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Kerry Kitterman Sabol, 33, Kalispell, died early Sunday morning as the result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

She was born Oct. 10, 1953, in Minot, N.D., a daughter of Dave and Frances Kitterman. She traveled with her parents and received her education in Ceylon, Panama, Peru, Columbia, South America, and the United States.

She attended Flathead Valley Community College and was listed in Who's Who of American Junior Colleges for her high grade-point average. She was active in sports.

She worked at several area restaurants and was employed at Diamond Lil's Restaurant at the time of her death.

In July 1972, she married Don Sabol, and is now survived by him at the family home.

She is also survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D.C. Kitterman of Woods Bay; two sisters, Ann Kitterman Kalitzke of San Diego, Calif., and Brenda Kitterman Schwartz of Kalispell; and a nephew, Jonn Kalitzke of San Diego, Calif.

Private family services will be at 4 p.m. today in Bigfork Chapel. Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary.

Chauncey R. Sage, 76, died Friday afternoon in the Flathead County Nursing Home, where he had resided since March 1986.

He had lived in Drummond for many years and had spent three years in Alaska as a pilot and plane mechanic.

He was born Oct. 9, 1910, in Central Point, Ore., a son of Eli and Agnes Sage. He had spent part of his life in Missoula, where he operated a garage business in his younger years.

He was a veteran of World War II, having served as a sergeant in the U.S. Army during that time.

He is now survived by three sons, Dale Best and Robert Sage of Everett, Wash., and Thomas Sage of Clearwater, Wash.; one daughter, Gail Sage of Clearwater, Wash.; two brothers, Elmer Sage of Dillon and Vern Sage of Missoula; three sisters, Maude Hunt of Mexican Hat, Utah, Vina Randolph of

Kalispell, and Ruth Wallace of Seattle; numerous grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Military graveside service will be held 2 p.m. Tuesday in the Missoula City Cemetery. Visitation will be at the Johnson Mortuary until 8 p.m. Monday. *20 Feb 1987*

Grace Saddler, 89

Grace Angeline Saddler, 89, died in Lake View Care Center in Bigfork Thursday. *17 Dec 1987*

She was born March 29, 1898, in Thief River Falls, Minn., to Charles and Catherine Durand. She grew up and received her education in Puposky, Minn., and resided there until her marriage to Clyde M. Saddler in Winnipeg, Manitoba, on June 20, 1917.

The couple returned to Puposky and resided there until 1968, when they moved to Kalispell.

She was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Clyde, on Oct. 8, 1971; two daughters, and a son.

Survivors include three daughters, Helen Norgaard of Missoula, LuCille Stevens of Seattle, Wash., and Dorothy Johnson of Kalispell; three sisters, Bea Wishard of Vancouver, Wash., Katy Pasquitz of Florida, and Dorothy Breen of Bemidji, Minn.; twin brothers, Domian Durand of Puposky, Minn., and Fabian Durand of Bemidji, Minn.; nine grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and a number of other relatives.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday in Bethlehem Lutheran Church with the Rev. Howard Mars officiating. Burial will be in Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

The family suggests memorials to Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp of Kalispell or to the charity of the donor's choice.

Friends may call at the Johnson Mortuary from 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday or Sunday for visitation.



Harry Sall, 68

30 April 1987
Harry H. Sall, 68, a resident of the east Flathead lakeshore south of Bigfork, died Thursday at home.

He was a retired civil engineer who chose to settle with his wife, Jane, in Bigfork after spending 35 years traveling the United States to work on road, dam, bridge and missile silo projects.

He was born Dec. 19, 1918, in St. Paul, Minn. He attended the University of Minnesota, earning his engineering degree in 1943. Then he entered the U.S. Army, serving as a captain in the Corps of Engineers. During his service in Europe, he was awarded the Victory Medal, Bronze Star and Silver Star.

He joined the Peter Kiewit and Co. construction firm of Omaha, Neb., after his honorable discharge from the Army. After moving to the Bigfork area, he served as a board member of the Flathead Lake Cherry Growers Association and was a eucharistic minister at St. Catherine's Catholic Church in Bigfork.

On Feb. 27, 1943, he married Barbara Jane Manecke at St. Paul. She survives him at the family home.

Also surviving are three sons, Mike in Kearney, Neb., Peter in Chester, Va., and Dan in Irvine, Calif.; three daughters, Sharley Bailey in Sterling, Ill., Chris Childs in Pensacola, Fla., and Jessica Sall

in Perry, Ga.; a sister, Florence Lehner, Stevens Point, Wis.; seven grandsons and a granddaughter.

Viewing will be today, 4-7 p.m., at the Bigfork Funeral Home chapel. Rosary will be recited to night at 7, also at the funeral home. Mass of the Resurrection will be Monday at 11 a.m. at St. Catherine's Catholic Church with the Rev. Bruce Plummer as celebrant. Burial will be in Lonepine Cemetery in Bigfork.

The family suggests memorials to the Bigfork Quick Response Unit.

Hulbert Sallee

1987
Hulbert O. "Hob" Sallee, 76, Columbia Falls, passed away June 30 at the North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

He was born May 27, 1911 in Bozeman to Elva M. and Grace Sallee. He was raised and educated in Bozeman. He worked for the C.C.C. for several years.

He was married to Lorene B. Ellman on May 27, 1938, in Whitefish. They lived in Bozeman for 23 years before moving to Columbia Falls in 1961. He worked as a heavy equipment operator on construction and then for a short time at the Anaconda Aluminum plant near Columbia Falls. He owned and operated the Wee Haul Garbage Service until 1970. He retired in 1980.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Lorene on Sept. 10, 1980.

He is survived by his stepmother, Kathleen Sallee of Minnesota; one stepsister, Mavis DuBois of Minnesota; one stepbrother, Ray Purdom of Falon, Nev.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A funeral service was Tuesday at the Van Leuven Funeral Home in Columbia Falls with the Rev. Bernard Sullivan of St. Richard's Catholic Church officiating. Burial followed in St. Richard's Catholic Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

Veona Schermerhorn

26 Apr 1987
FORTINE — Veona Schermerhorn, 65, formerly of Fortine, died Friday morning at her home in Moses Lake, Wash.

She was born June 7, 1921, at Trego to Johannes and Olga Peterson. She was raised in Fortine and had attended school there, and had remained in the Fortine area following her marriage.

She and her husband Joseph moved to Kellogg, Idaho, in 1959, where they had resided until moving to Moses Lake, Wash., in 1969.

Karl Salomon, 85

26 March 1986 - Interalaska
POLSON — Karl Magnus Salomon, 85. Polson, died Wednesday at Wayside Nursing Home in Missoula.

He was born Dec. 9, 1901, in Kimballton, Iowa, to Peter and Anna Salomon. The family homesteaded on Sunnyslope north of Polson and he attended schools in Polson. He ranched south of Polson until retiring about 20 years ago.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Pete Salomon Jr., and Harry Salomon, and a sister, Myrtle Barker.

Survivors include five sons, Harold Salomon of Seeley Lake, Roy and Gene Salomon, both of Missoula, Robert Salomon of Walden, Colo., and Norman Salomon of Pablo; two daughters, Marie Welsh of Great Falls, and Janice Salomon of Missoula; two brothers, Tom Salomon of Ronan, and Leonard Salomon of Polson; three sisters, Alvina Bichov of Deborgia, Bertha Walleit of Ocean Shores, Wash., and Viola Gergurich of San Francisco.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Monday at Shrider's Mortuary Chapel in Ronan. The Rev. Gordon Cummings will officiate.

Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery in Polson.

The family suggests memorials to the Senior Citizens of Ronan or Polson.

Her husband preceded her in death in 1972. She was also preceded in death by one son, her parents, one brother and one sister.

She is survived by two daughters, Carol Lyons of Moses Lake and Shirley Lewis of White Salmon, Wash.; one sister, Mabel Franklin Dowell of Eureka; four grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Services will be conducted Monday at 2 p.m. at the Fortine Community Church with the Rev. Gary Louge officiating. Burial will be in Fortine Cemetery under the direction of Vial Funeral Home in Eureka.

Edna Mae Salois

BROWNING — Edna Mae Salois, 61, a former restaurant owner and dietitian for School District 9 in Browning, died Dec. 3 in the Browning hospital after a long illness.

She frequently visited her aunt, Nellie Arnold of Whitefish, and belonged to the VFW Auxiliary and Women of the Moose of Whitefish.

She was born Jan. 16, 1926, in Browning and attended Browning schools.

She married Levi George Salois Aug. 11, 1945, in Conrad, and he preceded her in death Oct. 12, 1966.

Survivors include her aunt, Nellie Arnold; a son; a daughter; three brothers; six sisters, including Alice Joan Harris of Libby; and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were held in Browning with burial in the Willow Creek Cemetery.

DEANA SANDS¹⁹⁸⁷

Deana R. Sands, 85, Columbia Falls, passed away May 28 at Brendan House in Kalispell.

She was born February 28, 1902 near Ralston, Washington to Daniel K. and Magdalene Roloff. She was raised and educated near Ralston. She married William H. Sands on April 5, 1925 in Walla Walla, WA. They moved Ronan, Montana in 1929 and later to Martin City and then to Columbia Falls in 1955. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, William, in 1972, twin children, William D. and Wilma Jean; and nine brothers and sisters. She is survived by six grandchildren, 15 great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

A funeral service was held June 1 at the Van Leuven Funeral Home in Columbia Falls. Burial followed in Woodlawn Cemetery. The family has suggested that memorials be made to the American Heart Association.

SALLY RYAN SANFORD¹⁹⁸⁷

Funeral services for former Missoula resident Sally Ryan Sanford were conducted at Santa Barbara last week under the direction of Neptune Society of California. Cremation was followed by burial in the Pacific Ocean.

Mrs. Sanford was born Sept. 7, 1903, to James and Margaret Ryan in Helena. She moved with her family to Missoula as a young child, and graduated from Missoula County High School. She married her late husband, Jack Sanford, and the couple resided in El Centro, CA, until his death.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, three brothers, Julian, Walter, James and one sister, Inez. Survivors include two nieces in Washington state and a nephew, Len Derby, Kalispell.

Memorials may be made to TORCH-II, 34 Erbes Rd., Thousand Oaks, CA 91362, a senior citizen retirement home where Mrs. Sanford lived since 1983.

Elenora Schilling, 72

Elenora Rose Schilling, 72, Kalispell, died in Kalispell Regional Hospital early Sunday morning.

She was born Sept. 6, 1915, in Lincoln, Neb., to Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Hoyt. She received her education in Nebraska.

On Sept. 26, 1942, she married George Schilling in Ely, Nev. They lived at Chinook for a time and in 1955, they moved to Kalispell where they lived most of the time since then.

She had been employed at various jobs prior to her retirement.

She was a member of the Military Order of Cooties; VFW Auxiliary; DAV Auxiliary; Women of the Moose Chapter 1710 of Kalispell; Eagles Auxiliary and the Scandinavian Fraternity of America.

She was preceded in death by her husband, George, on Jan. 27, 1977; a son, Marvin, on Aug. 2, 1972; a brother and a sister.

Survivors include five sons, Don of Nevada City, Calif., Ray of Dundee, Ore., Dan of Lancaster, Calif., David of Missoula, and Vernon Schilling of Merlin, Ore.; 15 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Nathan Bemis of Bible Baptist Church officiating. Ritualistic rites will be conducted by the Military Order of Cooties. Burial will be in Glacier Memorial Gardens. Friends may call at Johnson Mortuary until 8 tonight for visitation.

R.H. Schlatter, 55

Richard H. Schlatter, 55, Kalispell, died Tuesday afternoon at his home.

He was born Nov. 4, 1931, in Morris, Minn., to Harold and Susie Schlatter.

He received his education in Havre and graduated from Havre High School in 1949. He attended Montana State University at Bozeman and received a degree in education with a music major in 1956. In 1957, he received his master's of education from Montana State University. He also attended Northern Montana College at Havre; University of Montana at Missoula; Western Montana College at Dillon; and the University of Colorado at Boulder, Colo.

On Aug. 28, 1954, he married Eugenia Poehler in Havre.

He was inducted in the U.S. Air Force on Sept. 11, 1950, at Butte, and served as airman second class and worked with the Air Force Band for 3½ years. On Nov. 28, 1953, he received his honorable discharge at Great Falls.

In 1957, the couple moved to Polson where he was band director and an instrumental music teacher for the public schools. In 1968, the couple moved to Kalispell.

He was band director for Flathead High School for 16 years; instrumental music teacher for fifth and sixth grades; chairman of the Department of Fine Arts at FHS for 16 years; and FHS golf coach for 10 years.

He also was a member of the Montana Officials Association and received a number one rating. He was director of many festival and band groups while at the high

school. He also served as a adjudicator for band festivals and drill team contests.

He received many honors including the Citation of Excellence from the National Band Association; and outstanding band director from First Chair of America during the Flathead High School band's performance during the national convention of the American School Band Directors Association in Portland, Ore.

He was active in many organizations including American School Band Directors Association; National Band Association; Montana Education Association; Montana Music Education Association; Montana Officials Association; Musicians Union; U.S. Golf Association; Masonic Lodge No. 134, AF&AM, Havre; York Rite; Scottish Rite; Algeria Shrine; Algeria Shrine

Band; and Elks Lodge No. 725, Kalispell.

He was a life-long member of the Episcopal Church.

He was preceded in death by his father, Harold, and a brother, Robert.

Survivors include his wife, Eugenia at the family home in Kalispell; two sons, Capt. Philip Schlatter of Garlstedt, Germany, and Lt. j.g. Richard H. Schlatter Jr. of Barbers Point, Hawaii; and his mother, Susie C. Schlatter of Havre.

Memorial services will be 11 a.m. Saturday at Christ Church Episcopal with the Rev. Paul Taylor officiating. Burial will be in Conrad Memorial Cemetery with both military and Masonic graveside rites.

Memorials may be made to the Schlatter Memorial Music Scholarship, c/o 785 First Ave. W.N., Kalispell.

Cremation has taken place at Hillside Crematorium. Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary.



M. Schomer, 63

Marjorie Edith Schomer, 63, a former area resident, died Oct. 11 in Chattaroy, Wash. 1987

She was born April 19, 1924, in Joplin and later lived in Saco and Hinsdale. She moved to Columbia Falls with her parents in 1931 and graduated from high school there in 1942.

She had been employed at the Columbia Falls post office.

She married John F. Schomer on Jan. 16, 1945, in Spokane. They lived in Kalispell, where he operated Schomer Motor Co., and also owned a trailer court in Columbia Falls.

The family left the Flathead in 1958 and followed construction work. They purchased a home at Chattaroy and retired there.

Survivors include her mother, Rose Greene of Columbia Falls; a sister, Mrs. Gary (Lee) Preston of Anchorage, Alaska; her husband, John Schomer of Chattaroy; a daughter, Mrs. Glenn (Barbara) Thacker of Atwater, Calif.; two sons, John P. Schomer of Chattaroy, and Mike Schomer of Cordova, Alaska; five grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her father, Dudley Greene, and a sister, Caroline Geer.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Friday at St. Richard's Catholic Church in Columbia Falls.

A.B. Schibsted, 65

A.B. "Skip" Schibsted, 65, Bigfork, died early Saturday at Veterans Administration Center, Fort Harrison.

He was born Oct. 9, 1921, in Boulder, the son of Alfred A. and Betsy G. Lindseth Schibsted.

He married Ruby Jean Tauscher in Tacoma, Wash., in January 1945.

He worked at the Tacoma News Tribune. A veteran of World War II, he served in the Army from 1940 to 1945.

Survivors include his wife; three daughters, Raemarie Loflin of Tacoma, Wash., Karen J. Harrison of San Martin, Calif., and Kristin L. Schibsted of Calistoga, Calif.; two sisters, Ethel Hardin of Bozeman and Iva Rhae Blachly of Polson; two brothers, James Schibsted of Great Falls and Gordon Schibsted of

Arnold Schramm, 71

9 Oct 1987
Arnold Paul Schramm, 71, Somers, died Friday in Brendan House.

He was born April 22, 1916, in Hutchinson, Minn., to Rudolph and Clara Schultz Schramm. He was baptized June 4, 1916, and confirmed in Fredeus Evangelical Church in Hutchinson on March 29, 1931. He received his education in Hutchinson.

On Jan. 22, 1942, he entered the U.S. Army at Fort Snelling, Minn., and served until Sept. 21, 1945. He then returned to Minnesota and was employed with Minnesota Mining until moving to the Flathead Valley in 1968.

He was employed with Flathead County sheriff's Department until his retirement in 1980.

On Aug. 19, 1944, he married Dorothy Mae Bohnen in Hutchinson, Minn.. They were later divorced.

He was a member of the VFW and the American Legion of Hutchinson, and was also a member of the 40 and 8 group of the Legion.

Survivors include a son, Kim Schramm of Hutchinson; several brothers and sisters in Minnesota; a grandson, Curt, and granddaughter, Tami Schramm.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Leona, and a half-brother, Paul Schultz.

Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Tuesday in Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. J. Torrance Harvey of Lakeside Chapel officiating. Burial will be in Conrad Memorial Cemetery where military honors will be conducted by local veterans organizations. Friends may call at Johnson Mortuary for visitation until 8 tonight.

10 Sept 1987

Port Orchard, Wash.: and three grandsons.

Cremation has taken place in Helena. Memorial services were Tuesday at Bethany Lutheran Church in Bigfork with the Rev. Rick Steinke of Helena officiating. Memorial interment services of the cremains will be at Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Joseph Scott, 33

Jan 1987
Joseph Jan "Sun-down" Scott, 33, died Aug. 22 in Cranbrook, British Columbia, as the result of injuries received in an motorcycle accident.

He was born Sept. 23, 1953, in Morgantown, W.Va., the son of Jasper Lynn and Sharon Scott. He was educated in West Virginia and graduated from Morgantown Senior High School.

He owned and operated a motorcycle shop, "The Company," in Chico, Calif., until he sold it in May.

He lived in Chico from 1978 until 1982 when he moved to Cranbrook.

He was a member of Scotty's Motorcycle Club and the Southern Baptist Church. He held a second degree black belt in Karate.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Jericke Scott.

Survivors include a sister, Kathy Phillips of Kalispell; and four brothers, Jason, Jeff, Jan and Joshua, all at the family home in Cumberland, Va.

Viola Scouten, 94

EUREKA — Viola Scouten, 94, Eureka, died Sunday at North Valley Hospital. *11 Jan 1987*

She was born Feb. 25, 1892, at Lake Nebagamon, Wis., to Harding and Belle Irwin. She moved to Eureka with her family in 1907. The following year she married Harrison P. "Harry" Scouten in Eureka.

Mrs. Scouten was an 80-year resident of the Tobacco Valley and a member of the Assembly of God Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1948; a daughter, Vivian Gobel; and two sons, Bertram and James.

Survivors include five daughters, Beryl Holgren of Bigfork, Lillian Roose and June Klinke, both of Eureka, Charlotte Kuhlman of Rexford, and Donna Christensen of Seattle; a son, Harrison Scouten of Eureka; a brother, Clifford Irwin of Eureka; a sister, Maude Pack of Lebanon, Ore.; 13 grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Services will be 11 a.m. Wednesday at Tobacco Valley Cemetery with the Rev. Joe Robins of the Assembly of God Church officiating. Arrangements are by Vial Funeral Home in Eureka. *15 Jan 1987*

Feb 1987 B. Sebastian, 37

Bonnie Lynn Hodges Sebastian, 37, Bigfork, died in Kalispell Regional Hospital Wednesday evening.

She was born April 18, 1949, in Havre, a daughter of Wesley R. and Virginia Wicklund Hodges.

She attended elementary school in Ferndale and Bigfork, and was a graduate of Bigfork High School.

She then attended C and C Beauty School in Kalispell for a short time.

She worked as a waitress at the Bigfork Lake Cafe and did house cleaning and ironing while in Kalispell.

She was baptized at Bethany Lutheran Church of Bigfork.

In 1968, she moved to Long Beach, Calif., where she worked for various insurance companies.

She married Jamie Sebastian and they had two children. The family moved to Crab Orchard, Ken., in December 1978, and while there she was employed in clothing factories.

In May 1986, Mrs. Sebastian moved her family to Bigfork and in June to Kalispell.

She had been employed at Herbergers Department Store, and was recently employed at Office Specialists of Kalispell.

She enjoyed dancing, camping, family outings and work.

She was preceded in death by her father, Wesley R. Hodges; her stepfather, Orville Ramsfield; a half brother, and her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Wicklund.

Survivors include her children, Kevin and Natasha "Nikki" Sebastian at home; her mother, Virginia Ramsfield of Kalispell; two brothers, Dale and Terry Hodges, both of Kalispell; a sister, Noella Hutton of Kalispell; a half brother, Chris Hodges of Riverside, Calif.; a half sister, Desiree AeKire, address unknown; her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hodges of Bigfork; her boyfriend, Steve Gaikawski of Kalispell; several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Funeral services will be 4 p.m. Saturday in Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Herb Knutsen of Bethany Lutheran Church officiating. Cremation will follow the services.

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



Ida M. Sedivy, 77, Columbia Falls, died Sunday at North Valley Hospital. *July 1987*

She was born March 12, 1910, in Tyrol, Austria, to Alex and Dominia Schweitzer. She immigrated to Columbia Falls in August 1920, where she attended school. She lived on the family homestead until the time of her death.

She worked at the Montana Veterans Home from 1928 to 1929.

She married Clifford F. Sedivy Sr. on Aug. 1, 1938, in Whitefish.

She was a member of St. Richard's Catholic Church and the St. Valentine's Guild. She did charitable work for individuals and the Clothes Closet in Columbia Falls.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Clifford, on Nov. 7, 1984.

She is survived by two sons, Frank and Clifford Jr. of Columbia Falls; four grandchildren; two sisters, Elda Downes of Columbia Falls and Mary Ryan of Seattle, Wash.

A rosary will be recited at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Van Leuven Funeral Home in Columbia Falls. Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Thursday at St. Richard's Catholic Church with the Rev. Bernard Sullivan officiating. Burial will follow in St. Richard's Catholic Cemetery.

The family suggests memorials to the Clothes Closet in Columbia Falls.

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

Terri Shanks, 22

Terrina L. "Terri" Shanks, 22, of Columbia Falls, died Thursday as a result of an automobile accident near Columbia Falls. *May 1987*

She was born April 14, 1964, in Polson, to Bill and Patricia Ogden. At an early age, she moved to Philipsburg, where she attended school through the eighth grade. Her family then moved to Columbia Falls, where she graduated from Columbia Falls High School in 1982.

She was married to Robert Shanks on Dec. 13, 1982, and at the time of her death was employed by the B&B Store in Columbia Falls.

She is survived by her husband at the family home; her parents in Seeley Lake; one brother, Earl Ogden of Great Falls; two sisters, Debra White of Philipsburg and Willie Jo of Seeley Lake; her mother-in-law Sherry Shanks of Columbia Falls; and numerous other relatives.

Funeral services were held Saturday at the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish with the Rev. Jerry Buchanan of the First Baptist Church in Columbia Falls, officiating.

George R.C. Seidel, 82, Kalispell, died August 31 of natural causes at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish. He was a retired sheet metal worker. *1987*

He was born February 3, 1905 in Lakewood, Wisconsin, the son of Edward F. and Mary W. Siedel. He was raised and educated near Portland, OR. On March 2, 1927 he married Laurretta Eden in Vancouver, WA. They lived in California from 1940 until his retirement in 1966, when they moved to Kalispell. He was preceded in death by his wife in 1982, and by a daughter, Barbara Jane Willmore. Surviving are a son, Richard of Kalispell; two daughters, Mary Lou Holderbaum in California and Sharron Parmer of Kalispell; two sisters, Florence and Letty, and a brother, Henry, all three of Portland; 20 grandchildren, and about 35 great grandchildren.

Private memorial services will be conducted by the family. Arrangements and cremation are by Weatherford Funeral Home and Crematory in Kalispell.

F. Shenefelt 90

24 June 1987
EUREKA — Francis M. Shenefelt, 90, a longtime Tobacco Valley resident, died Wednesday evening at Mountain View Manor Nursing Home.

He was born Sept. 29, 1896, in Redfield, Bourbon County, Kansas, to John and Sara Shenefelt. He moved with his parents to the Tobacco Valley in March 1903 and settled on a homestead at Black Lake near Eureka. He grew up and attended school in the Tobacco Valley and graduated from the Black Lake School.

He married Eva Baillargon June 30, 1915.

Mr. Shenefelt lived in the Eureka area while farming and working as a logger. From 1917 to 1918 he was a rural mail carrier, the first carrier in the Eureka area to use a car for delivering the mail.

Early in the 1930s he was employed part time for the U.S. Forest Service while continuing to farm with the help of his family. He retired from the state Forestry Department in 1961.

After his retirement he worked in the Christmas tree industry and as a bartender until 1976.

For the past several years he had resided at the Whitefish Nursing Home and then Mountain View Manor.

Mr. Shenefelt was a charter member of the Tobacco Valley Ridge Riders Saddle Club and a member of the Lutheran church. He was elected constable for north Lincoln County and served during the 1960s. He also was the community Santa Claus from 1912 to 1974.

He was preceded in death by his wife in 1961 and by a brother.

Survivors include a son, Harold Shenefelt of Eureka; three daughters, Esther Paul and Myrtle Richmond, both of Kalispell; and Helen DeLong of Casa Grande, Ariz.; two sisters, Blythe Amudson of Vancouver, Wash., and Marie Dionne of Fortuna, Calif.; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 7 to 9 tonight at Vial Funeral Home in Eureka. Services will be 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Tobacco Valley Cemetery with the Rev. Wayne Berkoben of Holy Cross Lutheran Church officiating. Friends are asked to meet at the cemetery at 10:15 a.m.

C. Sherman 101

18 May 1987
Cornelia Wade Sherman, 101, Kalispell, died Monday at Immanuel Lutheran Home.

She was born Dec. 20, 1885, in Nelson, Neb., the daughter of W. Henry and Mary Emily Wade, who had come by covered wagon from Utica, N.Y., during hostile Indian times.

She moved to Dillon, where she attended high school and graduated from Dillon Normal College in 1906, at the age of 19. She then came to Kalispell, where she taught fourth grade at Westside School for several years.

When the Flathead Reservation was opened to homesteaders, she drew a number entitling her to a plot of land. She claimed her homestead in 1909. During the weekdays, she taught second and third grades in Polson, and she worked her homestead nine miles south of Polson on weekends.

In 1911, she married John Sherman in Lakeside. He had come from Washington, D.C., to homestead several miles from Mrs. Sherman. After the marriage, the two homes were joined together on Mr. Sherman's land, and it became known as "The Big White House on the Hill."

Their home burned in 1915, and they moved to Kalispell, where Mr. Sherman started Flathead Motor Sales Company, which he operated until his death in 1941. The building still exists as part of the FVCC campus in downtown Kalispell.

From 1940-43, Mrs. Sherman operated the Cornelia W. Sherman kindergarten at her home at 810 Third Ave. E. She then taught at Cornelius Hedges School from 1943-45 and was Flathead County Librarian for the next 12 years.

Mrs. Sherman was a longtime member of the Christian Science Church, Century Club, and Eastern Star.

She was preceded in death by her husband; a son, Roger, who was killed in a horse accident in 1937, and a son, John, in 1965.

Survivors include three daughters. Mrs. Jack (Cornelia) Addington of Escondido, Calif., Mrs. Warren (Betty) Harris of Somers, and Mrs. Gene (Dorothy) McGlenn of Kalispell; 10 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Following private burial at Conrad Memorial Cemetery, memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Weatherford Funeral Home.

The family suggests memorials to the Immanuel Lutheran Home.

Albert Showen, 66

HAVRE — Albert Showen, 66, Havre, a railroad dispatcher who had been raised and educated in the West glacier area, died Wednesday at home after a long illness.

He was born in Columbus.

He served in the Air Force in Europe during World War II. He was a dispatcher for the Great Northern and Burlington Northern railroads from 1945 to 1984. He moved to Havre in 1967.

He married Joan Sudan Patton in 1972 in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

Survivors include his wife; three daughters, Joann Rider and Patty Showen, both of Whitefish, and Charlotte Showen of Columbia Falls; two stepdaughters, Shari Soule of Havre and Toni Patton of Joliet; a stepson, Daryl Patton of Havre; a sister, Edna Lance of Olympia, Wash.; and five grandchildren.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Saturday in Holland & Bonine Funeral Home in Havre. Cremation has taken place. *4 Nov. 1987*

Betty Sibley, 57

11 Dec 1987
Betty A. Sibley, 57, a former Kalispell resident, died Sunday of leukemia at Eugene, Ore.

She was born in Choteau. In 1948 she married Bill Rumney. They lived on her parents' ranch, the Ward Ranch, west of Choteau. After her father's death in 1960, she and her second husband, Floyd Sibley, operated the ranch. In 1976, they sold the ranch and moved to Kalispell where she showed quarter horses. In 1984, she moved her quarter-horse business to Eugene to form a partnership with her daughter and son-in-law.

She was on the Montana Quarter Horse Association board of directors for eight years, serving as vice president for two years. She was also a member of the American Quarter Horse Association.

Survivors include her mother, Irene Ward of Choteau; two daughters, Mrs. Jim (Billy) Brewster of Choteau and Mrs. Corky (Kay) Warren of Eugene; and one granddaughter, Laura Brewster of Choteau.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Friday in United Methodist Church in Choteau with burial in Choteau Cemetery. Gorder Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

24 Jan 1987
John Sterling Shrauger, 74, Kalispell, died Saturday morning at Kalispell Regional Hospital.

A Kalispell resident since 1952, he was a retired drug sales representative.

He was born July 15, 1912, in Pawnee City, Neb., to Oron J. and Nora E. Shrauger. He attended Pawnee City schools, then went to Monmouth and Tarkio colleges, graduating from the latter.

On June 27, 1937, he married Margaret Artz in Tecumseh, Neb.

He owned and operated a drug store in Weeping Water, Neb., before moving to Kalispell. He retired from the pharmaceutical business in 1969.

Surviving are his wife, Margaret, at home; a son, Sidney, Buffalo, N.Y.; a sister, June Shrauger, Denver; and two grandchildren.

Cremation has taken place and, at the deceased's request, there will be no public services. The family suggests memorials to a charity of the donor's choice. Arrangements are by the Johnson Mortuary.

20 Dec 1987
LIBBY — William D. Shriner, 91, Libby, died Sunday at the Libby Care Center.

He worked for J. Neils Lumber Co. in Libby until 1962, when he retired.

He was born June 13, 1896, in Thedford, Neb., to Edward and Elizabeth Shriner. He was raised and educated in Nebraska. His family took up a homestead near Jordan in 1913.

He married Rachel Payne July 25, 1929, in Great Falls. They farmed in the Jordan area until 1937, when they moved to the Bitterroot Valley. They moved to Arlee in 1947, to Polson in 1950, then to Charlo in 1951 and to Libby in 1952.

He enjoyed fishing and hunting.

He is survived by his wife, Rachel Shriner of Libby; three daughters, Bernice Palmer of Charlo, and Ruth Hutton and Elvira Orsborn, both of Libby; a son, Ben Shriner of Libby; a sister, Daisey Kampsher of Kalispell; 13 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Robert Shriner in 1965; a granddaughter, Laurie Orsborn in 1983, and a brother, Shorty Shriner.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Tuesday at Vial Funeral Home in Libby with the Rev. Charles Couch officiating.

Burial will follow in City of Libby Cemetery.

Darin J. Sime, 17

PLAINS — Darin John Sime, 17, Plains, died Saturday in the intensive care unit at St. Patrick Hospital in Missoula. *9 Feb 1987*

He had undergone surgery for a gunshot wound sustained Saturday in what authorities say was a struggle to prevent a friend from killing himself.

He was born in Kalispell on July 18, 1969, to Frances and David Sime. He was a senior at Plains High School, where he played drums in the concert band and pep band. He had been accepted for the summer term by the Phoenix Institute of Technology.

Surviving are his mother, Frances Uken, and stepfather, Paul Uken, and a brother, David A. Sime, all of Plains; his father, David Sime, Phoenix; and his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Shreve of Coeur d'Alene and Gladys Swen of Gilby, N.D.

Memorial services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. at the Plains High School gymnasium. Shrider Funeral Home in Plains is in charge of arrangements.

Memorial donations may be made to the Plains High School band or to the Plains Connection, a drug- and alcohol-abuse prevention group.

Dick Simons, 81

24 Sept 1987
Harris Richardson "Dick" Simons, 81, died at his Whitefish home Thursday after a long illness.

A native of Minnesota, he was a longtime resident of Whitefish.

He is survived by his wife, Lenora of Whitefish; four children, Molly Joan, Henry and Barbara; two sisters, Julia Westling of Las Vegas, Irene Allen of Greenbush, Minn.; one brother, Thomas Simons of Washington, D.C.; and eight grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by five brothers and sisters.

A memorial mass will be conducted 10 a.m. Monday at St. Charles Catholic Church in Whitefish. Rosary will be this evening at 7:30 in the church with the Father John Nunthausen as celebrant.

The family is requesting memorials be sent to the church in lieu of flowers.

"DICK" SIMONS *1987*

Harris Richardson "Dick" Simons, 81, passed away September 24 at his home in Whitefish, after a long illness.

He was a native of Minnesota and a long-time Whitefish resident. He is survived by his wife, Lenora (Nonie); four children, Molly, Joan, Henry, and Barbara; and eight grandchildren; also two sisters and one brother.

A Memorial Mass was conducted at St. Charles Catholic Church on September 28. The family has requested memorials be sent to the church. Austin Funeral Home, Whitefish, was in charge of arrangements.

Marion Simpson, 91

2 June 1987
Marion R. Simpson, 91, died Tuesday afternoon in Immanuel Lutheran Home where she resided for the past two years.

She was born Oct. 10, 1895, in Eckerty, Ind., a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac D. Royce. In 1912, she moved with her family to Wahpeton, N.D., where she graduated from high school. She attended a year of college in North Dakota, and then attended college in Indiana, where she received her teacher's training.

She then taught school in Nevada where she met and married Leland Simpson on June 21, 1921. In 1926, they moved to Los Angeles, Calif., where she taught elementary school.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Leland, in 1967.

She continued to reside in California until 1982, when she came to Kalispell to live with her son until entering the Immanuel Lutheran Home.

She was a member of the Christian Scientist Church, Order of the Eastern Star, and a teachers' club in California.

Survivors include a son, Royce Simpson of Kalispell; a sister, Faith Duffy of Jeffersonville, Ind.; four grandchildren; a niece and a nephew.

Cremation has taken place. Remains will be buried in the Los Angeles National Cemetery. Private family services will be held.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary.

James Sims, 51

^{July 1987}
James R. Sims, 51, who retired in 1986 as fire chief for Orange County, Fla., died Wednesday morning of cancer at Kalispell Regional Hospital.

He was born Nov. 13, 1935, in Oakland, Calif., the son of Herman and Helen Sims. At age 4, he moved with his family to Brooklyn, N.Y., where he was raised and educated, graduating from James Madison High School in 1953.



Upon graduation, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy, and served as a radar operator aboard the USS Mississippi for two years.

On August 11, he married Joan Jensen in Brooklyn. In 1957, they moved to Fort Lauderdale, Fla., where Sims was a city firefighter for 22 years, retiring as a captain. For the next seven years, he was fire chief for Orange County.

Sims retired and moved to Kalispell in June 1986. In Kalispell, he was an art instructor, certified in the William Alexander wet-on-wet method of oil painting.

He had been secretary-treasurer of the Professional Firefighters of Florida, and was instrumental in forming the Fort Lauderdale firefighters' union. He was a member of St. Matthew's Catholic Church, and had belonged to the American Legion and Moose Lodge.

Surviving beside his wife Joan at the family home are a son, James R. Sims Jr. of Fort Lauderdale; two daughters, Lauri Ellen Sims of Fort Lauderdale and Suzanne Salyer of Lafayette, Tenn.; and a grandson and granddaughter.

A rosary service will be Monday at 7 p.m. at the Weatherford Chapel.

Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated Tuesday at 10 a.m. at St. Matthew's Catholic Church, with the Rev. Mike O'Neill as celebrant. Cremation will follow the services.

Memorial contributions may be made to Flathead Hospice (Box 1532, Kalispell) or the American Cancer Society (Box 1002, Kalispell).

Marie Sipe, 90

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Marie Sipe, 90, of Great Falls, died April 4 at the Montana Deaconess Hospital in Great Falls.

She was born July 27, 1896, at Gallatin, Mo., a daughter of George and Rebecca McCarty. While still a child, she moved to Columbus, Mont., with her family.

She married Karl B. Sipe on May 10, 1914, in Auburn. They farmed in the Grassrange area until 1935, when they moved to Lakeside.

After her husband's death in 1959, she moved to Lewistown, where she lived until 1965, when she

moved to Great Falls to be close to her daughter.

Beside her husband, she was preceded in death by a son, a daughter, three brothers and two sisters.

She is survived by a daughter Doris Thorvilson of Great Falls, 10 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Tuesday at St. John's Lutheran Church in Great Falls. Burial will be in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell at 2 p.m. Wednesday, with the Rev. Torrance Harvey officiating.

William Sipes, 45

^{11 Nov 1987}
William Robert Sipes, 45, Kalispell, computer programmer for Diversified Computing, died Wednesday evening as the result of injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident south of Kalispell.



He served in the Navy from 1960 to 1964 and had been self-employed as a computer programmer for Diversified Computing for the past seven years.

He was born Jan. 24, 1942, in Billings, to Walter and Jane Zippel Sipes. He received his early education in Billings and graduated from Billings Senior High School.

On Aug. 15, 1977, he married Robben Schur in Bozeman.

He lived in California for eight years and in East Glacier Park for 10 years.

He was a member of Glacier Peace Alliance.

Survivors include his wife, Robben, at home; a son, Russell, of Kalispell; three daughters, Celeste and Mayana, of Kalispell, and Portia of Billings; his parents, Walter and Jane Sipes of Billings; a brother, Ken Sipes of Billings, and a sister, Jacque of Seattle.

Graveside services and burial were held today in East Glacier Park under the direction of Johnson Mortuary.

The family suggests memorials to Montana Wilderness Association.

FRANCES HOLMES SLAGHT

Frances Holmes Slaght, 74, Kalispell, died at home February 3 of natural causes. 1987

She was born November 24, 1912 on a ranch in Phillips County, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Holmes.

Frances was raised by an aunt in Malta, where she met her husband, Cleo Robert Slaght. In 1941 they were married in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, making their home in Malta.

They moved to Gardiner in 1950, where they owned and operated a hotel, and later the Twin Bar, named for their twin sons. They sold the business in 1968 and moved to Kalispell, where they have lived since. In Kalispell Frances had worked at the Imperial Fabric Care Center, and in recent years was employed by Kalispell Laundry and Dry Cleaner.

She was a member of the Eagles Auxiliary in Gardiner.

Survivors include three sons, Delbert Long, Great Falls, Larry Slaght, Missoula and Jerry Slaght, Kalispell, seven grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and several other relatives. She was preceded in death by her husband, Cleo, in July, 1981.

Memorial services were Feb. 6 at Epworth United Methodist Church, with Rev. Marvin Northcutt officiating. Arrangements were by Weatherford Funeral Home & Crematory.

27 Jan 1987
Rosa May Slaton, 93, Kalispell, died Tuesday morning at Flathead County Nursing Home.

She was born July 11, 1893; in Trinidad, Colo., the daughter of Joseph and Mary Jane Shufflebarger. She was raised and educated in Los Angeles and the Imperial Valley of California.

In 1931, she married W.J. Slaton in San Diego, where they lived for several years until moving to Dos Palos, Calif. Following the death of Mr. Slaton in 1980, Mrs. Slaton came to Kalispell in 1981 to be near her daughter.

She was of the Episcopal faith. Mrs. Slaton was a 50-year member of the American Legion Auxiliary, and was a dual member of Adah Chapter 17 in Kalispell and Dos Palos Chapter 45, Order of the Eastern Star.

Survivors include her daughter, Pauline Will of Kalispell; a sister, Inez Shufflebarger of Kalispell; two grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

The family will conduct private memorial services. Following cremation, the urn will be interred at Dos Palos Cemetery, California.

Arrangements and cremation are by Weatherford Funeral Home and Crematory.

Margaret Sliter, 79

23 Mar 1987
Margaret Grata Wanda Agather Sliter, 79, Kalispell, died Monday evening of heart failure.

She came to the United States as an infant and had been active in the Kalispell community and Trinity Lutheran Church all her life.



She and her twin sister were born June 6, 1908, in Lodz, Russia, to Alfons and Martha Neils Agather. The Agather family came to the United States in the summer of 1909 and to Kalispell that fall.

She attended parochial grade school and high school in Kalispell and graduated in 1926. She was on the debate team and participated in drama during high school.

After attending Reed College and Valparaiso University, she graduated and received a teaching degree from the University of Montana in Missoula.

She taught school at Reed Point and Chinook.

In 1933, she married Everit L. Sliter and they made their home in Somers where they managed the Horn and Smith store. They purchased the store in 1935 and renamed it the People's Mercantile. In 1957 the family business was incorporated under the name of Sliters' and now operates lumber yards in Somers and Bigfork.

She was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church of Kalispell and was an organist there for many years. Besides her philanthropic interest in the arts and music, she enjoyed bridge games, ladies aid, and visiting with her friends and acquaintances.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Everit; a brother, Alfons "Allo" Agather; and her eldest son, Neils "Joe" Sliter.

Survivors include two sons, Ev-

erit A. Sliter and Thomas E. Sliter, both of Kalispell; her twin sister, Verona "Monie" Homann of Kalispell; two brothers, Victor Agather of Lomas, Mexico, and Max Agather of Maui, Hawaii; nine grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Saturday in Trinity Lutheran Church, 611 Third Ave. E., with the Rev. Darold Reiner officiating. Burial will follow in Lone Pine Cemetery in Bigfork.

The family suggests memorials to Trinity Lutheran School; the Riverbend Concert Series at Sliter Park, P.O. Box 92, Bigfork, 59911; or the Hockaday Foundation.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary.

Carl E. Smith, 60

1 April 1987
POLSON - Carl E. Smith, 60, Polson, died Wednesday at his home of complications from an intestinal disease.

He was born Dec. 14, 1926, in Dixon to Harry and Clara Smith. He was reared and educated in Dixon.

He entered the Navy at the age of 18 and served in the Pacific Theater during World War II. After completing his military service he attended the University of Montana.

On April 24, 1954, he married Fay Watson in Roundup.

Mr. Smith was employed as an engineer for the Montana Highway Department until his retirement in 1978. Later that year he and his family moved to Stevensville where they established the Boomtown Mini-Mall.

In 1983 they moved to Polson and established the Polson Flower Shop and Regatta Pizza.

Mr. Smith was a member of Ruby Lodge No. 36, AF&AM; and Scottish Rite.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a sister, Mabel Rain, and a brother, Wilfred Smith.

Survivors include his wife, Fay of Polson; two daughters, Linda Smith Brownell and Yvonne Smith O'Neill, both of Polson; and three grandchildren.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Saturday at United Methodist Church in Polson. Private family viewing will be Saturday morning.

The Mosley Funeral Home in Polson is in charge of arrangements.

Neils O. Sliter, 52

Neils O. Sliter, 52, Bigfork, died in Kalispell Regional Hospital Saturday evening following a lengthy illness with a brain tumor.

He was born Nov. 18, 1934, in Kalispell, a son of Everit and Margaret Sliter. He attended Somers Elementary School, Flathead County High School for three years and Concordia Lutheran High School of Portland, Ore., for one year. He graduated from Flathead County High School in 1952. He then attended the University of Washington.

Mr. Sliter was a lumberman and land developer. He was also associated with Sliter's Stores of Somers and Bigfork.

He had been a Little League umpire, basketball scorekeeper, and was active in the Community Theatre and Community Choir. He was a member of Bethany Lutheran Church and was active in the choir of the church.

He participated in and enjoyed sports of all kinds.

In 1956, he married Ruth Franz in Kalispell and is now survived by her at the family home in Bigfork.

He is also survived by three daughters, Mrs. Tim (Su) Dalton of Bigfork, Mrs. Mike (Bobbi) Wolstein of Seattle, Wash., and Mrs. Dan (Jan) Boon of Somers; his mother, Mrs. Everit L. Sliter of Kalispell; two brothers, Everit A. Sliter and Tom Sliter, both of Kalispell; six grandchildren and a number of other relatives.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Wednesday in Bethany Lutheran Church with the Rev. Herb Knutsen officiating. Burial will be in Bethany Lutheran Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to the Bigfork Playhouse Foundation; Bigfork High School Athletic Scholarship Fund; E.L. Sliter Park; Somers Voluntary Fire Department or to Bethany Lutheran Church.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary.

Effie C. Smith, 67

LIBBY — Effie Carr Smith, 67, Libby, died Monday at the Libby Care Center after an extended illness.

She was born March 24, 1919, in Kamiah, Idaho, to Roy and Mary Hardman. She grew up and attended school in Idaho.

On June 1, 1935, she married Dan Carr in Asotin, Wash. The couple made their home in Idaho before moving to Libby in 1955. Mr. Carr died in 1970.

On March 17, 1972, she married John S. Smith in Libby. He preceded her in death in 1986.

Mrs. Smith was a member of the Church of God and Libby Eagles Club.

Survivors include four daughters, Lorraine Brown in South Dakota, Wanda Hill and Darla Dodd, both of Libby, and Aletta Lloyd of San Diego, Calif.; five sons, Lloyd, Arlan and Delbert Carr, all of Libby, Melvin Carr of Kalispell, and Glen Carr in South Dakota; three sisters; 41 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Friday at Vial Funeral Home in Libby with the Rev. Tom M. Howlan officiating. Burial will follow at the City of Libby Cemetery.

James Smith, 61

LIBBY — James D. Smith, 61, Libby, died of cancer Thursday at St. John's Lutheran Hospital in Libby.

He was born Sept. 14, 1925, in Wright City, Okla., to James and Della Mae Smith. He was raised and educated in Marysville, Calif. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

He married Lorraine White on March 4, 1947, in Seattle. They moved to Libby in 1951. He was employed by Zonalite for 17 years and St. Regis Lumber Co. for 10 years. He retired in 1978 due to poor health.

He was an avid fisherman.

His wife preceded him in death in 1980.

He is survived by a daughter, Donna Kennan of Troy; a brother, Arnold Smith of Libby; six grandchildren and numerous other relatives.

Military graveside services were today at the City of Libby Cemetery under the direction of Vial Funeral Home in Libby.

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Kase C. Smith, 18

18 May 1987
Kase C. Smith, 18, Kalispell, died at Kalispell Regional Hospital Monday evening of cardiac arrest due to inhaling Energine.

He was born May 25, 1968, in Kalispell, a son of Roy J. and Neva Olson Smith. He attended Kalispell schools.

He enjoyed running and ran in the Bloomsday Race in Spokane, Wash., three times. He also placed third in the Nimpitz Day Run in California. He enjoyed downhill skiing and golfing, and played an instrument in the grade-school band.



He had been employed by The Daily Inter Lake, Arby's, Navaho Carpet Cleaning in Nampa Valley, Calif., and Servpro Carpet Cleaning of Kalispell.

He was a member of Easthaven Baptist Church and was active in the youth group of the church.

He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Edward Olson.

Survivors include his parents, Roy Smith and Neva Smith, both of Kalispell; a sister, Dawn Fitzgerald; grandparents, Eva Olson, Chauncey and Elizabeth Smith, all of Kalispell; several aunts and uncles; and a niece.

Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Friday in Easthaven Baptist Church with the Rev. Daymun White officiating. Burial will be in Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Friends may call at Johnson Chapel until 8 tonight for visitation.

The family suggests memorials to the Kalispell Regional Hospital Emergency Room.

Margaret Smith, 70

14 Aug 1987
Margaret Viola Smith, 70, of Columbia Falls, died of cancer Friday evening at Kalispell Regional Hospital.

She was born August 13, 1917, in Fairview to George and Emmaline Downes. She moved to Coram in 1918 and attended Coram and Columbia Falls schools. She graduated from Columbia Falls High School in 1936.

During World War II, she worked in the shipyards in Seattle and moved back to Columbia Falls in 1946.

She married Tom Smith on June 5, 1947, in Columbia Falls and worked in local furniture stores and hardware stores until the couple went into partnership with Bob and Lucille Smith. The four built and operated Glacier Lanes in Columbia Falls.

After retiring, she enjoyed fishing and camping.

Survivors include her husband, Tom, at the family home in Columbia Falls; two daughters, Berna Jean Crowe and Elaine Countryman, both of Columbia Falls; stepdaughter Sandra Smith of Las Vegas, Nev.; one brother, C. H. "Bud" Downes of Columbia Falls; two sisters, Bee Barry of Columbia Falls and Gladys Elletson of Fairview; nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a stepdaughter, Elma, three brothers and three sisters.

At her request, no services are being held. Cremation has taken place at Hillside Crematory by the Van Leuven Funeral Home in Columbia Falls.

LAURA A. SMITH / 93

Laura A. Smith, 92, died June 12 at the Brendan House in Kalispell of natural causes.

Laura was born December 7, 1894, in Sullivan County, Missouri, the daughter of Virginia and Robert Vencil. She was raised and educated around Newton, Missouri. On May 7, 1921, she married John Homer Smith and the couple made their home near Newton until 1926. Laura moved to Kalispell in 1982.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Ernest, and by her husband, John, in 1961. Survivors now include two daughters, Betty and Virginia; seven grandchildren, sixteen great-grandchildren and many other relatives.

Graveside services were June 18 at Crown Hill Cemetery in Denver. Arrangements were under the direction of Weatherford Funeral Home and Crematory in Kalispell.

Memorials may be made to the Special Olympics, in care of School District No. 5.

Timothy Smith, 35

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — Timothy S. Smith, 35, a former Flathead resident, died Dec. 29 in Anchorage, Alaska.

A musician, he devoted his entire adult life to music, playing with various bands beginning at the age of 17. He played in most of the western states and in Alaska.

He was with several bands in the Kalispell area from the summer of 1975, off and on through the winter of 1980-81. The longest period was with the group "Redeye" at the old Hindquarter and elsewhere.

He moved to Kodiak in 1981 and had played there until moving to Anchorage in the summer of 1985.

He last visited here in April 1985.

He was born Feb. 1, 1952, in Shelby and attended schools at Kevin, Great Falls and Missoula before graduating from high school in 1970 at Greeley, Colo.

He married Becky LaPoe on Jan. 19, 1984, in Kodiak and is survived by her in Anchorage.

He is also survived by his parents, Thomas A. and Sally Smith of Kalispell; two brothers, Tracy Smith of Libby, and Dan Gratton of Great Falls and Miles City; a sister, Gerri Lynne Tibbitts of Spokane; his paternal grandmother, Bertha Riley of Shelby; two nieces; five nephews; and several other relatives.

Funeral services were Jan. 4 in Anchorage. Graveside services and burial were Jan. 6 at Mountain View Cemetery in Shelby under the direction of Burns Funeral Home.

Margaret Snyder, 95

Margaret Snyder, 95, a Kalispell resident for more than 50 years, died Jan. 5 in Auburn, Wash., where she lived for the past five years.

She was born Jan. 4, 1892, in Phoenix, Ore., the daughter of William and Ida Jacks.

She married Roland Snyder in Albany, Ore., on Aug. 24, 1915. They lived in Oregon and Idaho until moving to Kalispell in October 1924.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Roland, in March 1976.

Survivors include three sons, Paul Snyder of Severna Park, Md., David Snyder of Park City, and Haven Snyder of Auburn, Wash.; a daughter, Margaret Berger of Kalispell; 14 grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Graveside rites will be conducted at 2 p.m. Monday in Conrad Memorial Cemetery followed by a memorial service at 4:30 p.m. at the Christian Center Assembly of God, 255 Summit Ridge Drive. Both services will be conducted by the Rev. Robert Ross.

Del Sontchi, 71

Del Sontchi, 71, died of a heart attack Oct. 10 at Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center.

He was born Dec. 6, 1915, in Hillsdale, Mich., to Laurance and Lena Sontchi.

In his youth, he was Golden Glove champion of Michigan. He was a graduate of Jackson High School.

He went to Officer Canadiate School after high school and spent 26 years in the U.S. Army. He served

two tours in Korea.

After retiring, he worked for a pest control service in California.

He and his wife, Marie, moved to Bigfork 12 years ago.

Survivors include his mother, Lena Tonnensen of Norway; a brother, Dick; a son, Don Sontchi of Utah; a daughter, Pat Arnone of Kalispell; and 12 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father; his wife, Marie, in January 1985; and two sisters.

Services will be 10 a.m. Saturday at Bigfork Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Interment will be at Lone Pine Cemetery behind the Little Brown Church.

Elaine Solberg, 95

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Elaine Solberg, 95, died Sept. 14 at Daniels Memorial Nursing Home in Scobey.

She was born Dec. 31, 1891, in Fergus Falls, Minn., the oldest daughter of Ole and Oline Finkenhagen. She was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith.

Her family moved to Lignite, N.D., where she grew up. She attended business school in Minot, N.D.

In 1913, she came by train to Glasgow to go to her homestead in northeast Valley County near the Canadian line. There she met and married Ben Solberg. They ranched and farmed until 1937 when they moved to Richland.

In the spring of 1946 they moved to Kalispell, where she made her home for 25 years.

She enjoyed her garden and flowers. At the age of 75 she took painting lessons and painted pictures for all her children. She was active in church and Ladies Aid all her life. She was instrumental in starting Calvary Lutheran Church in Kalispell and the first Ladies Aid meeting was at her home. She sang in the choir and in other singing groups.

In 1972 she returned to Scobey. She was the first resident in the new wing of the Daniels Memorial Nursing Home.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ben, in 1955; and two sons, Elmoe in 1941 and Willis in 1981.

Survivors include four sons, Chester of Scobey, Vern and Howard of Richland, and Albert of Whitefish; three daughters, Beatrice Landheim of Lewistown, Shirley McDonough of Nanaimo, B.C., and Jean Campbell of Redstone; a sister, Olga Nereson of Minot, N.D.; 33 grandchildren; 71 great-grandchildren; and 11 great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Sept. 17 in Scobey with interment at Opheim Cemetery.

Irma A. Sowell, 83

^{23 Aug 1987}
Irma Alford Sowell, 83, Kalispell, died in Brendan House Sunday morning.

She was born Dec. 16, 1903, in Shelby County, Texas; a daughter of

Lawrence and Margaret Alford. She received her education in Texas and graduated from Stephen F. Austin State Teachers College of Nacogdoches, Texas.

She was an elementary school teacher in Fairfax County Public Schools in Virginia, retiring in 1969. She then lived in Fort Worth, Texas, from 1970 to 1984, when she moved to Kalispell.

She was a member of the University Christian Church of Fort Worth, Texas.

In 1930, she married Ellis M. Sowell in Nacogdoches, Texas, and was preceded in death by him.

She was also preceded in death by a sister, Verna Williams, in Houston, Texas.

She is survived by a son, Dr. Ellis M. Sowell, and daughter-in-law, Sandra K. Sowell, of Kalispell; a grandson, Gregory Sowell of Santa Barbara, Calif.; a granddaughter, Leslie Sowell of Kalispell; and two brothers, Elward B. Alford of Chandler, Texas, and Willie Alford of Kountze, Texas.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Bethlehem Lutheran Church with the Rev. Howard Mars officiating. Following the services the body will be forwarded to Fort Worth, Texas, where services and burial will be held later in the week.

The family suggests memorials to the Ag Field Scholarship Fund, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 603 Main St., Kalispell.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary.

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FAIRBANKS, Alaska — Carl W. Spear, 31, died Nov. 27 in an airplane accident near Fairbanks, Alaska.

He was born Aug. 6, 1956, in Kalispell and attended schools at Somers, Whitefish and Eureka.

He drove a truck for Fairbanks Moving and Storage for 11 years and was an avid outdoorsman and an apprentice prospector.

Survivors include his wife, Vicki C. Spear; son, Kyle Spear; daughters, Karalee and Maigin Spear; parents, Glen and Shirley Spear; and brother, Shawn Spear, all of Fairbanks; sisters, Debbie Kropp of Kalispell, and Nita Spear of Fairbanks; and grandmother, Kitty Willette of Whitefish.

Memorial services were Dec. 22 in Fairbanks with private cremation rites.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials to the 71st Civil Air Patrol Composite Squadron, P.O. Box 4563, Eielson Air Force Base, AK 99702 or to Wilderness Search and Rescue, P.O. Box 80981, College, AK 99708.

^{20 June 1987}
RONAN — Theresa May Staples, 69, Ronan, died of pneumonia Saturday at St. Luke's Hospital.

She was born July 16, 1917, in Havre to Henry and Mary Bickford. She was a graduate of Havre High School.

On Sept. 4, 1937, she married Raymond Staples in Havre. The couple farmed north of Havre from 1937 until moving to the Ronan area in 1959. They ranched there until

1977.

Mrs. Staples was an avid horsewoman, a member of the Sew and Sew Club and a devoted grandmother and great-grandmother.

Her husband preceded her in death in February 1983.

Survivors include a son, Pat of Havre; two daughters, Maribeth Dahlin of Billings, and Caryl Staples of Kalispell; her mother, Mary Bickford of Havre; three brothers, Max of Portland, Ore., Wade of Havre, and Floyd of Billings; two sisters, Mildred Coe of Everson, Wash., and Peggy Wanner of Portland; seven grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Tuesday at United Methodist Church in Ronan with the Rev. Wilbur Whanger officiating. Burial will be in Mountain View Cemetery under the direction of Shriders Mortuary of Ronan.

The family suggests memorials to the Senior Citizens or Westside Rest Home in Ronan.

HERBERT STANLEY 1987
Herbert H. Stanley, 77, passed away Nov. 5 at his home in Columbia Falls.

He was born July 17, 1910 in Bloomfield, Nebraska to John and Winnie Stanley. He was a long-time resident of Columbia Falls, where he worked for several years as a policeman. He retired from Louisiana Pacific in 1976, where he worked as a fireman. He married Margaret Dunn on April 6, 1933 in Columbia Falls. He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, one sister, and one grandson. He is survived by his wife; one son, Ray of Polson; two daughters, Connie Peck of Libby and Peggy Wicks of Columbia Falls; one brother Jim of Summerville, OR; five sisters, Betty Miller of Denver, CO, June Metzner of Hillsboro, OR, Virginia Majors of Newhall, CA, Lois Motichka of Whitefish and Elsie Cooper of Kalispell; seven grandchildren; seven great grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

A graveside service was held Nov. 7 at Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls. Rev. Jerry Buchanan of First Baptist Church officiated. Van Leuven Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. The family has suggested that memorials be made to the American Cancer Society.

'Herman' St. Sauver

^{20 Mar 1987}
Bruce J. "Herman" St. Sauver, 28, Yellow Bay, died early Friday morning as a result of an automobile accident on the east shore of Flathead Lake.

A graduate of Bigfork High School, he had worked as a carpenter in Alaska for about five years before returning to Yellow Bay last winter.

He was born Dec. 12, 1958 in St. Paul, Minn., the son of George and Irene St. Sauver. In 1975, he came with his family to the Yellow Bay area.

He is survived by a daughter, Brooke St. Sauver of Bigfork; his parents at Yellow Bay; two brothers, Dennis of St. Paul, and Mark of the East Shore; three sisters, Gail Gregory and Debby Roy, both of White Bear Lake, Minn., and Mary Grant of Bigfork; and a number of other relatives.

Memorial services will be 11 a.m. Monday at St. Catherine's Catholic Church in Bigfork, with the Rev. Bruce Plummer, pastor of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Polson, officiating.

Arrangements are by the Weatherford Funeral Home in Kalispell.

The family suggests memorial contributions to the Bigfork QRU.

Kevin Stead

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PLATTEVILLE, WIS.—Kevin Stead, 33, a former resident of Columbia Falls, was killed June 12 in an industrial accident at the Louisiana Pacific Corp. plant in Newberry, Mich.

He had lived in Columbia Falls and worked at Plum Creek for nine years until moving in 1985 to Michigan, where he was a plant supervisor for Louisiana Pacific.

Born June 3, 1954, he was the son of Clifford and Ferne Stead of Platteville, Wis. He attended Platteville schools, graduating from Platteville High School in 1972.

He married Julie Butson on Sept. 13, 1975, and she survives him at the family home. Also surviving are a daughter, Amanda, at home; his parents, in Platteville; a brother, Guy, Platteville; two sisters, Betsy Mason of Kalispell and Toni Eisele of Platteville; a step-grandmother, Evie Schmitz, Racine, Wis.; and a step-grandfather, Amos Woods, Ellenboro, Wis.

Maud Stebler, 85

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Maud Foster Stebler, 85, formerly of Missoula, died Sept. 4 at Kalispell Regional Hospital. The Steblers had been on a vacation trip when she became ill.

She was born March 2, 1902, in Atlanta, Ga. She received a bachelor of arts degree in English literature at Agnes Scott College in Decatur, Ga., and a master's degree from Emory University in Atlanta.

She and her husband, Adolph, lived in Missoula from 1972-79, during which time they were engaged in sapphire mining.

Mrs. Stebler was a professional writer. She had also conducted investment workshops for the Paine Webster brokerage firm in Washington D.C.

She had lived in Sun City West, Ariz., for the past seven years.

Survivors include her husband, Adolph M. Stebler, at the family home in Sun City West.

Memorial services will be 10 a.m. Thursday at the Church of the Holy Spirit, Episcopal, in Missoula. Interment will be at a later date at the Columbarium of the Church of the Advent, Episcopal, in Sun City West.

Arrangements and cremation are by Weatherford Funeral Home and Crematory, Kalispell.

Fred Steinert, 93

^{9 mar 1987}
Fred Steinert, 93, died Monday at Immanuel Lutheran Home.

He was born Oct. 20, 1893, in Scotland, S.D., to Frederick and Carolyn Steinert. He moved to Wilton, N.D., with his family as a young child and attended school there. In the early 1900s the family moved to eastern Montana to the small community of Crow Rock north of Miles City.



On April 12, 1919, he married Emma Wornath in Miles City. The couple moved to a farm near Post Creek in 1944. In 1949 they moved to Ronan where Mr. Steinert sold real estate and insurance for Farmers Insurance Group until his retirement. The company presented him with a diamond pin for his many years of service.

In October 1983 the Steinerts moved to the Ashley Creek Senior Citizens complex in Kalispell. Mr.

Steinert moved to Immanuel Lutheran Home in June 1984.

He was preceded in death by his wife in September 1986 and by three sisters and a brother.

Survivors include a son, the Rev. Arnold Steinert of Libby; three daughters, Florence Schmautz of Kalispell, Esther Junkert of Spanaway, Wash., and Ellen Fee of Oregon City, Ore.; 16 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services are tentatively scheduled for 3 p.m. Thursday at Shrider's Mortuary Chapel in Ronan. Mr. Steiner's son will officiate. Burial will be at Mountain View Cemetery in Ronan.

Agnes Stenberg, 91

16 Nov 1984
Agnes Marie Stenberg, 91, Kalispell, who emigrated from Denmark to homestead in Montana, died of cancer Monday evening in Kalispell Regional Hospital.

She was born Sept. 9, 1896, in Bronderslev, Denmark, to Christian and Kitrine Nielsen. She received her education in Denmark.



On May 11, 1934, she married Carl Stenberg in Bronderslev. They came to America and homesteaded at Malta, until moving to the Flathead in 1936. They farmed in the Creston area. In 1943, they moved to Kalispell.

She was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church and was active in making quilts for missions. She also was a member of the Sons of Norway, Scandinavian Fraternity of America, and the Neighbors Club.

She was preceded in death by Carl Stenberg on June 1, 1986; two brothers, Ejnar and Yens Nielsen; and two sisters.

Survivors include two sons, John Stenberg of Kalispell, and Chris Stenberg of Calgary, Alberta; seven daughters, Mary Deitrick of Kalispell, Kay Sagen of Whitefish, Anne Burkhart of Salem, Ore., Agnes Tiffany of Bremerton, Wash., Carol Priddy of Junction City, Kan., Laura Hancock of Leucadia, Calif., and Delores Bradley of Prague, Okla.; two sisters, Karen Bjerre of Nibe, Denmark, and McGrete Kjeldsen of Lakken, Denmark; 30 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Friday in Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Howard Mars of Bethlehem Lutheran Church officiating. Burial will be in Glacier Memorial Gardens.

'Perry' Stenson, 69

30 July 1987
M. Perrian 'Perry' Stenson, 69, of Kalispell, died Thursday afternoon in the Kalispell Regional Hospital.

He was born Oct. 2, 1917 in Hanover, a son of Nels and Della Stenson. He moved to Columbia Falls with his parents and attended grade school there. He attended high school in Kalispell after his parents moved there.



He was an outstanding athlete at Flathead County High School, lettering in football, basketball and track. Following high school, he attended the University of Montana on a combined scholarship and work program during which he worked as a waiter in South Hall. He was outstanding in football and track for the university.

He was a member of the Sigma Chi fraternity and a member of the Kalispell Elks Lodge for 44 years.

He entered the Marine Corps in 1942, and was selected as Marine of the 2nd Division during his enlistment. He received a number of honors and commendations, including one honor from the Queen of the Netherlands. He was discharged as a second lieutenant after serving with distinction for three and one-half years, primarily in the Southwest Pacific.

On Nov. 9, 1946, he married Elaine Huso in Kalispell. Following his discharge from the Marines, he went into business with his father in Kalispell. He later operated a tavern for many years until selling it in 1975.

He was an avid fisherman and hunter.

He is survived by his wife, Elaine, at the family home in Kalispell, and a number of nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Monday in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with burial to follow in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Ritualistic military honors will be conducted by the United Veterans.

Ruby Steyee

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GREAT FALLS—Ruby L. Steyee, 58, of Devon passed away Aug. 20 at Park Place in Great Falls following an extended illness.

She was born Dec. 24, 1928, in Kalispell, a daughter of John and Amanda Rusten Brunner of Columbia Falls. She attended LaSalle School and Flathead High School, and then attended Columbia Falls High School where she graduated in 1949. She attended telegraphy school in Whitefish, and went on to work for the Great Northern Railroad as a telegrapher.

On Nov. 14, 1957, she was married to James Steyee of Shelby. They moved to Devon where he worked at a grain elevator and she later worked with him as a bookkeeper until his retirement.

She enjoyed crocheting, knitting, and sewing. She was a 4-H club member, and later in Devon belonged to a home demonstration club, and the Devon Lutheran Ladies' Aid.

She is survived by her husband, James, of Devon; a son, Jerome; a daughter-in-law, Mary Jo; a granddaughter, Jamie, of Missoula; one brother, John R. Brunner of Columbia Falls; two sisters, Birdena Kimbrough and Alice M. Nelson, both from Columbia Falls and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and a brother, Lawrence.

Services were Aug. 24 at Devon Lutheran Church. Burial followed in the Mountainview Cemetery in Shelby.

Edward Stephen, 31

^{3 Dec 1987}
Edward Eugene Stephen, 31, died Wednesday morning at his home west of Kalispell.

Since moving to the Flathead Valley in 1982, he had worked for the Mayflower Moving Co. and as a substitute teacher. He was currently employed by the Kraft Milling Co. A bachelor, Mr. Stephen enjoyed outdoor activities and art.

He was born Dec. 24, 1955, in Denver, Colo., the son of Elden and Anna Mae Stephen. He was raised in Great Falls, graduating from Great Falls High School in 1974. In 1979, he graduated from Montana State University, where he had majored in art.

Surviving are his parents, Anna Mae and Elden Stephen Sr. of Great Falls; two brothers, Elden Stephen Jr. of Kalispell and Errol Stephen of Great Falls; one sister, Evelyn Bates of Elliston; and many other relatives.

Memorial services will be held at a later time. Arrangements and cremation are by the Weatherford Funeral Home and Crematory.

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Mr. Stewart was employed by the Evergreen division of Plum Creek Lumber Co. He was an avid bowler and pool player.

He enjoyed children and was especially close to his nieces and nephews. He also had taken in two young men, Tom and Todd, to raise.

Mr. Stewart was preceded in death by a brother, Vernon; and his wife, who was killed in a similar truck-trailer accident.

Survivors include a brother, Lema Stewart of Orofino, Idaho; two sisters, Velma Larocque of Pablo, and Lola Vuller of Ronan; and 10 nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Mosley Funeral Chapel in Polson.

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

Dale Stewart, 51

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Dale S. Stewart, 51, Polson, died Feb. 13 in a vehicle accident north of Seeley Lake when the load of an oncoming logging truck shifted and spilled on the road.

He was born Oct. 26, 1935, in Ray, N.D., to Charles "Doc" and Lottie Hartsoch Stewart. He grew up and was educated in North Dakota and Ronan, and completed his education in Ray.

He served in the Army in Korea. After his discharge he was recalled for a year of standby alert, which he spent stationed at Fort Lewis,

MARGARETTE STILLWELL
 Margarette Marie Quinell Stillwell, 69, formerly of Kalispell, died Oct. 20 at Port Orchard Care Center in Port Orchard, Washington. She was born January 2, 1918 at Arnegard, North Dakota, the daughter of Martin and Marie Anne Quinell. Margarette was baptized and confirmed at Wilmington Lutheran Church in Arnegard, and graduated from Arnegard High School in 1936. After graduation she was employed at the State Capitol in Bismarck, as a secretary for the Secretary of Agriculture. On August 14, 1940 she married Roland W. Stillwell in Bismarck. They lived in Watford City, Mayville, and Lisbon, North Dakota, before moving to Kalispell in 1964. They made their home in Union, Washington, since 1967.

Survivors include her husband, Roland, at the family home; one son, Orrin M. 'Tod'; six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; four brothers, Leonard, Lars, Jim and Hank, and a sister, Verna. She was preceded in death by her parents, a son, 'Lonny' and an older sister.

Funeral services were at the Christian Center Assembly of God and burial followed at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

MAUD STOFFREGEN 1987
 Maud Roe Stoffregen, 88, of Somers, died in Kalispell Regional Hospital on January 26. She was born November 22, 1898 in Kalispell, a daughter of Samuel and Daisy Roe. She attended Kalispell schools and graduated from Flathead County High School. She was married to Harry Stoffregen and was preceded in death by him in 1941. She worked as a telephone operator in Somers and Kalispell until retiring in 1963. She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Betty Lauman, in 1983, a brother and three sisters.

She is survived by a son, Robert Stoffregen, of Spokane, WA; a sister, Marietta Heinen of Newport, OR; six grandchildren, Robert and James Stoffregen, Jennifer Wood and Paula George, all of Spokane, Rebecca Schumacher of Kalispell, and Phillip Lauman of Somers; and twelve great grandchildren.

Private family services will be held January 31. The family suggest memorials to the Somers-Lakeside Quick Response Unit or the ALERT Foundation. Arrangements and cremation are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary.

Dr. Gary Stoick, 35

GREAT FALLS *June 1987*
 Michael Stoick, 35, head of the Montana Deaconess Medical Center emergency room and the medical director for North Central Mercy Flight, died Friday in a Mercy Flight helicopter crash.



He was born Feb. 14, 1952, in Spokane, and moved to Kalispell with his family in 1966. He graduated from Flathead High School in 1970 and received an appointment to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y. He later served four years in the Air Force.

He graduated from Carroll College in Helena and the University of Colorado Medical School in Denver.

While attending Flathead High School, he was a member of the 1970 state championship basketball team and selected for the all-state team; selected to play in the East-West Shrine Football Game; a member of the American Legion baseball team; and president of the senior class. He received the Koford Award.

He was an avid sportsman and especially enjoyed hunting and fishing.

He had worked at Deaconess since 1979. He also served as chief of emergency services at Malmstrom Air Force Base, was a flight surgeon for the Montana Air National Guard, and a major in the Air National Guard.

He married Janice M. Marerle.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Brian; three daughters, Kelly, Cristi and Erin; his parents, Jerry and Betty Stoick of Kalispell; two brothers, Greg and David of Anchorage, Alaska; two sisters, Carol Lechner of Fairfield and Judy Whetham of Whitefish; his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. R.S. Cooper of Missoula; and three nieces.

A son, Michael, died in 1974.

Services will be 11:30 a.m. Friday in Croxford and Sons Rose Room in Great Falls with the Rev. Jay Peterson officiating. Cremation has taken place at Hillcrest Lawn Mausoleum. Private services for family members and hospital employees are at Deaconess today.

Friends are invited to the parents' home at Woods Bay on Sunday afternoon.

Memorials are suggested to the Cerebral Palsy Fund or the Mercy Flight.

Ellen Abby Stinger, 76

15 Oct 1987
 Ellen Abby Stinger, 76, Whitefish, died Thursday morning at North Valley Hospital.

She was born June 25, 1911, at Indian Creek, Iowa, to John J. and Amy E. Kates. The family moved to Casper, Wyo., and then to Whitefish when she was 16.

She married Frank Stinger on Oct. 11, 1942, in Whitefish. They lived in Astoria, Ore., and in Spokane, Wash., during World War II. They also lived in Alaska for 10 years. In 1970, they returned to Whitefish.

Survivors include her husband, Frank Stinger of Whitefish; a son,

Neil Stinger of Fairbanks, Alaska; a daughter, Nada Hall of San Francisco, Calif.; a brother, Seth Kates of Hardin; a sister, Lenora Micho of Whitefish; and a number of nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Graveside services will be 2 p.m. Saturday at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Viewing and visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. today at Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish. Friends may meet at the cemetery for services. *16 Oct 1987*

John Stokes, 81

DEER LODGE — John Calvin Stokes, 81, Deer Lodge, died Sunday at his home.

He was born Feb. 19, 1906, in Kalispell, a son of Robert and Ida Mae Stokes. He was educated in Kalispell and logged around the area for many years.

He moved to Anaconda, where he worked for Anaconda Copper Co. at the smelter, later moving to Libby, where he worked for Burns Security.

In 1949, he married Violet Keller in Kalispell. She preceded him in death in 1975.

In 1976, he moved to Deer Lodge. He had worked part time at the Towe Antique Ford Museum since 1977.

Survivors include a son, Calvin Stokes of Deer Lodge; a daughter, Jackie Weise of Helena; a brother, Morgan Stotts of Kalispell; 13 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Cremation has taken place.

Memorial services will be 2 p.m. Wednesday at Jewell Funeral Home with the Rev. Gordon Whitts officiating.

Memorials may be made to Powell County Museum and Arts Foundation Memorial Fund, Deer Lodge. *20 Sept. 1987*

GERTRUDE E. STONESTREET

Gertrude E. "Trudy" Stonestreet, 81, Bismarck, Arkansas, died July 24 of natural causes at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish. *1987*

She was born September 17, 1905 in Indian Territory in Oklahoma, the daughter of Delbert and Bonnie Gaines. She was raised and graduated from high school in Ardmore, Oklahoma. She received her teaching degree at Cumberland University in Lebanon, TN, and later taught school in Arkansas and Montana. On April 14, 1956, she married John L. "Stoney" Stonestreet in Las Vegas, NV. From 1958 to 1979 they made their home in various Flathead Valley locales, mostly in the Kalispell area. They lived in Bismarck from 1979 to present. The Stonestreets had been visiting friends in the Flathead Valley.

Survivors besides her husband, Stoney, at the family home in Bismarck, are one son, William; two sisters, Ruth and Bonnie; six grandchildren; seven great grandchildren and two nieces.

Funeral services were July 27 at the Northridge Heights Church of God, Kalispell. Burial followed at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

The family suggests memorials may be made to North Valley Hospital.

Bennie Stoltz

6 July 1987
Bennie A. Stoltz, 61, Columbia Falls, passed away July 6, near Condon of a heart attack.

He was born June 15, 1926, in Foley, Minn., a son of August and Agnes Stoltz. He was raised and educated in Minnesota. In November 1950 he enlisted in the U.S. army and fought on the front lines of the Korean conflict. He received his honorable discharge in March 1953 and returned to Minnesota where he worked for his uncle in logging. In 1955 he moved to the Flathead Valley where he had been an independent logger until the time of his death. Mr. Stoltz was a lifetime member of the VFW in Columbia Falls.

He is survived by his son, Mike Stoltz of Columbia Falls; stepson, Randy Shero of Columbia Falls; one daughter, Brenda Stoltz of Columbia Falls; two step-daughters, Cindy Shero and Terry Shero, both of Columbia Falls; two brothers, Ray Stoltz of Fresno, Calif., and Hank Stoltz of Little Falls, Minn.; one sister, Dorothy Wrona of Bloomington, Minn.; four grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers and three sons, Jack, Dennis and Gary Stoltz.

Funeral services were held Friday, (July 10), at the Van Leuven Funeral Home in Columbia Falls with the Rev. Emmett O'Neill of St. Richard's Catholic Church officiating. Burial followed at St. Richard's Catholic Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

ARLENE STRAND 1987

Arlene M. Strand, 45, Columbia Falls, passed away February 12 at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish. She was born October 31, 1941 in Ashland, Kansas to Lester and Ava Tallman. The family moved to Swan Lake in 1948 and then to Lake Five in 1952. she worked for the Village Inn near West Glacier from 1960 to 1966. She married Laurence Strand on December 30, 1966 in Columbia Falls. She was a member of the Moose Lodge. She was preceded in death by her father, one brother, Willard, and one sister, Stella.

She is survived by her husband, Laurence, of Columbia Falls; one son, Laurence D. Strand, Columbia Falls; her mother, Ava Tallman of Columbia Falls; one brother LeRoy Tallman of Lake Five; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held February 17 at Van Leuven Funeral Home in Columbia Falls with Rev. Thomas Gopp of Our Savior's Lutheran Church officiating. Burial followed at Woodlawn Cemetery.

EPHRAIM STREET 1987

Ephraim Street, 95, resident of Whitefish, died away Feb. 28, at the North Valley Extended Care.

He was born October 16, 1891, in Kalispell, a son of Richard and Susan Street. He was raised and received his education north of Kalispell in the Pine Grove District. he married Sadie Rogers October 25, 1911, in Kalispell and they farmed northwest of Kalispell in the Sparkes District on the Farm to Market Road. In 1921 they moved to Kalispell where he was employed with the Great Northern Railway and retired in 1959.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Sadie, in 1980 and an infant son. he is now survived by three daughters, three sons, and numerous relatives.

Funeral services were March 3 at the Austin Funeral Home of Whitefish. Burial was in the Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

John Sullivan

26 April 1987
John F. Sullivan, 77, Montana Veterans Home, Columbia Falls, passed away Sunday at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

He was born October 24, 1909 in Butte to Dennis and Nellie Sullivan. He was raised in Dublin Gulch and educated in Butte. He graduated from business college in Butte.

He worked as a clerk for Harrington's Grocery in Butte and later as a truck driver for Eddy's Bakery for many years.

He served in the U.S. Army during World War II in Europe. After his discharge from the Army in 1945 he returned to Butte.

He later worked as a psychiatric aide at Warm Springs State Hospital for many years.

He moved to the Montana Veterans Home in 1972.

He is preceded in death by his parents and several brothers and sisters.

He is survived by one sister, Mrs.

Raymond (Margaret) Osier in Johnson City, Tenn. and several nieces and nephews.

Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated Wednesday, (today) at 8:30 a.m. at the Montana Veterans Home Chapel. Rev. Bernard Sullivan will officiate. Burial will follow in the Montana Veterans Home Cemetery with military graveside honors. Van Leuven Funeral Home is in charge of local arrangements.

Ted D. Sullivan, 29

LaRae Sullivan, 26

23 Oct 1987
Joint graveside services for Ted Duane Sullivan, 29, and his wife, LaRae Ellen Sullivan, 26, of Bigfork, will be held at 2:30 p.m. today in Lonepine Cemetery near Bigfork with the Rev. Ron Pierce of Swan Chapel officiating.

The couple died as the result of injuries sustained in a car-train accident near Dodson on Friday.

The family suggests memorials to the Sullivan Trust Fund for their children, c/o Flathead Bank of Bigfork, Bigfork, 59911.

Mr. Sullivan was born Aug. 28, 1958, in Bigfork, to Eugene and Ruth Sullivan. He received his education in Bigfork and was a 1976 graduate of Bigfork High School.

Mrs. Sullivan was born Oct. 8, 1961, in Kalispell, to E. Dale and Karen Conley. She was raised in the Swan Valley and received her schooling at Salmon Prairie. She was a 1979 graduate of Seeley-Swan High School.

The couple were married Aug. 14, 1981, in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. They made their home on McCafrey Lake near Bigfork since that time.

Mrs. Sullivan drove school bus for the Bigfork schools and was employed at the Echo Lake Cafe.

Mr. Sullivan was a sawyer in the logging industry.

They enjoyed bowling and horseback riding.

They are survived by two children, Cole, 5, and Christie, 2.

Mr. Sullivan is also survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Sullivan of Bigfork; two brothers, Tim and Terry Sullivan, both of Bigfork; his grandmother, Anna Sudan of Kalispell; and numerous other relatives.

Mrs. Sullivan is also survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Dale Conley of Condon; two sisters, Lynda Matthew of Seeley Lake and LaNette Conley of Condon; a brother, Owen Conley of Condon; her grandmothers, Aldine Hockerson of Bigfork and Dorothy Clothier of Swan Lake; and a number of other relatives.

She was preceded in death by her grandfathers, Elmer Conley and Harold Clothier; her step-grandfather, Lloyd Hockerson; and three uncles, Bill and Dick Conley and Robert Anderson.

Local arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary.

Edith I. Sumner, 79

24 April 1987
Edith I. Sumner, 79, Shelby, a former Bigfork resident, died April 24 at Conrad.

Survivors include three daughters, Valda Skorupa of Conrad, Delores Nesbo of Billings, and Carol Wilson of Dos Palos, Calif.; a son, Howard of Fort Sumter, S.C.; two sisters, Nellie Selensky of Hamilton, Ontario, and Audry Austin of Carson City, Nev.; a brother, Raymond Helsel of Cheyenne, Wyo.; 14 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren.

Three brothers and two grandchildren preceded her in death.

Fern Switzer, 70

Fern Switzer, 70, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, a former Kalispell resident, died Monday at a Coeur d'Alene nursing home.

She was born Dec. 3, 1916, in Kalispell, to John and Bessie Switzer. She grew up in Kalispell and graduated from high school and business college here.

She moved to the Couer d'Alene area and worked at Farragut Naval Base in Idaho during World War II.

She later worked for Washington Water Power in Coeur d'Alene, retiring in 1978 as credit manager there.

She was a member of the Presbyterian church, PEO, Washington Water Power Trail Blazers, Republican Women, and Progredi Club.

She is survived by three cousins, Helen Nelson in Spokane; Helen Ensign of Missoula; and Dorothy Price of Kalispell.

Funeral services will be 1 p.m. Wednesday at Yates Funeral Home in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Graveside services will be 3 p.m. Thursday at Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell. *28 Oct 1987*



JUDGE ROBERT SYKES 1987

Judge Robert C. Sykes, 68, died at his home in Kalispell on April 29.

He was born February 24, 1919 in Spokane, Washington, a son of Chester and Edith Marie Sykes. In 1923 he came to Kalispell and graduated from Flathead County High School in 1935. He attended the University of Montana. He served in the U.S. Army from 1943 until 1946, returning to the University to graduate from Law School in the class of 1947. He had his own law practice in Kalispell all of his life. He had served two terms in the State Legislature. On March 3, 1945 he married Jewel Krantz in Kalispell and is now survived by her at the family home. He is also survived by two sons, Bill and Bob; a daughter, Dawn McLeod; five grandchildren and several other relatives. He was preceded in death by his parents, a daughter and a sister.

Memorial services were held May 10 in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel. The family suggest memorials be made to the Bob Sykes Scholarship Fund, c/o Flathead High School.

Ruby Swanson, 86

TROY — Ruby F. Swanson, 86, died Wednesday at the Libby Care Center.

She and some family members founded Swanson's Mountain View Lodge southwest of Troy, which she helped operate until her retirement in 1978. She also had an early career as a teacher and worked in other jobs that took her from Hawaii to the Pentagon.

She was born Nov. 23, 1900, on the Swanson family homestead near Troy to pioneers Frank and Matilida Swanson. She spent her childhood in the Troy area and attended local schools, including the Fall Creek School near Troy.

She moved to Spokane to attend high school, graduating in 1918 from Hilliard High School.

After attending Montana State College in Bozeman for a time, she taught in rural schools at Power and Leonia. In 1923 she graduated from the University of Washington in Seattle with a bachelor's degree in liberal arts. She then taught school at Ancortes and Hoquiam, Wash., for several years.

From 1931 to 1934 she lived in the Hawaiian Islands, researching native medicines for the Bishop Museum and also teaching school there.

After returning to the mainland, she attended Columbia University in New York City and taught Eng-

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lish to immigrants at New York University.

Later she worked for the New York State Employment Agency for a time, and then moved to Washington D.C., where she worked in the personnel department at the Pentagon during World War II. She lived in Seattle for a year before returning to the Troy area in 1947.

During the winter of 1963, she returned temporarily to Washington D.C., where she managed the Congressional Club and the Washington Club.

She attend the Methodist and Episcopal churches, and was a member of Delta Zeta Sorority.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Dr. Florence Swanson, who died in 1982.

Survivors include a sister, Myrtle Tepling of Troy; a brother, William Swanson of Phoenix; and a nephew, William Swanson of Washington D.C.

Services will be 10 a.m. Monday at the Troy United Methodist Church. The Rev. Robert Foote and the Rev. Robert Honeychurch will officiate. Burial will be in the Troy Cemetery under the direction of Vial Funeral Home in Libby.

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