

HELEN FABICH, 83

February 28, 2005 at 5:00 am | Daily Inter Lake

Mrs. Helen Fabich, 83, passed away peacefully Friday evening, Feb. 25, 2002, with her family at her side at her daughter's home in Kalispell.

Helen was born March 8, 1921, to Joseph P. and Mary (Tonkovich) Kovacich in Anaconda and spent her entire life in Anaconda. She graduated from Anaconda High School in 1939. During high school she worked at the Hidden Lake Gold Mine at Upper Warm Springs Creek west of Anaconda. She met the love of her life, John Fabich, and married him in 1939. They lived at the mine until 1941, and then moved into town when their first child was on the way.

Eight years ago she moved to Kalispell when her health began to fail. She was cared for by her daughters in their homes in Kalispell, Spokane and Missoula. As she moved around over those years she was able to spend more time with her extended family.

She is survived by a brother, John Kovacich, of the West Valley, Anaconda; a sister, Fran Graham of Butte; her daughters, Joan and Bill McKiernan of Kalispell, Mary Kay and George Bennett of Helena, Nancy Archer and Tom Fedele of Missoula, Ellen and Bill Grubich of Spokane; three sons, Hank and Adrienne Fabich of Livingston, Danny Fabich of Anaconda and Len and Jeanie Fabich of Mountain Village, Alaska; 20 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren.

Memorials in Helen's name are suggested to Hospice, 310 Sunnyview, Kalispell, MT 59901 or donor's choice.

Funeral Mass will be celebrated from St. Peter's Catholic Church, Wednesday morning, March 2, 2005 at 10 a.m. with Interment to follow in Mount Olivet Cemetery. Tuesday evening services will be held at the Anaconda Chapel of KT Riddle Funeral Homes. The Rosary will be prayed at 6 p.m., with the Vigil service to follow at 7 p.m. Visitation/wake will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Funeral Home.

Services are under the care of the KT Riddle Funeral Homes, Anaconda.

LLOYD FAGERLAND, 79

December 19, 2005 at 5:00 am |

Lloyd Fagerland, 79, passed away Saturday, Dec. 17, 2005, at his residence at Buffalo Hill Terrace in Kalispell. He was born Oct. 15, 1926, in Kalispell, the son of Ernest and Bernice (Dyer) Fagerland.

Lloyd attended the Echo Lake School and graduated from Bigfork High School. He served two years in the U.S. Navy on a mine sweeper. Upon his return, he married his high school sweetheart, Alicia Fox, on Sept. 18, 1946, at Swan River. They spent most of their married life farming the KM Ranch and then the family farm in Creston. He also worked as a building contractor. Later in life he wrote a book, "The Southeast Quarter," and published articles in several magazines. Lloyd loved the wilderness and spent many days with his horses, family and friends fishing and enjoying Montana's back country. Lloyd was a beloved husband to his wife and leaves his family with many wonderful memories. He was a member of the Eastside Grange, Back Country Horsemen, was a 4-H leader and a member of the Methodist Church in Bigfork.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his wife, Alicia Fagerland, of the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell; two daughters, Kathy Hansen and her husband, Marvin, of Kalispell, and Karen Poston and her husband, Ray, of Elma, Wash.; grandchildren Kimberly, Kyle, Kalie, Amanda and Jeff; and great-grandchildren, Keaden, Kane, Bryce, Jace and Kylie; two sisters, Sandra Yonke of Port Ludlow, Wash., and Anna Mae Paul of Rapid City, S.D.; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and other family.

Memorial services will be held Tuesday, Dec. 20, 2005, at 1 p.m. at the Community United Methodist Church in Bigfork, with Pastor Jan Wittman officiating. There will be no visitation. Burial will be private by the family at Lonepine Cemetery.

The family suggests that any memorial contributions be sent to the Salvation Army, 110 Bountiful Drive, Kalispell MT 59901, or the International Children's Home, 500 S. Lamborn, Helena MT 59601.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for Lloyd's family.

BEVERLY JOYCE FARRINGTON, 68

September 15, 2005 at 5:00 am |

Beverly Joyce Farrington, 68, passed away at her Kalispell home Wednesday, Sept. 14, 2005. Beverly was born in Belden, N.D., on Sept. 23, 1936. She grew up and attended schools in Minot and Stanley, N.D.

She married William Farrington in 1961 in Idaho. They had 44 wonderful years together.

Beverly worked as a bartender and waitress at various places around Kalispell. She loved hunting and fishing with her husband and loved being the "neighborhood mom." She spoiled her great-grandchildren because of her love for them.

Beverly was preceded in death by her mother, Elma Johnson; father, James E. Corpron; stepfather, Eugene Johnson; daughter, Jacqueline Farrington; two sisters, Madeline Smith and Delores Walters; and three brothers, Lavern, Virgil and Darwin Corpron.

Beverly is survived by her husband, William, of Kalispell; a granddaughter who was raised as a daughter from infancy, Sabrina and husband, George Miller, of Kalispell; mother-in-law, Glada Walbon of Kalispell; sister, Carol Beasley, of Memphis, Tenn.; sister-in-law, Lois Corpron of Kalispell; half sister, Julie Corpron of Wolf Point; half brother, Russell Corpron of Wolf Point; half brother, Darrell Corpron of Boulder; stepbrother, Bill Collier of Kalispell; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Memorial services will be held at a later date.

The family suggests memorials to Hospice, 171 Commons Loop, Suite 100, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

MARGARET E. FARRIS, 86

July 24, 2005 at 5:00 am /

Margaret E. Farris, 86, passed away at Brendan House on Friday, July 22, 2005.

She was born in Creston, on Nov. 1, 1918, to Elmer S. and Artie E. Buck. She was educated in Kalispell, graduating from Flathead County High School in 1936.

On Nov. 14, 1936, she married Forest E. Farris in Polson. These high school sweethearts continued to be soul mates for 65 years until her partner's death in March of 2002. To this union were born four children, Patricia, Harold, Marilyn and Roberta.

In 1960, she began working for the Flathead County Extension Office and continued there until 1972 when she moved to the Flathead County clerk of court's office. She retired after nine years as chief deputy in that office. She was honorary member of the Flathead F.F.A. Chapter; member of Montana State Grange; National Flora of the National Grange; and member of Stillwater Grange #107. She was a lifelong member of the Epworth United Methodist Church.

Margaret enjoyed camping and spending time with her family. She would always make "special" family visits. She enjoyed her grandchildren and great-grandchildren and watching them achieve their life goals.

Margaret was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; three sisters, Irma, Alma and Ruth; four brothers, Elmer Jr., Robert, Edgar and Jasper; and a grandson, Brian Figgins.

Survivors include four children, Patricia Bjornstad, Harold and his wife, JoAnn, Marilyn Johnson and her husband, Bill, all of Kalispell, and Roberta Thomas of Missoula; a sister, Betty Ketron, of Bozeman; 10 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Viewing and reception of friends by the family will be from 6 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, July 27, at the Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. The casket will not be open at the services. Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. Thursday, July 28, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home with the Rev. Marvin Northcutt officiating. Burial will follow in Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorials be made to the charity of the donor's choice in Margaret's name.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

JOAN A. FAVRE, 58

May 11, 2005 at 5:00 am |

Joan A. Favre, 58, passed away on Saturday, May 7, 2005, at her home in Kalispell, after a courageous seven-year-long battle with ovarian cancer.

Joan was born in Queens, N.Y., on Sept. 28, 1946, to George G. and Joy P. (Hegenauer) Brittingham. She was the third of five children.

She was an avid horsewoman and owned, raised and trained her beloved Appaloosa horses in California, Washington and Montana. Joan's children grew up playing and working with the horses most of their lives which became a bond that kept them together. Joan missed her horses when she could no longer have them with her.

While living in Kingston, Wash., Joan worked for Security Pacific Bank as a project manager in their purchasing department, a job which she enjoyed. Joan was a Kingston Fire Department Volunteer Firefighter/EMT for 12 years, running the weekend shift and giving any other help that was needed. She also taught first aid through EMT.

The family wishes to express their appreciation and gratitude to Dr. William Boehme and his entire staff for their care and treatment of Joan during her illness and also to the volunteers and staff of Hospice, especially Lori Mitchell, for their gentle and compassionate care during Joan's last days.

Joan and Fred Gibson, her long-time companion in Montana, enjoyed taking trips together looking for "old iron" and fixing and painting the old iron back to its original condition.

Joan also enjoyed planting flowers and vegetables.

Joan was preceded by her father, George Brittingham, in 1998.

Joan is survived by her companion, Fred Gibson; daughters, Cheryl and Tom Johnson, and Christel Favre, of Kalispell; four grandchildren, Alex and Gabriella Johnson, and Jordyn and Sumya Favre; her mother, Joy Brittingham; two brothers, George F. Brittingham and Marje, and Tom Brittingham; two sisters, Pat and Lou Torres, and Laurie Lennox; and other extended family members and her many friends and acquaintances in Kalispell.

Memorial services for Joan A. Favre will be held 2 p.m. Saturday, May 14, at Johnson Mortuary Chapel with a reception to follow at St. Matthew's Fellowship Hall.

The family suggests memorials be given in her name to Hospice, Home Health Options, 175 Commons Loop, Ste. 100, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for Joan's family.

RUSSELL GORDON FEIGHTNER, 49

January 12, 2005 at 5:00 am | Daily Inter Lake

Russell Gordon Feightner, a mountain man, and a "beloved son of God," passed away in his sleep, Jan. 5, 2005, at the age of 49.

He was born to Gordon and Shirley (Onstot) Feightner on June 14, 1955, in Long Beach, Calif.

His father, Gordon Stewart Feightner, preceded him in death.

His wife, Gail Robinson of Polson, survives him; as well as his mother, Shirley Mae Onstot, and her husband, Curtis, of Ontario, Calif. He will also be missed by his son, Shannon "Shane" Russell Feightner and

wife, Jennifer, of Columbia Falls; his older brother, Lawrence Stewart Feightner, and family of Lincoln, Calif.; and his sister, Tiffany Dawn Onstot, of Ontario, Calif.

Russell's love for these mountains, kept his life and heart rooted deep here. He graduated from Salish Kootenai College with a bachelor's degree in nursing thanks to his wife's support and assistance.

His love for this country and its welfare was often shared. His talents with art and leather where unmatched.

He left behind many more family and friends that had so much more to tell him.

"We love you Russ! And may the Lord be waiting with open arms to enjoy your company until we meet again. Your testimony will always be remembered."

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 14, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Polson ward.

Grogan Funeral Home in Polson is handling arrangements.

ALLISON 'ALLY' MARIE FIFIELD, 16

June 26, 2005 at 5:00 am |

Allison "Ally" Marie Fifield, 16, passed away on Thursday, June 23, 2005, on the north side of Kalispell, as the result of an automobile accident.

Allison was born on March 16, 1989, in Missoula, to Paul and Marlene Fifield. She was raised in Missoula, Spokane, and had lived in Kalispell for the past 11 1/2 years. Ally had attended West Valley School, and would have been a junior at Flathead High School this coming school year.

She had worked at the Stumptown Ice Den, and Taco Bell. Her school activities included being a member of the Writer's Club and National Honor Society. She sponsored a child from the Philippines through Compassion International. Ally enjoyed figure skating, especially ice dance, and was looking forward to skating this summer at the University of Delaware, and pursuing a career as a skating coach. She especially enjoyed the time she was able to spend training with her coaches in Spokane, and Cranbrook, British Columbia. She also truly enjoyed riding on the back of her dad's motorcycle.

She is survived by her parents, Paul and Marlene Fifield of Kalispell; her sister, Rebecca Fifield of Minneapolis; her grandfather, Dorwin Fifield of Missoula; aunts, Marsha Wolcott and her husband, Kelly, of Arlee, Joyce Poley and husband, Myron, of New Brighton, Minn., and Roberta Wilson and husband, George, of Gridley, Calif.; cousins, Heather Sundheim and husband, Steve, and Tiffany Christensen and husband, John, all of Missoula, Matt Wolcott and wife, Jen, of Juneau, Alaska, Jennifer Stetson and husband, Micah, of Red Bluff, Calif., and Heather Steen and husband, David, of Downey, Calif.

Allison was preceded in death by her grandmother, Lilian Fifield, of Missoula and grandparents, Robert and Mertis Nolt of Chico, Calif.

Funeral services will be held at 1:30 p.m. Monday, June 27, at Faith Alliance Church, 348 2nd Avenue West in Kalispell with the Rev. Jim Davey officiating. Burial will follow at C. E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Memorials in Allison's name can be sent to Compassion International, Colorado Springs, Colo.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home caring for the family.

JUNE ALTHEA FISHER, 91

September 06, 2005 at 5:00 am |

June Althea Fisher, 91, "went to be with the Lord" on Thursday, Sept. 1, 2005, in Lajunta, Colo. She was born May 11, 1914 in Medical Lake, Wash., to George and Myrtle Keyes Camp.

When June was 3 months old, the family moved to Belt Park, Mont., where her father had a homestead. At age 14, she left the farm and moved to Great Falls to work for room and board and attended high school.

June married Joseph Clarence Fisher in August 1939 in Choteau. They lived in Great Falls, where Clarence served as a police officer for the city of Great Falls and June worked at the Detention Hospital. During this time, two children were born to this union. In 1956, the family moved to Kalispell, where they purchased a small farm south of town. Shortly after getting settled in to her new home, she went to work for Torbert's variety store, where she worked for 15 years. June retired from Fred Meyers in the 1970s. In her later years, she moved to Colorado to be near her daughter and family.

June enjoyed working in her church, First Baptist, where she had been a member for 40-plus years. She was a devoted choir member and was involved in the Kalispell Music Club that sang at different social events throughout the area. During her life, she had been a member of the White Shrine and had worked her way to become the Worthy High Priestess. She loved socializing with everyone who crossed her path and found great joy in doing for others. June will be remembered for her great cooking, particularly her famous turkey dinners and homemade pies. Mom was never a wealthy woman, but took great pride in getting all "fancied up." She was a very dedicated mother and grandmother.

When asked by her daughter if there was anything she could have included in her life, she replied, "I wish I could have pursued a singing career. I love to sing." Our reply to her now is that she left a song in everyone's heart that she had touched.

June was preceded in death by her husband, J. Clarence Fisher; sisters, Bessie Browning and Rita Haney; and three brothers, George, Sidney and Stewart Camp. She is survived by one son, Philip Fisher, and wife, Patty, of Kalispell; and a daughter, Karen Mosbarger and husband, Kenneth, of Lajunta, Colo.; grandchildren, Craig Fisher and wife, Suzy, of Mason, Ohio; Bradley Fisher and wife, Casey, of Vancouver, Wash.; Courtney Fisher of Kalispell; Charles Mosbarger of Alexandria, Va.; Marc Mosbarger of Atlantic Beach, Fla.; and two great-grandchildren, Brice Fisher, Charlie Ann Fisher and an expected baby in January 2006; as well as many extended family.

Visitation will be held from 12 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 7, 2005, in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at the 1st Baptist Church of Kalispell, with Pastor Jim Sandholdt officiating. Burial will be afterward at the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. The family suggests memorial gifts be given to the Arkansas Valley Hospice, P.O. Box 1067, La Junta, CO 81050 or 1st Baptist Church, 301 W. Wyoming, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for June's family.

LARRY 'TODD' FLATT, 34

July 27, 2005 at 5:00 am |

Todd Flatt, 34, lost his life Tuesday night, July 19, 2005, in a fatal car accident on Foys Lake Road in Kalispell.

Todd was born April 13, 1971, in Dallas, Texas, where he resided until 1999.

Todd left behind his loving wife of 10 1/2 years, Sharon Crow.

He and Sharon, along with their pets, moved to Montana in 1999 to fulfill their Montana dream life.

Todd was an all state, all star, first chair accomplished trumpet player throughout high school and college. He attended West Texas State University on a full music scholarship. He then attended the Tarrant County Junior College police academy in Fort Worth, Texas, where he graduated in the top of his class.

Upon graduation, Todd joined the Irving Police Department in Irving, Texas, where he continued the family legacy of being a third-generation Texas law enforcement officer. Todd then went into hotel management with Holiday Inn Hotels, which enabled him and his wife to move to Montana. In 2000, he started his own Trailhead Process Serving Agency in Kalispell. In 2003, he joined the loss-prevention team at the Kalispell Target store. In 2004, Todd began working for NAPA Auto Parts and was employed there until his death.

Todd loved the outdoors and had expert knowledge of his home town team, the Dallas Cowboys, from the first team to the current team, and was able to debate with anyone about their records with accurate facts about the team.

Music was a big part of Todd's life, from his country roots to the great classics of his favorite composer, Beethoven.

Survivors include his wife, Sharon; stepsons, Brandon and Nathan Ortega, of Corsicana, Texas; his father, Assistant Police Chief Larry Flatt, of Lancaster, Texas; and mother, Janet Lane, of Argyle, Texas. Todd is survived by many other family members. He also leaves behind his beloved pets, Dudley and Josie.

A loving memorial and celebration of Todd's life will take place at 6:30 p.m. this Friday, July 29, at the Christian Center Activity Center, 255 Summit Ridge, in Kalispell. "Friends of Todd and Sharon are warmly invited to join in this memorial to say our good-byes to a wonderful, caring, loving person that will be greatly missed by the many lives that he touched while a member of this community."

A cross has been placed at the scene of his death to honor and remember his life. "We will never forget you, Todd."

MILDRED S. FLEMING, 79

May 12, 2005 at 5:00 am | Daily Inter Lake

Mildred S. Fleming, 79, passed away on Tuesday, May 10, 2005, at her home in Columbia Falls.

She was born on Dec. 1, 1925, in Hanford, Calif., to Edward W. and Mary A. (Kindelberger) Scherf. Mildred received her early education in Hanford, graduating from Hanford High School in 1942 before going on to attend business college in Fresno, Calif.

She married Charles Bryan in Hanford and they were later divorced.

Mildred worked for the Army for a short time. She also worked in accounting for Hanford High School and numerous small businesses in the San Joaquin Valley.

Mildred married James L. Fleming on March 24, 1958, at Schofield Barracks, Territory of Hawaii. The couple moved to Alaska in 1959, then to Oregon from 1960 to 1967 before settling in Trout Creek, Mont.

Mildred operated an accounting business out of her home for many years and was also the business manager for the Noxon schools for 22 years before retiring in 1993. James passed away in 1983.

Mildred moved to Columbia Falls, in 1995, to live with her daughter. She kept herself very busy in retirement, volunteering for different organizations and just helping out when and wherever she was needed.

Mildred was preceded in death by her husband, James; her parents; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

She is survived by her two sons, Norris Bryan and wife, Kathy, of Sacramento, Calif., and James L. Fleming of Center Ridge, Ark.; her daughter, Susan A. Fleming of Columbia Falls; two nieces, Sandy Jordan and husband, Craig, of Santa Rosa, Calif., and Carolyn Cook and husband, John, of Lake Stevens, Wash.; two grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

Memorial services for Mildred will be held at 3 p.m. Friday, May 13, at the First Baptist Church of Whitefish with Pastor Kent Morrison officiating.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for Mildred's family.

LUCAS JAMES FLOREN, 21

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

Lucas James Floren, 21, of Whitefish and formerly of Havre, died in a motorcycle accident between Kalispell and Whitefish, July 30, 2005.

Cremation has taken place and memorial services were held on Tuesday, Aug. 2, at the Buffalo Hill Funeral Home, and will also be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 4, at the Fifth Avenue Christian Church, Havre, with burial following in the Calvary Cemetery.

Luke was born on Dec. 10, 1983, in Havre, and graduated from Havre High School. Luke entered the U.S. Marine Corps and graduated in the honor platoon in San Diego, Calif.

Luke moved to Key Largo, Fla., and worked as an employee of David Davis Electric from July 2002 to March 2005. He also attended the Florida Keys Community College. In April 2005, Luke returned to Montana and began working for Peter's Electric in Kalispell. Luke enjoyed fine arts, music, motorcycling, snowboarding, pool, golfing, rafting, canoeing, fishing and hunting.

Luke is survived by his mother, Kay MacKenzie; and brother, Michael Floren, of Key Largo; along with his father, Raymond and Gloria Floren of Havre; grandmother, Lora MacKenzie Lachelt of Whitefish; aunts, Gwen Lachelt of Durango, Colo., and Karen and Ken Bigelow of Columbia Falls; uncles, Mike and Virginia Lachelt of Wasilla, Alaska, Rod Floren of Kalispell, Ric and Denise Floren of Havre, Robert and Vonda Floren of Havre; many step-siblings and uncles, great aunts and uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

Luke was preceded in death by his grandparents, Clyde and Evie Floren, Michael Griffith and DeWayne Lachelt.

Luke will be always be remembered for his artistic abilities, musical talent and work ethic; but mostly for his eagerness to help others.

HELEN L. FLYNN, 92

April 13, 2005 at 5:00 am | Daily Inter Lake

Helen L. Flynn, 92, passed away on Sunday, April 10, 2005, at her residence in Kalispell.

She was born on July 9, 1912, to Ludvig and Hilda (Holst) Horntvedt. She grew up on their homestead in the Stillwater area where she attended Stillwater school and Stillwater Lutheran church, a church her father helped build. Helen graduated from high school in 1930.

In 1932, Helen married Thomas Flynn. Together they raised four children. With her family she was involved in the beginnings of Central Bible Church and was active there for many years. She was especially interested in the mission work of the church and actively supported several missionaries. Later she became involved with women's Bible study and prayer groups, sometimes leading the groups.

Helen loved flowers and always had a beautiful yard. As her children grew and she had more time, she found several hobbies; ceramics, cake decorating, fancy decorated sugar eggs and assorted crafts.

Helen was preceded in death by her parents and her sister, Anna.

She is survived by her husband Tom; four children, Lorence R. Flynn and wife, Mari, Joanne Dykes and husband, Leonard, all of Kalispell, and David Flynn and wife, Carolyn, of Boise, Idaho, and Donna Nygren and husband, Les, of Spokane; nine grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services for Helen will be held 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 16, at Johnson Mortuary Chapel, with Pastor Keith McNeil officiating. Burial will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Visitation for Helen will be held from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday, April 15, in the Johnson Funeral Chapel.

The family suggests that memorials be made to the Stillwater Lutheran Church, 1401 Church Drive, Kalispell, MT 59901 or the Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch, 1732 South 72 West or 2050 Overland Avenue Billings, MT 59102.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for Helen's family.

MARI ANN (BONWELL) FLYNN, 53

October 18, 2005 at 6:10 am | Daily Inter Lake

Mari Ann Flynn passed away Sept. 26, 2005, at the University of Washington Medical Center in Seattle. She was born Dec. 3, 1951, in Wenatchee, Wash., to Loren and Marianne Bonwell. Mari was a 1969 graduate of Eastmont High School in East Wenatchee. She received training as a physical therapy assistant at Central Washington University and worked in that field for several years in Seattle.

Mari Ann married Lorence R. Flynn in Wenatchee in 1974. Together they had one daughter, Annie. She was also stepmother to son David Flynn and daughter Lara Flynn.

Mari worked as a receptionist in her husband's dental office, both in Wenatchee and Kalispell. She enjoyed visiting with the patients and will be remembered for her pleasant smile and friendly laugh.

Mari derived much pleasure from being around children. She was known by the kids as the "reliable carpool mom" and was a great "party mom" for school activities. She delighted in her four grandchildren who found her to be a terrific grandma.

Mari was an enthusiastic supporter of community children's activities. She was secretary-treasurer of the Flathead Children's Theater during its incipiency.

Other community involvement included fund-raising for the KATS swim team, March of Dimes, and Variety Club International's multiple sclerosis telethon. For several years she involved herself in the AWANA mission through Central Bible Church.

Mari is survived by her husband, Lorence, Kalispell, daughter Annie, stepson, stepdaughter and four grandchildren in the Seattle area. She is also survived by three brothers and four sisters, all of Washington state.

At Mari's request, cremation has taken place and no services are planned.

"We will remember Mari not only for her warm and friendly smile, but also for her strength and courage in the face of overwhelming adversity."

JAMES H. FOLEY

September 12, 2005 at 5:00 am | Daily Inter Lake

James H. Foley passed away Friday morning, Sept. 9, 2005, at St. Patrick's Hospital in Missoula. James, the son of Bernard and Winifred Foley, was born in Carrington, N.D., on Nov. 14, 1920. His grandparents, Hugh and Celia, natives of Ireland, immigrated to the United States in 1826. Ben and Winnie moved the family to Anaconda in the spring of 1922 and Jim grew up and went to school there. He married Margaret O'Neill of Butte, the love of his life, on Feb. 16, 1946, and they were blessed with five children. Jim was preceded in death by his wife, Margaret, in 2002, his brother, Bobby, and his parents, Ben and Winnie.

Jim Foley graduated from Anaconda's St. Paul Grade School and St. Peter's High School. He majored in philosophy and biology while attending Carroll College from 1938 to 1942. He then joined the United States Air Force in 1942. He served with the 11th Bomber Group as a flight engineer for three years during World War II. After serving his nation, Jim returned to Carroll College and earned a degree in zoology. Later in his life, he returned to Carroll College and earned a second degree in contemporary English.

Carroll College has benefited greatly from Jim's service. He was a member of the Saints Athletic Association and the President's Council for many years. He served as the president of the National Association of Carroll College Alumni, as founder and president of the Carroll College Century Club, and founder and president of the Carroll College Hall of Fame. In 1991, he received the Warren Nelson Award for his support of Carroll Athletics and was also given the Carroll College Community Appreciation Award in 1988 for his service to the Helena community. Jim was also one of the founders and early directors who raised funds for the display in the Carroll PE Center to honor members of the Carroll Athletic Hall of Fame.

Along with his service to Carroll College, Jim also served the Helena area and the State of Montana his entire life. He was a member of the Helena City Council for many years, interim mayor of Helena, on the Civil Service Commission for testing and pension fund, vice president and president of the Montana Lung Association, chairman of the board of Valley Bank of Helena, board of directors of the Montana Catholic Conference, and was chairman of the board of Shodair Children's Hospital.

Few people can claim to have impacted their community as much as Jim Foley. His entire life has been dedicated to helping others through civic service and appointments. His service includes being past president and chairman of St. John's Hospital board, past president of St. Peter's Community Hospital, and administrator of the Lewis and Clark Children's Youth Project for children ages 6 weeks to 12 years. In the 1970's, he was the director of the Southwest Area Health Planning Council, where he supervised the planning of health programs in Montana's Lewis and Clark, Powell, Granite, Deer Lodge, Silver Bow, Beaverhead, Jefferson, Madison, Gallatin, Park, Meagher and Broadwater counties. Jim also recognized that several counties did not have nursing homes, and he led a public drive which raised more than \$1 million to alleviate the problem.

Much of Jim's commitment to the community and other citizens was done silently. It was never his way to broadcast his good acts. In fact, much of his goodness escaped the knowledge even of his family members.

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He is survived by his five children, Kathy (Pat) McCarthy of Yakima, Wash., Dr. Dan (Judy) Foley of Boulder, Colo., James Patrick (Julie) Foley of Missoula, Sheila Updike of Helena, and Tom (Shauna) Foley of Helena. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Kevin (Joan) McCarthy, Kara McCarthy, Katie, Ben and Nick Foley, T. J. and Shea Foley, Ann Updike, and great-grandchildren, Colin and Meghan McCarthy. He is also survived by his sister, Ann Marie (Alan) Fryberger, of Cathlamet, Wash., his brother Reverend Bernard (Pat) Foley at the University of Notre Dame, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Jim's love of life, fierce pride in his Irish heritage, strong religious belief, and sparking sense of humor, were all qualities associated with him his entire life. His example and friendship will always be cherished. "If you're lucky enough to be Irish, you're lucky enough."

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 13, at Retz Funeral Home. A Vigil service is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday at the Cathedral of St. Helena. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 14, at the Cathedral of St. Helena. Interment with military honors will follow at Resurrection Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family wishes memorials to be sent to the James H. and Margaret O'Neill Foley Scholarship Fund, Carroll

ANNE B. "NAN" (STORR) FORD

May 18, 2005 at 5:00 am | Daily Inter Lake

Anne B. "Nan" (Storr) Ford, "went asleep in Jesus" on Tuesday, May 17, 2005, in St. Louis.



Anne is the beloved wife of the late John A. Ford; dear mother of Beverly Mayberry; dear grandmother of Terry and Cathy, and Gregory and Margaret Meyer, Tina and Sherman Ellis, Christopher Meyer, Thomas "Jerry" and Deana, Mark and Russ and Donna Wheaton; dear great-grandmother of 18; and great-great-grandmother of five; our dear sister-in-law, aunt, great-aunt and friend.

Funeral services will be at Kutis Affton Chapel, 10151 Gravois, St. Louis, Mo., at 11:30 a.m. Friday, May 20. Entombment will be at Sunset Mausoleum. Visitation will be 5 to 9 p.m. Thursday.

Contributions to Feed My People will be appreciated.

JOYCE ARLEEN FORSYTHE, 75

April 17, 2005 at 5:00 am | Daily Inter Lake

Joyce Arleen Forsythe, 75, passed away Thursday, April 14, 2005, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

She was born April 22, 1929, in Twin Valley, Minn., to Knute and Selma (Opsahl) Knutson.

She married Richard Forsythe on Oct. 29, 1950, in Twin Valley, Minn. She worked at Glacier Bank and retired as a vice president.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Shirley Knapps and Mavis Wagner, and one brother, Vernon Knutson.

She is survived by her husband, Richard Forsythe of Lakeside; one son, Rick Forsythe and wife, Kay, of Virginia; one daughter, Jill Weigand and husband, Richard, of Kalispell; two sisters, Irma Braunschweig and Judy Pinske, both of Minnesota; three grandchildren, Danielle Garrett and husband, Nathan, of Magnolia, Ark., Erica Forsythe of Raleigh, N.C., and Amanda Weigand of Kalispell.

At her request there will be no services. Memorials can go to the charity of your choice.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for Joyce's family.

BARBARA LUCILLE FOSBERY, 90

September 25, 2005 at 5:00 am |

Barbara Lucille Fosbery, 90, passed away on Wednesday, Sept. 21, 2005, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

She was born on Aug. 21, 1915, on a homestead near Camp Crook, S.D.

Her parents, Charles and Myrtle (Jennings) Ripley raised her along with two younger brothers, Cecil and Walter. Their growing years were spent on cattle ranches in South Dakota and wheat farms in the Flathead Valley. Barbara's schooling was completed through high school in Kalispell.

On Aug. 26, 1933, she married Roy Fosbery at the family ranch in Camp Crook. They started their life together running a saw mill in the hills around the ranching community. The depression of the '30s caused them to relocate for a time to the state of Washington. In 1936, they moved permanently to the Flathead Valley.

While Roy was engaged in logging for the next 30 years, Barbara began working for Flathead Commercial, a clothing store on Kalispell's Main Street. When it was purchased in the 1950s and became Buttrey's Department Store, Barbara continued to work there until her retirement in the 1970's. Managing the baby department was the position she was most remembered for.

Barbara's life was spent helping people, loving and caring for her family. She devoted countless hours during World War II doing Red Cross work. In the 1950s she was part of a team of ladies asked by the government to watch for enemy aircraft coming into the Flathead Valley.

Teaching Sunday school in her church was another love of her life. She was a member of the Kalispell's First Baptist Church.

She enjoyed life most when she was fishing, canning, playing pinochle, raising flowers, preparing big dinners for her family, and especially watching anything her granddaughters were involved in.

Everyone that knew Barb knew her life centered on devotion to her family. Raising their son, Terry, and being close to whatever her three granddaughters, Jamie, Kelly and Lyndsey did, meant the world to her.

A relationship and love developed between Barb and her daughter-in-law, Judy, especially in her later years that went beyond love. Barb depended on Judy's care and support to her last breath.

Barb will always be remembered for her laugh and the beautiful white hair she had from age 19 on.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Roy, and her two brothers, Cec and Walt.

Barbara is survived by her son, Terry and his wife, Judy, of Kalispell; her three granddaughters, Kelly Fosbery of Tyler, Texas, Jamie Fosbery, a graduate student at Texas A & M University in College Station, Texas, and Lyndsey Toce and her husband, Brian, of Grapevine, Texas, and especially by their son, Jacob, Barbara's only

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great-grandchild. She was blessed by meeting him at her 90th birthday party.

Private graveside services have already taken place. A memorial service to celebrate Barbara's life will be announced at a later date.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for Barbara's family.

JOSIAH 'JOE' J. FOX JR. , 80

February 06, 2005 at 5:00 am |

Josiah J. Fox Jr. , "Joe," 80, died peacefully in his sleep on Thursday, Feb. 3, 2005, in Kalispell.

He was born on June 21, 1924, in Centralia, Wash., to Josiah J. and Clara (Maser) Fox.

He graduated from Centralia High School in 1942 and enlisted in the U.S. Army, Aug. 9, 1944, training at Ft. Lewis, Wash. Upon deployment, Joe served as foreman with the 46th Engineer Construction Battalion in Yokohama, Japan, and was honorably discharged with the rank of sergeant.

Upon returning home, Joe attended Northwest Bible College in Seattle, then moved to Bellingham, Wash., where he met and married Jean R. Dyrland at Calvary Temple on June 17, 1947. Five children were born to this union.

Joe was employed for five years at the Cummings' Meridian Market, and retired from the United States Post Office after 30 years of service as a mail carrier in Bellingham. From 1987 until 1994, Joe drove bus for the Bellingham School District. His wife Jean passed away in 1988.

Joe married Jeanette Herbert on Oct. 12, 1996, at Glacier Bible Camp in Hungry Horse. Joe and Jeanette spent summers at their cabin there and worshiped at the Whitefish Assembly of God church. The Foxes wintered in Yuma, Ariz., where they were actively involved with the Foothills Assembly of God church.

Joe will be remembered for the fervency of his love and service for the Lord Jesus Christ, his delight in his large family and many friends, and his kind gentle spirit. He was especially proud that each of his children and several grandchildren have been involved in full-time Christian ministry.

Joe was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Jean; three brothers, Macer, Gerald and Frederick; and two sisters, Francis Fox and Zoe Thomas.

Joe is survived by his wife, Jeanette; five children, Robert Fox and his wife, Donna, of Billings, James Fox and his wife, Jill, of Ferndale, Wash., Carla Ness and her husband, Myron of Westport, Wash., Karen Groff and her husband, David, of Lake Stevens, Wash., and Allan Fox and his wife, Kristi, of Coulee City, Wash.; two stepdaughters, Barbara Jones of Sarasota, Fla., and Connie Bunerson of McCall, Idaho. He is also survived by 17 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Other survivors include a brother Claire "C.J." of Centralia, Wash.; and one sister, Estol Dean of Lacey, Wash.

A memorial service to honor a life well lived will be held 1 p.m. at the King Mountain Church in Bellingham, on Thursday, Feb. 10. Inurnment will be at Moles-Greenacres Cemetery in Ferndale, Wash.

The family suggests that any memorials be sent to Glacier Bible Camp, c/o the Montana District Council of the Assemblies of God, 1000 Overland Avenue, Billings, MT 59102.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

LINCOLN L. 'LINC' FRANCE, 84

August 25, 2005 at 5:00 am |

Lincoln L. "Linc" France, 84, passed away Sunday, Aug. 21, 2005, at the North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

He was born Jan. 30, 1921, in Grass Range to Fred and Stella France. He was raised in the Lewistown and Bitterroot area. Linc finished his formal education in eighth grade to help support his family.

He was married to Ruth Davis Carlson on June 18, 1947, in Hamilton. They lived in Hamilton, and in 1960, they moved to Missoula. In 1965, they moved to Columbia Falls, where Linc ran Linc's Automotive where he could fix anything. If he didn't have the tool, he could make one.

Linc loved to write letters to newspapers and congressmen to let them know what he was thinking.

His marigolds have become a landmark in Columbia Falls. Linc also loved gardening and plowing snow on his old John Deere tractor.

He was a Columbia Falls city councilman and a member of the Senior Citizens, R.S.V.P., Meals On Wheels and various other organizations.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his beloved wife, Ruth; an infant daughter, Candice; his brothers, Merrit, Miles and Milton France; and his sister, Wanda.

Linc is survived by his children, Larry and Jamie France of Kalispell, Carol and Tom Haid of Spokane, Robert and Ann Carlson of Mammoth Lakes, Calif., Allan and Jan Carlson of Elizabeth Lake, Calif., and Pat and Leroy Kindsvogel of Woodburn, Ore.; his brothers, Verdon, Aaron, Kenneth and Clinton France; a sister, Wilma Snell; 10 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Aug. 26, at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

The family has suggested that memorials be made to the North Valley Senior Citizens Center or to a charity of the donor's choice.

EMMA LOU FREDRICKSON, 82

July 10, 2005 at 5:00 am |

Emma Lou Fredrickson, 82, passed away Friday, July 8, 2005, at the Kalispell Regional Hospital of natural causes.

Emma was born June 18, 1923, in Enderlin, N.D., to Walter and Ellen Kaber. The Kaber family moved to Whitefish in 1935. Emma attended school in Whitefish and graduated from high school in 1943.

She went on to college at Northern University in Havre, and became a teacher. She taught school in Brockton, and Markus, Wash. In Markus she met and married Bert E. Fredrickson and they were married at the Hitch'n Post in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, on June 5, 1948.

She started teaching in Whitefish, in 1962, where she taught the subjects of English and literature. She went back to school at the University of Montana and received her master's degree in library science. She then became librarian at the Whitefish Junior High and later the Whitefish High School. She retired in 1996.

She was preceded in death by parents; husband, Bert; brothers, Marvin, and Louis Kaber; and sister, Lois Hull.

Emma Lou is survived by her daughters, Mary Ellen Harker of Kalispell, and Thea Lou Roach and son-in-law, Jay, of Columbia Falls; son, Dirk David Fredrickson of Alamosa, Colo.; brothers, Harvey Kaber of Laurel, and Larry Kaber and Charlotte, of Kalispell; grandchildren, Lisa, Amie, Jamie and Jackie Harker, Jason, Benjamin, Samuel, Peter Umbriaco, Cassie, Erin and Dane Fredrickson; five great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

There will be a memorial celebration of Emma Lou's life 10 a.m. Thursday at the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish with Rev. John Bent, officiating. Burial will follow at the Whitefish City Cemetery.

The family suggests that memorials can be made to the Whitefish City Library in Whitefish.

PAUL A. FREEMAN, 48

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

Paul A. Freeman, 48, passed away Tuesday, Aug. 2, 2005, at the Kalispell Regional Medical Center from complications after a 10-year battle with cancer.

He was born May 25, 1957, at Edwards Air Force Base, California to Benjamin J. and Juanita Freeman. He was raised and educated in Alaska, Arizona, Maryland, and Florida due to his father being in the military. He graduated from Kathleen High School in Lakeland, Fla., and attended Hillsborough Community College.

Paul and Beverly Johnson were married in 1984, in Bartow, Fla.

He worked as a warehouse man for Publix Supermarkets and retired after 25 years. He later worked at Masterpiece Carpets in Kalispell until the time of his death.

Paul was very active in his church, North Valley Baptist Church in Columbia Falls. He had moved to Montana in 1999 to work with the smaller Southern Baptist Churches.

He loved music, woodworking and being outdoors.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a daughter, Bethany Ann Freeman.

Paul is survived by his wife, Beverly, of Columbia Falls; his children, Aaron Freeman, Gabriele Freeman, Lyndia Freeman, and Hannah Freeman, all of Columbia Falls; his brother, David Freeman of Middleburg, Fla.; and an uncle, Darley Bennett of Lakeland.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. today, Aug. 4, at the North Valley Baptist Church in Columbia Falls. A graveside service will be held on Monday, Aug. 12, in Lakeland. Inurnment will be in Oak Hill Burial Park in Lakeland.

The family has suggested that memorials be made to the North Valley Baptist Church Building Fund in Columbia Falls.

Local arrangements are by Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

BRANDEN LOUIS FREY, 20

April 13, 2005 at 5:00 am | Daily Inter Lake

Branden Louis Frey, 20, passed away on Sunday, April 10, 2005, as a result of a vehicle accident.

He was born on July 21, 1984, in Whitefish to Donald and Sharon (Hilton) Frey. Branden received his early education at Deer Park School through the seventh grade. He was then home-schooled through graduation. He went on to college in Riverton, Wyo., for a year and also attended one semester in Moscow, Idaho.

Branden loved all that life had to offer; hiking, camping, wrestling, baseball, and especially working on cars. He really looked up to his big brothers and sister. He was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and a graduate of four years of seminary.

Branden was preceded in death by a brother, Cody, in 1987; grandfather, John Frey, in 1998; uncle, Ronald Frey, in 2003; and an aunt, Gloria Crawford, in 2004.

He is survived by his parents, Donald and Sharon Frey, of Columbia Falls; brothers, Donald Frey Jr. of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, and Justin Frey and wife, Niki, of Kalispell; one sister, Shawna Frey of Coeur d'Alene; grandparents, Edward and Helen Hilton, as well as Marlys Frey, all of Columbia Falls; two nieces, two nephews and several other relatives.

Funeral services for Branden Frey will be held 2 p.m. Thursday, April 14, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Columbia Falls with Bishop Mike Webb officiating. Burial will follow in the Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for Branden's family.

JAMES ROBERT "BOB" FUGER, 70

April 10, 2005 at 5:00 am | Daily Inter Lake

James Robert "Bob" Fuger, 70, passed away at his home in Kalispell, on Thursday, April 7, 2005.



He was born June 7, 1934, in Pocatello, Idaho, to James and Ella (Scadden) Fuger.

Bob was a carpenter by trade and had many other talents. He loved fishing, hunting and spending time with family and friends. He will be greatly missed.

Bob is survived by his wife of 17 years, Vicki (Letts) Fuger of Kalispell; children, Ella Jean, Bobby, and Kenny of Utah, Lori, Ralinda and Jerry of Pocatello, Cindy of Denver, and Angie of Lakeside. Bob had several grandchildren, including Coby and Tyler of Lakeside, and Jenalee Levi and Alyssa Brown of Denver; and several great-grandchildren.

No services are planned at this time.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for Bob's family.

EDWARD CLARENCE FULLER, 84

January 20, 2005 at 5:00 am | Daily Inter Lake

Edward Clarence Fuller, 84, passed away Monday, Jan. 17, 2005, at Health Center Northwest in Kalispell.

He was born on April 7, 1920, in Winifred, to Frank and Helen (McLaughlin) Fuller. People knew Edward as Ed, Eddie, Fergie and a few other expressions of endearment. Eddie grew up in Stanford, one of eight children during the Depression era. He won the Little All American Six Man Football award and is listed as one of Stanford's legendary athletes in football and basketball.

He joined the Civilian Conservation Corp (CCC) to help with the family income and, after the attack on Pearl Harbor, volunteered for the Army Air Corps. He served with distinction as a turret gunner on a B-17 flying fortress. After several raids over Germany, his plane was shot down in June 1943. He broke his back when his plane was hit and was captured after bailing out. He spent 22 months as a prisoner of war. One of his most vivid and telling memories was when an American captain in a Jeep with the U.S. flag flying liberated the large group of POWs who were being marched west by their captors. The memory of the Stars and Stripes flying on that Jeep and the sacrifice of his fellow airmen made Old Glory a symbol of country and service that he passed on to his children and extended family.

As soon as Ed returned from the war, he and his high school sweetheart, Barbara Knox, married and settled in the Flathead Valley. Ed farmed, drove road equipment for the county, worked in a shipyard in Bremerton, Wash., and then came back to the Flathead as an electrician on the Hungry Horse Dam. He eventually bought Ferguson Electric and provided electrical contracting service until his retirement. During this period he and his brother-in-law, Dick Knox, collaborated on racing horses in the fair and he was in the sheriff's posse.

In the late 1960s he took up golf and became an avid player and good golfing companion to many golfing buddies at Buffalo Hill Golf Course. His buddies called him "Fergie" and he called them all sorts of terms of endearment. Boris, Wickerbill, Goffy, Slippery and Turkey to name a few.

In his retirement years he and Barbara spent time with grandchildren camping in favorite spots, cheering grandsons, Matt, Brian and Rob Brekke and Dan Sparr at baseball and other sporting events. Michelle and David Fuller spent many wonderful summers visiting from Florida. They also followed the jazz festivals with their fellow music lovers. He and Barbara were regulars at the BJ Lupton's Snappy's Tuesday Jazz Fest. Ed enjoyed the company of friends across the generations. He was a regular at the Friday morning Culture Society with his dear friends.

Ed and Barbara were grateful for all the friends who continued to visit through the years building memories of love and friendship. The family is very grateful to the doctors, nursing staff and all the medical personnel who made him comfortable in his later years. In his last few days he was surrounded by his immediate family and his loving wife, Barbara.

"He will be greatly missed and was a hero to his family and friends for his courage, sense of humor, devotion and we will carry this with us always."

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He was preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Helen; and four brothers, Harry, Fred, Floyd, and Mark.

He is survived by his wife, best friend, and loving caregiver of 59 years of marriage, Barbara Fuller, of Kalispell; three children, Jeff Fuller of Fairfax, Va., Kathleen Sparr of Miles City, and Nancy Brekke of Kalispell; six grandchildren, Matt, Brian, Rob, Dan, Michelle and David; one brother, Lee Fuller; and two sisters, Maizie and Thelma; along with many nieces and nephews and friends who will mourn his passing and celebrate his life.

Funeral services for Edward Clarence Fuller will be held 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 22, at the First Baptist Church of Whitefish, with Rev. Kent Morrison officiating. Burial will be at 3 p.m. at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery with military honors by the United Veterans of the Flathead. Visitation will be from noon to 6 p.m. Friday, Jan. 21, at Johnson Mortuary Chapel.

The family suggests memorials be given to Hospice, Wings or any of veterans charities of your choice.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

ROBERT L. FYALL, 81

September 18, 2005 at 5:00 am /

Robert L. Fyall, 81, a Whitefish resident, passed away Saturday morning, Sept. 17, 2005, at his home surrounded by loved ones.

He was born Nov. 7, 1923, in Calvin, N.D., the son of Andrew and Cathrine Fyall. Robert was raised and educated in Calvin. He was a guard on the Calvin High School basketball team that went to the state championship game and lost by just two points. He loved horseracing, bowling, family and friends and an occasional Budweiser. He was always there to lend a helping hand to whoever was in need.

He joined the U.S. Marines during World War II and was stationed on the carrier USS Takanis Bay.

On Jan. 11, 1947, he married Jean Murphy in Seattle and they spent the next 58 years together.

Robert owned several bar and restaurant businesses in Shelby over the years. The family came to Whitefish, in 1985, and he retired in 1998.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Andrew Fyall, Dave Fyall, and Tom Fyall; and a sister, Jessie Schumacher.

He is survived by his wife, Jean, at the family home in Whitefish; two sons, Doug and wife, Kim Fyall, in Whitefish, Fred and wife, Debra Fyall in Choteau; seven grandchildren, Angel, Sean, Douglas, Michael, Jason, Katie, Sarah; and by numerous nieces and nephews.

Local arrangements are under the direction of the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish. Inurnment will be at the Hillcrest Lawn Chapel Mausoleum in Great Falls.

The family suggests that memorials be made to the Flathead Hospice.

ADELAIDE A. FYSTROM, 95

January 30, 2005 at 5:00 am | Daily Inter Lake

Adelaide A. Fystrom, 95, died at Community Medical Center in Missoula on Thursday, Jan. 27, 2005.

She was born on May 15, 1909, to Theodore and Anna (Hanson) Andrew in Mayville, N.D. She attended country grade school and academy high school and two years of college at Mayville Normal School. She began her teaching career at the age of 18.

In 1932, she married Wayne Reese and three children were born to this union. They lived on their farm, raising purebred shorthorn cattle until her husband's death. She then went back to teaching.

In 1948, she married Edwin Fystrom and moved with her family to Bigfork. She continued her teaching career and received her undergraduate degree in 1960. She also received her master's degree from Eastern Michigan University in 1965.

In 1952, there was a developing interest in the social and educational problems of exceptional children. In 1955, a bill was passed to permit the establishment of classes for educable mentally-retarded people. Adelaide accepted the challenge to initiate the first class for EMR -- in Montana -- in Glasgow in 1957, Missoula 1961, and Whitefish 1965. She retired from teaching in 1969 at Eastern Montana College in Billings where she was assistant professor.

Adelaide was a member of Bethany Lutheran Church in Bigfork and a professional education organization, PEO. She sang in church choirs all her life and also directed church choir. She taught Sunday school and church summer school. She wrote a tribute book honoring her heritage, "Put On The Coffee, Ma."

She traveled to visit her family who were scattered throughout the United States, Alaska and Europe.

Adelaide is survived by her three children, Virginia and Austin Mac Innis, Gordon and Mary Ellen Reese, and Margaret and Gary Brooks; and four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

She had been living at the Bitterroot Valley Living Center in Stevensville at the time of her death.

Services will be held at a later date in Bigfork. The Whitesitt Funeral Home and Cremation of Stevensville is in charge of arrangements.