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Ella A. Van, 76

Ella A. Van, 76, died Friday morning in Whitefish in the North Valley Hospital Extended Care Unit.

She was born April 30,

1905, in the Bad Rock Community, the daughter of Solomon and Anna Dieken Lewis. She was raised and educated in the Bad Rock area.

Mrs. Van had been employed at the Lewis Hotel (now McDonald Lodge) and the Gaylord Hotel prior to her marriage to George Theodore Van on Dec. 21, 1926, in Polson.

The couple resided in Columbia Falls until 1929, when they moved to Kalispell. Mrs. Van returned to Columbia Falls in 1956 and has resided there since.

She was a member of the Estella Pomeroy Chapter 68, Order of the Eastern Star for 47 years, a past matron and Rainbow Board Assembly member; past district president and past noble grand of the Rebekah Lodge, which she belonged to for 57 years; past high priestess of the White Shrine of Jerusalem; past secretary of the Ladies Auxiliary to William Murphy Post 5650 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars; and a lifelong member of the Methodist Church. She had served in the Parent Teacher Association and as a cub scout den mother in Kalispell.

Mrs. Van was preceded in death by her husband on Aug. 25, 1947; her parents; and four brothers, Harry, Everett, Albert and Walter Lewis.

Survivors include two sons, John Van, Kalispell,

and Ted Van of Doylestown, Penn.; two daughters, Gertrude Van of Kalispell and Gladys Shay of Columbia Falls; 12 grandchildren; 13 great grandchildren; two sisters, Mrs. Clyde (Claudia) Hill of Columbia Falls and Mrs. John (Edith) Taylor of Kalispell; and one brother, Edward Lewis of Yakima, Wash.

Services for Mrs. Van will be Monday at 2 p.m. at the Van Leuven Funeral Home. The Rev. Howard Hunter of the United Methodist Church of Columbia Falls will officiate. Burial will be in the Woodlawn Cemetery.

The family suggests memorials be made to the United Methodist Church in Columbia Falls or the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

Visitation will be Sunday from 1 to 9 p.m. and Monday from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The casket will not be open after the service.

Betty Van Dort, 70

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Betty Van Dort, 70, 644 Ninth Ave. W., Kalispell, died Tuesday after an extended illness.

She was born Oct. 16, 1911, in Holland, Mich., the daughter of John and Jennie Johnson. She attended the public schools in Holland and on June 26, 1937, married Earl Van Dort. In 1948 they moved to Great Falls and in 1954 to

Kalispell, where they have since resided.

Surviving besides her husband at the family home in Kalispell are three sons, John and Gene of Kalispell and David of Spokane; one daughter, Doloris Whyte, Kalispell; nine grandchildren; five brothers and three sisters. She was preceded in death by her parents, three sisters and one brother.

Van Dort had been a member of the Bethel Baptist Church of Kalispell.

Services will be 2 p.m. Friday at the Weatherford Funeral Home in Kalispell with the Rev. James R. Newman of Bethel Baptist Church officiating. Burial will be in Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Visitation for friends will be at Weatherford Funeral Home until 5 p.m. today and again on Friday morning.

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Gerrit L. Van Engen, 74

Gerrit L. Van Engen, 74, 1114 Fourth St. W., died Monday morning in Kalispell.

He was born Aug. 1, 1906, in Conklin, Mich., the son of Gerrit and Bernice Van Engen. He attended schools in Pella, Iowa, and in Firth, Neb., graduating from high school in Brule, Wis., in 1924. After graduation he worked on dairy farms in Wisconsin and then farmed in North Dakota before moving to Montana in 1938.

He worked at the smelter in East Helena for eight years. In March 1942 he enlisted in the Army and served with the First Armored

Division in the European and African campaigns. He was discharged in July 1945 and then went to work for the Northern Pacific Railroad in Helena and Missoula. In 1963 he retired for medical reasons and the couple lived in Arizona and Virginia, returning to Montana in 1975 to live in Lewistown until moving to Kalispell in 1979.

Mr. Van Engen married Miva Abell Jan. 21, 1946, in Great Falls and is survived by her at the family home. He is also survived by five sons, George F., Tacoma, Wash.; John E., Somers; Clifford L., New-

port, Wash.; Kenneth A., Missoula; and Ivan A., Newport News, Va.; two daughters, Marjorie Leidle and Kathy Medlin, both of Spokane; two sisters, Mrs. Sam (Myrtle) Buell, Jennings, Mich., and Mrs. John (Alveretta) Edwards, Tucson, Ariz.; 39 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be Thursday at 10 a.m. in the Weatherford Funeral Home officiated by Kalispell Masons and by Lt. Tom Morrow of the Salvation Army. Cremation will follow in the Weatherford Crematory.

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George L. Von Wald, 64

George L. Von Wald, 64, 1405 Sixth Ave. E., died Saturday morning at Kalispell Regional Hospital after a long illness. He was born May 13, 1917 in Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada, the son of George and Florence Von Wald.

Von Wald lived in Canada until his family moved to Coeur d'Alene in 1930 where he completed his education. Following school, he worked at Faragut Naval Base as a pipefitter for several years. He worked at a

number of jobs until he became a barber in 1954. He moved to Kalispell in 1955 and opened his own shop in Evergreen. He barbered in various Kalispell shops until his retirement in 1975.

Von Wald married Max-

ine Thorpe in 1937 in Coeur d'Alene. She preceded him in death in 1967. He married Maxine Stockman in Kalispell on June 5, 1968.

Von Wald was a member of the Evergreen Lions Club and the Calvary Lutheran Church in Evergreen.

Surviving him besides his second wife are his son, Tom of San Francisco, a daughter, Beverly Larson of Kalispell, three stepdaughters, Carla Kelly, Mary Jo Samuelson and Linnea Heller all of Kalispell, a step-son, Nick Neumann of Poplar, two brothers, Edward of Port Angeles, Wa., and Walter of Camano Island, Wa., one sister, Alta Rae Turpin of Coeur d'Alene; 14 grandchildren and two great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his first wife, his parents, one brother and one sister.

Graveside services will be Monday at 2 p.m. at the Coeur d'Alene City Cemetery with the Rev. Newcomb of Coeur d'Alene officiating.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Flathead Food Bank, 603 Main St.

Local arrangements and cremation by Weatherford Funeral Home.

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Arnold V. Valtinson, 78

Arnold V. Valtinson, 78, who had resided at 495 Eighth Ave. E.N., died Monday evening in Kalispell.

He was born Aug. 15, 1902, in Nielsville, Minn., a son of Olaus and Betsy

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Valtinson. He had received his schooling in Minnesota and on Feb. 14, 1940, married Magda Ueland in Grand Rapids, Minn. The couple continued to live there for several years before moving to Duluth, where Mr. Valtinson worked in the shipyards during World War II. In 1949 they moved to the Flathead Valley.

Valtinson had been employed as an edgerman for the Montana Saw Service for 20 years prior to his retirement.

He was a member of the Northridge Lutheran Church.

He is survived by his wife, Magda, at home; two sons, Lynn of Seattle and Larry at home; one brother, Melvin of Grand Rapids, Minn.; one sister, Othilda Windt of Deer River, Minn.; and two granddaughters.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, Alfred, Ben and Martin, and three sisters, Elizabeth Thompson, Bertina Sagen and Mabel Valtinson.

Services for Mr. Valtinson will be 2 p.m. Friday in the Johnson Funeral Home with the Rev. Rusty Halaas, pastor of the Northridge Lutheran Church, officiating. Burial will be in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

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Joseph Adrian Voermans, 82

WHITEFISH — Joseph Adrian Voermans, 82, of Whitefish died at the North Valley Hospital here Friday.

Voermans was born May 9, 1899, in Etten, Holland, the son of Jacob and Marie Voermans.

When Voermans was 9 years old, the family moved to Strathmore, Alberta, as colonists for CPR to help found a new settlement of Hollanders. Later the family moved to British Columbia. In 1914 they came to Whitefish. In 1916 they moved to Oregon, and later to Eureka, Montana. In 1921 the family returned to Whitefish and purchased a ranch three miles east of town Voermans, with his father and brothers, operated a dairy farm.

On Nov. 10, 1926, he married Doris Sindt in Whitefish.

He moved the dairy to a ranch 1½ miles northeast of Whitefish where he continued to operate the Batavia Dairy for 30 years. After selling the dairy ranch and

moving into town, he worked for Western Fruit Express until his retirement.

He was a member of St. Charles Catholic Church, a 44-year member of the Moose, and had been active on the Moose bowling team for many years.

He is survived by his wife, Doris, at the family home; two sons, Joseph Jr. and Jack, both of Whitefish; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren; two brothers, Adrian of Kalispell and Jake of Whitefish; and one sister, Mrs. Tony Braig, Whitefish.

He was preceded in death by one son, Jake, who died in the Korean War; his parents; two brothers; and one sister.

Rosary will be recited at the Austin Funeral Home, Sunday at 8 p.m. Mass of the resurrection will be celebrated from the St. Charles Catholic Church, 10 a.m. Monday with the Rev. John Robertson as a celebrant. Burial will be made in the Glacier Memorial Gardens in Kalispell.

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Theresa Voves, 62

Theresa Voves, 62, died Friday in Kalispell.

She was born Jan. 19, 1919, in Philadelphia, Pa., a daughter of Edward and Mary Voves. She had received her schooling and spent her

early life in Pennsylvania.

In the 1960s she moved to the Flathead to care for her aunt and uncle, Joe and Emma Kocar, who have since died. She remained unmarried.

Miss Voves is survived by one

brother, Edward of Philadelphia.

Services will be 10 a.m. Wednesday in the Johnson Funeral Home with the Rev. Emmett Kelly of St. Matthew's Catholic Church officiating. Burial will be in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Jerome Francis Bollin, 42

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ST. IGNATIUS — Jerome Francis Bollin, 42, died Thursday at Missoula Community Hospital.

He was born May 17, 1938, in St. Ignatius to Phil-

lip and Helen Bollin. He attended Ursuline's in St. Ignatius.

Mr. Bollin married Deloris Brading in Great Falls, Feb. 15, 1964. He was employed on the Kendall Forman ranch.

He is survived by his wife, in Pablo; three children, Lisa, Shirley and Daryl, all of Pablo; three brothers, Joe and George, both of Seattle, and Danny of Chugiak, Alaska; and one sister, Phyllis Bollin, also of Chugiak.

Services will be Tuesday at St. Ignatius Catholic Church at 10 a.m. Rosary will be tonight at 8 at St. Ignatius Community Center officiated by the Rev. Joseph Obersinner, S.J. Burial will be in Jocko Cemetery in Arlee.