

## V. Van Rinsum, 86

*Jan 1987*  
Violet M. Van Rinsum, 86, Somers, died Sunday morning at Bigfork Convalescent Center.

She was born April 19, 1900, in Washburn, Wis., the daughter of William and Marion Scovill. She was raised in Fort Francis, Ontario. She moved to Steamboat Springs, Colo., at about age 16 and came to Somers in 1922.

In 1928, she married Gerrit A. Van Rinsum in Somers and the couple lived there since. She worked for a number of years at the Somers Hotel, and she and her husband owned and operated Van's Dairy until 1948.

Mrs. Van Rinsum played the piano for the Somers Methodist Church for 30 years and was a lifelong church member. She also

*1987*  
Esther Kastella Van Dyke, 58, a former Whitefish resident, died Dec. 20 at the Hill Haven Convalescent Home in Modesto, Calif., after a lingering illness with multiple sclerosis.

She was born Jan. 6, 1929, in Whitefish and graduated from Whitefish High School in 1947. She worked for Mountain States Power Co. in Whitefish and as a telephone operator for the Great Northern Railroad, and for Pacific Power and Light. She moved to California in 1966. Survivors include: one son, Jerry Hougen and two grandsons, Haley and Keaton Hougen of Modesto, Calif.; three brothers, Norman, Orris and Melvin Kastella of Whitefish; two sisters, Irma Torgerson of Whitefish and Ruby Osmon of Fergus Falls, Minn., and numerous nieces and nephews. Services were Tuesday at the Austin Funeral Home and burial followed in Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell. The family has suggested memorials to the Multiple Sclerosis Society, Box 2802, Great Falls, MT 59403.

belonged to the VFW Auxiliary in Kalispell.

Mrs. Van Rinsum was a Gold Star Mother.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1955; a son, Edwin Unwin, and four sisters.

Survivors include a son, Francis A. Van Rinsum of Somers; a daughter, Beverly A. Managhan of Whitefish; a sister, Billie Smith of Blue Lake, Calif.; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and a number of nieces and nephews.

Visitation is at Weatherford Funeral Home until 8 tonight. Funeral

## Harry G. Vahl, 83

Harry G. Vahl, 83, Kalispell, died in Kalispell Regional Hospital Tuesday afternoon.

He was born Oct. 1, 1903, in Gibbon, Minn., a son of Fred and Mollie Lentzehl, one of seven children. He then moved with his family to Wood Lake, Minn., where he received his education.

He farmed during the Depression, losing his farm and moving to Montana by boxcar in 1936. He lived in Helena for a time, then moved to Chester where he did ranch work.

On Sept. 9, 1942, he entered the U.S. Army, working with the Army Engineers at Hackum and Rogers fields in Hawaii and Ladd Field in Alaska. He came to Kalispell following his discharge and on April 13, 1946, he married Irma L. Nelson.

He was employed with the Forest Service and Kalispell Lumber Co. for nine years, and in 1955, was employed with Anaconda Aluminum Co. in Columbia Falls until his retirement in 1970. He then moved to Hot Springs for several years, returning to Kalispell, where he had resided since that time.

He is survived by his wife, Irma, at the family home; a daughter, Phyllis Jahn of Seattle, Wash.; two sisters, Randa Wenstrom of Wait Park, Minn., and Mollie Schulz of Wood Lake, Minn.; four grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Graveside services will be 11 a.m. Monday in Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls with the Rev. Barry Dawson of First Presbyterian Church officiating. Friends will meet at the cemetery for services. Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary.

Memorials to ALERT are suggested. *9 July 1987*

services will be 2 p.m. Wednesday at Weatherford Funeral Home with the Rev. J. Torrance Harvey and the Rev. C. Fred Crowe officiating. Burial will follow at Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

## Cathleen Vane, 30

*1987*  
Cathleen Ann Vane (St. John), 30, Whitefish, died of cancer June 7 at McKay-Dee Hospital in Ogden, Utah.

She was born Dec. 1, 1956, in New York, a daughter of John L. and Ann Heeder Vane.

She married Timothy J. St. John on Dec. 26, 1976, in Lapier, Mich.

She was raised in New York and graduated from high school there. She had been a survey helper for Oil Explorations.

She was a Catholic.

Survivors include her husband of Whitefish; her father of Horseheads, N.Y.; and a sister, Susan Vane of Horseheads.

Mass of the Resurrection was June 11 in Layton, Utah.

## MARY ELLEN VAN BEMMEL

Mary Ellen Van Bommel, 71, Kalispell, died in the Brendan House on Sept. 3. She was born June 7, 1916, in Glendive, Montana, a daughter of James and Gertrude Reynolds. She spent her early life in Manhattan, Montana, and on October 10, 1936, she married Joe Van Bommel in Bozeman. In 1964 they moved to Kalispell.

Mrs. Bommel was preceded in death by two sons, David and Charles. Survivors now include her husband, Joe, at home; four sons, Joe Jr., Albert, Daniel and Robert; three daughters, Marie, Sherry and Hope; two brothers, James and Wayne; four sisters, Montie, Georgie, Ruth and Hope; twenty grandchildren; many great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Sept. 9 in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Burial followed in the Tobacco Valley Cemetery in Eureka. *1987*

8 Apr 1987  
**Howard Vish, 28**

**IRON MOUNTAIN, Mich.** — Howard (Leo) Vish, 28, a former Whitefish resident, of Iron Mountain, Mich., died March 31 at Dickinson County Memorial Hospital in Michigan.

He was born Aug. 5, 1958, in Norway. He attended grade school through junior high school in Whitefish. He was a 1977 graduate of North Central High School in Michigan and attended Northern Michigan Skills Center.

He was employed by Foley-Martens Manufacturing and has also lived and worked in Montana.

He married Beth Petersen on May 12, 1979, in Powers, Mich.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Jonathan and Benjamin, both at home; his mother, Alice Marston of Hermansville, Mich.; his foster parents, Bill and Cheryl Frye of Whitefish; a foster sister, Tina Frye and a foster brother, Darron Frye, both of Whitefish; his grandmother, Gertrude Lommen of Iron River, Mich.; a sister, Lyn Vish of Perkinston, Miss.; five brothers, Gary Rabey of Elmyra, N.Y., Robert Vish of Columbia Falls; Shane Marston of Spokane, Wash., Frank Vish of Hopkington, Mass., and Charlie Vish of Raleigh, N.C.

Funeral services were in Michigan with burial in Spalding Cemetery.

### *Ireva Voorhies*

**PLAINS**--Funeral services were conducted Friday at the Hot Springs Presbyterian Church for Ireva Geoa Imogene Voorhies, 87, of Camas Prairie, who died Jan. 13 of natural causes at the Clark Fork Valley Hospital in Plains. Burial was in the Murray Memorial Cemetery at Lonepine.

Mrs. Voorhies was born Jan. 25, 1899 in New Richland, Minn., to William and Cora Stearns Root. She grew up and attended rural schools in the New Richland area. She was graduated from high school in Waseca, Minn., and taught school in Minnesota for five years.

She moved to Montana in 1925 and lived in Niarada. She taught school at Hog Heaven, near Niarada, for two years.

In May 1927 she married Charles Allen Voorhies in Polson. They bought

### **Sonoma Veigel, 73**

22 Sep 1987  
Sonoma A. Veigel, 73, died Sunday evening in Colonial Manor in Whitefish.

She was born Feb. 11, 1914, in Lake Mills, Iowa, a daughter of Swen and Clara Huso. She received her elementary education in Iowa and was a graduate of Bethany Lutheran College of Mankato, Minn. She then attended Mankato Teachers College for two years.

In 1942, she moved to Hollywood, Calif., and worked for Lockheed Aircraft.

On July 20, 1945, she married Paul Henry Veigel in Los Angeles. The couple later moved to West Glacier where Mrs. Veigel managed the Curio Shop there until 1985.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Paul, on July 14, 1973.

Survivors include three brothers, Stanley Huso at Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls, Rolf J. Huso of Hines, Ore., and Fred J. Huso of Columbia Falls; two sisters, Elaine Stenson and Helgn Young, both of Kalispell; and several nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Burial will be in Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

The family suggests memorials to American Lung Association, 825 Helena Ave., Helena, 59601; the Colonial Manor of Whitefish; or the charity of donor's choice.

Friends may call at Johnson Mortuary for visitation until 8 tonight and from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Wednesday.

the Niarada store in 1929 and she became postmistress and served 32 years in that capacity. They sold the store in 1961 and moved to Hot Springs.

She was a member of the Adarain Club in the Niarada area. After her retirement she liked to write music as a hobby.

Mr. Voorhies preceded her in death in 1971. She also was preceded in death by three brothers, two in infancy and Burchard Root and a sister, Floy Gehring.

Survivors include a daughter, Essie Argo, Hot Springs; four grandchildren; six great-grandchildren and 13 nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to the Yellowstone Boys Ranch in Billings or the Montana Children's Home

### **Pauline Verzuh**

15 Feb 1987  
Former Columbia Falls resident Pauline Verzuh died Sunday at Valley Vista Nursing Home in Lewistown. She was 87.

Memorial Mass will be 8:30 a.m. Thursday at St. Richard's Catholic Church. Cremation has taken place.

Mrs. Verzuh was a member of St. Richard's Catholic Church in Columbia Falls and belonged to St. Valentine's Guild at the church.

Survivors include her husband, John, in Lewistown; one son, William, Hudson, Wis.; four grandchildren.

### **JOYCE RAMSEY VILORIA**

1987  
Mrs. Joyce Ramsey Vioria, 63, died February 18 at the home of her daughter following a lengthy illness. She was born January 11, 1924, the first born daughter of John Joseph and Dorothy Cecelia Howard, in Mt. Morgan, Queensland, Australia. She received her education in Rockhampton, Australia.

In February of 1944, she married Pvt. William H. "Bill" Ramsey in Rockhampton who came to the South Pacific during war time. In Mary 1946, she came to America as a young war bride aboard the USS Mariposa with her first child, Marie. In 1952, she became a naturalized citizen of the United States. She lived in Shelby, Kevin and Kalispell for many years, raising her family. She worked as a waitress at various places including Buffalo Hills Golf Course, Big Mountain and Gene's Drive Inn.

In 1962 she went to Hawaii where she met and married Lucky Vioria on October 2, 1964. The couple returned to the Flathead in 1984 and settled in Ferndale.

Mrs. Vioria was preceded in death by her mother, two brothers, one sister, her husband, Lucky on October 28, 1984, and her former husband, Bill. She is survived by two daughters, Marie Schutt, Kalispell, and Addie Cline, Ferndale; three sons, Vaughn Ramsey, Kalispell, Val Ramsey, Port Orchard, Washington, and Chris Ramsey, Steamboat Springs, Colorado; two sisters, Ivey Englander, Ipswich, Australia, and Valmai Norris, Rockhampton, Australia; one brother, Roy Howard, Cairnes, Australia; nine grandchildren; two great grandchildren; and a number of other relatives.

Memorial services for Mrs. Vioria were held February 21 in the Christian Center Assembly of God with Pastor Robert Ross officiating.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Bigfork Quick Response Unit or the Kalispell Hospice organization. Cremation and arrangements are by the Johnson Mortuary.

## Jack Voermans, 58

25 July 1987  
Jack A. Voermans, 58, Whitefish, died Wednesday at North Valley Hospital.

He was born Nov. 24, 1928, on the family dairy farm, northeast of Whitefish, the son of Joseph and Doris Sindt Voermans.

He was a lifetime member of St. Charles Catholic Church and a member of the Knights of Columbus.

He served with the U.S. Army in the Korean War and received his honorable discharge on July 23, 1952.

He was a member of UTU and the Eagles Lodge in Kalispell.

As a young man, he worked with his father on the family dairy ranch.

After returning from the Army he worked on the Whitefish Police Force. He later worked at Harlow Chevrolet, the Anaconda Aluminum plant, and then with Great Northern Railroad where he worked as a switchman, transferring to the Burlington Northern as a brakeman.

He retired in 1982 due to ill health.

He was preceded in death by his father, Joseph Voermans Sr., in 1981, and a brother.

Survivors include his mother, Doris Voermans of Whitefish; a brother and sister-in-law, Joseph Jr. and Jean Voermans of Whitefish; two nieces; three nephews; and many other relatives and friends.

Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Charles Catholic Church in Whitefish with the Rev. John Hunt-hausen as celebrant. Christian Wake service will be at 7:30 tonight at Austin Funeral Home. Burial will be at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Memorials to St. Charles Catholic Church building fund have been suggested.