

Maralyn Claire VanAlstine, 73

Maralyn Claire VanAlstine, 73, "went to be with her Lord Jesus Christ" on Monday, Jan. 15, 2007. Maralyn was born March 10, 1933, in Hot Springs



to Clarence and Daphne Eayrs. Maralyn married Bob VanAlstine on Oct. 26, 1952. "They greatly enjoyed their 54 years together serving the Lord."

Maralyn is survived by her husband, Robert; and their three daughters, Kathy and Steve, Lorrie and Allison; sisters, Kathleen and Judy; plus seven grandsons, and eight

great-grandchildren; and numerous extended family and friends.

Maralyn was a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She will be greatly missed by all.

The memorial service celebrating Maralyn's life will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 20, at Bethel Baptist Church in Kalispell, with the Rev. David Pestel officiating. Honorary pallbearers will be Corey Lee Earp, Joshua Steven Cox, Kelly Bruce Cox, Jeremiah Thomas Gillespie, Nathaneal Coventry Cox, Brandon Lynn Earp, and Jedediah Van Latimer. A luncheon reception will be after the services at the church.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Marjorie Ann VanAlstine, 82

Marjorie Ann VanAlstine, formally of Coeur d'Alene, Plummer and Troy, Idaho, as well as Libby and Kalispell, "was taken by the Lord" on July 13, 2007. Many knew her as the "Cookie Lady" because she always had a selection of cookies and hot coffee. People she worked with in Hong Kong and China named her "Little Horse" (in Chinese) for her intrepid spirit. Many others called her "Best Friend."



Marj was born to Edward and Ester B. on Sept. 19, 1924, in Oakes, N.D., and finished school in Ravalli County.

She loved adventure and travel, leaving home during World War II and going to Vallejo, where she worked as a riveter building "Liberty" ships. She came to know Christ as Lord later in life, and joyfully volunteered with Christian organizations at home, and in Hong Kong, China, Cuba and other countries.

During her last year of life she received a 1,000 Hour Vol-

unteer Award for service at Kootenai Medical Center in Coeur d'Alene.

She was preceded in death by both parents; sister, Phyllis; brother, John; husband, Dick; and grandson, Evan.

Surviving her are her brothers, Harvey and Edwin; son, Michael VanAlstine and wife, Betty; son, Lee VanAlstine and wife, Mary; daughter, Rebecca Petrozzi and husband, Robert; and daughter, Marcy Mack and husband, Laurence; 11 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren; and many nephews and nieces she held as her children.

Her family and close friends invite all who knew her to join them for one of two memorial services: at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 19, at Mountain Lake Bible Church, 2215 N. Seventh, in Coeur d'Alene; or at 11 a.m. Friday, Sept. 21, at Easthaven Baptist Church, 2010 Whitefish Stage, in Kalispell. Burial will be after the service at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. A luncheon will be provided at Easthaven Baptist Church after the burial.

Marj and family request no flowers or gifts be sent. Anyone so desiring may donate to a favorite charity.

Muriel K. VanBerckelaer, 80

Muriel K. VanBerckelaer, 80, died Sunday, Sept. 23, 2007, at her home in Kalispell.

She is survived by two daughters, Lynne Ann Kogut of Kila, and Lisa VanBerckelaer of Raleigh, N.C.

Memorial services for Muriel will be held at a later date in North Carolina.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for the family. An online guest book is available at www.johnson-mortuary.com.

Anna Bernice Van Geystel, 87

Our beloved Anna Bernice Van Geystel, 87, passed away peacefully May 24, 2007, at her home in Sequim, Wash. Anna was born in Sheridan, on Jan. 29, 1920,



to Christian and Caroline Haag (Albrecht). She was raised and schooled in Twin Bridges until graduation in 1938. Following graduation she moved with the family to Kalispell, where she resided for many years. She also loved and spent many years in Alaska and Sequim.

Anna was a homemaker extraordinaire who did all the baking, canning and sewing for her family. She also enjoyed and was passionate about many activities including gardening, quilting and needlework, playing cards, and was a prolific and accomplished artist in many mediums. She made and donated hundreds of baby quilts to orphanages, AIDS babies, Alaskan villages and hospitals throughout the United States. She loved road trips and cruises with family and friends. She enjoyed life to the fullest without regret.

Anna was preceded in death by her parents, Christian and

Caroline Haag; husbands, James Berthol "Bert" Huggins and Edward Van Geystel; her friend and sister-in-law, Leone Haag; and nephew, Kendall Haag also preceded her in death.

She is survived by her children, Sandra Jean Thomas and Edward, of Sequim, James Leo Huggins and Becky of Centennial, Colo., and Carol Joanne Huggins and George Foster of Sedro Woolley, Wash.; brothers, Leo A. Haag and Marjorie of Sequim, and Paul G. Haag and Patricia of Kalispell. She is also survived by six grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

She will be greatly missed by all whose lives she touched.

At her request there will be no services. Cremation has taken place under the care of Olympic Cremation Association. Her ashes will be scattered over the Tobacco Root Mountains in Montana near her childhood home and a celebration of her life will follow at a date to be determined.

In her memory Anna requested that donations be made to Assured Hospice of Clallam and Jefferson Counties, 1821 Cooks Hill Road, Suite 200, Centralia, WA 98531. We thank them for their loving care and support during her illness.

Clara Elizabeth (McCarty) Van Ness, 70

Clara Elizabeth "Betty" (McCarty) Van Ness, 70, died Saturday, Nov. 10, 2007, at her home in Columbia Falls.

She was owner of the Ronan Bakery for many years.

She is survived by her

children, Mark and Royce of Pablo, Elliot of Columbia Falls, Troy of Kalispell and Charlotte of Kalispell.

Columbia Falls Mortuary of Columbia Falls is caring for the family.

Piet 'Pete' Van Zomeren, 95

Piet "Pete" Van Zomeren, 95, passed away Nov. 27, 2007, in Kalispell. He had been under the care of the hospice team from whom he received kind, compassionate care for the last few weeks of his life.

Piet was born April 29, 1912, in Rotterdam, Holland. His family moved to America when he was 9 years of age.

Piet married DeCarma Ruth Lillewick on Aug. 22, 1934. They were married 71 years when she passed in 2005. She was the love of his life and "he is now dancing with her."

Piet was active in the Loyal Order of the Moose for many years and enjoyed many friend-

ships as a result of the years of service to the order. He held the highest degree of the order, of which was extremely proud. Piet and his wife, Ruth, enjoyed philanthropic endeavors of the Moose fraternity and Saturday night dances. They would dance all night long! He loved to travel and was able to see much of this country in his 95 years of life.

He was a hard worker, working as a furniture and flooring salesperson, furniture delivery person and carpet installer. His life after retirement was filled by working in the apartment industry as a leasing agent. His love of

people made him extremely successful in that position.

He loved his family, nature and wildlife; and enjoyed sitting at his daughter's house the six years of his life and watching the wildlife wander in and out of the woods surrounding the house, while spending time with family and new friends he had met since moving to the Flathead.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Ruth; son, Leslie; his parents; brothers; and sisters. "His family was waiting with open arms to greet him upon his arrival."

Piet is survived by his daughter, Karen, and Pete Burkett of

Kalispell; and son, Richard, and Sally Van Zomeren of Springville, Utah. He has 12 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 5, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home in Kalispell.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his name to the Flathead County Animal Shelter, c/o Flathead County Health Department, 1035 First Ave. W., Kalispell, MT 59901. At his request, these donation can be in the form of money or volunteer hours.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Rochelle E. VanderHorst, 62

Rochelle E. VanderHorst, 62, died Thursday, March 8, 2007, at her home in Kalispell after a long courageous battle with cancer. She was born June 21, 1944, in Glendale, Calif., to Ronald E. and Kathryn H. Langley.

She moved to Pomona, Calif., at 3 years old, where she grew up and attended Westmont Elementary School, John Marshall Junior High, and Ganesha High School, where she graduated in 1962.

It was also in 1962 that she married Donald VanderHorst. Together, they shared 35 years of marriage. In 1963, they started their family. Chelle's most important role in her lifetime, one she so cherished until the end.

Busy throughout the years, in the dairy business with her husband and raising three children. Always keeping the doors open for friends and family to enjoy her wonderful food and conversation. This she will always be remembered for.

Chelle was preceded in death by her husband, Donald VanderHorst, in 1996.

Rochelle is survived by her brother and sister-in-law, Randall and Lorna Langley of California; sister and brother-in-law, Renee and Charles Harvey of Colorado; her two sons, Kenneth VanderHorst of Columbia Falls and Daniel VanderHorst of Whitefish; daughter and son-in-law, Trina and Vaughn Perrod of Somers; five grandchildren, Kristy and Chaz VanderHorst of Hanford, Calif., Chelaine, Marti, and Camry Perrod of Somers; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A graveside service will be held at 3 p.m. Monday, March 12, at the Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

The family has suggested memorials be made to Wings, P.O. Box 7852, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Arrangements are with the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

Victor 'Vic' Verkuehlen, 93

Victor "Vic" Verkuehlen, 93, passed away June 21, 2007. He was born Nov. 7, 1913, in Bagdad, N.D., attended high school in Niagara, N.D.

He married Ida Crawford in May 1941.

Vic moved to Havre in 1950 and managed a grain elevator. Vic bought a Minneapolis Moline Dealership in 1952. He purchased the Shanty Motel in 1959 and sold it in 1968.

In 1970, he managed the Beaver Creek Park in the Bear Paw Mountains outside of Havre. He also worked for the Parks and Recreation Department in Havre and was on the City Council for several years.

After retiring, he moved to Lakeside where he became very active in the community.

He is survived by his daughter, Jean Smith, of Denver; three grandchildren, Kim Wooding, Dale C. Polson and Darcy McKee; three great-grandchildren;

and several nieces and nephews.

There will be a memorial service at 11 a.m. July 16 at the Lakeside Community Chapel in Lakeside.

Memorial gifts to be donated to the Lakeside Community Chapel.

Kathryn 'Kay' (Greco) Viano, 85

Kathryn "Kay" (Greco) Viano; 85, died on Monday, June 11, 2007, surrounded by her family at Brendan House in Kalispell. She was born on Oct. 6, 1921, in Whitefish. She was the second of seven children born to Dominico and Maria (Dostoli) Greco.



In 1919, Maria and Dominico settled in remote Fielding, where her dad was the section foreman for The Great Northern Railroad, after coming to the United States from Italy.

The family lived in several Montana towns before moving to Whitefish, where Kay was born. Kay attended grade school in Coram and high school in Kalispell and Priest River, Idaho, where she graduated in 1939. Kay attended Western Union School in Santa Cruz, Calif., and then returned to Kalispell to work for Montgomery Ward's and Equity Creamery before starting a 25-year career with Western Union. She retired from Western Union in 1965.

Kay married Peter 'Pete' John Viano on Feb. 28, 1946, in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. She and Pete had three children; Ron, Larry and Debbie.

Pete and Kay enjoyed many winters in Yuma, Ariz., with friends from the Flathead, as well as new friends from all over the U.S. and Canada. One of Kay's greatest joys was spending time with her family. She relished her roll as a grandma and loved nothing more than family gatherings. Plenty of good food was always available at the Viano house, too, because Kay was always planning "what to have for dinner."

"You were the soul of our family, grandma. We all loved you deeply and we will never stop missing you."

Kay was preceded in death by her parents, and three sisters. She is survived by her husband, Pete Viano, of Kalispell; two sons, Ron Viano and wife, Nancy, of Eagle, Idaho, and Larry Viano and wife, Cindy, of Kalispell; one daughter, Debbie Sprague, and husband, Mike, of Boise, Idaho; three brothers, Frank and LaVerne Greco of Phoenix, Angelo and Eleanor Greco, of Browning, and Orly Greco of Napa, Calif.; six grandchildren, Jeff and Kate Viano of Boise, James and Heather Viano of West Jordan, Utah, Marci and Phil Davis of Portland, Ore., Tim Viano of Kalispell, Christopher Sprague of Boise, Idaho, and Angela and Jesse Williams of Boise; five great-grandchildren, Owen, Liam, Gavin and Carys of Boise, and Ryan Viano of West Jordan; and many cousins, nephews and nieces.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 16, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church with Father Vic Langhans celebrant. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Visitation will take place from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday, June 15, with a rosary being said at 10 a.m. Friday morning, both at Johnson's Mortuary Chapel.

The family suggests memorial donations be made to the American Cancer Society, 3550 Mullen Road, Suite 105, Missoula, MT 59808; or Spinal Muscular Atrophy, Rocky Mountain Chapter P.O. Box 102705 Denver, CO 80250.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for Kay's family. You are invited to go to www.johnsonmortuary.com to offer condolences and sign Kay's guest book.

Robert Michael 'Bob' Vigil, 55

Robert Michael "Bob" Vigil, 55, died Wednesday, Nov. 28, 2007, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

He is survived by his children, Forrest Schunzel of Gatlinburg, Tenn., Sarah Jankewicz and Emily Vigil,

both of Aurora, Colo., and Cassi Vigil of Kona, Hawaii.

Memorial services will be held later in Denver.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for the family. An online guest book is available at www.johnsonmortuary.com.

Elizabeth Cecelia Johnson Vincent, 93

Elizabeth Cecelia Johnson Vincent, 93, died March 24, 2007 at Mountain View Manor in Eureka.

Survivors include two daughters, Carol Ann Carel of Eureka, and Mary Vincent White of Spokane.

Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 28, at the Nelson and Vial Funeral Home in Eureka. Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, March 29, at the First Baptist Church in Eureka.

Helen Rose Vinje, 92

Helen Rose Vinje, 92, passed away on Saturday, Sept. 22, 2007, at Health Center Northwest in Kalispell. She was born on July 20, 1915, in Wibaux, the eldest daughter of August and Lena (Wurst) Maier.

In 1935, Helen married Harry Neil Parker of Belton, and they had two daughters, Gloria and Sharon. Neil passed away in May of 1940 in Shelton, Wash.

In 1942, she married Clifford Vinje and they were later divorced.

Helen was very active in community work. She volunteered with the Kalispell School District Swish Program, Flathead County Library (both as a volunteer and an employee) and Kalispell Regional Medical Center. She was also a member of the Eagles.

She is survived by two daughters, Gloria Hellman and husband Bernie of Kalispell,



and Sharon McManus-Parker of Sumner, Wash.; five grandchildren, Neil Shaw of Kalispell, Linda and Orrion French of Missoula, Keith and Chris McManus of Portland, Thomas McManus of Kent, Wash., and Pamela and Doug Nuckolls of Kalispell; great-grandchildren, Colby and Kelly Shaw of Kalispell, Angela Lobel of Missoula, Jeremy McManus of Spokane, Whitney McManus of Capron, Ill., Breanna and Roy Wickum of Seeley Lake, and Anthony "AJ" Ovnicek of Kalispell; and five great-great-grandchildren, Hanah and Leah Lobel of Missoula, Cameron Shaw of Kalispell, and Raina and Jade Wickum of Seeley Lake.

Memorial services for Helen will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 27, at Trinity Lutheran Church. Burial will be private. There will be no visitation.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for Helen's family. You are invited to go to www.johnsonmortuary.com to offer condolences and sign Helen's guest book.

Vivien 'June' Vinson, 93

Vivien "June" Vinson, 93, passed away Tuesday, May 22, 2007, at Health Center Northwest in Kalispell. She was born Feb. 17, 1914, in Smithfield, Pa., to Charles Edward and Annie May (Kremer) Morris.

June graduated from Georges High School in York Run, Pa., and went to nurses training graduating from Columbia Hospital in Wilkinsburg, Pa., in 1936. She worked at Connellsville, Pa., for five years prior to going into the U.S. Army May 17, 1942.

June served active duty as an Army nurse in World War II, serving for nine years. She stayed in active Reserves working in the Veterans Hospital in Sheridan, Wyo., where she retired in 1970. She retired from the Army Reserves after achieving the rank of lieutenant colonel in 1973, serving a total of 29 years in the U.S. Army.

She married Glenn Vinson, Nov. 7, 1961, in Las Vegas, and they enjoyed 24 years together before his passing in 1985. They moved to Montana where she was a member of Epworth United Methodist Church. She was also a member of the Disabled

American Veterans and the Montana Blind Association.

June was preceded in death by her parents; husband; two brothers, Erwin and Edward Morris; two sisters, Dorothy Christy and Martha Eicher; and also a stepdaughter, Betty Korn.

She is survived by her two sisters, Kathleen Wagner of Emsworth, Pittsburgh, and Virginia Mirabal of Buffalo, N.Y.; two stepchildren, Norma Skipper and Donald Vinson; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services for Vivien "June" Vinson will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 29, at Epworth United Methodist Church with burial to follow services at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to noon in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel.

The family suggests memorials be given in her name to Epworth United Methodist Church, 329 Second Ave. East, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for June's family. You are invited to go to www.johnsonmortuary.com to offer condolences and sign June's guest book.

Freda Vogel, 88

Freda Vogel, 88, a 29 year resident of Woods Bay, passed away March 16, 2007. She was born July 20, 1918, in Cottonwood, the daughter of Frank and Othelia (Ell) Koble. Freda and three brothers, Frank, Clarence, and Matt were raised on a farm north of Kremlin.

In her adulthood she worked the shipyards in Seattle for a short time, then moved to Helena, working at the Parrot Confectionery and later moved to Wiliston, N.D., where she farmed with her husband, Norman Johnson, as well as, managed her own apartment complex.

Freda married Raymond Vogel in September 1977 and moved back to Kremlin. In 1978 she retired from farm life and moved to Woods Bay, becoming a member of Bethany Lutheran Church. During her retirement she enjoyed painting, playing



bridge and gardening.

Freda was preceded in death by her parents; her brothers; and her first husband, Norman Johnson.

Freda is survived by her husband, Raymond Vogel, of Havre; stepdaughter, Fern Larson and husband, Roger, of Kremlin; stepson, Randy Vogel, and wife, Elaine, of Townsend; sister-in-law, Audrey Koble, of Charlo; six grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews; as well as a dear friend, Lynn Weed.

Memorial services will be held at the Bethany Lutheran Church in Bigfork at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, March 20, with Pastor Tom Gopp officiating.

Donations may be sent to the Bethany Lutheran Church at 8559 Hwy 35, Bigfork, MT 59911 or to a charity of your choice in Freda's name.

Condolences may be sent to the Raymond Vogel family at P.O. Box 10, Kremlin, MT 59532.

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

Jason M. Volkert, 35

Jason M. Volkert, beloved husband, "Da-Da," friend and son "was taken from all of us" suddenly Oct. 10, 2007.

He is greatly missed. "We love you."

Memorial services will be held 11 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 16, in the chapel of Gilbertson Funeral Home in Stanwood, Wash.

