

23 Jan. 1987 - InTerlake
Harold V. Kair, 69

Harold Valdemar Kair, 69, Kalispell, died Thursday morning at his residence.

He was born Dec. 28, 1917, in Hope, Idaho, the son of Wallace V. and Ethel Kair. In 1926, the family moved to Somers and in 1929, to Kalispell. While attending Flathead County High School, he distinguished himself in the fields of chemistry and math and was offered a scholarship to the Butte School of Mines.



He worked in the woods from 1936 to 1940.

He joined the National Guard in 1935 and the Armed Services in 1943. He served 5½ years with Company F 161st Infantry 41st Division. He served as chief postal clerk at the main post office in Shemya, Alaska.

After his military service, he worked at the Kalispell post office for 33 years, retiring in July 1972.

He was a member of the Little Brown Church of Bigfork, Veterans

of Foreign Wars, and Eagles Lodge of Kalispell.

On Sept. 18, 1936, he married Grace Lola Blevins in Polson and the couple had four children: Veon, Anita, Riley and Kelsey Jo.

On Dec. 15, 1973, he married Mary Bolon Gorton, who survives him at the family home.

He is also survived by two daughters, Anita Kair and Mrs. Steven (Kelsey Jo) Schwartz, both of Bigfork; a son, Riley Kair of Kalispell; six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; two brothers, Morris Kair of Libby, and Richard Kair of Issaquah, Wash.; two sisters, Loretta Deitrick and Lois Olsen, both of Kalispell; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a son, Veon, in 1947; his mother, Ethel Olson in 1983, and two sisters, who died in infancy.

Services will be 1 p.m. Saturday at Little Brown Church of Bigfork with the Rev. Gail Flemming officiating. Cremation and arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary of Kalispell.

Fred Kammerer

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Former Hot Springs resident, Fred Kammerer, 98, died January 8th at Piedmont, So. Dak. Born July 13, 1888 in the log-frame home where he lived for 73 years, ranching, except for short periods proving up on his adjacent homestead and working on nearby ranches.

In 1962 he retired to Camas Hot Springs, where he and his wife, Susie lived for 20 years. He was an avid gardener and fisherman, and belonged to the Nyah Grange, the Hot Springs Senior Citizens, and the Sacred Heart Catholic Church. He was also a 66-year member of the Knights of Columbus, and a member of the Farmers Union for 60 years.

He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Susie, and children, Jake, Joan, Maurice, Marvin, Deloris, Shirley, Rosemary, Eva, Arlene and Edward, a brother Albert of Phoenix, and sisters Louise of Denver, and Minnie of Spokane, numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, and nephews. His parents, three brothers and a sister preceded him in death.

Funeral arrangements are pending in So. Dakota.

Ralph Keiser

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Ralph D. Keiser, 67, Columbia Falls, passed away Nov. 4 at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

He was born Aug. 8, 1920, in Greenwich, Ohio to Elmer and Blanche Keiser.

He served in the Army during World War II in the Philippines. After his discharge from the service in 1945, he returned to Minnesota.

He worked as a truck driver for many years and later as a mechanic for American Hoist and Derrick in St. Paul, Minn.

He was married to Clara Swenson on Oct. 8, 1968, in St. Paul, Minn. They moved to Columbia Falls in October, 1981.

He was an avid fisherman and camper.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one daughter, three brothers and one sister.

He is survived by his wife, Clara, of Columbia Falls; four sons, Dean, Charles Robert, and Jerry Keiser, all of St. Paul, Minn.; one daughter, Yvonne Gantzer of St. Paul, Minn.; two stepdaughters, Virginia Briner of Columbia Falls and Linda Ferrell of Park City, Mont.; two stepsons, Richard Darling of Winnemucca, Nevada and Clyde Pack, Sr. of Belgrade, Mont.; 21 grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Services were held Monday at the Van Leuven Funeral Home in Columbia Falls with the Rev. Thomas Gopp of Our Savior's Lutheran Church officiating. Cremation has taken place at Hillside Crematory. Arrangements are by Van Leuven Funeral Home in Columbia Falls.

The family suggested memorials to the American Cancer Society or to the Heart Association.

¹⁹⁸⁷ HAROLD SEVERN KELLAM, JR.

Harold Severn Kellam, Jr., 71, died at his home in Kalispell on Jan. 2. He was born February 19, 1915, in Girdletree, Maryland, a son of Harold and Edith Kellam. He attended schools in New Jersey and South Carolina. He worked as a shipbuilder, carpenter, plumber and building contractor in New Jersey and Kentucky. He was semi-retired when he moved to Montana in 1977, and worked in the Flathead as a builder for several years.

Survivors include two sons, Rev. Harold Severn Kellam III, Kalispell and Ronald G. Kellam, Clementon, New Jersey; a sister, Mrs. Kathryn Miller, Sicklerville, New Jersey;

Memorial services for Mr. Kellam were conducted by friends and family on Tuesday at the Johnson Memorial Chapel.

Crystal Kemna, 86

^{8 May 1987}
Crystal Kemna, 86, formerly of Kalispell, died Friday at the St. Joseph Nursing Care Center in Polson, where she had lived for the past three years.

She was born Jan. 14, 1901, in Missouri to Jack and Beulah Owsley. She attended elementary schools in Missouri, and was valedictorian of Powell County High School in Deer Lodge.

On Nov. 24, 1919, she married William August Kemna in Deer Lodge. They lived in a number of towns, as her husband was a Great Northern Railway conductor. In 1927, they moved to Great Falls, in 1932 to Missoula and finally in 1941 to Kalispell, where they remained.

She was a member of St. Matthew's Catholic Church, and was active in the Altar Society.

Her husband preceded her in death on March 20, 1954. Survivors include two daughters, Phyllis Knoll of Kalispell and Marjorie Howard of Seattle; seven grandchildren including four in Kalispell; and several grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Monday at 2:30 p.m. in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Edmund Smith of St. Matthew's Catholic Church officiating. Burial will be in Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

14 Mar 1987
Clara Kendall, 70

Clara M. Kendall, 70, a former Kalispell resident, died March 14 in Spokane, Wash.

She was born Dec. 23, 1916, near Kalispell, the daughter of Jake and Elsie Loudon. She received her education and graduated from high school in Kalispell and graduated from college in Dillon.

She married Glenn Kendall in Kalispell on May 29, 1941.

She taught school a number of years in rural schools around Kalispell and in Spokane.

Survivors include her husband, Glenn, at the family home; two sons, Bill Kendall of Priest Lake, Idaho, and Richard Kendall of Spokane; a daughter, Janet Kendall of Libby; four grandchildren; a sister, Sylvia Bakken of Kalispell; three brothers, Harold and Calvin Loudon of Kalispell, and Robert Loudon of Bigfork; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be 1 p.m. Thursday at Hazen and Yeager Funeral Home in the Valley, Spokane, with burial in Spokane.

31 May 1987
Dorothy Kenfield, 74

Dorothy Kenfield, 74, Columbia Falls, died Sunday evening at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

She was born March 4, 1913, in Hingham, to Joe and Edith Simon. She was raised and educated in Hingham.

She married Bernard I. Kenfield on Sept. 30, 1933, in Havre.

They moved to Columbia Falls in 1953. They owned and operated Barney's Grocery Store for several years. She also worked as a clerk in several stores in Columbia Falls.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bernard, in 1972.

Survivors include two sons, Brad of Columbia Falls, and Douglas of Bozeman; three sisters; two brothers; seven grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A graveside service will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Glacier Memorial Gardens with the Rev. Thomas Gopp of Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Columbia Falls officiating. Friends will meet at the cemetery for the service.

Visitation will be 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Van Leuven Funeral Home in Columbia Falls.

The family suggests memorials to the Montana Lung Association.

William Kenmille

POLSON — William Palmer Kenmille, infant son of Samantha Ann Kenmille, died Friday at Sacred Heart Hospital in Spokane, Wash., following a premature birth.

He was born Friday at St. Joseph Hospital in Polson and was airlifted by helicopter to Spokane.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by a sister, Ashley, and a grandfather, Charles Johnson, both of Polson.

Private graveside services will be conducted at Lake View Cemetery at 2 p.m. Tuesday. The Rev. Rudy Ringhoff of the First Baptist

Church of Polson will officiate.

Arrangements are under the direction of Mosley Funeral Home.

20 July 1987



Nellie Kennedy

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KALISPELL — Nellie Kennedy, 93, Kalispell, died April 8 at Brendan House. 1987

She was born Jan. 29, 1894, in Shullsburg, Wis., to Joseph and Mary O'Neill. She was raised and educated in Shullsburg.

She married Thomas J. Kennedy on Nov. 15, 1918, in Shullsburg. They moved to Brockton where they farmed and in 1923, they moved to the Flathead Valley where they farmed in the Smith Valley area for one year. In 1924 they moved to Somers. In 1934 they moved to Kalispell where she worked for Alton Pearce Drug Co. as the manager for 25 years.

Her husband died in 1967 and she moved to Columbia Falls. She helped her daughter and son-in-law at Van Leuven Funeral Home. In 1978 she moved to Kalispell.

She was a member of St. Matthew's Catholic Church.

She was also preceded in death by four brothers and two sisters.

Surviving are a son, Joe Kennedy of Coquille, Ore.; two daughters, Mrs. Robert (Mary) Pearson and Margaret Van Leuven, both of Kalispell; nine grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; two sisters in Wisconsin; and several nieces and nephews.

Mass of the Resurrection was celebrated Saturday at St. Matthew's Catholic Church in Kalispell and burial followed in Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Diabetes Association or to the charity of the donor's choice.

Rocky Kennedy

8 Nov 1987

Rocky L. Kennedy, 16, died Sunday morning of a self-inflicted gunshot wound at his home near Columbia Falls.

He was born Jan. 1, 1971, in Rapid City, S.D. to Wayne and Deanna Kennedy. He attended school in Coram, one year in Glendive, and then Columbia Falls. He was a junior

at Columbia Falls High School.

He loved to ski.

He is survived by his parents, Wayne and Deanna Kennedy at the family home near Columbia Falls; one sister, Michelle Kennedy of Columbia Falls; one brother, Michael W. Kennedy of Kansas City, Kansas; one step-sister, Cindy Nowakowski of Lingle, Wyo.; one step-brother, Wayne Carlson of Lingle, Wyo.; his grandparents, Vance and Dorothy Cole of Hill City, S.D. and Lyle and Elma Kennedy of Custer, S.D.; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

A wake service was held Tuesday at St. Richard's Catholic Church in Columbia Falls. Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated at 1 p.m. Wednesday (today) at St. Richard's Catholic Church in Columbia Falls with the Rev. Bernard Sullivan officiating. Burial will follow in St. Richard's Catholic Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

MARY KERNS 1987

Mary G. Kerns, 73, Kalispell, died January 23 of natural causes at Kalispell Regional Hospital. She was born May 29, 1913 in Mooresville, Missouri, the daughter of Eugene and Carolyn Dominique. She was raised and educated in Pierce City, Missouri, and was later employed by Lamberts Glove Factory for more than 15 years. On October 15, 1968 she married Norman F. Kerns in Miami, Oklahoma and they lived in Salina, Kansas until moving to Kalispell in 1985. She was preceded in death by a son, Roy R. Tiberghien in 1948 and by her parents and three sisters.

Surviving are her husband, Norman, at the family home in Kalispell; two sons, Robert R. Edwards in Kalispell, and Gene J. Edwards on Anson, TX; one step-daughter, Norma Mitchell of Overland Park, KS; two granddaughters, Margaret Lauman and Martha Holling, both of Kalispell; four grandsons, Bob, Rick, Larry and James Nelson, all of Kalispell; and a number of great grandchildren.

Funeral Services were held Monday, January 26 at Weatherford Funeral Home, with Rev. Marvin Northcutt, pastor of Epworth United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial followed at Lonepine Cemetery in Bigfork.

Cornelius King

TROUT CREEK--Funeral services were to be conducted Wednesday at 2 p.m. at the Falls Chapel for Cornelius N. King, 75, of Trout Creek who died of cancer Friday in the Veterans Administration Hospital in Spokane. The Rev. Morrow was to officiate and burial was scheduled in the Whitepine Cemetery.

Mr. King was born Dec. 31, 1911 in East Hampton, N.Y. He attended schools there. He served in the U. S. Army during World War II and moved to Trout Creek in 1962.

Surviving are his wife, Loraine Schimmel King of the family home in Trout Creek; three sons, Wendell King, Birmingham, Ala.; two daughters, Marie Schimmel, Trout Creek, and Dawn Coker, New York; three sisters, Laura Elder, Butler, Mo., Alice Olfsson, Mesick, Mich., and Ida Speck, New York; 10 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Henry, his mother and father, and one infant son.

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John King, 73

^{17 July 1987}
LONEPINE - "John Jack"
King, 73, a resident of Lonepine, died of a heart attack on Friday at his home.

He was born July 10, 1914, in Anaconda to Joe and Nora Griffin King. He moved with his family to Lonepine, where they homesteaded. He spent the remainder of his years in that valley.

He farmed and worked in the woods, and worked for the Flathead Irrigation Project until he retired in 1977.

He married Lula Fox on Nov. 9, 1936, in Kalispell. She survives him at the family home.

Also surviving are two sons, Bob King and Rick King, both of Lonepine; a daughter, Delores Parker,

Fortine; two sisters, Mary Farning, Tacoma, Wash., and Barbara Niemen, Redding, Calif; seven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Jim; and two brothers, Joe and Tom.

Visitation will be Tuesday from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the Lonepine Community Hall.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Murray Memorial Cemetery in Lonepine with the Rev. Gary Logue of the Christian Missionary and Alliance Church of Fortine officiating.

Memorials may be made to ALERT helicopter rescue service in Kalispell.

Coffelt-Bunch Funeral Service of Plains is in charge of arrangements.

Aug 1987 **Jack I. Kilpatrick, 56**

LIBBY — Jack I. Kilpatrick, 56, Libby, died of cancer Tuesday at Virginia Mason Hospital in Seattle.

He was born Sept. 21, 1930, in Libby, to Herbert and Alice Kilpatrick. Raised and educated in Libby, he worked for the Great Northern Railroad for two years after graduating from high school.

He married Viola Morey on March 18, 1952, and they were later divorced.

On Dec. 7, 1965, he married Ruth Gorman in Bonners Ferry, Idaho.

Kilpatrick was employed clearing timber behind the Libby Dam and later worked for the Zonolite Co. He managed the Riverside Bar from 1970 to 1972. He then managed

the Gopher Inn until 1979 when he became manager of the American Legion Bar.

He was a veteran of the Korean War.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Ruth, who died in 1984, and by his father in 1976.

Survivors include a son, Tony Kilpatrick of Anchorage; his mother, Alice Kilpatrick of Libby; three stepsons, Ron and Randy Gorman, both of Libby, and Skip Gorman of Salt Lake City; and three grandchildren.

Military graveside services will be 2 p.m. Friday at the City of Libby Cemetery. Arrangements are by Vial Funeral Home in Libby.

Eldora Kinyon, 73

July 1987
Eldora Kinyon, 73, Columbia Falls, died Saturday at Kalispell Regional Hospital.

She was born May 3, 1914, in Maddock, N.D., to Sigurd and Esther Lalum. She was raised and educated in Maddock. She received her nurses training in Rugby, N.D., in 1939. She then moved to Montana, where she worked as a nurse in Shelby, Eureka, and Whitefish.

She married Homer B. Kinyon on Nov. 13, 1945, in Polson. They moved to Joplin the following year and farmed until retiring in 1974. While in Joplin, she was active in the church. In later years, she took up crocheting, rock hounding, gardening, and arts and crafts.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, a brother and a son.

Survivors include her husband, Homer, of Columbia Falls; three daughters, Mrs. Bernard (Eldora) Rosling of Joplin, Mrs. William (Myrna) Orme of Anchorage, Alaska, and Mrs. Conrad (Esther) May of Joplin; three brothers, Palmer Lalum and Luther Lalum of Kalispell, and Ray Lalum of California; a foster son, Evan Mueller of Livingston; 15 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

A funeral service will be held 1 p.m. Tuesday at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Columbia Falls with the Rev. Thomas Gopp officiating. Burial will follow in Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. today at Van Leuven Funeral Home in Columbia Falls. *6 July 1987*

1987 DOROTHY E. KIRKLAND

Dorothy E. Kirkland, 75, Kalispell, died in the North Valley Hospital in Whitefish on Feb. 6. She was born March 26, 1911, in Decker, Montana, a daughter of Alfred and Pearl Verley. She lived in various places in southeastern Montana and Wyoming and in 1925 she moved to Libby until 1928, when she moved to Kalispell and has lived there ever since. On September 8, 1932, she married Clarence Kirkland and he preceded her in death in 1969. She was of the Baptist faith.

Survivors include three sons, Virgil, Kalispell, Merl, Columbia Falls, and Fred, Bozeman; a daughter, Virginia Roberts, Columbia Falls; two sisters, Alison Crossley, Kalispell and Mabel Harrison, Great Falls; two brothers, Clifton Verley, Huntington, Oregon and Everett Verley, Kent, Washington; eighteen grandchildren; nineteen great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by a son, Clyde Kirkland, in 1939; two brothers, Alfred "Stubbs" and Harold Verley, and a sister, Geneva Hemmer.

Funeral services for Mrs. Kirkland were held Feb. 10 in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Gene Blackburn, pastor of the Gospel Light Baptist Church, officiating. Burial was in Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Merle Knapton, 81

3 Sept 1987
Merle L. Knapton, 81, a former resident of Whitefish, died Thursday at the Valley View Manor in Boise.

She was born Nov. 5, 1905 in Calaway, Neb., a daughter of Samuel and Nora Graham. In 1909, the family moved to the Kalispell area, where she completed elementary school and graduated from high school in 1924.

She was married to John Knapton in 1929 and resided in Whitefish until recently. After his death in 1941, she was employed as a rural mail carrier in the Whitefish area, and later as a clerk at the Whitefish Post Office.

She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Whitefish, the Whitefish Vista Chapter 44 of the Order of the Eastern Star and a number of other community organizations.

In 1929, the Whitefish Soroptimist Club selected her as First Lady of Whitefish for her contributions to the community.

She was preceded in death by her husband, one sister and four brothers.

She is survived by three sons, Richard Knapton of West Palm Beach, Fla., Roger Knapton of Helena, and Douglas Knapton of Boise; one sister, Beulah Loveall of Columbia Falls; one brother, Sam Graham of Columbia Falls; and six grandchildren.

Services will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. at the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish, with the Rev. Ken Peterson of the Whitefish First Presbyterian Church officiating. Burial will follow at the Whitefish Cemetery. There will be visitation at the Austin Funeral Home from 4-8 p.m. Monday.

The family has suggested memorials to the charity of the donor's choice. *6 Sept. 1987*

CHRISTOPHER STEVEN KNOLL

1987
Christopher Steven Knoll, newborn son of Steven and Lisa Knoll of Kalispell, died March 19th shortly after birth at Kalispell Regional Hospital.

Surviving besides the parents are grandparents Vern and Phyllis Knoll and George and Pat Thompson, all of Kalispell; great grandparents George and Ella Mae Thompson of Eastaboga, Alabama, and Crystal Kemna of Kalispell; plus a number of other relatives.

Memorial Mass of the Resurrection was celebrated March 26 at St. Matthews Catholic Church.

Arrangements are by the Weatherford Funeral Home and Crematory.

Jan 20, 1987 Marc Kneip, 16

Marc Joseph Kneip, 16, died Tuesday at St. Patrick's Hospital in Missoula as the result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident Monday evening.

He was born May 12, 1970, in Tacoma, Wash., the son of Patrick and Memoree Kneip. When he was 3 years old, he moved with his family to Sitka, Alaska, where he attended school. In 1980, the family moved to Kalispell.



He was a junior at Flathead High School at the time of his death. He enjoyed the outdoors, hunting and fishing. He was active in football, golfing, racquetball and skiing.

He was concerned with wildlife conservation and was looking into becoming a veterinarian or marine biologist.

He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Richard J. Cushing, in 1980.

Survivors include his parents, Ed and Memoree Cushing of Kalispell and Patrick and Shelly Kneip of Maple Valley, Wash.; a brother, Michael, and two sisters, Kasey and Kaysha, of the family home in Kalispell; his grandparents, Vernon and Rose Casey of Tacoma, Wash., Louise Kneip of Tacoma, Wash., and Virginia Cushing of Sitka, Alaska; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Funeral services will be at 3:30 p.m. Friday at Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Richard Bartholomew of Faith Free Lutheran Church officiating. Visitation will be until 8 tonight and until 2 p.m. Friday. The casket will not be open for services. Cremation will follow services.

Those who wish may contribute memorials to the Wildlife Conservation Fund in memory of Marc Kneip, 411 N. Foy's Lake Road, Kalispell.

John S. Knudsen

John S. "Buck" Knudsen, 45, Columbia Falls, died Friday morning at the North Valley Hospital in Whitefish. *9 OCT 1987*

He was born March 9, 1942, in Chicago to John and Catherine Knudsen. When he was six, the family moved to Whitefish, where he was raised and educated. He served in the National Guard from 1964 to 1969 and worked at the Phillips 66 station in Whitefish until 1972. He then moved to Gooding, Idaho, where he owned and operated a Phillips 66 station until 1976.

He was married to Virginia Hoover in Gooding on Feb. 14, 1976. They later returned to Whitefish where he worked as a mechanic at De Pratu Ford until 1985.

He was an avid bowler.

He was preceded in death by his father, John, in 1983, and one brother Kenneth.

Survivors include his wife, Virginia; his mother, Catherine Knudsen of Whitefish; four stepchildren, Kenneth, Kurt, and Erika, all of Columbia Falls, and Kevin of Fort Ord, Calif.; four sisters, Donna Renfrow of New Orleans, Doris Leathers of San Jose, Calif., Judy Woodfall of Stevenson, Wash. and Evelyn Elkins of Clearmont, Wyo.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were Tuesday at the Van Leuven Funeral Home in Columbia Falls, with burial in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Elsie Knutson, 87

10 Aug 1987
Elsie Mary Knutson, 87, a pioneer native of the Flathead, died Saturday morning in Brendan House.

She was born Jan. 9, 1900, at the family home in Kalispell, a daughter of Edgar and Ella Martin, who had settled here in 1880. She attended Pine Grove School and Flathead County High School.



She was employed at the Kalispell Mercantile Store for a number of years.

On July 11, 1921, she married Oscar A. Knutson in Kalispell. The couple moved to Florida where Mr. Knutson was employed with the Railway Express for 20 years.

In 1944, they returned to the Flathead, where they bought and managed the Terrace Lawn Motel south of Whitefish for more than 17 years. In 1961, they sold the motel and moved to Kalispell.

She was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church and had been involved in activities of the Immanuel Lutheran Home. She enjoyed traveling and had made a number of trips.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Oscar, on Aug. 25, 1983, and her three children, Patsy Peenstra, Donald and Tom Knutson.

Survivors include two brothers, Emmet Martin of Kalispell and Morris (Buzz) Martin of Ferndale; two sisters, Margaret Heart of Los Angeles, Calif., and Nellie Mae Tripp of Kalispell; a son-in-law, Ken Peenstra of Kalispell; six grandchildren; four great-grandchildren and a number of nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Howard Mars of Bethlehem Lutheran Church officiating. Burial will be in Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Friends may call at Johnson Mortuary until 8 tonight for visitation.

The family suggests memorials to Immanuel Lutheran Home.

Hattie Knutson, 83

Aug 1987
Hattie C.

Knutson, 83, who was active in area church and service organizations, died Sunday at her home in Kalispell.

She was born April 11, 1904, in Fountain City, Wis., a daughter of Christian and Christina Conrad. When she



was four years old, she moved with her family to the Flathead Valley where she attended Boorman School.

On Nov. 15, 1923, she married Fred Knutson in Kalispell. They made their home in Smith Valley until moving to Kalispell in 1948, and had lived here since that time.

Mrs. Knutson cooked in logging camps for several years. She was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church and the women's group of the church; Smith Valley Grange; Forrest and Prairie Club; World War I Auxiliary, where she held several offices; Smith Valley Home Demonstration Club; and had served as 4-H leader.

She is survived by her husband, Fred, at the family home; twin sons, Clarence "Pat" Knutson of Kalispell, and Lawrence "Buster" Knutson of Las Vegas, Nev.; two daughters, Mrs. Ransom (Betty) Brown of Burley, Idaho, and Mrs. Harold (Norma) Brumbaugh of Moses Lake, Wash.; a sister, Mrs. James (Frona) Hansen of Kalispell; two brothers, Werner and Norman Conrad, both of Kalispell; 12 grandchildren; five step-grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; 21 step-great-grandchildren; and a number of nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Wednesday in Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Darold Reiner of Trinity Lutheran Church officiating. Burial will be in Glacier Memorial Gardens.

The family suggests memorials to the charity of donor's choice.

Mabel Koford, 78

23 Sept 1987
Mabel Alice Koford, 78, died at her daughter's home in Kalispell Wednesday morning.

She was born Feb. 22, 1909, in Bonner, a daughter of Nels and Katherine Akerson. She received her elementary education in Bonner and was a graduate of Missoula County High School, the Normal College of Dillon, and the University of Montana in Missoula.

She had been employed in the Missoula County Assessors' office in Missoula during her high school years and for a time after high school. She then taught school in Clinton, Turah, Tarkio, Ekalaka and Albion.

On May 27, 1933, she married Edward A. Koford in Kalispell. They lived in the same house on First Avenue East for 40 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Koford owned and operated Koford Jewelry for 35 years prior to their retirement.

Mr. Koford was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church and had been active in the Bethlehem Church women's groups.

Survivors include her husband, Edward; a daughter, Mrs. Bill (Gayle) Peaslee; a granddaughter, Maureen Burden; and a sister, Margaret Fladmark Cavitt, all of Kalispell; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be at 4 p.m. Friday in Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Howard Mars of Bethlehem Lutheran Church officiating. Burial will be in Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Friends may call at Johnson Mortuary for visitation until 8 tonight and from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Friday.

S. Kordonowy, 16

Stanley Augustine Kordonowy, 16, of Crane, drowned July 26 in the Flathead River.

He was born Jan. 17, 1971, in Sidney, to W. Paul and Vivian Kordonowy. Later that year the family moved to Electra, Texas. They moved to Sweetwater, Texas, before returning to Sidney in 1973.

He grew up and attended school in Sidney where he was active in wrestling, football, and track. He was also a member of the VICA club.

He delivered papers for the Free Press for several years.

In 1985 the family moved to Crane.

He enjoyed riding his bike and was the winner of the St. Jude's Marathon.

He was a member of St. Matthew's Catholic Church in Sidney and was active in the church youth group.

He spent time doing woodwork and enjoyed fishing with his father and grandfather.

Survivors include his parents, W. Paul and Vivian Kordonowy of Crane; his maternal grandparents, Augustine and Philomina Minjares of Sidney; two brothers, Paul Kordonowy and Larry Kordonowy, both of Sidney; seven sisters, Mrs. Jim (Naomi) Frame of Kalispell, Mrs. Darwin (Lorena) Opdahl of Sidney, Mrs. Brian (Carlotta) Fischer of Phoenix, Ariz., Beth Kordonowy of Phoenix, and Kate, RosaLea, and Angela, all of Crane.

Mass of the Christian burial was celebrated Thursday at St. Matthew's Catholic Church in Sidney. Interment was in Sidney Cemetery under the direction of Fulkerson Funeral Home of Sidney.

Arvo Koski, 81^{90th} 1987

Arvo Nestor Koski, 81, died Friday at his son's Kalispell home following a long illness with cancer.

He was born Dec. 10, 1905, in Deerton, Mich., to Nestor and Aina Koski. He moved with his parents to Gackle, N.D., where he attended school and farmed until the family moved to Spearfish, S.D., in 1922.

On Oct. 4, 1932, he married Mary Jernberg at Spearfish, and they lived in various places in the Hills area after their marriage. He worked at Home Stake Gold Mine in Lead, S.D., for 16 years before moving to Highmore, S.D., in 1949. They later moved to Chamberlain in 1960, to the Harding County ranch near Camp Cook, S.D., in the early 1970s, then to Alzada for five years. In 1979, they moved to Beulah, S.D., and to Belle Fourche, S.D., in 1982.

Mrs. Koski died on Jan. 4, 1987.

Mr. Koski had been living with his son on LaBrant Road in Kalispell since August of this year.

Survivors include three sons, Donald of Kalispell, Thomas of Nevada, Iowa, and Clarence of Rapid City, S.D.; four daughters, Ann Kenoyer of Wall, S.D., Norma Hoffman of Belle Fourche, S.D., Barbara Wilen of Battleground, Wash., and Darlene Koski of Scottsdale, Ariz.; 44 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; four brothers; and three sisters.

He was preceded in death by four brothers and five grandchildren.

Bigfork Funeral Home will forward the body to Fidler Funeral Chapel in Spearfish, S.D. Following funeral services at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Old Apostolic Lutheran Church with the Rev. Daryl Redinger officiating, burial will take place at Rosehill Cemetery.

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ROBERT KOSTER
Robert Craig Koster, 50, East Lake Shore, died at home of natural causes. He was born October 8, 1936 in Omaha, Nebraska, the son of Max and Nancy Koster. He was raised and attended schools in the Sacramento, California area and graduated from Grant Union high school there in 1954. He served in the U.S. Navy reserve during the latter part of the Korean conflict. On September 3, 1977 he married Dorothy Wilkinson in Sandpoint, Idaho. He was an electrician and electrical contractor.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy, at the family home; two sons, Steven, Long Beach, CA and Terry, Sandpoint, ID; two daughters, Judith Remming in Sandpoint and Cheryle Frederickson in Bonners Ferry; three step-children, Douglas Ellenbecker, Debbie Zachary and Diana Ellenbecker, all in Spokane; his parents, Max and Nancy Koster in Sun City, AZ; two brothers, James in Tucson, AZ and Richard in Portland, OR; and five grandchildren.

Memorial services were January 20 at the Chapel of the 1st Lutheran Church in Sandpoint. Arrangements by the Bigfork Funeral Home and cremation by Weatherford Crematory in Kalispell

Ethel Kraft, 84

^{1 Oct 1987}
POLSON — Ethel Ruth Kraft, 84, a licensed practical nurse at St. Joseph Hospital in Polson for many years, died Thursday at her home in Polson.

She was born May 23, 1903, in Stevens County, Wash., to John and Mary Willis. She attended school in Washington.

In 1922, she married Melvin Biggs in Washington. The couple moved to Polson in 1923. Mr. Biggs died the following year.

In 1934, she married Roman Kraft in Polson.

She was preceded in death by her second husband and a son, Harold Leroy Kraft.

Survivors include two daughters, Margaret Zinkgraf of Spokane, and Marie Wicks of Missoula; a son, Leland Biggs of Rockville, Md.; nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Visitation and Rosary were held Sunday at Mosley Funeral Chapel. Mass of the Resurrection was held

Ruth Kostman, 83

^{3 Nov 1987}
Ruth Marlon Kostman, 83, long-time Kalispell teacher, died Tuesday afternoon in Kalispell Regional Hospital.

She was born Sept. 24, 1904, in Hatton, N.D., to Karl (Charley) and Anna Gunderson. She attended school there and later attended college in Mayville, N.D., Billings, and Northern Montana University in Havre, where she received her bachelor of science degree in 1961.

She taught school in Montana for 28½ years, the last 16½ years at Elrod School in Kalispell.

She was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

On Sept. 29, 1929, she married George A. Kostman in Great Falls. She was preceded in death by him on Feb. 10, 1955.

She was also preceded in death by an infant son; a sister; and three brothers.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Glen (Dorothy Ann) Purdy of Oakland, Calif.; two sons, Wayne G. Kostman of Glendora, Calif., and Cecil R. Kostman of Kalispell; nine grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be 3:30 p.m. Friday in Bethlehem Lutheran Church with the Rev. Howard Mars officiating. Burial will be in Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

The family suggests memorials to Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

Friends may call at Johnson Mortuary for visitation until 8 tonight.

5 Nov 1987

Robert Kruml, 80

3 June 1984
Robert John Kruml, 80, Swan Highway, Bigfork, died at home Wednesday evening.

He was born March 2, 1907, in Omaha, Neb., the son of Robert and Antoinette Kruml. He was raised and attended schools in the Omaha area. After graduation from high school, he attended college and studied photography.

He served an apprenticeship as a Linotype machinist at the Omaha Bee newspaper from 1923-1929. He then worked for the Denver Post as head machinist for about 32 years until his retirement.

On Oct. 30, 1957, he married Emma Collett in Los Angeles. The Krumls moved to California for a number of years, and finally to Montana in 1976.

He was a member of the International Typographical Union for over 45 years. He was president of the Rocky Mountain Mechanical Conference in the late 1950s and president of the Denver Post Credit Union in the early 1960s. He was a lifelong member of the Lutheran Church.

He enjoyed photography, fishing and recording music.

He is survived by his wife, Emma, at the family home; a son, Dick Kruml of Santa Rosa, Calif.; a stepson, William E. Park of Parachute, Colo.; a step-daughter, Donna Dee DeLine of Orange, Calif.; a sister, Viola Howard of Sparks, Nev.; five grandchildren; two great grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be Monday at 10 a.m. at the Bigfork Funeral Home, with the Rev. Herb Knutson of Bethany Lutheran Church officiating. Cremation has taken place at the Weatherford Crematory in Kalispell.

Memorials may be made to the Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children, N. 820 Summit Blvd., Spokane, WA 99201.

Millie Kruplak, 67

20 Dec 1984
POLSON — Millie Kruplak, 67, Polson, died of cancer Sunday at St. Patrick Hospital in Missoula.

She worked for the Fashion Bar in the Denver area and was a department head for J.C. Penney Co. in Aurora, Colo., for 20 years.

She was born Jan. 5, 1920, in Salt Lake City, to Steve and Bessie Shuput. She grew up in Salt Lake City and attended public schools there. She lived in Aurora, Colo., for a time before her marriage.

She married George Kruplak on Oct. 12, 1947, in Denver.

The couple moved to Polson in 1984.

She enjoyed traveling and tending her flower gardens.

She was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Polson.

Survivors include her husband, George, of the family home in Polson; a daughter, Stephanie Bartlett of Pablo; four brothers, Michael Shuput of Huntsville, Ala., and Pete, George and Dan Shuput, all of Salt Lake City; a sister, Ruby Kladdis of Salt Lake City; and two grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Ann Drakulich and Mary Shuput.

Rosary will be recited 6 p.m. Friday at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

Mass of the Resurrection will be 11 a.m. Saturday at the church with the Rev. Ernest Burns as celebrant.

Burial will be at Lakeview Cemetery under the direction of Mosley Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to Support Housing, St. Patrick Hospital, c/o Sister Linda, Missoula, 59801.

Ronald Krull, 46

LIBBY ^{Dec 1987} - Ronald Krull, 46, Libby, died of heart failure Sunday at Sacred Heart Medical Center in Spokane.

He was born April 27, 1941, in Pierre, S.D., to Theodore and Ann Krull. He grew up and attended school at Harrold, S.D.

Mr. Krull worked in construction throughout Nebraska and Montana. In 1966, he moved to Libby, where he worked on the Libby Dam project and also owned and operated the Record Rack store. He later worked on the Alaska pipeline and on various projects in Montana. At the time of his death he was employed by Swan and Sons Construction Co. near Libby.

An avid outdoorsman, he enjoyed hunting and fishing. He also worked with race horses. He was a member of the Teamsters Union.

In 1960, he married Betty Jean Thorn in Harrold. She preceded him in death in 1980.

Survivors include his second wife, Candie Krull of Libby; two daughters, Lori Krull of Laramie, Wyo., and Tammy Krull of Whitefish; a son, Bernie Krull of West Palm Beach, Fla.; a stepdaughter, Billie Fore of Troy; his parents of Harrold; two sisters, Phyllis Krull of Minneapolis, and Peggy Krull-Bordewick of St. Cloud, Minn.; and two brothers, Ray Krull of Sarasota, Wyo., and Ross Krull of Harrold.

Services will be 1 p.m. Thursday at First Presbyterian Church in Libby with the Rev. Gene Bushnell officiating. Burial will be in the City of Libby Cemetery under the direction of Vial Funeral Home in Libby.