of Billings; eight great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. She is also survived by five stepchildren.

A memorial mass will be held at St. Charles Boromeo Catholic Church in Whitefish at 11 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 15, with the Rev. Pat Patton officiating. Burial will take place at a later date at Mountain View Cemetery in Butte, with the Rev. Dan Driscoll officiating.

Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish is in charge of the arrangements.

# JEREMY BLAINE ERBELING, 33

*February 04, 2005 at 5:00 am | Daily Inter Lake*

Jeremy Blaine Erbeling, 33, of Missoula passed away on Jan. 31, 2005.

Blaine had the heart and soul of a giant and will be missed desperately by all of those that know and loved him so very much. With his gentle nature, quick smile and wonderful sense of humor, he touched the life of every person who had the great honor to know him.

He was born on Jan. 25, 1972, in Johnson Bayou, La., to JB Erbeling III and Elsie J. Erbeling, Johnson Bayou. He grew up in the bayou, chasing alligators and hiding behind his duck blinds.

After high school, he then started a career in welding. When Blaine was not welding, he was cooking for hours for anyone who would eat his food or listen to his stories that he so loved to tell. However, if you wanted to hear the juicy stories you had to get up pretty early to hear them down at the local coffee shop outside on the front bench. At night, you could find him out on the beach pulling out all those crazy "Cajuns" that could not hang.

It was during a shutdown in Texas City where he met the love of his life and soulmate, Kera Ann Wisher. He thought that this Montana girl was just a little welder's helper. Little did he know that on April 20, 1996, he would be marrying that little welder's helper. Blaine's main passion now became Kera Ann, which later would include two wonderful children, a daughter, Bryce, and a son, Blaynton. They continued to live in Johnson Bayou where Blaine tried to teach his new Montana wife how to hide behind a duck blind and reel in a gator or two. On his days off you could find the four of them on the family horse, Dusty, or his daddy's four-wheeler riding and exploring the bayou with their two dogs, Bingo and Blue, at their side. In addition, if you ever found yourself wanting a veggie or two you could walk outside and find Blaine's enormous and very well-kept garden.

Blaine had been to Montana a few times to visit and to go hunting, fishing, camping, and most importantly, cooking, with his many stories to tell. He would love to cook for the Yankees who had never really experienced true Cajun food, which he took so very long to prepare. He knew the Yankees had no choice but to listen to his many truly amazing stories.

In August 2004, he decided to move back to his wife's hometown in Montana. He began working as a journeyman millwright at Simpson Lumber in Bonner, September 2004. Blaine was so excited about the new job, and the new friends he had to tell his stories. Blaine was also excited to become a proud brother of Local 3038.

His father JB Erbeling III preceded him in death.

Survivors include his wife, Kera Ann; daughter, Bryce; and son, Blaynton; mother, Elsie J. Erbeling; grandmother, Thelma Jinks; sister, Patricia and husband, Roby Jones; brothers, Wallace and wife,

Kathy Erbeling, and Dwight and wife, Judy Erbeling; father and mother-in-law, Jerry and Donna Wisher; mother-in-law, Patti Wisher; sisters- and brothers-in-law, Sabrina Wisher and John Hahn,

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David and Leslie Wisher, Amanda and Matt Erickson, and Shane Amundson; nieces, Mikayla "Spark Plug" Wisher, Audrey Hahn, Alyssa Wisher, Janet Theriot, Tracy Erbelding, Pam Suire, and Karen Davis; nephews, Hunter and Steel Hahn, Joseph and Aaron Wisher, Lance and Justin Jones, Ethan Erbelding, Garrett, Grant and Ryan Erbelding; and 10 great-nieces and nephews.

Services will be 1 p.m. Saturday at Garden City Funeral Home, 1705 West Broadway, Missoula.

In lieu of flowers, a trust fund has been set up for his family at the following: Bryce and Blaynton Erbelding No. 947107, c/o Whitefish Credit Union, P.O. Box 37, Whitefish, MT 59937.

Honorary pallbearers: Eddie Patterson, John Hahn, Shane Amundson, Otis Seal, Travis Trahan, Travis Brennan, Wallace Erbelding, David Wisher.

# ARVID ALFRED ERICKSON, 83

*July 29, 2005 at 5:00 am /*

Arvid Alfred Erickson, who in the early 1950s pastored a church in Fortine, died July 25, 2005, in Yakima, Wash., where he lived since 1962.

He was born Nov. 22, 1921, in Bloomfield to Arvid and Ruby Erickson.

Arvid attended Simpson Bible Institute in Seattle, where he met and married Evelyn Linscheid, his wife of 61 years. He was a licensed minister in the Christian and Missionary Alliance Church. Their first pastorate was in Fortine. He later became dean of men at the Canadian Bible College in Regina, Saskatchewan, and served there in several capacities for seven years.

In 1958, Arvid and his brother, Harold, founded KGVW in Belgrade, Montana's first Christian radio station. In 1962, Arvid moved his family to Yakima to sign on with KBBO. He managed the station until 1980 and remained the chief engineer for several more years.

Arvid was an active member of the Yakima Christian and Missionary Alliance church, serving as an elder for several decades. He loved working with his hands. He built and remodeled homes and cars, and could fix almost anything electric. But his special gifts were in woodworking. He has made many beautiful items for his home, several churches, businesses, and family members. His legacy will remain in his handiwork. He was a blessing to all who knew him.

He is survived by his wife, Evelyn; two sons and a daughter; seven grandchildren; two great-grandsons; three sisters; and a brother, Harold and Beulah Erickson of Bigfork.

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

A memorial service was to be conducted at 3 p.m. today, July 29, in the Yakima Alliance Church.

Memorials can be made to the Alliance Missions (Christian Missionary Alliance Church) through Keith & Keith Funeral Home, 902 W. Yakima Ave., Yakima, WA 98902.

# OLAF PETER ERIE, 77

*March 16, 2005 at 5:00 am |*

Olaf Peter Erie, 77, beloved father, grandfather, brother and friend, "left us to be with his Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ" on March 12, 2005, after a courageous 14-month battle with cancer.

Olaf was born on Sept. 29, 1927, to Jacob and Viola Erie on the family farm near Brinsmade, N.D., four minutes after his twin sister, Jordis. He attended a country grade school, near the farm until the family moved to Eureka on Sept. 27, 1937. He finished grade school and two and a half years of high school in Eureka, enlisted in the U.S. Army on Nov. 9, 1945, and served with the 29th Engineers as a carpenter and engineer in the Philippine Islands. He received the World War II Victory Medal and was discharged on Sept. 20, 1948.

He worked for the Great Northern/Burlington Northern railroad as a brakeman/conductor and retired in 1992 after 47 years.

He married Marie Ann Hammons on Dec. 6, 1949, in Missoula. They moved and raised their three children in Whitefish until April 2000, when they moved to Kalispell.

He was a coach and umpire for Little League baseball, active in Boy Scouts, played Santa Claus for the Moose Lodge for many years, served as a mediator for the Railroad Boxcar Association, and participated in the American Cancer Society Relay for Life and for Easter Seals.

He was a member of Christ Lutheran Church in Whitefish and Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Kalispell.

He was also an active member of the Moose Lodge and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 276.

Olaf was a very hard-working man who loved to laugh. He enjoyed all kinds of sports, especially baseball, and loved to watch his favorite team, the Atlanta Braves.

He also attended high school football and basketball games in Whitefish and Kalispell and watched golf, basketball, baseball, boxing and gymnastics on TV. He was an avid fly fisherman, grew beautiful roses and tomatoes, took great pride in his lush, green yard, loved to play cards, visit with his friends and family, tell jokes and tease everyone.

He loved small animals, was a great dancer and enjoyed all kinds of music. He enjoyed the Glacier Symphony and Chorale and Flathead High School Choir concerts.

He was also a very kind, generous and loving man who brought joy to everyone around him and he will be greatly missed by all who loved him.

Olaf was preceded in death by his sisters, Lois and Marilyn in infancy; his parents, Jacob and Viola; his son, Donald, in 2002; and his wife, Marie, in 2003.

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He is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Randy Augusta; son, Jacob Erie and his girlfriend, Sharlyn Vadnias, and grandchild Tanner Vadnias, of Kalispell; sisters, Jordis Swanson and Ardis Checkettes of Kalispell; brother and sister-in-law, Gene and Eileen Erie of Kalispell; brother and sister-in-law, Dr. Norman and Irene Erie, of Oak Harbor, Wash.; grandchildren, Russell Devires of Mountlake Terrace, Wash., Cheryl and Willis Brandt of Auburn, Wash., Jada Marie Erie, Jason Brown and Diane Morrison of Tacoma, Wash., Cody Dwire of Napa Valley, Calif., Sonya Peak of Spokane, Amra Erie, Brittney Jo Erie, LeRoy Doty and Ryan Augusta of Kalispell, Jim and Blair Ivy and unborn great-grandchild of Atlanta; great-grandchild, Allison Rose McDonald, of Bozeman; and extended family, Jessica and Dennis McDonald of Bozeman, and Gary Hughes of Spokane; and many cousins, nephews, nieces, and other relatives and friends.

"Thank you for the laughter, Dad, and keep the card game going ..."

A celebration of Olaf's life will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 19, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church with the Rev. Larry Stappler officiating. Cremation has taken place and private burial will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 1002, Kalispell, MT 59904.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.



# MURIEL GERTRUDE YOUNG EVERLY, 91

*March 01, 2005 at 5:00 am |*

Muriel Gertrude Young Everly, 91, passed away at Lake View Care Center in Bigfork, Wednesday, Feb. 23, 2005. Born Nov. 17, 1913, in West Somerville, Mass., the daughter of Frank and Sarah Ryan Young, she spent her early life in New England. Her father owned a meat market in Boston not far from the Old North Church. Summers were spent in Vermont and New Hampshire.

Muriel was a gifted artist, both as an oil painter and wood carver. During World War II, she worked in an optical laboratory in Boston making lenses for binoculars and other optics destined for use in the war. She met her husband, Charles Everly, when he was touring the laboratory while he was in the Navy. They were married in January of 1943.

After the war and following their marriage, they made their home in Ohio where Charles taught in the Bellville and Clear Fork School System from the 1940s through the 1960s. After raising her children, Muriel returned to work as a dental technician. Following Charles' retirement, they moved to the Flathead Valley near Kalispell, where she spent the remainder of her life.

She was preceded in death by Charles; and by her brother, Boardman Young.

She is survived by her daughter, Muriel Everly, of Kalispell; son, Clark Everly, and his wife, Jan, of McCall, Idaho; granddaughters, Susie of McCall, and Sarah and Heather Everly in Maryland; grandson, Sean Patterson, of Columbia Falls, great-grandsons, Jordan and Deven Patterson; one surviving brother-in-law, Armand Everly of Mansfield, Ohio; and special niece, Judy Groves Christian and her husband, Evan, of West Mansfield, Ohio.

Cremation has taken place. At some point in the future her ashes will be placed, according to her wishes, on one of the beautiful mountains she so loved and appreciated.

# WARREN "HOOT" EVERS, 82

*March 06, 2005 at 5:00 am |*

Warren "Hoot" Evers, 82, World War II veteran and retired office manager of Glacier Electric, died of cancer Thursday, March 3, at a Cut Bank medical center.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 9, at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Cut Bank. Burial will follow in Crown Hill Cemetery. A reception will follow burial at the church. Pondera Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

Hoot is survived by his wife, Ann Evers of Cut Bank; daughters and sons-in-law, Patty and Jeff Salois of Bigfork, and Judy and Pius Lynch of Las Vegas; a son and daughter-in-law, Tim and Jana Evers of Anchorage, Alaska; honorary daughter, Denice Gustine of Manhattan; grandsons, Nicholas and Corey Salois of Bigfork and Elliott Evers of Helena; granddaughters, Abbie and Elizabeth Lynch of Las Vegas; and two long-time good friends, Don Jarvenpaa and Don Topp.

Hoot was born July 3, 1922, in Westside, Iowa, to Virtus and Helen Evers. During World War II, he served overseas from 1942-1946. Warren married Anne Hovde in 1947.

He worked in Cut Bank for 40 years for Glacier Electric Cooperative. He was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church and the Elk's Club. Hoot served actively in the Boy Scouts for 30 years.

Memorials are suggested to donor's choice.