

Rudolph Henry Kaeding, 73

Rudolph Henry Kaeding, 73, formerly of Kalispell, died Saturday, March 4, 2006, at Indian River Hospital in Vero Beach, Fla.

He had worked as a logger and later for W.R. Grace in Libby.

Survivors include his wife, Erma, of Sebstain, Fla.; children, Frank Kaeding of Evaston,

Wash., Anna Edwards of Sela, Wash., and Patti Noble, Judi Foss, Donna Tholen, all of Libby.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Christ Lutheran Church in Libby. Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. Thursday.

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

Doris Maureen Kalvig, 67

Doris Maureen Kalvig, 67, of Blackduck, Minn., died Sunday, April 2, 2006, at NPG Samaritan Center in Blackduck.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, April 6, at Faith Lutheran Church of Blackduck. Cease Family Funeral Home of Blackduck assisted the family with arrangements.

She was born Jan. 10, 1939, in Marshalltown, Iowa, the daughter of Louis R. and Elizabeth M. (Otto) Gethmann IV. She was confirmed and baptized in the Methodist faith. She graduated from Kanawha High School in 1956 and from Iowa School of Nursing in 1959.

Doris married Alvin H. Kalvig on Feb. 14, 1959, in Kanawha, Iowa. She lived in Marshalltown in 1939; in Kimbrae, Minn., in 1940; in Gladbrook, Iowa, in 1944; in Kanawha in 1945; in Des Moines, Iowa, in

1956; in West Des Moines in 1959; and in 1973 moved to Blackduck and had lived there since.

She enjoyed reading, crocheting, baking and cooking. She loved spending time with her grandchildren.

Doris is survived by Alvin H. Kalvig of Blackduck; sons, Dwight and Sandy Kalvig of Blackduck, and Kenneth and Rhonda Kalvig of Kalispell; daughters, Dawn Kalvig of Howard Lake, Minn., and Elizabeth Carol of Virginia, Minn.; seven grandchildren; sister, Carol Rosine, of Franklin, Mass.; nephew, David and Karinna Egan of New Haven, Conn.; a niece, Kathleen Egan, of Boston; aunts, Hazel Snider of Winnipeg, Manitoba, and Lorraine Otto of Gladbrook, Iowa.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and one godchild, Barbie Reynolds.

James Thomas Kane 79

James Thomas Kane 79, a longtime Whitefish area resident passed away of natural causes Friday, June 23, 2006, at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

He was born Sept. 29, 1926, in New York City, the son of James and Catherine Kane. James was raised in the New York area and entered the U.S. Navy during World War II, and served as a fire controlman 1st class until his honorable discharge in 1946.

As a child he started making deliveries for a company in the fur trade. The owner of the Fur Trading Co., Mr. Jack Abrams, taught James the art of the sewing of furs together into garments. He also shined shoes and delivered the Saturday Evening Post.

In 1961, he purchased Soundview Shell Gas Station on one of the busiest streets in the Bronx. In 1972, after 11 years in the Bronx, he packed up the family and moved to Bozeman, and then to Whitefish where he purchased Frenchys Chinese Gardens in May 1973. In 1974, that landmark burned to the ground. In 1975, he built the Shangri-La Supper Club. In 1988, a second business, Par 3 on 93, was started and opened in



1989. In 1992, the businesses were sold and he concentrated on the golf course. He retired in 2005.

He enjoyed golf, watching athletic events, and as a young man was given a tryout with the New York Knicks. He enjoyed the Knights of Columbus and visiting with the golfers in the pro shop.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Kathleen Holland; and a brother, Donal Kane.

He is survived by his wife, Eileen (after 56 years of marriage), at the family home in Whitefish; daughter, Deirdre Kane, in Kalispell; sons, James T. Kane Jr., in Southbridge, Mass., and Brian A. Kane in Whitefish; a brother, William G. Kane, in New Jersey; grandchildren, Maureen, Sean and Thomas in Southbridge, James serving in U.S. Marine Corps in South Carolina, and Austin and Kayden in Southbridge.

Viewing will be from 2 to 7 p.m. today at Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish. A Christian wake service will be at 7 p.m. today, also at the funeral home.

A Mass of the Christian burial will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at St. Charles Catholic Church in Whitefish, with the Rev. Pat Patton as celebrant. Burial will be afterward at a later time at the Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Mt. Pleasant, N.Y.

Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish is in charge of arrangements.

Ruth Norma Kanerva, 81

Ruth Norma Kanerva, 81, died March 1, 2006, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

There are no local survivors.

No services are planned at this time.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for the family.

William 'Bill' Karst, 68

William "Bill" Karst, 68, a long-time Sunburst farmer and farm equipment salesman, passed away Tuesday, March 21, 2006, at the Pondera Long Term Care facility in Conrad due to complications from strokes.

Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. Friday, at the Whitted Funeral Chapel in Shelby. His funeral will be at 11 a.m., Saturday, March 25, at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church in Sunburst, with burial afterward in Sunburst Cemetery.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.whittedfuneralchapel.com.

Survivors include his wife, Harriet, of Sunburst; daughters, Natalie and Jeff Beasley Karst of West Sacramento, Calif., and Teresa Karst of Kalispell; granddaughter, AnnMarie Beasley; sisters, Mary and Steve Stevens of Sunburst, and their children, Jim Lisa and Melody, Betty and Joe DeMartin of Rudyard, and their children, Brian and Barry, and Margy and Rich Johnson of Conrad, and their children, Kurt and Kevin; brothers, Herb and Carol Karst of Sunburst, and their children, Kristin, Kim and Jeff, and John and Val Karst of Great Falls; sister-in-law, Cora and Ron Copenhaver of California, and their daughter, Leza; and mother-in-law and father-in-law, Joseph and Har-



riet Krall of Conrad.

He was born Jan. 7, 1938, to Joseph and Lucile and (Benjamin) Karst in Shelby. He attended the O'Loughlin Elementary School east of Sunburst and graduated from Sunburst High School in 1954. He then farmed for his father while attending Northern Montana College.

He met his loving wife, Harriet Krall, at a high-school dance in 1957 and they were married Feb. 7, 1959, in Sunburst, where they farmed for the next 10 years.

He worked for and eventually managed the Farmers Co-op in Sunburst. He worked briefly for Northern Telephone and in 1985, began selling farm equipment before retiring in 2000.

During his retirement, he loved working on his yard, his shop projects and traveling extensively with Harriet.

He was a member of the Sunburst Volunteer Fire Department for 25 years and the Toole County Planning Board for 18 years.

Bill will be remembered as a kind and gentle person. Although he worked several jobs, his favorite was selling farm equipment. He was a people person, and selling farm equipment afforded him the opportunity to be around people who shared his love for farming, as he was still a farmer at heart. He also loved children, always having a treat for them when delivering fuel or visiting farms.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Lucile (Benjamin) Karst.

Marvin R. Kates, 87

Marvin R. Kates, 87, a resident of Troy, died May 18, 2006, at Boundary County Nursing Home in Bonners Ferry, Idaho.

He is survived by his children, Wilma Countryman Nesbitt and Lottie Ring of Troy; Mackie Thomas of St. Maries, Idaho; Marvin E. Kates of Milton-Freewater, Ore. and Judy

Porter of Spokane.

Services will be 1 p.m. Monday, May 22, at Three Lakes Community Bible Church in Troy; interment with military honors will follow at Milnor Lake Cemetery.

Arrangements are under the care of Nelson & Vial Funeral Home.

Esther Kauffman, 85

Esther Kauffman, 85, passed away Sunday, Feb. 12, 2006, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

She was born Esther Borntrager, the daughter of Glen Joseph and Cora May



(Chupp) Borntrager on Feb. 13, 1920, in rural Dawson County, near Bloomfield. She was baptized upon confession of faith at Red Top Mennonite Church in 1933 by Isaac Mast, and on Nov. 8, 1946, was received into membership at Mountain View Mennonite Church, Creston, where she remained a lifelong member.

She was a 1940 graduate of Dawson County High School. As a young woman she lived a year in Oregon where she worked at various jobs, mainly as a housekeeper or maid.

On May 31, 1943, she was married to Paul S. Kauffman at Red Top Mennonite Church, Bloomfield, with Bishop J.M. Kreider officiating. They lived in the Bloomfield area and in Glendive during the first years of their marriage where she worked variously in a laundry and taught school for most of a year.

In 1946, she moved to Creston with her husband and lived out her life as a faithful wife and companion. As the mother of seven growing children her life was full of homemaking, and her assistance as go-getter, bookkeeper, and general helper in both logging and farming were indispensable.

Her sweet Christian spirit, her depth of spirituality, and her commitment to Christ were appreciated by all. She was a good musician, appreciated in her church and home. Esther could sight-read

music and learn a tune without needing to resort to the piano.

The alto section in church choral groups leaned on her accuracy, and for a number of years she enjoyed singing in the Sweet Adelines. She also assisted her husband when he edited Valley Overtones, the bulletin of the Flathead Valleyaires Barbershop Chorus. Twice she received the Phantom Quartet Award from this chapter, and her cinnamon rolls were a favorite with all members at chapter picnics.

She was preceded in death by her parents; three daughters, Eileen, Arlene and Rebecca Ann; two sisters, Lillie Greiman and Lena Boese; three brothers, Floyd Borntrager, Elmer Borntrager, and Oscar Borntrager.

Esther is survived by her husband, Paul S. Kauffman; three sons, Daniel D. Kauffman and wife, Debbie, Kenneth G. Kauffman and wife, Frieda, and Stephen G. Kauffman and wife, Ginger, all of Kalispell; three daughters, E. Elaine Kauffman of Mountain Lake, Minn., Brenda M. Younger and husband, Steven, of Stratton, Colo., and Alice L. Arneson and husband, Richard, of Bothell, Wash.; 14 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; a brother, Mahlon Borntrager, of Glendive; two sisters-in-law, Effie Borntrager of Glendive, and Violetta Borntrager of Mobile, Ala.; and numerous nieces, nephews, and friends.

Funeral services for Esther Kauffman will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 17, at the Mountain View Mennonite Church in Creston, with burial afterward at Fairview Cemetery. Visitation will be from 2 to 6 p.m. Thursday at Johnson Mortuary Chapel.

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

Corrigan Kearns, 30

Corrigan Kearns, 30, passed away on Friday, June 30, 2006, near his home in Kalispell.

He was born on July 7, 1975, in Kalispell, to Patrick Corrigan and Marlene (Wollan) Kearns.

Corrigan graduated from Flathead High School in 1994 and moved to Arizona where he worked for a water well drilling company until 1999. Returning to the valley, he worked as an auto mechanic.

Corrigan liked to hunt and be in the mountains, especially the North Fork and Jewel Basin. Whether at his dad's shop or his own, he was always tinkering with something. Corrigan was always there to lend a helping



hand; he left us before his time.

"Corrigan, you are loved and will be missed dearly by all who knew you."

Corrigan was preceded in death by his grandparents, Rose Wollan, Joseph G. Kearns and Tracey Kearns.

He is survived by his father, Patrick Kearns and wife, Roxanne, of Kalispell; his mother, Marlene Harmon and husband, Dennis, of Laurel; one sister, Jenny Kearns, of Kalispell; his grandfather, Burton Wollan; a niece, Kelly Hanlon; a nephew, Colton Freeto; and aunts, uncles, cousins and many, many friends.

Memorial services for Corrigan will be held 11 a.m. Saturday, July 8, in the Calvary Lutheran Church with Pastor Kurt Rau officiating.

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

Rose Eva Keck, 77

Rose Eva Keck, 77, "passed peacefully into the arms of our Lord" after suffering with COPD. She fought a long and difficult battle against Spinal Stenosis.



Her funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2006, at the Fifth Avenue Christian Church, with Rowlie Hutton officiating. A fellowship luncheon will be held at the church immediately after the services. Cremation will take place after the service and a private family interment will be held.

Memorial contributions in Rose's honor may be made to the Havre Senior Center, 2 2nd St. W., Havre MT 59501. Services and arrangements have been entrusted to Holland and Bonine Funeral Home.

Rose was born March 1, 1929, to Ward and Essie (McCreary) Keith of Chinook, on the family homestead, the youngest of seven children. She was raised and educated in Chinook. After high school she moved to Great Falls, Montana and worked for Paul's Café.

She met and married Bill Shupe, and they had two daughters, Essie and Toni. The couple later divorced. Rose married Bill Keck, and they had one son, Joseph.

Rose and Bill settled in Kalispell where they raised their children. They started the first pizza restaurant in Kalispell and put in the Pizza Oven in Moose's Saloon in Kalispell. Rose and Bill moved to Washington State in 1973. Bill retired and they settled in Blaine, Wash., where they opened a New and Used Store. Rose moved back to Montana in 1992 and settled in Havre. Rose kept busy volunteering at the North Central Senior Center, traveling and following her grandson's football career and son-in-

law's coaching career.

Rose wrote poems, articles for the newspaper and was a published poet. She loved to sing, but couldn't carry a tune. She would turn the radio up sing loud and everyone would laugh! She played pool at the Senior Center and loved dancing. Rose had more love and compassion in her heart, and she never met anyone that she didn't find some good in.

Rose was very proud of being a grandmother and loved watching her great-great grandson T.J. play baseball. She taught her grandchildren to play Crazy Eights and enjoyed watching them grow into wonderful loving adults. There wasn't a secret or problem that her children or grandchildren didn't come to her with, and most of the time she was able to solve them with understanding, love and wisdom. She was a wonderful mother, grandmother, sister, wife and friend. She will be missed by everyone who was lucky enough to have known her.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husbands' Bill Shupe and Bill Keck, one son Joseph Keck, grandson Rusty St. Dennis, a granddaughter in-law Glenda St. Dennis, and brothers Ernest-Keith, Donald Keith and Harry Keith.

Rose is survived by her two daughters, Essie St. Dennis of Havre, and Toni (Scott) Sward of Bakersfield, Calif.; stepson Darrell (Jeannie) Keck of Shelby; grandsons: Joe St. Dennis of Havre, and Dan (Kim) Sward of Bakersfield; granddaughter, Jamie St. Dennis, of Havre; step-grandchildren, Jim, Wendy, Mary Beth, Sandra Rose and Christopher Keck; great-grandchildren, Jessica (Eric) Schweigert, Shannon St. Dennis, and Shelby, Darby and Brady Sward; great-great-grandchildren, T.J., Hunter Samatha and Tucker; brother, Bill (Arlie) Keith, of Nampa, Idaho; sisters, Jean Petaja of Lewistown, and Mary Ellen Canoy of Great Falls; plus numerous nieces and nephews.

Gary Lee Keeper, 54

In loving memory of Gary Lee Keeper who passed away Thursday, Dec. 14, 2006, at his home in Columbia Falls. Gary was born in Yakima,



Wash., on April 18, 1952, to Carl Albert and Irene Ruth (Michael) Keeper.

He went to school in Yakima and graduated from West Valley High School in 1970. Gary enlisted into the Navy in April 1971 and served until April 1975 as an underwater welder for the Seabees. He remained on inactive duty until April 1977. After returning from the service, Gary began working for Mac Tools as a sales man in the Yakima area.

In 1979, Gary began working in his lifetime career in asphalt and paving. He began working for Timberland Paving out of Yakima. He worked as a paver and plant operator in the Washington and Oregon area until 1985.

After Gary married Patricia Sume in 1984, they made their home in Eureka. In 1985, Gary began working for A1 Paving out of Kalispell, where he was the plant foreman and later the shop superintendent. In 1999, Gary and Patti moved to Columbia Falls, where he began working for LHC Construction as the asphalt plant foreman until 2003. In 2003, Gary began working for Schellinger Construction

of Columbia Falls as the asphalt plant manager until his death.

In his spare time, Gary enjoyed hunting, fishing, and snowmobiling, sky diving, and flying kites on the beach.

Gary was preceded in death by his father, Carl Albert Keeper; and son, Robert Martin Keeper.

Gary is survived by his mother, Irene Keeper; wife, Patti Keeper; sisters, Karen Schell and Linda Dietrich (Gary's twin); daughter, Shawna Keeper; stepson, Jamie Webb; grandsons, Brandon and TJ Webb, Robert Keeper Jr., and Gabriel Harris; nieces, Jamie Hafer and Staci Denton; great-nieces, Kaileigh and Maci Denton; and great-nephews, Connor and Cody Hafer.

Gary will be greatly missed by his family, close friends and all those that knew and loved him.

There will be a service of remembrance for Gary at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 20, at the Christian Center in Kalispell, with a viewing from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Immediately after the service there will be a reception at the Eagles in Kalispell, in remembrance of Gary.

There will be another service of remembrance at Keith and Keith in Yakima, with the grave site service immediately afterward at Terrance Heights Memorial Cemetery. The date and time of the second service still are pending.

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

Larry Dean Kelch, 65

Larry Dean Kelch, 65, passed away on Sunday, Sept. 3, 2006, at Kalispell Regional Hospital from heart arrhythmia due to complications of cancer. Dean was

born July 22, 1941, in Kalispell, to Everett and Edna Kelch. He grew-up in the Flathead Valley except for two years, when the family moved to Seattle where his father and mother worked in the shipyards during World War II.

From grades first through eighth he attended Bissell Elementary School on Farm to Market Road, graduating from Flathead High School in 1959. After graduation he enlisted in the Army from which he was honorably discharged in December of 1962. He spent time in Germany operating heavy equipment. From 1963 through September 2003 he was involved in the timber industry sawing logs and operating a delimeter.

In 1965, he married Evelyn Hanley from Whitefish and they had four children. They raised their family on a hobby farm on Farm to Market Road west of Whitefish, until moving to Polson in 2004 where he retired, to enjoy more of this beautiful valley we live in. He was active in the Bissell community, being on the Olney-Bissell School Board of Trustees for eight years, a 4-H



livestock leader for 11 years and several years in the Stillwater Grange.

His family and the outdoors were the loves of his life whether working, playing, hunting or boating.

Dean is survived by his wife, Evelyn, of Polson; children, Wendy and Dave Morris of Whitefish, Sheila and Jim Lindsay of Hot Springs, S.D., Renee Kelch, and Jeff and Brandi Kelch, all of Polson; grandchildren Casey (Morris) and Tim Johnson, Cody Morris, Jamie and Lane Lindsay, Makenzy Kelch, and Dylan Kelch; great-granddaughter, Isabell Johnson; mother, Edna Kelch of Kalispell; sisters, Ellen Creighton, and Sherry and Gerald Madsen, brothers, Lloyd and Marcia Kelch, and Robert Kelch, all of Kalispell; also many nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his father and stepmother, Everett and Remina "Tiny" Kelch; an infant brother; brother-in-law, Neil Creighton; and nephew, Jason Madsen.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Sept. 8, at the First Baptist Church of Whitefish with burial to follow at 2 p.m. at Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

Austin Funeral Home is taking care of the arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Flathead 4-H Foundation c/o Extension Services, 920 South Main, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Remina 'Tiny' Kelch, 90

Remina "Tiny" Kelch, 90, passed away on Aug. 16, 2006, in the Immanuel Lutheran Home where she has been for the past two years.



Tiny was born Sept. 24, 1915, in Leadville, Colo., to Elizabeth (Boland) Dalrymple and Seymour Dalrymple. She moved with her family to Butte at an early age and then to Murry, Idaho.

She married Al Shira on Feb. 28, 1937, and lived in Burke, Idaho. They moved to Portland during the war and worked in the shipyards. They returned to Butte and managed an apartment building and then moved to Divide.

Later they operated motels in Sparks, Nev., and South Gate, Calif. Returning to Montana, they operated a trailer court in Columbia Falls.

Al drowned in the Hungry Horse reservoir in 1965 and his body was never recovered.

In 1972, Tiny married Everett Kelch and they made their home in Whitefish. With this marriage Tiny acquired five children and 12 grandchildren. Everett was inspired to write a book of poetry, with Tiny's help. He wrote several and they were known for their crafts and books at the Farmer's Market and Whitefish Huckleberry Days. Tiny and Everett traveled to many crafts shows and poetry events in Montana, Idaho and in Canada. They also traveled to Idaho often to see Tiny's sisters and nieces and nephews.

Tiny's and Everett's home was always open to friends and fam-

ily, from the Winter Carnival to the late night card playing. Tiny was always with a smile and a happy-go-lucky nature, even though she was small in size she had a heart of gold. People would go to the crafts shows and say they had to hug Tiny for good luck.

"Tiny was wonderful to Everett and all of us, for that we all will be forever grateful."

Tiny loved dancing and they danced at the Moose in Whitefish. She also made a lot of beautiful crocheted items. Tiny and Everett picked huckleberries and had a wonderful garden. She would make things for the art and crafts shows.

Tiny was preceded in death by her husband Everett on Feb. 8, 2001; and by her sisters, Elizabeth Gray, Dorothy Hansen, Marguerite Solum; and by one grandson, Jason Madsen.

She is survived by her nephews, Herb Solum of Kellogg, Idaho, Bill Solum of Rathdrum Idaho, and Lee Taylor of Garfield, Wash.; and nieces, Shirley Vaughn of Portland, Dorothy Caron of Wallace, Idaho, and June Gilseth of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; and a special cousin, Maynard McPhee of Ovando. Tiny is also survived by her children, Larry "Dean" and Evelyn Kelch of Polson, and Ellen Creighton, Lloyd and Marcia Kelch, Sherry and Gerald Madsen, and Robert Kelch, all of Kalispell; along with 19 grandkids and 43 great-grandkids and five great-great-grandkids.

A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 2, at the Glacier Memorial Gardens, with a lunch to follow at the Moose in Whitefish where Tiny and Everett were members for many years.

Harold Kellam, 65

Harold Kellam, 65, "was safe in the arms of Jesus" following an accident at his home in Kalispell, on Saturday, Sept. 9, 2006.



He was born June 13, 1941, in Camden, N.J., to Harold and Laura (Mayers) Kellam. Harold grew up in rural Kirkwood, N.J. He graduated from Haddonfield High School and Shelton College in New Jersey.

On August 29, 1966, he married Naomi Anderson in New Jersey, whom he had met in Tacoma, Wash., while working for the railroad. They then attended college together.

Following graduation from Faith Theological Seminary in Philadelphia, in 1968, he was ordained as a minister in the Bible Presbyterian Church and served as pastor of the Bible Presbyterian Church in Kalispell, from 1968 to 1973. During this time he helped organize the Flat-head Evangelical Ministers Fellowship.

In 1974, he moved his family to Missoula to work toward a degree in medieval history in order to teach church history. He was able to teach at the University of Minsk in Belarus in 1994. While in Missoula he also became organizing pastor of two churches, (Ronan and Missoula) in the Orthodox Presbyterian Church.

In 1974, Harold was called back to Kalispell to organize and pastor Faith Covenant Presbyterian Church where he ministered as senior pastor for 21 years. Having pastored four churches in 32 years of ministry, his passion in recent years was a deepening desire to know his sovereign and merciful Lord more intimately. He was known for his articulate and knowledgeable grasp of God's Word.

Harold served on the Board of Stillwater Christian School, the Lighthouse Christian Home and was an active member of the International Peacemakers (Ken Sende) organization. He also served as facilitator for Parents Anonymous Support Group and as a board member of Hospice. His early years of pastoral min-

istry necessitated "tent making" to support his family — part-time instructor at FVCC, full-time on the freight dock, and building hay barns with his Dad. Since his retirement in 2000, he was self-employed as a builder of homes, working with his son, Bryan and delighting in the substitute teaching of Kalispell youth in School District 5.

In the providence of God, the accident occurred as he was in the final stages of moving to a recently purchased ranch in Chinook, to raise Black Angus cows with his son, Bryan, realizing a lifelong dream. His heart was in Montana with its amazing hunting, fishing, gardening and ranching opportunities. His Kalispell herd of cows often became the topic of unsolicited information but disseminated with great enthusiasm!

His family relationships were a precious, joyous blessing to him. A call from grandsons, Justin and Riley "can we go fishing today PopPop?" took precedence over all other plans. "Our loving husband, father, uncle and 'PopPop' is deeply missed while we await our reunion in Heaven."

He was preceded in death by his father.

He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Naomi Kellam of Kalispell; his four children, son, Dr. Mark Kellam and wife, Ruth, of Bethel, Ohio; son, Bryan Kellam and wife, Anita, and their children, Justin, Riley and Delaney of Chinook; daughter, Laura Kellam of Kalispell; his mother, Laura Kellam Scarnato and husband, Leonard, of New Jersey; brother, Ronald Kellam and wife, Marlene, of Spokane; three nephews, Matthew Kellam, of N.J., Michael Kellam of Kalispell, and Paul Kellam of Md.; and numerous cousins and dear friends.

Memorial services for Harold Kellam will be held 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 16, at the Christian Center with Rev. Lloyd Pierson, pastor of Faith Covenant Presbyterian Church officiating. A reception will follow the service at Faith Covenant Church.

The family suggests memorials be given to Faith Covenant Church Mission Fund, 611 3rd Ave. E., Kalispell, MT 59901.

Johnson Mortuary is caring for Harold's family.

Patsy Mary Ann Kelly, 66

Patsy Mary Ann Kelly, 66, died on Thursday, Feb. 23, 2006, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

She is survived by her son, Marc Ackley, of Kalispell.

Private family services will be held.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for the family.

Cornelia I. 'Corky' Kelsey, 75

Cornelia I. "Corky" Kelsey, 75, passed away Nov. 5, 2006, at the Colonial Manor in Whitefish.

Cornelia was born in Kalispell on Jan. 28, 1931, to Ringer and Hendrika Keyser, immigrants of Holland. While Corky was still an infant, they moved to Whitefish where she lived until her passing.

Corky's children and grandchildren were the love of her life, as were any stray cats that made their way to her doorstep.

She is survived by four children, Dixie Bergeson, and husband Doug, of Whitefish,

Jeanette Krueger, and husband Sonny, of Olney, Patty Ross, and husband Jim, of Kalispell, and Cory Kelsey, and wife Liz, of Whitefish; 10 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and one brother, Peter Keyser, of California.

Corky was preceded in death by her husband, Bud Kelsey; and parents, Ringer and "Rika" Keyser.

A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 10, at Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Kalispell.

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

Mary B. Kennedy, 94

Mary B. Kennedy, 94, former resident of Purcell, Okla., Colorado Springs, Colo., and Wexford Place in Kansas City, Mo., passed away Sunday, Jan. 29, 2006, at Liberty Terrace Care Center in Liberty, Mo.

Memorial services were held at the Platte Woods United Methodist Church in Kansas City. Mary was placed to rest next to her beloved husband in Purcell.

In lieu of flowers, send memorial contributions to the American Diabetes Association, 10580 Barkley, Suite 400, Overland Park, KS 66212; or the Treehouse of Liberty Hospital Foundation, 2533 Glenn Hendren Drive, Liberty, MO. 64068

She was a member of Platte Woods United Methodist Church in Kansas City, a member of P.E.O., and was an avid bridge player.

She will be remembered as a wonderful wife, mother, grand-

mother, and great-grandmother.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John E. Kennedy.

She is survived by daughter, Nancy Kennedy Smith, Gladstone, Mo; son, John Edward Kennedy Jr., and wife, Charlotte, Bigfork; sister, Jean Beatty, Tulsa, Okla.; grandchildren, Dr. Norman A. Smith Jr., and wife, Ilse, Kansas City, Julie K. Lowery and husband, Kevin, St. Charles, Mo., Mandy J. Gauldin and husband, Scott, Glenwood Springs, Colo., Lisa A. Rashoodi and husband, Fahad, Kalispell, Mary "Shelly" Baier and husband, Tim, Kalispell, and John E. "Tre" Kennedy III, and wife, LeAnn, Beaverton, Ore.; and 16 great-grandchildren, including Sarah, Norah, Nouffie, and Rayan Rashoodi of Kalispell, Valarie, Kelsie, Dillon, and Rueger Baier, of Kalispell, John E. Kennedy IV, and Christopher James Kennedy of Beaverton.

Michael 'Mikie' Wayne Kennedy Jr., 19

Michael "Mikie" Wayne Kennedy Jr., 19, passed away on Thursday, June 29, 2006, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell. "He was taken from us unexpectedly, doing what he loved, riding his motorcycle."



Mikie was born on Nov. 22, 1986, in Fort Leavenworth, Kan., to Michael and Charlene (Koontz) Kennedy. Mikie was raised in Columbia Falls, attending school there, but graduating from Laser School in Kalispell in 2005.

He enjoyed hunting and fishing with his friends, father and uncle Adam. Hunting was a family love, with Mikie trying his hardest to get the biggest buck. His passion was his friendships. He was the life of the party. Mikie enjoyed spending his time with his girlfriend, Michelle, who stayed his support through all.

Mikie was working hard trying to start his own life. He worked for Classic Tile and was trying different roads to help him lead his way. He was such a kind and lovable person.

"His memories will forever be with us. We will always hear his voice, see his silly faces and feel his touch deep within us. Mikie's

love and strength for friends and family will keep us strong. We remember Mikie as our blessed son, brother, grandson, nephew, cousin and friend."

Mikie is now a guardian angel to his parents, Michael Sr. and Charlene; two sisters, Kassie and Amanda; his girlfriend, Michelle Downing; his paternal grandparents, Wayne and Deanna Kennedy of Columbia Falls; maternal grandparents, Linda Duff and Galen Koontz of Kansas City; his great-grandmother, Vi Price; two aunts, Michelle Albin and husband, Adam, of Columbia Falls, and Tammy Thompson of Kansas City, Kan.; two uncles, Galen Koontz and wife, Donna, and C.C. Koontz; cousins, Russell and Jason Albin; and countless friends.

Funeral services for Mikie will be held 10 a.m. Monday, July 3, at the New Covenant Church on Birch Grove Road, near the old Costco store; burial will follow at St. Richard's Catholic Cemetery in Columbia Falls. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. today, July 2, in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel.

The family suggests memorial gifts or donation be sent to 111 Fourth Ave. West, Kalispell, MT 59901.

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

William J. 'Pete' Kennedy, 92

William J. "Pete" Kennedy, 92, passed away July 24, 2006, at Colonial Manor in Whitefish.

He was born July 26, 1913, in Kansas City, Mo., to William A. and Marie (Feehey) Kennedy. Pete was the oldest of three brothers. He later moved to Frankfort, Kan., where his father had a car dealership. His uncles started a bank in the same town.

Pete trained glider pilots for missions over Germany during World War II. After the war, Pete and his wife, Gimmy, moved several times but lived mostly in Las Vegas, where Pete worked for several large, famous casinos. Pete retired from that line of work and he and his wife owned and operated a Dairy Queen across the street from a large high school in

Las Vegas.

While working there Pete and Gimmy "adopted" several students and helped them along the way. Not having any children of their own, they thoroughly enjoyed teens. They eventually sold the Dairy Queen and retired to Bigfork, and enjoyed many friends and attended faithfully the Catholic church in Bigfork.

Pete always had a smile and a kind word to say. He will be missed.

Memorial Mass was held Thursday, July 27, at 9 a.m. at Pope John Paul Catholic Church in Bigfork. Burial will be at Woodlawn City Cemetery in Las Vegas, at a later date.

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

Paul Dickson Kent, 77

Paul Dickson Kent passed away June 8, 2006, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center of head injuries sustained in a bicycle accident. His wife, Sheri "Rosie," and her sister, Mary Hartman, daughter, Alice, grandson, Shane, and son-in-law Bill Madsen were at his side.

Paul was born in Osage City, Kan., on Aug. 18, 1928, to Frederick and Violet (Dickson) Kent. He graduated from high school in Neihart and then enlisted in the U.S. Army in June 1947. He was honorably discharged in November 1948.

Skills learned in the Army landed him a job with Amtrak, working in Washington and Montana. After retiring from Amtrak in Centralia, Wash., Paul and Sheri moved to Colorado and worked for Quicksilver and Sears. He also managed Bradley Petroleum Inc. with his wife, Sheri, and the help of many family members.

Paul and Sheri moved back to Montana in 2002 to help care for Sheri's mother, Rachael Frostad, who is in Colonial Manor in Whitefish.

Paul had also worked for the Daily Inter Lake and at the Whitefish Mall.

Paul was a member of the Elks and Moose lodges and enjoyed coin collecting, bowling, dancing, country



music and visiting his beloved family and friends. "We will all miss him very much."

Paul was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Fred and Ted Kent; and Sheri's son, Darvin Zebroski.

Paul married Alice Summerland in August 1952 and is survived by his daughter, Alice Mae Madsen and husband, Bill, and their son, Shane Madsen, and wife, Jessica, all of Missoula.

On April 3, 1986, Paul married Sheri Zebroski, and he is survived by her and her children, Tami Crossen and husband, Mike, and their children, Michael, Shayli and Harli; son, Robbie Zebroski and wife, Michelle, and their children, Mason, Justin, Shianne, Talon, Sami and Zoey; son, Cassen Zebroski and wife, Kelly; daughter-in-law, Kim Zebroski and her children, Cassie and husband, Phil, Missy and fiancée, Stephen, and Jessie; and great-grandchildren Cierra, Timothy and Josiah, all of Colorado.

Additional surviving family includes sisters, Violet Hayes and husband, George, Mary Solseng, Ione Landon and husband, Gary, all of Minnesota, Norma Battles and husband, David of Oregon, Dela Jones, and Sally Jasper and husband, Mort, all of Minnesota; and several nieces and nephews.

The family requests no flowers.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 24, at the Moose Lodge in Whitefish. A luncheon will be afterward.

Dorothy Margery Mills Kern, 91

Dorothy Margery Mills Kern, 91, passed away April 24, 2006, at Northwest Health Center in Kalispell. She was born Oct. 14, 1914, in Harvard, Neb., the daughter of Earl F. and Helena Betsy Colburn. Dorothy moved to the Emmett Valley in Idaho as a small child and went to school there.

She married James Arthur Mills on Sept. 7, 1932. She was widowed in January 1972, and she remarried Lloyd Kern in July 1974.

Dorothy and James made their home in the Emmett, Idaho, Valley for 10 years, then moved to Kooskia, Idaho. When James passed away in 1972, she moved back to Emmett. She worked a short time at the cafeteria at the college at Boise, Idaho. In 1996, she moved to her daughter Virginia's home in Grangeville, Idaho. In 1997, she moved to Kalispell. She lived at Big Sky Manor, Brendan House and Immanuel Lutheran Home.

She was a seamstress and homemaker. She spent many hours making quilts as well as clothing for her family. She crocheted many afghans and doilies,



and embroidered various items. She also did a lot of painting on various items. She was very artistic. She also enjoyed her beautiful flowers and gardening. She did a lot of canning.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husbands, James and Lloyd; her sister, Edith Scott; and her brother, Ralph Colburn; and a stepgranddaughter, Geraldine Kerkindahl.

She is survived by her two sons, Earl F. and wife, Jeanine Mills, from Harrison, Idaho, and James A. Jr., and wife, Cozette Mills, from Vancouver, Wash.; two daughters, Margery A. and husband, James Lee, from Kalispell, and Virginia I. and husband, Monty Ewing, from Grangeville; 14 grandchildren and 10 stepgrandchildren, Tessa Swift, Tracy, Ken, Crystal, Rita, Kay, Rocky; Jenny, Daniel, Samuel, Katherine Mills; Lawrence, Mark, Jerry, Russell and Richard Faulkner; Jackie Sverdrup, James, Mark and Daniel Lee; Sheri Evins; and Charles and Eric Ewing; 47 great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

A graveside service will be held at 1 p.m. April 28, at the Emmett Cemetery in Emmett.

Buffalo Hills Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for Dorothy's family.

Dr. William A. 'Doc' Kimball, 78

Libby Arlene Kettel, 50

Libby Arlene Kettel, 50, died Jan. 10, 2006, in Issaquah, Wash.

She was born to Virgil and Fay Fisher of Whitefish, on Nov. 27, 1955. Libby began at a young age to develop

her many artistic talents. She was in 4-H for many years and entered many of her sewing and art projects in the N.W. Montana Fair every year. She became very interested in art during her junior high years and pursued that interest from then on. She was a high school cheerleader and prom princess, wrote poetry and was very well-liked by everyone.

After graduating from Whitefish High School one semester early in 1974, she traveled through Europe with her sister Linda, who was also her best friend for life. She also worked in Boulder, and then traveled to Dutch Harbor to work on a World War II ship processing king crab.

After the season she moved to Anchorage, where she found her dream job of being a photographer. For the next three years she traveled most of the United States, shooting portraits with Olan Mills, ultimately landing in San Diego, where she had her own studio with her husband, Glen Cason. In 1987, she moved to Redmond, Wash., to be near her sister to help with her newborn nephew, Andy.

She married Bryan Kettel in 1991 and completed her associate of arts degree at Green River



Community College in 1994. Libby focused on her passion for art by volunteering at Endeavor Elementary School as an art docent, assisting in the Reflections program and working in the classrooms of her children. She was able to bring art out of all children, and they would clap when Mrs. Kettel came to the classroom. She created miniature works of art in the form of greeting cards which were donated to many school auctions, others in need, and also the Vascular Birthmark Foundation. She also set up a memorial in her older brother's name, Harley Fisher, through the V.B.F.

She was honored by the school district by earning the "Golden Acorn" award in 2004. "Everyone loved Libby!" her sister was quoted. "She was always well liked by everyone from the time she was a tiny little girl." Family members and friends all said she was an incredibly loving mother and devoted the last 15 years of her life to her children and was happy to be doing it.

Libby left behind her husband Bryan, Joey, 14, and Christy, 9; her sister, Linda Fay, of Sammamish, Wash.; her younger brother, Hal, of Whitefish; and also her parents, Fay and Virgil Fisher.

Friends are invited to share memories and sign the family's online guest book at <http://flintofts.com>. Those who wish can send memorials to the Vascular Birthmark Foundation c/o Linda Fay, 3823 E.Lk. Samm. Pkwy.N.E. Sammamish, WA., 98074. Services were held on Jan. 18 at the Sammamish Hill Lutheran Church.

Dr. William A. "Doc" Kimball, 78, a Bigfork resident, passed away Dec. 26, 2006, in Kalispell Regional Medical Center from injuries sustained in an auto accident.

He was born Oct. 26, 1928, in Detroit, Mich., to Clarence M. and Marie C. Kimball. He grew up in Royal Oak, Mich. He graduated from Royal Oak High School in 1945 and went into the Marine Corps for three years. After being discharged, he attended Michigan State College of Science and Agriculture (later renamed Michigan State University) and graduated in 1953 with a degree in Veterinary Medicine.

Upon graduating from college, he moved to San Pedro, Calif., and worked in a veterinary hospital before opening his own practice in Torrance, Calif., which he named Clarmar Animal Hospital. This eventually led to opening three more clinics. Doc came to the Bigfork area in the early '60s to go hunting and fell in love with Montana. In 1968, he sold the three satellite clinics, leased out the Clarmar Animal Hospital, and moved to Bigfork. During his first year in Bigfork he was introduced to his second passion in life, Arabian horses. This led to the founding of Clarmar Arabians and his moving to a 57 acre farm overlooking Bigfork. In 1995 he retired, sold the farm and the horses, and moved to a home overlooking Flathead Lake on the east lakeshore.

Doc married Patricia Ann Robertson in 1948. They had four sons — Ross born in 1954,



Scott in 1955, Tom in 1958 and Todd in 1960. They divorced in 1963. He then married Donna Fae Overlease in 1965. Donna had a daughter Melody, born in 1959. The couple then had one son named Monty, born in 1966. Doc later adopted Melody as his own daughter.

Ever since Doc was a kid, he loved hunting and fishing. He hunted and fished in California, Alaska and his beloved Montana. He enjoyed general aviation, had a private pilot's license, and even owned his own plane for a while. In retirement he enjoyed trap and skeet shooting and belonged to two local gun clubs, including enjoying a "lifetime" membership in the Bigfork Rod and Gun Club.

Doc was preceded in death by his wife, Donna; his brother, Richard; and his son, Ross.

He is survived by his sister, Mary, of Bloomfield Hills, Mich.; his children, Scott, of Kirkland, Wash., Tom, of Rancho Santa Margarita, Calif., Melody, of Sandpoint, Idaho, Todd, of Los Gatos, Calif., and Monty of Los Angeles; 11 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; a special niece, Marie of Bigfork; his faithful laborator, Dee Dee; and that "damn cat."

Doc will be greatly missed by all that knew him. His family wishes to extend special thanks to all of his friends and neighbors who have loved and supported him throughout his life.

Memorial Services will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 2, in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel in Kalispell. Donations can be made to MASH at the Kalispell Regional Hospital, the Humane Society, 43 Woodland Park Drive, Kalispell, MT 59901, or the ASPCA, 424 E. 92nd St., New York, NY 10128.

Kenneth 'Kenny' Allen Kinniburgh, 68

Kenneth "Kenny" Allen Kinniburgh, 68, passed away Friday, May 12, 2006, at the Kalispell Regional Medical Center due to complications of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, or COPD, and sudden-onset leukemia.



Kenny was born Jan. 10, 1938, in Fort Peck to James A. and Elva "Todd" (Johnson) Kinniburgh.

The family moved to Marion in 1939. Kenny attended schools in Marion and at Flathead High. He entered the U.S. Marine Corps in December 1957 with his buddy Johnny Oftedahl, spending two years in Hawaii. He was honorably discharged in January 1960.

He then returned to Marion, where he worked in the logging industry with his dad and uncles, and at Superior Building in Columbia Falls.

Kenny moved to California in March 1966 where he operated a filling station with his cousin. He married Arlette Johnson of Kalispell on June 28, 1966, at Angeles Chapel in Anaheim. He then returned to Kalispell in May 1967, where he remained ever since. In 1970, he began working

at the aluminum plant in Columbia Falls, retiring in January 1999.

Kenny enjoyed fishing, snowmobiling, camping, woodworking, chopping firewood and was considered the huckleberry-picking king of the Flathead by his family.

Kenny was preceded in death by his dad in 1965; a brother, Jim, in 1999; and his stepfather, David Miller, in March 2006.

He is survived by his wife, Arlette Kinniburgh, of Kalispell; his mother, Elva "Todd" Kinniburgh-Miller, of Kalispell; one brother, Robert Kinniburgh, and wife, Robbi, of Kalispell; a sister, Betty Jenkins, and husband, Bob, of Kalispell; one sister-in-law, Barbara Kinniburgh, of Kalispell, along with numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

Funeral services for Kenny will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 16, 2006, in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel, with the Rev. Brenda Wills officiating. Burial will be afterward at Glacier Memorial Gardens, with military honors by the United Veterans of the Flathead.

Visitation will be from noon to 6 p.m. today at the Johnson Mortuary.

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

Lillian Marie Kins, 82

Lillian Marie Kins, 82, of Libby died Thursday, July 27, 2006, at the Libby Care Center from natural causes.

She worked as a telegrapher for the Great Northern Railroad for 13 years.

Survivors include two sons,

Louis Kins of Sandpoint, Idaho, and Larry Kins of Post Falls, Idaho.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 5, 2006 at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Libby.

Laura V. Kirk, 98

Laura V. Kirk, 98, passed away on Wednesday, Sept. 27, 2006, at Brendan House in Kalispell.



She was born on March 9, 1908, in Mondovi, Wis., the daughter of Andrew and Lena (Julson) Holms. The family moved to Medicine Lake, where she was raised and educated.

She married Fred Vaselenko in 1930 in Williston, N.D., where they were engaged in farming.

After Fred's death in 1948, Laura continued managing the farm and several rental properties. She was a very enterprising lady for her time.

In 1950 she married Patrick Kirk, her former high school sweetheart. He passed away in 1971.

She was a member of the First Lutheran Church, the Shrine Auxiliary, the American Legion Auxiliary and the Order of Eastern Star, all in Williston. At different times in her life she enjoyed golfing, bridge, sewing, entertaining, building and decorating homes and traveling. She had the opportunity to travel all over Europe with her children.

In 1991, Laura moved to Bigfork, where she resided with her son for many years before moving to the Brendan House in Kalispell.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Andrew and Lena Holms; two husbands, Fred Vaselenko and Patrick Kirk; her son, Bob Vaselenko; two sisters, Cec Bundlund and Ella Reep; and brother, Milo Holms.

She is survived by her daughter, Caryl, and son-in-law, Bob Bennett, of Whitefish; two grandchildren, Diane and her husband Jerry Thorson, living in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, and Kirk Bennett and his wife Paula of Lakeville, Minn.; she also had five great-grandchildren, Keira, Dakota and Bennett Thorson, and Connor and Brooke Bennett; and a brother, Archie Holms, of Spokane; numerous nieces and nephews; and her many friends at the Brendan House.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 11, at Everson Funeral Home in Williston. Urn burial will follow the services. Arrangements in Williston are being handled by Everson Funeral Home.

The family suggests that any memorial contributions be sent to the Northwest HealthCare Foundation, 310 Sunnyview Lane, Kalispell, MT 59901; The Brendan House, 350 Commons Way, Kalispell, MT 59901; the Shriners Children's Hospital, P.O. Box 2472, Spokane, WA 99210; or to the charity of the donor's choice.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory in Kalispell is caring for Laura's family.

Rosemary Johnson Kirk, 76

Rosemary Johnson Kirk, 76, died Sept. 9, 2006, in Jerome, Idaho.

Survivors include her husband, Charlton Kirk, and

children, Robin of San Diego, Reba Kirk of Jerome, and Charlton and Shaun of Rosville, Calif.

Karl Melvin Kirkeby, 81

Karl Melvin Kirkeby, 81, formerly of Kalispell, passed away of a heart attack Aug. 4, 2005, at his home in Mesa, Ariz.

He was born Jan. 1, 1924, in Flaxville to Ole and Hazel Kirkeby. His family moved to Kalispell, where Karl graduated with the Class of '42 at Flathead County High School, starring in football and basketball.

After high school, Karl served his country in the U.S. Navy, achieving the rank of boatswain's mate, second class, and was honorably discharged after four years. He received numerous medals and commendations, including two stars, a good conduct medal, and recognition for his participation in the Asia-Pacific campaign in World War II.

He then returned to Montana and married Patricia Anne McCon-

nell on June 15, 1950. Together they owned and worked the family farm in Flaxville. In 2005, the couple celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary.

Karl and Patty began wintering in Arizona about 20 years ago. After full retirement, they moved to Mesa permanently.

He enjoyed golf and was a life member of the Elks Club. Reaching back to his days as a high-school athlete, Karl was a big sports fan and enjoyed taking in games on television.

Karl is survived by his wife, Patty; sister, Lois; brothers, Manley and Otis; Patty's sisters, Reta and Ruth; 25 nieces and nephews; and a large extended family.

A memorial service was held Aug. 13 at St. Peter Lutheran Church in Mesa.

Kenneth Wayne Kirkpatrick, 78

Kenneth Wayne Kirkpatrick, 78, of Surprise, Ariz., passed away March 22, 2006, in Surprise.

He was born May 24, 1927, in Kalispell to Hugh L. and Frances E. (Adams) Kirkpatrick.

Kenneth graduated from Flathead County High School in 1945, served a tour with the U.S. Army in Germany after V-E Day, and then obtained a degree in architecture from Montana State University in Bozeman.

He then joined the Kalispell architectural firm Taylor, Thon, Schwartz and Kirkpatrick, where he worked until 1972. He worked with the Missoula firm of Witwer and Price before accepting a position with the U.S. Postal Service, where he remained until retiring as design and construction manager in the Seattle Facilities Service Office in 1992, managing post-office construction in the Pacific Northwest.

While living in Kalispell, Kenneth was a member of Central Christian Church and was the principal designer of its current building on Second Avenue East. He also participated in the design of Kalispell Junior High School, among many other buildings in



western Montana, including Miller Hall and Jesse Hall on the University of Montana campus.

Kenneth was a member of the Trinity Masonic Lodge No. 152 in Kalispell and the Missoula Scottish Rite Bodies, and a member of the American Institute of Architects.

He married Arlene Berg of Climax, Saskatchewan, in 1955. The couple enjoyed celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary in August 2005 with their children and grandchildren in Bend, Ore., followed by Kenneth's 60th Flathead County High School class reunion in Kalispell.

The couple lived in Kalispell, Missoula, California and Washington State before moving to Arizona in 2004. They enjoyed many years of traveling together after Kenneth's retirement.

Kenneth is survived by his wife, Arlene; son, Doug Kirkpatrick, and wife, Beth, of Turlock, Calif.; daughter, Karen Aguilera, and husband, Andrés, of Klamath Falls, Ore.; son, Logan Kirkpatrick, and wife, Sharon, of Puyallup, Wash.; daughter, Janna Gann, and husband, John, of Bonney Lake, Wash.; grandchildren Heather and Shannon Kirkpatrick; Nicolás and Cheyenne Aguilera; and Tyler Gann. His brother, Ronald, and sister, Eva Jean, also survive him.

A private memorial service was held in Surprise.

Maurice Michael 'Mickey' Kirkpatrick, 82

Maurice Michael "Mickey" Kirkpatrick, 82, of Great Falls, a retired utility contractor and former U.S. Navy Seabee, died of natural causes Monday, Jan. 16, 2006, at a local hospital in Great Falls.



His vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 19. The funeral liturgy will be at 1 p.m. at Saint Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 200 44th St. S., on Friday, Jan. 20, in Great Falls. Interment will take place at C. E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell. Schnider Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.schniderfuneral-home.com.

Mickey is survived by his daughters, Colleen Hueth of Great Falls, Sandy Carter and Larry of Marion, Reenie Berg and Corky Newton and Merlin, all of Coram, and Jody Oliver of Kalispell; sons, Michael Kirkpatrick and Debbie of Great Falls, and Patrick Kirkpatrick of Boise, Idaho; sisters, Shirley McClarty and Kyrol Jystad of Kalispell, Barbra Roche of Minneapolis, and Helen Larrivee of Whitefish; grandchildren, Chris Hueth, Karry White, Dana Hueth, Cristy Ghekiere, Kirk Carter, Cody Carter, Richard Carter, Spike Berg, Bosco Berg, Katrine Berg, Bonnie Newton, Susie Newton, Mick Oliver, Sam Oliver, Joey Oliver, Kelsey Oliver, Kendra Kirkpatrick, Matthew Kirkpatrick, Leslie Kirkpatrick, and Shea Kirkpatrick; and nine great-grandchild-

dren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Charlotte; his father, Ross H. Kirkpatrick; his mother, Rose Chasse Kirkpatrick; a brother, Ted Kirkpatrick and a sister, Lois Byers.

Maurice Michael Kirkpatrick was born Jan. 14, 1924, to Ross and Rose (Chasse) Kirkpatrick, in Kalispell, where he was raised and educated. He graduated from Flathead County High School in 1941, where he excelled in football on the state championship football team. Mickey then attended Carroll College prior to entering the Navy in 1943.

He served in the Pacific Theater during World War II as a Navy Seabee.

Mickey married Charlotte Pedersen on April 6, 1946, in Kalispell.

He operated Kirkpatrick Bros. Construction in Kalispell from 1945 until 1956. He was then employed by Falls Construction Co. in Great Falls, from 1956 until his retirement as superintendent in 1994. He constructed major utility projects from Kalispell to Colstrip and all points in between.

Mickey was a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Elks and a member of Holy Spirit Catholic Parish.

He enjoyed fishing, golfing, gardening and spending time with his family at his family cabin on the Little Bitterroot Lake. His best friend was his dog, Kelly. A favorite prayer was "Lord, please help me to be the man my dog thinks I am."

The family suggests memorials to the Humane Society of Cascade County, 1010 25th Ave. N.E., Great Falls, MT 59404.

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Dorothy Isabel Day Kittilson, 90

Dorothy Isabel Day Kittilson, 90, died Oct. 22, 2006, in Libby.

She is survived by all her children, Patrick Day of Missoula; Donna Leatherberry of Baraboo, Wis.; Ella Myers of Richland, Wash.; Sharon Weber, Robert Day and Hazel Day, all of Post Falls, Idaho; Sara Hedahl and Dennis Day, both of Libby; Agnes Sunell of Priest

River, Idaho; and Don Day of Lufkin, Texas.

Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 26, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Libby. Interment will be afterward in the city of Libby Cemetery. Rosary and parish vigil will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Nelson and Vial Funeral Home.

Opal Gertrude Klingsheim, 100

Opal Gertrude Klingsheim, 100, passed away at her home in Kalispell on Saturday, Nov. 25, 2006. Opal was born June 13, 1906, in Howard County, Iowa, to Ernest and Gertrude Ewers Kelsey. She attended high school in Lime Springs, Iowa, where she graduated as her class valedictorian.

After high school, she taught school briefly, until she was married to Elmer Klingsheim on April 21, 1929. They had five children.

Opal enjoyed knitting afghans, and had done more than 130 of them for church missionary work, and for individuals she knew and her family.

She was very active in her church throughout her lifetime, teaching Sunday School, and numerous other activities.

She was preceded in death by a stillborn daughter; a son, Darrel Klingsheim; her parents; and her husband, Elmer.

She is survived by two sons, Gilbert of Kalispell, and Melvin of Hopkins, Minn.; one daughter, Elnora Dresselhaus, of San Diego; seven grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, and two great-great grandchildren.

Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 30, at Lime Springs.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family locally.

Michael Gerard 'Mike' Klopp, 60

Michael Gerard "Mike" Klopp, 60, died Friday, Feb. 3, 2006, at his home in Kalispell.

Mike was born Oct. 23, 1945, in Sheridan, Wyo. He lived in Wyoming until he was 5 years old, then moved with his family to California where he was raised and attended schools.

Mike moved to Montana in 1994, where he worked for a while in the construction industry.

He loved music, and had written

and composed several songs during the past few years. Mike will be missed by all of his friends.

Visitation will be from 2 to 5 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 9, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Burial will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 10, at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery, with the Rev. Dave Merkel officiating.

Mike leaves behind too many good friends to count.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is in charge arrangements and services.

Cora May Daffin Kluesner, 95

Cora May Daffin Kluesner "was called to her heavenly home" on April 28, 2006. Cora passed away from natural causes at Barrett Hospital and Healthcare in Dillon. Cora, a longtime Lima resident, was 95 years old.



Cora was born on April 9, 1911, in Blackfoot, Idaho. She was one of five children born to Dena and William Daffin. Cora's father passed away when she was three months old. She was raised and educated in the Blackfoot area.

At one point, while living in Blackfoot, her neighbors were Bill Kluesner and his family. Bill was later widowed and Cora helped him care for his four small children. Bill and Cora were married in 1931. She enjoyed a life-long relationship with Bill's children and always referred to them as "her own." They remained in the Blackfoot area where Bill worked for the railroad. In 1940 the railroad brought the Kluesner family to settle in Lima, where they have remained since that time. Cora and Bill were blessed with nine children of their own. Bill died in 1966.

Cora endured many hardships in her lifetime and knew the true meaning of hard work and determination. In Lima she worked at the Merrell Hotel, Peat Hotel and the Holiday Motel. She also washed and ironed clothes for many people in the Lima area. She was always busy making quilts, afghans or other home-made items. She liked to travel and she was always involved in the lives of her children and grandchildren. She was an active member of the community and the centerpoint of the Kluesner

family.

Cora was a member of the Lima Ladies Aide, VFW Ladies Auxiliary, Royal Neighbors of America and Neighbors of Woodcraft. She enjoyed and cherished her many friends within these organizations and Lima, in general.

Cora is survived by her sons; Louis and Diane Kluesner, Carl and Carol Kluesner, Frank and Ada Kluesner, all of Lima, Fred and Eileen Kluesner of Kalispell, John and Maria Kluesner of El Paso, Texas, and Edward and Icy May of Albuquerque, N.M.; daughters, Anna May and Don Cheney of Lima, Louise Wingert of Mackay, Idaho, Rose and Glen Kohr of Missoula, and Bernita Hultz of Blackfoot. Cora is survived by "dozens" of grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren too numerous to mention, but they were each special to Cora in their very own way.

"We will all forever remember 'Grandma K.'" She is also survived by many friends and extended families.

Cora was preceded in death by her parents; brothers; sisters; husband, Bill; daughter, Gertrude; and stepchildren, Josephine Michelson, Margaret Kluesner and Joe Kluesner.

Services for Cora are planned for 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 2, at the Lima Community Church. Grave-side services will immediately follow at the Lima Cemetery.

Arrangements are under the direction of Brundage Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggest memorials in Cora's name to the Ladies Aid and the Lima Rural Fire Department and Ambulance, P.O. Box 136, Lima, MT 59739. The family would also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all those involved in Cora's care over the years.

Helen Church Knight, 76

Helen Church Knight, 76, died Thursday afternoon, Aug. 17, 2006, at her home in Libby following a valiant struggle with cancer.

She is survived by her husband, Larry Knight, of Libby; and her children, Tony Miller of Parachute, Colo., Paul Miller of Montesano, Wash., James Miller of Moorepark, Calif., Leslie Ann Chapman

of Robinson, Ill., and Sherri Lynn Shamp of Pine River, Minn.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at the First Presbyterian Church; interment services will follow at the City of Libby Cemetery. Friends may call at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home from 1 to 8 p.m. today.

Gary Dean Knutson 'Dean,' 60

Gary Dean Knutson, "Dean," 60, passed away peacefully on Friday, May 5, 2006, at his home in Polson.

He was born March 16, 1946, in Minot, N.D., to Orville and Viola Knutson. Dean graduated from Ryder High School in 1964. He married Linda McGuire on April 16, 1966, in Wabek, N.D., and they had three children, Cory and Angie Knutson, Heidi and Lee Anderson, and Heather Knutson.

Following high school, Dean moved to Kalispell and worked briefly for Skyline Dairy. He then moved back to North Dakota to get married and managed Great Plains Supply in Ryder. In 1969 he returned to Montana, settled in Polson and managed Rolfson Lumber Yard.

Dean's entrepreneurial spirit lead him into many adventures. In 1973 he started Polson Paint and Glass. He sold that business in 1976 and began manufacturing Fisher wood stoves, then later became the first franchise manufacturer of the Earth Stove. In 1980 he started Big Sky Fabricators to manufacture metal materials for the stove business, and also contracted other metal work. With Big Sky Fabricators, he secured three government contracts for the Rock Island Arsenal, manufacturing the M12 and M18 gas filters and the 256 chemical detector kits. During this time he employed over 150 people. In 1990, Dean started in the food industry and began making Country Pasta, which is still owned and operated by the Knut-



son family.

His drive for business success could only be rivaled by his passion for horses and the ranching way of life. He found great pleasure in hooking up his team and plowing the fields the same as they did in the days of old. When he didn't have his team of horses, he used antique farm equipment purchased from auctions all across the northwest.

Dean is survived by his wife of 40 years, Linda Knutson; his children, Cory and Angie Knutson of Polson, Heidi and Lee Anderson of Kalispell, and Heather Knutson of Polson; his grandchildren, Brooke, Beau, Kenzie and Kylee Wegner of Polson; his brothers, Greg and Scott Knutson of Polson; and his sister, Vicki Richwine of Polson.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Orville and Viola Knutson; sister, Diana Wretling; and his granddaughter, Sofia Anderson.

Dean lived life to the fullest and touched the lives of many with his magnetic personality and sense of humor. He always had time for his friends and treated them like family. He will truly be missed by everyone.

Visitation will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, May 8 and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, May 9 at the Grogan Funeral Home in Polson. A memorial service will be held 11 a.m. Wednesday, May 10 at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Polson with Rev. Paul Rowold officiating.

Condolences may also be sent to the family at www.groganfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements are by Grogan Funeral Home & Crematory of Polson.

James P. Knutson, 75

James P. Knutson, 75, of Polson died Feb. 20, 2006, of brain cancer at Life Care Center of Yuma, Ariz. He was born to John A. and Pauline (Rau) Knutson on Aug. 11, 1930,



at Shelby. The family moved to Polson to a farm out in Valley View, where they were living at the time of his mother's death in January 1934. Jim, the oldest of three children, was raised by his grandparents, Pete and Mary Rau, in Lost Prairie.

After high school, Jim returned to Polson and lived with his father and sister, Mary. He worked with his father as an apprentice carpenter around Polson and Missoula. Polson was where he had known his beloved wife, Lois, since they were small children.

Jim joined the Navy on Aug. 8, 1950, and was later sent to the Great Lakes Training Center to go to machinist school. This was in Waukegan, Ill., so Lois went out there and a justice of the peace married them. Jim served aboard the USS Point Cruz and went to Korea where he took part in Operation Platform. They brought back a baby who had been found by a sailor on shore pass. A movie, "1,000 Men and a Baby," was made about this. Jim was discharged June 7, 1954.

They returned to Valley View to farm, starting with 500 head of old ewes. They lived there until their home burned on June 22, 1961. Jim's lifelong dream had always been to go to Alaska. So after their home burned, they felt this was a good time to go as they didn't have to decide what to take with them. All they had left were five children and a toy cocker spaniel. They sold their farm and away they went, with Jim's brother, Bill, going with them.

Jim loved to fish, hunt and dig razor clams in Alaska. He worked as a carpenter all across the state. He also worked on Amchitka Island, where atomic bomb test-

ing was done. He figured this could be what caused his cancer.

In 1974, they sold their place in Alaska and moved back to Polson. In 1977, they bought Lois' parent's ranch, which they called the Bailey Ranch. They still have it, though Jim was unable to help for several years. His son Jeff runs the ranch and has worked there for about 29 years.

They did a lot of traveling over the years and ended up in Yuma in 1985, and spent every winter there but one. Jim loved going to Yuma and the warm weather. The cold never bothered him until after he had chemo in 1999, for his first brain cancer. He had a long haul with the after effects of cancer but went to be with "our Loving Father" on Feb. 20 (Jim's father's birthday), at Life Care Center of Yuma.

Jim was preceded in death by his three sons, L. Harlan, Rodney, and Larry H.; his grandson, Dusty Ely; his parents, John and Pauline Knutson; in-laws, Art and Blanche Bailey; sister-in-law, Doris Jennison; and three brothers-in-law, Art "Sonny" Bailey, Johnny Cook, and Chuck Jennison.

Jim and Lois had six children of whom only three still are living, Patricia Ely and Jeff and Kathy Knutson of Polson, and Suzie and Earl Owens of Shoreline, Wash. Other survivors are grandchildren, Dustin and Zimmie Knutson, Amber Knutson and Bucky Cheff, David Ely of Kalispell, Krista Hickey of Shoreline, and Misty and Donald Smith of Phoenix; five great-grandsons and two great-granddaughters; sister, Mary and Red Carr; brother Bill and Mary Knutson of Wasilla, Alaska; aunt, Ida Knutson, of Whitefish; sisters-in-law, JoAnne and Bert Finch, of Polson and Yuma, Sally Cook of Ronan, and Sheila Bailey of Sedro Woolley, Wash.; and numerous nieces, nephews and extended family. "We'll all miss his smiling face. Rest in peace, my love."

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 24, at the Polson Community Church, with the Rev. Richard Widerholdt officiating.

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Robert J. 'Bob' Kobbervig, 71

Robert J. "Bob" Kobbervig, 71, passed away Thursday, April 27, 2006, at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

Bob was born Sept. 28, 1934, in Dodgeville, Wis., to Robert and Lucille Dyer Kobbervig. He was raised in Dodgeville and attended schools there, graduating from Dodgeville High School.

At the age of 17, Bob enlisted in the U.S. Navy, where he served on two carriers, the USS FD Roosevelt, and the USS Antietam. He served in the Mediterranean Sea. He was discharged from the Navy at the age of 20.

He became a member of the Antietam Association, and he was still a member when he passed away.

Bob had worked several jobs during his lifetime, including running the export division for the Admiral Corporation for six years. He worked as the grounds manager for the P.K. Wrigley Estate in Lake Geneva, Wis. — the owners of the Chicago Cubs and Wrigley Gum.

He moved to the Flathead Valley, where he managed the Moose



Lodge in Whitefish for six years. Bob also tended bar in various places and had attempted to build pre-fab cedar homes. He finished his career at Semitool.

He was a member of the Moose Lodge and the Antietam Association.

He loved nature, enjoyed woodworking, and was an avid reader.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Lucille Kobbervig; a sister, Beverly Severson; his wife, Donna; and grandsons, Michael Hogan and Jamie Karcher.

He is survived by two sons, Mike Hogan of Fontana, Wis., and Leonard Hogan and his wife, Carol, of Kalispell; and two daughters, Sheila Hogan of Kalispell, and Valerie Rowland and her husband, Dennis.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 6, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home, with the Rev. Tim Bartholomew officiating. Urn burial will be after the service at Glacier Memorial Gardens. The United Veterans of the Flathead Valley will conduct the military honors. A reception will be after the urn burial at 1 p.m. at the Moose Lodge in Whitefish.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory caring for the family.

Carl Victor 'Vic' Koford, 96

Carl Victor "Vic" Koford, 96, passed away Sunday, July 23, 2006, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

He was born Dec. 28, 1909, to Alfred and Hulda (Sandlin) Koford six miles northwest of Kalispell where his grandfather and grandmother, Mr. and Mrs. John Sandlin, lived and had a small sawmill operation.

He lived the first nine years of his life at the Koford homestead, midway between the Flathead Mine and the Hubbard Dam. He went to school through the third grade at the Crossing Creek School near Nirada.

In 1919, the family moved to Kalispell. He attended Elrod School through the eighth grade, then attended Flathead County High School and graduated in the class of 1928.

He worked for the ACM Lumber Company at Bonner for two summers and then in 1930, went to work for the Park Service in Glacier National Park for four summers on trail maintenance and on completion of the Going-to-the-Sun Highway. In 1934, he went to work for the Kalispell Lumber Company and worked there for 27 years until the operation went out of business in 1960. The last 18 years there, he worked as a lumber grader.

Vic worked for Stoltz Lumber Company for three years and in the spring of 1961 he taught a lumber grading class for the Manpower Development and Training Administration. He then went to work at the Rocky Mountain Lumber Company and Louisiana Pacific and retired from there in January 1975.

Vic was quite active in the Lumber and Sawmill Workers Union which was chartered as the United Brotherhood of Carpenters. He served as secretary and president of Local No. 2773 of the L.S.W. for several years and then as president of the State Council of L.S.W. for one year. In 1983 after 50 years of membership, he was granted a lifetime membership in the Brotherhood of Carpenters.

Vic married Gladys Soderstrom on June 26, 1935. Vic and Gladys



shared 71 wonderful years together. Many knew Vic and Gladys as the "neat old couple" who still held hands everywhere they went. Vic once stated, "It's hard to hold hands and handle their walkers at the same time." They had two sons, Ronald and Donald, and one daughter, JoAnn. They have lived in Kalispell all their married life.

Vic loved the outdoors, camping, hunting and fishing. He called Glacier National Park his playground and spent many happy days there. After retirement, Vic and Gladys spent part of each winter in Arizona and Southern California in their motor home. They enjoyed camping in the deserts of the Southwest. They also spent many summers teaching their grandchildren how to camp and fish.

Vic went to Sunday school and confirmation at the Scandinavian Methodist Church on the corner of Second Street and Fifth Avenue West. Vic, Gladys and their children attended services there for many years and then attended the Epworth United Methodist Church for many years.

Vic was preceded in death by his two sons, Ronald and Donald; two sisters, Elsie Branes and Tillie Wihlborg; and three brothers, Oscar, Ed and Paul.

He is survived by his wife, Gladys Koford, in Kalispell; one daughter, JoAnn Paullin of Kalispell; two grandsons, Jeff Koford of Seal Beach, Calif., and Kevin Koford of Portland; two granddaughters, Kimberly Paullin Edinger of Newman Lake, Wash., and Angela Paullin of Phoenix; also nine great-grandchildren, Jacob, Ariel, Ashley and Zack of Newman Lake, Wash., Taylor, Cameron and Courtney of Portland, and Alex and Grant of Seal Beach, Calif.; two sisters, Helen Seek of Kalispell, and Elaine Bates of Yakima, Wash.; a daughter-in-law, Judy Koford, of Portland and Bend, Ore.; with several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services for Carl Victor Koford will be at 10 a.m. Friday July 28, at Epworth United Methodist Church, with burial at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, July 27, in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel.

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

Gene Edwin Komenda, 77

Gene Edwin Komenda, 77, of Polson "went to the Lord" on Friday, April 21, 2006, at St. Joseph Hospital in Polson.

He was born in Hettinger, N.D., on April 24, 1928, to Joseph J. and Josephine (Hagg) Komenda, both now deceased.

He is survived by his wife, Julia, at their home in Polson; a son, Joseph G. and Janelle Komenda of Tacoma, Wash.; and also by five stepchildren, Bill and Marilyn Pittsley of Polson, Richard and Kathy Pittsley of Billings, Dave and Jean Pittsley of Kila, Cliff and Debbie Pittsley of Pablo, and Charlene Pittsley and Aaron



Owenby of Longview, Wash.; 15 grandchildren, and 21 great-grandchildren.

He attended school in Kila and high school in Kalispell, and attended college for two years in Bozeman. He worked at several local lumber mills and worked as a heavy construction carpenter on Libby Dam; he loved the work on the dam. He served 20 years in the Army National Guard and retired as a sergeant first class.

Visitation will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, April 28, in the Grogan Funeral Home in Polson. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 29, in the Grogan Funeral Home, with the Rev. Rudy Ringhoff officiating. Interment with military honors will be at 2 p.m. in Glacier Memorial Gardens in Kalispell.

Douglas Duane Konshur, 70

Douglas Duane Konshur, 70, was born in Minot, N.D., on Aug. 18, 1936, to William and Lettie Konshur. Douglas passed away Sept. 3, 2006, in Apache Junction, Ariz.

He was a service manager at the Ford Garage in Plentywood before moving to Kalispell where he spent most of his life. He owned and operated Timberline Lumber for 25 years, which was the highlight of his life. Douglas built it from the ground up and was very proud of the operation.

He loved the weather in Arizona, moving there in 1995. Arizona summers were his favorite time of the year.

In Arizona, he owned and operated the Treasure Chest Granite Pit in Apache Junction.

He was an avid car buff. He like working on classic cars with his friend, Dan. He belonged to the Veterans Car Club and Nifty Fifty Car Club.

Doug enjoyed sight-seeing in Arizona. He especially liked visit-

ing old mining towns and learning the history behind them.

Since he was a small boy another fascination of his had been the Titanic. That was his ship! He could quote everything about it. He had most all the books and movies that were written about it.

He is survived by his loving and caring wife, Mary Konshur, of Apache Junction; daughter Dixie Sherman and husband Jon, son William Konshur and wife Sandy, and their mother, Helen Konshur, all of Montana; stepdaughter, Nancy White of Bellville, Ohio; grandchildren, Christina, Whitney, Justin, Davian, Misty and Nichole, and great-grandchildren, Kenadie and Colton, all of Montana.

Douglas had a very generous heart and will be dearly missed by his wife, children, and his many friends and dedicated employees.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, Sept. 9, in Apache Junction.

Marilynne Frances (Kitto) Korn, 78

Marilynne Frances (Kitto) Korn always had her eyes fixed on a city whose builder and maker were God. On Sunday, June 18, 2006, "she went home to be in the presence of her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." "The Lord took her peacefully" after a long battle with Alzheimer's.



She was born to Jim and Mary Kitto of Butte on June 12, 1928. She resided there with her family until her first year of college at the University of Montana in 1946. It was there she had met her surviving husband, Dan Korn Jr., but because of her passion for music and the opera, she had decided to pursue professional voice and music training at Columbia University as well as private venues in New York.

She returned to Montana for Christmas 1949 and had invited Dan to visit. He was love struck from the beginning and could not refuse the invitation. They married Aug. 26, 1950. Their song was "Unforgettable," sung by Nat King Cole. The song described their love story and an "unforgettable" 55 years of marriage.

Marilynne was preceded in death by her mother, father and brother, TJ, but will be greatly missed by her surviving family, husband, Dan; and children, Danlynnne and Ken Smith with their children, Erin and husband, Greg Doyon, Laura, Amy and Ken Smith; Kim and Steve Morgan with their children, Jason and wife, Brechta, and Stephanie; Lyndan and Gene Langstaff with their children, Daniel, Katie, Kristen, Austin, Karissa and Kaleigh; and Dan "DJ" and Kristine Korn, with their children Jordan, Aubrie and Braydan; and her great-grandchildren, Nathaniel, Hannah, Elizabeth and Emilia Doyon; sisters in-law, Gwena Kitto, and Kay Walterskirchen with her children and their families, Lindsay and Jeff Addington, Brad and Vicki Walterskirchen, Chris Walterskirchen, and Dr. Mark and April

Walterskirchen; as well as brother-in-law, Dr. James Korn, and his wife, Norah, with their children and their families, Kevin Korn, Jeff and Theresa Korn, Kristy Wolf, Dane and Kerry Douge.

Although Marilynne enjoyed sharing her gift in composing and singing music, she may be best known for her undying gratitude and faith in Jesus Christ. As the children became older, she became active in the teaching of youth and adult Bible studies and in the early '70s had started up a youth gospel choir. Throughout her adult life she shared her gift of music with the church in worship and with Sunday school.

Marilynne had a sincere love for people, especially the youth, and she impacted the lives of many who later had expressed their gratitude. She also had a strong sense of commitment and loyalty to her husband and children, always showing determination and perseverance to pray them through the difficult times. She unselfishly ran this race to glorify God in her works. Marilynne was an asset to the many lives she touched.

Her favorite memories were: guest speaker and soloist for the Christian Woman's Club, skiing on Big Mountain and in Canada, composing the musical score for the 1965 stage production of "Boots and Saddles" performed throughout the valley with local talent, "Lady of the Year" in 1966 by Beta Sigma Phi, her paintings on the picture windows of the family home during Christmas, doting unsparingly on her grandbabies, singing while working in the kitchen; camping at Smith Camp on Flathead Lake, and dinners with family and friends, and Griz games with family.

In Dan's words, "a beautiful wife, loving mother and talented musician, all in one dazzling package."

"Our 'Unforgettable.'"

The Korn family extends a warm welcome to all who wish to attend the memorial service for Marilynne. The service will be held at 4 p.m. Monday, June 26, at the Christian Center in Kalispell, with the reception after the service.

Wesley Erman Kouns, 65

Wesley Erman Kouns, 65, passed away at his home Tuesday, April 18, 2006 in Kalispell. He was born Sept. 22, 1940, in San Diego to Erman and Edna (Swink) Kouns.



Wesley grew up hanging around his father's Texaco gas station, where his interest started with working on cars and trucks. He worked for San Diego Gas and Electric, then went to work for Gradel Company operating heavy equipment and excavating.

On Jan. 17, 1960, Wesley married Donna Chandler in Las Vegas. Wesley built a car wash with his brother, and in 1970 he bought his own backhoe and started his own excavating business.

In 1973, Wesley moved his family and business to Kalispell where he loved to hunt and fish.

In 1996, Wes retired, passing his excavating work to his son, John.

Wes would share these words of wisdom; "Work hard and be your

own person."

Wesley enjoyed trap shooting, hunting, fishing, and helping friends and family with projects. He loved landscaping, buying and repairing cars, trucks and equipment, and he loved playing with his grandchildren.

He was also a life member of the National Rifle Association.

Wesley was preceded in death by his father.

He is survived by his wife, Donna, and his son, John, and wife, Valerie, all of Kalispell; a daughter, Corie Kouns, and companion, Brian Wehlage; three grandchildren, Parker and Riley Kouns, and Jordan Wehlage; his mother, Edna Kouns, and brother Charlie Kouns, and wife, Joan, all of San Diego; a sister, Virginia Embry, of Sebastopol, Calif.; and lots of loving family.

At Wesley's request, no ceremony will be held.

The family suggests memorial gifts be given to Home Options Hospice, 175 Commons Loop, Ste. 100, Kalispell, MT 59901; or to the cancer research organization of the donor's choice.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for Wesley's family

George Kovar, 53

George "Kooteney" Kovar, 53, formerly of Troy, died June 20, 2006, in Spokane.

He is survived locally by his sisters, Stacia Fifield of Troy, and Luella "Becky" Krebs of Libby.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, July 1, at Troy Cemetery with the Rev. Gene Bushnell officiating.

Arrangements are by Nelson & Vial Funeral Home.

Mary B. Krabill, 85

Mary B. Krabill, 85, of Shedd, Ore., "was received into glory" on Tuesday, May 23, 2006, from the Mennonite Home after spending seven weeks away from home.

She was born in Albany, Ore., the daughter of Amos and Lydia (Boshart) Gerig.

Mary married David Krabill on May 16, 1943, in Albany.

They were married 63 years. Mary enjoyed sewing for her family, doing many different craft projects and often teaching them to grandchildren.

She enjoyed traveling, flowers and watching birds in her later years.

The family will remember her dedication to the Lord and her sacrificial love for them.

She was a member of the Fairview Mennonite Church.

She is survived by her husband, David Krabill, of Shedd; children, Brian Krabill of Shedd,

Ron Krabill of Halsey, Ore., Barbara Troyer of Brownsville, Ore., Dennis Krabill of Bigfork, Leonard Krabill of Lebanon, Ore., Arlen Krabill of Brownsville, Richard Krabill of Shedd, and Brenda Gerig of Albany; 49 grandchildren, 41 great-grandchildren, 22 great-great-grandchildren; brothers, Percy Gerig of Lebanon, and Amos Gerig of Scio, Ore.; and sister, Wanda Sanderson of Portland.

She was preceded in death by five brothers, four sisters, three grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services will be at Fairview Mennonite Church in Albany at 3 p.m., today with committal services following at Fairview Mennonite Cemetery.

Contributions may be made to the Christian Aid Ministries, c/o Fisher Funeral Home, 306 SW Washington, Albany, OR 97321.

Simon Kremer, 91

Simon Kremer, 91, died Thursday, Oct. 26, 2006, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

Graveside urn burial will

be held at 2:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 30, at Fort Harrison State Veterans Cemetery in Helena. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Donald F. Kruse, 76

Donald F. Kruse, 76, of Great Falls, a former custodian, died after a long illness, on Christmas Eve 2006, at his home.

Donald was born July 13, 1930, in Okanogan, Wash., and was raised in Eden. He married Velma E. Dorr on Dec. 18, 1949, in Great Falls.

In his early years, he worked for various ranches before going to work for Great Northern Railroad for six years; then Modern Equipment for 13 years; and for School District No. 1 for 26 years, until his retirement.

Before he became ill, one of his greatest joys was hunting and fishing on the Smith River with his family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Fred F. and Thelma



E. Kruse; and a sister, Rosella Boles.

Donald is survived by his wife of 57 years, Velma E. Kruse, of Great Falls; four sons, Erling D. Kruse of Alberton, Allan F. Kruse and his wife, Barb, of Pincher Creek, Alberta; Rodney M. Kruse and his wife, Joan, of Kalispell; Bradley E. Kruse and his wife, Wendy, of Ulm; his grandchildren, Justin, Andrea, Brianna, Kaylynn, Kelsa, Kasidy, Jason, Jessie, Staci, Paul, Chad, Malcolm, Cory and Sheri Kramer; 11 great-grandchildren; and two brothers, Arnald and Roland Kruse, of Great Falls.

At his request, no services are planned. Condolences may be sent online to www.schnid-erfuneralhome.com. Memorials are suggested to be made to the donor's choice. Cremation has taken place. All arrangements were handled by Schneider Funeral Home.