

Merrill 'Lucky' Abell, 77

Merrill H. "Lucky" Abell, 77, of Kalispell, died at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls on Sunday, June 11, 1995.

He was born May 7, 1917, in Shelby to Horton and Sadie Abell. He graduated from high school in Seattle and served in the U.S. Army from 1943 until receiving his honorable discharge in 1946.

He then operated a dairy farm in the LaSalle area until 1956 when he became a land surveyor in Seattle for 10 years.

In 1966, he returned to the Flathead and operated a cattle ranch southwest of Kila until his retirement in 1973. He then raised quarter horses in the Flathead area. He loved Montana and horses.

On Feb. 8, 1958, he married Annette Windon in Bellingham, Wash., and is now survived by her at the family

home. He is also survived by three sons, Landon Jay Abell and his wife, Sydney, Bradley W. Abell and his wife, Kelly, also of Kalispell, and Lawrence J. Abell of Eastsound, Wash.; a brother, Keith Abell, of Bellevue, Wash.; a sister, Lois Hunt, of Lynnwood, Wash.; six grandchildren; three great-grandchildren and numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday at Glacier Memorial Gardens with the Rev. Larry Gaylord, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, officiating. Friends will meet at the cemetery for the services.

Friends may call at Johnson Mortuary for visitation from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Tuesday.

The family suggests memorials be made to Flathead Hospice, 120 Burns Way, Kalispell, MT 59901, or to the charity of donor's choice.

1995 Laura L. Adams, 87

Laura L. Adams, 87, of Kalispell, died at Kalispell Regional Hospital on Thursday, July 20.

She was born Aug. 25, 1907, in Rock Rapids, Iowa, to Adolph and Minnie Hansen. She married E. W. Adams and moved to Montana in 1934.

She worked in Kalispell as dispatcher for Kalispell Taxi for several years and also worked in the Christmas tree industry. She then moved to Leavenworth, Wash., and worked as the head sorter for Cashmere Fruit Co.

Upon retiring, she returned to Kalispell, where she lived ever since.

She was preceded in death by her husband and a son, Hugh Adams.

She is survived by sons Erwin S. Adams, of North Bend, Wash., and Paul A. Adams, of Kalispell; daughters Barbara L. Hicks and Shirley A. Adams, both of Spokane and Patricia M. Peterson, of Orlando, Fla.; 21 grandchildren and 32 great-grandchildren.

Graveside service will be 11 a.m., Monday, at Glacier Memorial Gardens, Rev. Mike Phillips of Riverside Alliance Church officiating. Friends will meet at the cemetery for the service. Visitation is 1-4 p.m. today at Johnson Mortuary.

Clifford Neal Adkins, 70

Clifford Neal Adkins, 70, died in the hospital in Brigham City, Utah, on Feb. 5, 1995.

He was born in Millard, Ky., on Nov. 6, 1924, to Roland Thomas and Rosetta Adkins. In 1928, his family moved to the Pray, Mont., area where he was raised in the Mill Creek area. He completed his schooling there and in Livingston.

He married Minnie Marie Sutherland on Sept. 3, 1949, in Livingston.

He was an expert carpenter and log home builder. He was well known and had many friends in the Livingston and Kalispell areas and in Brigham City, where he lived after retirement.

He was preceded in death by his father, Roland Thomas Sr., and a sister, Madeline Wood.

He is survived by his mother, Rose

Adkins, in Kalispell; three brothers, James Olen and Rowland Thomas "R.T." Jr., of Kalispell, and Barry Lee of Payson, Ariz.; two sisters, Verna Eleen of Kalispell, and Marjorie Agnes Bothman of Libby; two children, Sherry Cox of Eureka, and Linda Horn of Winnemucca, Nev.; three step-children, Tommie Sutherland and Naomi Rohan, of Libby, and Thurman Sutherland of Columbia Falls.

He leaves many friends, nieces and nephews, grandchildren and other relatives to mourn his passing. He will be missed and fondly remembered by all who knew him.

The body has been cremated. A memorial service will be held for the family on Saturday at the home of R.T. Adkins, 1205 Ashley Drive, in Kalispell.

Amy Ahern, 68

Amy Jean Meldrum Ahern, 68, died Wednesday, Dec. 20, 1995, at her home in Woods Bay near Bigfork, following a long bout with cancer.

She was born on Cinco de Mayo, May 5, 1927, in Somers to James and Jennie Meldrum. She graduated from Flathead County High School.

A life-long bartender, she took pride in her profession. She was well-known and loved by her many friends who will miss her lively wit and charm, from the days of the old



Dixie Inn, the Vista Club, and the past 20 years in the Bigfork area.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Warren, in 1970, her parents, and her brother, Jimmie, in Helena.

She is survived by her daughter, Pamela Landes, and a granddaughter, Charlotte Jean, both of Holland, Mich.; a sister, Eileen (Elmer) Holand of Somers; and a longtime soul mate, Dale Storaasli, at the family home.

A wake service is planned for Dec. 31 at 2 p.m. at the Windjammer in Woods Bay, where the theme will be Tennyson's poem, "Crossing the Bar."

Bigfork Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements and cremation.

Ethel Aker, 89

Ethel Katrina Aker, 89, longtime Kalispell resident, died Oct. 22, 1995.

She was born in Caloway, Minn., on Nov. 12, 1905, daughter of Mary and Torvald Nelson. They moved to Montana in 1912.

She married Forest on Aug. 9, 1926, in Kalispell. They were in the grocery business for more than 45 years and owned and operated Aker's Market until 1971, when they retired and spent their winters in Mesa, Ariz. She returned to Kalispell full time in 1990, living in an apartment at the Buffalo Hill Terrace.

Survivors include daughters Rosemary Hillstead, of Kalispell and Kathryn Sommons, of Zionsville, Penn.; son Charles Aker, of Polson; seven grandchildren; 15 great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.



Visitation is 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Wednesday, at Johnson Mortuary. The funeral will be 10 a.m., Thursday, in the Johnson's Mortuary Chapel. Burial will follow in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Please join Ethel's family for refreshments after the service at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 61 Bountiful Drive, Kalispell.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to the Multiple Sclerosis Fund, Montana Chapter, Box 2802, Great Falls, 59406 or the charity of the donor's choice.

Nellie Allen, 84

Nell Allen died Tuesday, Aug. 29, 1995 in Arvada, Colo.

She was born to Edith and Ed Bender in Waupaca, Wisc. on Sept. 10, 1910.

She was married to Walter Allen for 63 years. He and a daughter, Lou Ann, and a sister, Fern, preceded her in death.

She and her family have lived in La Crosse, Wisc., Lake Mills, Wisc. and Norris, Tenn., Miles City, Helena, Seeley Lake, Creston and Kalispell.

While in Helena she worked as a medical secretary and owned a women's clothing store. She and her husband owned a restaurant and motel in Seeley Lake, which she primarily ran. A while after her husband's death she moved to a retirement community in Colorado to be closer to family where she continued to enjoy an active lifestyle until she had a stroke.

She is survived by her sister, Eva Mae Jensen of Waupaca; her daughter, Janet Crowe of Arvada; seven grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

She is returned to her beautiful Montana where she will be laid to rest next to her husband, Walt.

For her family and all the people she touched in her life, she leaves a great void.

There will be graveside prayers at Glacier Memorial Gardens on Wednesday at 10 a.m. Her friends are invited to attend.



'Jack' Alexander, 70

John M. "Jack" Alexander, 70, died Jan. 3 in Seattle. *We was a Whitefish native. 1995*

Montana services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish, Rev. John Bent of Christ Lutheran Church officiating. Interment will follow at Whitefish Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Boy Scouts of America, Chief Seattle Council, 3120 Rainier Ave. S., Seattle, Wash., 98144.

1995 Carl A. Anderson

Mr. Carl A. Anderson, 87, of Bigfork, died in the Lake View Care Center in Bigfork on Saturday evening, April 8. He was born June 4, 1907, in Kenmare, N.D.

He had served in the U.S. Army during World War II, and had followed construction work much of his life. He was also a watch repairman.

Mr. Anderson was a single man and has no known survivors.

Graveside services were held Wednesday in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery with the Rev. Larry Gaylord, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church officiating. Friends met at the cemetery for the services. Arrangements were under the direction of the Johnson Mortuary.

Tony Amundson, 64

Elmer A. "Tony" Amundson, 64, of Libby, died Saturday, Sept. 30, 1995, at Veterans Administration Medical Center in Seattle, Wash. He was born at Butte, Mont., on Aug. 14, 1931, the son of Norman and Pansy Amundson. He was raised and educated at Butte and Circle, Mont. He was a Korean War-era veteran, serving with the U.S. Army in Korea and Germany.

He worked as a carpenter for many years throughout the Pacific Northwest. He worked on major construction projects, including Glasgow Air Force Base and Yellow Tail Dam. He came to Libby in 1966, where he worked on the Libby Dam project until its completion. He remained in Libby, working as a carpenter in the area for many years. He was an outdoorsman, enjoying both fishing and camping. He was a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Survivors include his wife, Ruby; two sons, Elmer C. (Clarence) Amundson, Deering, N.D.; Mike Amundson, Libby; four daughters, Maggie Clemons, Libby; Nancy Clemons, Denver, Colo.; Ruby Nelson, Libby; and Ruth Garey, Roberts, Mont.; 19 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Visitation was Thursday, Oct. 5, 1995, at Nelson & Vial Funeral Home. Services were Friday, Oct. 6, 1995, at Nelson & Vial Funeral Home. Interment with military honors was in the city of Libby cemetery. *Libby*

Ellis V. Anderson, 97

Ellis V. Anderson, 97, died at Heritage Place in Kalispell on Saturday evening, Feb. 11, 1995.

He was born July 7, 1897, in Uddevalle, Sweden, to Alfred and Augusta Anderson. He moved to the United States when he was 18 years old, and in 1946 he moved to the Flathead Valley. He was a single man and had done farm

labor following grain harvesting until his retirement.

He had no known survivors.

Graveside services will be held at 10 a.m. on Wednesday in the Glacier Memorial Gardens. Friends will meet at the cemetery for the services. Arrangements are under the direction of the Johnson Mortuary.

Evelyn Anderson, 78

Evelyn Mae Anderson, 78, of Kalispell, died at Heritage Place on Saturday, Nov. 4, 1995.

She was born June 17, 1913, in Rola, N.D., to William and Ethel Galbraith.

She lived in the Flathead Valley most of her life. She attended Whitefish schools and was married to Walter Anderson on Dec. 21, 1932. She retired from employment with the Equity Dairy and then devoted her life to helping others.

She volunteered for many years at the local food bank, delivering meals to shut-ins and teaching children at day care. She was an active member of the Eastside Grange.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Walter; son Donald Anderson; granddaughter Tami Anderson; three sisters and a brother.

She is survived by a son, Dan Anderson, of Kalispell; daughter

Donna Christofferson and her husband, Jack, of Polson; sister Allene Stotts, of Kalispell; three grandsons, Tim Anderson and his wife, Terri, of Kalispell, Donald Christofferson and his wife, Joane, of Billings, and Brian Anderson of Bremerton, Wash.; granddaughters Geri Lynn and her husband, Tom, of Lakeside and Lauri Fischer, of Bremerton; two great-granddaughters, Chelsie Lynn Barron and Angelea Marie Fischer; and many nieces, nephews and other relatives.

A funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Johnson Mortuary Chapel, with Rev. Larry Gaylord, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, officiating. Burial will be at the Fairview Cemetery. The family suggests memorials to the Eastside Quick Response Unit. Visitation is 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday and 9 a.m. until noon on Tuesday.

Evelyn Anderson, 65

Evelyn Anderson died Saturday, June 24, 1995, at her home in Libby. She was born Sept. 19, 1929, in Burnett County, Wisc., the daughter of Charles and Elizabeth Brown. The family resided in Wisconsin until coming to Libby in 1955, where she had since resided.

She had been employed at the Caboose Restaurant as a waitress and kitchen helper. She also baby-sat in her home for many years. In 1967, she worked for Krietler's Janitorial Service until starting employment with the Libby School District. She worked there as a custodian for many years until retiring due to disability in 1988. She had been an avid outdoorswoman, enjoying camping, hunting, fishing, getting wood and traveling. She was a member of St. Joseph's Parish and the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

She was preceded in death by an infant son Dennis, an infant daughter Karla, her parents, one sister and three brothers.

She is survived by her husband and best friend Steve Seifert; a son and daughter-in-law, Ron and Sue Anderson of Prescott, Ariz.; a daughter and son-in-law, Lory and Joe Casey of Libby; a son, Randy Anderson, USN, Bremerton, Wash., a sister, Earline Hunter, Luck, Wisc.; two brothers, Walter Brown, Minneapolis, Minn.; and Earl Brown, Chicago, Ill.; seven grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Mass of the Resurrection was celebrated Tuesday, at June 27, at St. Joseph Catholic Church with Rev. Ray Hannigan as celebrant. Interment was in the city of Libby cemetery under the direction of Nelson and Vial Funeral Home. *Libby*

James Chad Anderson, 33

James Chad Anderson, 33, died April 25, 1995, in Evergreen.

He was born Sept. 23, 1961, in Las Vegas to James C. and Linda J. Anderson. He lived and attended school in Las Vegas, graduating from Basic High School in 1979. He attended Southern Utah College for two years.

In 1989, he moved to Montana and went to work for Montana Evergreen as a foreman. He loved working outdoors. He was an avid weight lifter and loved studying God's word.

He is survived by his father, James Anderson, of Las Vegas; sisters

Shelly Miller of Camp Pendleton, Calif., and Kelli Rothwell of Elko, Nev.; grandfather Glen O. Anderson, of Las Vegas; aunts Susie Alred and Ann Loeb, both of Las Vegas; and an uncle, Paul Wilson, of Walnut Creek, Calif.

He was preceded in death by three grandparents and his mother.

Memorial services will be held May 20 at Palm Cemetery in Las Vegas. Donations to Alanon of Montana are suggested.

Arrangements and cremation are by Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

Richard Anderson, 81

Richard Nathaniel Anderson, 81, a longtime resident of Whitefish, died at his home after a long battle with cancer.

He was born Sept. 2, 1914, in Littlefork, Minn., the ninth child of Halsten and Olga Anderson.

He was an Army veteran, having served in WW II.

In 1946 he married Doris Mae Frick in International Falls, Minn. They later moved to White Sulphur Springs in 1948 and then to Whitefish in 1953.

He was employed by Royal Logging until his retirement in 1980.

He was preceded in death by four brothers and three sisters.

He leaves behind four children, daughters Dawn Nock and her husband, Gary, of Adell, Wisc., Jennifer Sipe and her husband, Dave, of Whitefish, sons Ric Anderson and his wife, Buzzie, of Whitefish, and Randy

Anderson, also of Whitefish; two sisters, Alice Brandley of Whitefish and Olga Baab of Minnesota; eight grandchildren, Lacy Arnett, Camie Stolte, Misty Martin, Angela Nock, Molly Sipe, Cory Anderson, Paul Anderson and D.J. Sipe; three great-grandchildren; and a very special friend, Clara De Vall of Whitefish.

He will be greatly missed by all.

Cremation has taken place at the Hillside Crematory under the direction of the Austin Funeral Home of Whitefish. Graveside memorial services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. at Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery with his son-in-law, the Rev. Gary Nock, officiating. Friends and family will meet at the cemetery for services. Military honors will be provided by the members of the local VFW Posts 275 and 2252. The family has suggested memorials to the local hospice.

Joseph Marin Araiz, 68

Joseph Marin Araiz, 68, of Kalispell, died of a heart attack Jan. 9, 1995, in Bullhead City, Ariz.

He was born Nov. 18, 1926, in Flagstaff, Ariz., to Florentino and Teresa Marin Araiz. He attended school in Flagstaff until moving to California where he joined the Navy and served during World War II in the Pacific Theatre.

After his discharge from the Navy, he was a youth counselor for the Optimist Club in Los Angeles. He was also the president of the Los Angeles Federation Club, a social club, in which he and his sister won three competitions for exhibition dancing.

He went to work as a meat cutter and married in 1950. He and his wife



had three sons. He worked as a meat cutter for 35 years and was a member of the Local 421. Upon retiring in 1979, he moved from California to Kalispell where he enjoyed bicycling, jogging, traveling, and spending time with his grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his son, Daniel Joseph Araiz; and two sisters, Carmen Andrade and Josephine Araiz.

He is survived by two sons, Anthony "Tony" and his wife, Kimberly "Kim" Araiz, of Kalispell, and David and his wife, Laura Araiz, of Salem, Ore.; five grandchildren, Crystal, Jennifer and Rachael Araiz, of Kalispell, and Caleb and Danielle Araiz, of Salem. He is also survived by his brother, Manuel Araiz, of Van Nuys, Calif.; two sisters, Lucile Zamuda of Mission Hills and Margaret Ponee of Truckee, Nev.; and many nieces and nephews in California and Nevada.

Burial will be Wednesday at 1 p.m. at Conrad Cemetery.

Milton Ardern, 69

Milton W. Ardern, 69, of Kalispell, died peacefully in his home on Tuesday, Sept. 5, 1995.

He was formerly of Chesterland, Ohio.

He was born in Cleveland, Ohio, to Milton and Ada Ardern. He graduated from Cleveland Heights High School. After high school he served in the U.S. Air Force during World War II.

In 1950, he married Rita Schmidt. She preceded him in death on May 4, 1995.

He drove a concrete truck for 39 years and retired in 1989. His life revolved around his family. He faith-

fully provided them with a safe sanctuary, a loving home in the country. He was at peace with the Savior when he died.

He was the beloved husband of the late Rita, and the loving father of Christopher, Libbie Timmons, Lisa Cooley and Nancy Healy; and the proud grandfather of Bryan, Josh, Zak, Caleb, Anna, Emily, Johnathon, Rachel, Sarah and Hanna.

Memorial services will be Saturday at 3 p.m. at the Riverside Alliance Church with Rev. Tim Korpela officiating. Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary.

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Rita M. Ardern, 67

Rita M. Ardern, 67, of Kalispell, died peacefully Thursday evening in a home she shared with her daughter and son-in-law, Nancy and Bart Healy.

She was born in Cleveland, Ohio, on Nov. 24, 1927, to Peter and Irma Rouge Schmidt.

She was a 1945 graduate of Beaumont School in Cleveland Heights, where she was president of her senior class. She married Milton W. Ardern on July 1, 1950, in Cleveland. The couple shared nearly 45 years of a loving marriage, most of it in Chesterland, Ohio. She was a member of St. Anselm Catholic Church and School.

They moved to Kalispell in March of 1993, to be near their daughter and her family. Due to declining health in recent years, they have been temporary residents at Heritage Place Nursing home, where Milton currently resides.

She was preceded in death by her

only sibling, her beloved sister, Irma Schmidt Soeder.

She is survived by her husband; son Christopher M. Ardern, and his wife, Beth, of Willoughby, Ohio; three daughters and sons-in-law, Elizabeth and Richard Timmons, of Green Bay, Wis., Lisa and Dale Cooley, of Lyndhurst, Ohio, and Nancy and Bart Healy of Kalispell.

She took great pride in her role as wife and mother, but was especially proud of her grandchildren. She had nine grandchildren when she died: Bryan, Joshua, Zachary, Caleb, Anna, Emily, Jonathan, Rachel and Sarah. She is rejoicing in heaven at the birth of her 10th grandchild, Hannah, who was born Friday morning, her Grandpa Milton's birthday. Her family rejoices with her.

A memorial service will be 2 p.m., Wednesday, at the Heritage Place, with Father O'Donnel officiating. Cremation and arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary.

Eva May Arvidson

Eva May Arvidson, 75, of Columbia Falls, died Oct. 5, 1995, at the North Valley Hospital Extended Care in Whitefish of age-related causes. She was a former Whitefish resident.

Eva was born January 28, 1920, in Kalispell, the daughter of Chris and Mabel Koppang.

She married Rudy Arvidson on Aug. 26, 1938, and he preceded her in death in July 1989.

She is survived by a son, Butch Arvidson of Columbia Falls; one daughter, Jan Tudor of Lynnwood, Wash.; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Eva was a long-time resident of Half Moon and Whitefish before moving to Columbia Falls in 1983.

She has resided at the North Valley Extended Care since February of this year.

Cremation has taken place and she has requested that no services be held.

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

Mary I. Ashline, 89

Mary I. Ashline, 89, East Lakeshore, Bigfork, died in St. Joseph Nursing Home in Polson Wednesday.

She was clerk and business manager of the Havre district schools for 25 years. She had been a resident of Woods Bay since 1962.

Services will be held 2 p.m. Saturday in Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Ron Pierce officiating. Burial will be in Conrad Memorial Cemetery. *6 Oct. 1989*

Susan Lee Asbridge

Susan Lee Asbridge, 44, died Monday, Nov. 6, 1995 at Kalispell Regional Hospital. She was born in Denver, Colo., on December 29, 1950, a daughter of Ralph and Virginia Asbridge.

She lived in Casper, Wyo., and surrounding communities for 36 years, attending schools there through Junior College, where she majored in pre-vet. At the University of Wyoming, she received a BS degree in Zoology. She worked 14 years at Pathfinder Mines in the Shirley Basin Uranium plant as a Radiation Safety Technician and a Chemical Technician in the radiological monitoring lab.

Susan moved to Lakeside in the mid 1980's and held several positions. She had been employed at the Columbia Falls Aluminum Plant for the past few years. For many years she raised collies and shelties; raised and trained horses, raised and showed dairy goats. She truly loved animals.

Susan was preceded in death by one brother, Michael D. She is survived by her parents, Ralph at Lakeside and Virginia at Casper; sisters, Gina Marie at Lakeside, Rebecca Bogart in Framingham, MA, and a brother, Donald Asbridge in Bakersfield, Calif., and four nieces.

A memorial service will be held Friday at 2 p.m. at the Lakeside Chapel with Pastor J. Torrance Harvey officiating. Cremation and arrangements by Johnson Mortuary.

Oliver Aurand, 78

Oliver Alvin Aurand, 78, of Kalispell, died at Brendan House on Saturday, Nov. 4, 1995.

He was born Jan. 5, 1917, in Frazee, Minn., to Parley and Agnes Aurand. When he was 4, he moved with his family to Bonner. The next year the family moved to Half Moon, where he lived and attended school.

In 1932, he moved to Kalispell. He married Leone Rauthe on June 6, 1936, in Polson.

He worked in the woods for a number of years and retired after 23 years as a planer for the Forest Products mill.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Leone; son Jerry Aurand; sister Margaret Mann; stepsons Hank and Frank Rauthe; and stepdaughter Agnes Newell.

He is survived by a son, Oliver Aurand, Jr., of Spokane; stepson Carl Rauthe, of Kalispell; stepdaughters Jennie Meyers and Elsie Sundberg, both of Kalispell; brothers Pete Aurand, of Sequim, Wash., Charles Aurand, of Columbia Falls, and Bob

Aurand, of Kalispell; sister Lenora Page, of Wenatchee, Wash.; three grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and many other relatives and friends.

A funeral will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel, Rev. Stephen Snipstead, pastor of the Faith Free Lutheran Church, officiating. Burial will be in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Visitation is 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday at Johnson Mortuary.