

Walter Eaton, 54 1995

Walter Eaton, 54, of Kalispell, died July 26 at Kalispell Regional Hospital.

He was born Dec. 15, 1941. He was a resident of Glacier Manor and was employed as a cook at the Eagles lodge. He was a member of the Kalispell Eagles and Moose clubs.

Services were held Tuesday with J.A. Legris, chaplain of the Kalispell Eagles Club, officiating.

William Eckerson, 69

William E. "Bill" Eckerson, 69, died Tuesday, March 7, 1995, at his home in Kalispell.

He was born April 3, 1925, in Gilman, Mont., to Orville L. and Rita E. Eckerson. He was raised and attended school in Augusta. He was a 10th-generation American and a fourth-generation Montanan. His ancestors migrated from Holland to New Amsterdam colony in America in 1640. Subsequent ancestors migrated to Fort Benton territory via Missouri River steamboat and settled in the Augusta area.

He was a game warden for 22 years, mostly in the Seeley Lake-Helena area with various assignments throughout the state. His district for 14 years was the southern portion, Big Prairie area, of the Bob Marshall Wilderness, where he was mauled by a grizzly bear in 1960. He retired due to a disability in 1970 and moved to Kalispell.

His first concern was his children and grandchildren. He loved them dearly. Montana history and geology

were of particular interest to him and he was at home anywhere in the state. He loved to float the rivers and hike the mountains, which he did with enthusiasm. He often reminded everyone that these were special privileges to be preserved to use another day.

He wrote several published magazine articles and also published a humorous novel entitled, "A Monument to Loneliness." The story portrays the social and working life of a sheep-ranching community where a large stone shepherders monument kept its lonely vigil on a distant hilltop.

He is survived by his daughter, JoEllen "Sissy" Clark, of Helena; four sons, William J. "Bim" of Helena, Thomas of Helena, Michael of Butte, and Douglas of Kalispell; 11 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and a brother, Richard L. Eckerson, of Lynwood, Wash.

Private family services will be held. Arrangements and cremation by Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

Phyllis Edington, 82

Phyllis Eleanor Magruder Edington, 82, of Kalispell, died April 10, 1995, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

She was born July 11, 1912, in Sidney, to George and Mary Alice Magruder. She was raised in Sidney and attended college at the University of Oregon in Eugene. She was a member of the Sigma Kappa Sorority.

She married Colonel Alfred A. Edington in Honolulu. They moved often and lived in Panama, New Orleans, and New Jersey. They had twin daughters, Mary Ellen and Georgane. Later she returned to Sidney to raise her daughters. She later divided time between Sidney and Mesa, Ariz.

In 1990, she moved to Kalispell to be near her daughter, Georgane, and family. She was active in P.E.O. and the Order of Eastern Star, as well as being active in her church, the Peo-

ple's Congregational Church of Sidney. Her hobbies included singing, playing piano and bridge. She was an accomplished artist specializing in watercolors.

She is survived by her daughters, Mary Ellen Edington of Mill Valley, Calif., and Georgane Sullivan and her husband, Joe, of Kalispell and their children, Jeremy Richter and Jesse Richter of Missoula and Katie and Jack Sullivan of Kalispell. She is also survived by one great-grandchild, Elliot Richter, son of Jeremy and Kate Richter.

Cremation has taken place, and her remains will be spread over her homestead in her beloved Sidney. A memorial service will be in Sidney on April 24 at 10:30 a.m. at the People's Congregational Church. Arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary. Memorials are suggested to the People's Congregational Church, Sidney, Mt.

Bessie Eichelberger, 104

Bessie Elmira Eichelberger, 104, died Oct. 26, 1995, in Veneta, Ore.

She was born March 12, 1891, in Hesperia, Mich., to William and Ida Richmond Rogers. She lived in Valier and Kalispell for many years.

She married Frederick Eichelberger in Spokane on June 29, 1910. He preceded her in death on Nov. 22, 1968.

She enjoyed quilting, needlework, reading and playing cards. She made more than 100 quilts. She was of the Methodist faith.

She is survived by her son, Fred

Eichelberger, of Tacoma; daughters Pearl Thompson, of East Wenatchee, Wash., Ethel Brown of Eugene, Ore., and Frances Croskrey, of Shelton, Wash.; 13 grandchildren, 26 great grandchildren and many other relatives.

Graveside services will be 1 p.m., Tuesday, at Glacier Memorial Gardens, Rev. Marvin Northcutt officiating. Friends and relatives will meet at the cemetery for services. Visitation is noon to 6 p.m., Monday, and 9 a.m. to noon on Tuesday at Johnson Mortuary.

Jessica Eisentraut, 10

Jessica Ellery Eisentraut, 10, cherished daughter of William "Ike" and Joani Eisentraut, died at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish on Friday, Aug. 18, 1995, following a swimming accident.



She was born Dec. 5, 1984, at Little Company of Mary Hospital in Torrance, Calif.

Her family moved to Columbia Falls in 1987. She was lovingly raised by her parents along with her sister, Cayce, amid puppies, hugs, kitties, horses and the great outdoors.

She attended St. Matthew's preschool and Cornelius Hedges School in Kalispell. She was scheduled to begin fifth grade at Cross Currents Christian School in Whitefish where she had completed fourth grade.

She enjoyed many friendships with children, adults, teachers and families. The people in her life were precious to her. Her favorite activities were those she shared with loved ones and which brought delight to others. She creatively used her artistic, musical, dance and entertainment abilities to give gifts of love to her family and friends.

She was the best big sister to younger Cayce for whom she adapted games, skits and roles. From her father, she acquired a passion for country western music; from her

mother, the classics. In dance, especially ballet, and piano, she found joy in developing her skills and ability to express the intense love of music born within her.

She also loved her horses and riding, skiing and biking.

Her passion for knowledge and exploring life found expression in reading, vacations and adventures at home or wherever she found herself to be.

She brought exuberance to whatever she set her heart to, and her creative ideas and loving hugs brightened many lives.

She is survived by her parents; her sister, Cayce; her grandparents, Al and Ceal Jennings of Bigfork and Lorraine Eisentraut of Phoenix, Ariz.; two aunts, Jane and Rose; and three uncles, Dale, Marvin and Don Eisentraut, all of Arizona, and their families.

Friends may call at Johnson Mortuary for visitation from 9 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, with the family present from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Christian prayer services will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Mass of the Angels will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday at St. Matthew's Catholic Church in Kalispell with the Rev. Joseph Sullivan as celebrant. Burial will be at Fairview Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be sent to Glacier Bank or the Cross Currents Christian School in Whitefish for the Jessica Eisentraut Memorial Fund.

Brandelle 'Brandi' Ellingson, 3

Brandelle 'Brandi' Dyan Ellingson died June 4, 1995.

She was born Feb. 3, 1992, to Greg and Cheryl Ellingson, joining her sister and best friend Kiersta. Brandi longed for the times when she was able to see her sister Courtney from Santa Fe.

She touched and brought great meaning to the lives of many. Her sweet smile, shining blue eyes and glowing face would pierce the heart. She will be missed and never forgotten, especially by her family. Her loving grandparents are Chet

and Geri Ellingson of Kalispell and Glen and Flossie Ross of Yellow Bay. She was blessed with 10 caring uncles and aunts and six cousins who were her devoted playmates.

Visitation will be today from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Our 'Celebration of Brandi' will be Thursday at 3 p.m. at Riverside Alliance Church. A reception will follow immediately at the church. Memorials can be made to the Shriner's Hospital, Box 2472, Spokane, WA 99210.

Martha Emmert, 86

Martha Navada Emmert, 86, of rural Columbia Falls, died Sunday, Aug. 6, 1995 at North Valley Hospital Extended Care.

She was born April 21, 1909, in Houghton, S.D., to Chancy Alfred and Linnie Grace Hall Buxton.

She married George David Emmert on July 12, 1929, in Wolf Point. In 1937, they moved to Marshfield, Mo. In 1941, the family moved to the Flathead Valley.

Her husband, George, died in July, 1984.

For the past five years, she lived with her daughter, Shirley M. Speer, in Columbia Falls. She was a member of the Whitefish Church of the

Nazarene.

Survivors include a daughter, Shirley M. Speer, of Columbia Falls; two sons, William David Emmert, of Raton, N.M., and Donald H. Emmert of Hot Springs; and many grandchildren and other relatives.

Funeral services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. at Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish with the Rev. Ronald Meyers of Pablo officiating. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens in Kalispell.

In lieu of flowers, the family has suggested that memorials can be made to the Flathead Christian Translator Association, P.O. Box 2289, Kalispell, Montana 59901.

Almet Perry Evans, 63

Almet Perry Evans, 63, of Bigfork, died from cancer at his home on Thursday, Feb. 2, 1995.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, Carl, Iver and Ben.

He is survived by his wife, Betty, of Bigfork; six stepdaughters, Rayann Baker of Spokane, Debbie Kokoruda of Bigfork, Pamela Moe and Jamie McDonough, both of Helena, Annette Kirby of Cottonwood, Ariz., and Christina Abbot of Lake Stevens, Wash.; two stepsons, Fred

Nelson of Arizona, and Brent Nelson of Missoula; 20 stepgrandchildren; five step-great-grandchildren; and five brothers, Ross Evans of Oregon, Ray Evans of Alabama, Joe Evans of Browning, and Garth Evans and Del Evans, both of Bigfork.

Memorial services will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. at Bigfork Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. Cremation has taken place under the direction of Mosley-Shrider Funeral Home of Polson.

Nancy Ann Evans, 38

Nancy Ann Evans, 38, died at her Kalispell home Tuesday, Jan. 3, 1995, from cancer.

She was born to Raymond and Jean Evans, July 6, 1956, in Boston.

She was preceded in death by her mother.

Survivors include her daughter, Darcie MacDonald, of Hanover, Mass.; her father, R.H. Evans, of Melrose, Mass.; sisters and brothers, Dr. Patricia Jean Evans of St. Ignatius, Joe Evans of Lynn, Mass., Sheila Klimek

of Melrose, Mass., Cathy Evans of Stoneham, Mass., Joyce Cheever of Lynn, R.H. Evans Jr. of Flint, Mich., Dr. Paul Evans of Lawton, Okla., Richard Evans of Malden, Mass., and John F. Evans, of Riverside, Calif.; and a second loving family of Valerie L. Kao, Glen and Connie Kao, grandmother Ruth Sunde, all of Kalispell, and Melissa Bryant of St. Ignatius.

No service is planned at this time. Arrangements and cremation are with Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

Dixie Erhard, 58

Dixie R. Erhard, 58, of Pendleton, Ore., died May 3, 1995, at her home in Pendleton. There will be no local funeral service. A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 27, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Troy on Lake Creek Rd.

Mrs. Erhard was born Feb. 11, 1937, in Libby to Harold L. and Bessie Rose Schermerhorn Basham. She married James Erhard at Coeur D'Alene Idaho, in 1958. They had been residents of Pendleton for the past three years and residents of Arcata, Calif., for 30 years prior.

She had been a member of the Women's International Bowling Congress for 25 years, and enjoyed art, sewing and music.

Survivors include her husband Jimmy; sons Larry Kuwahara of Blue Lake, Calif., Timothy Erhard of Weiser, Idaho; daughters Linda Provence and Terri Jones of Arcata Calif. and Tracy Erkelens of Pendleton, Ore.; parents Harold L. and Bessie Rose Schermerhorn Basham of Troy, Mont.; brothers Lester Basham of Libby, and Jay Basham of Troy; sisters Nancy Booth of Libby and Leslee Brinton of Sacramento, Calif. and 11 grandchildren; several cousins, nieces and nephews. *Libby*

Carlos Espinoza, 72

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Carlos A. Espinoza, 72, died Wednesday at Kalispell Regional Hospital.

He is survived by a daughter, Gloria Hernandez, of Eureka.

Memorial services will be Monday at 3 p.m. at the east end of the Kooacanusa Bridge. Eureka VFW will do the honors. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is in charge of cremation and arrangements.

Blanche Evert, 97

Blanche B. Evert, 97, died in Libby on Monday, Dec. 25, 1995.

She was born on Nov. 1, 1898, to Walter and Hattie Averill in Blue Earth, Minn.

She married Warren P. Evert in Havre on March 23, 1912. They moved to their farm north of Havre where they raised four children, Beaneita, Arthur, Lillian and Earl. Upon retiring and moving back to Havre in the spring of 1949, they turned the family farm over to their oldest son, Arthur.

She lived in Ronan and Kalispell for a time, eventually settling in 1984 in Libby where she resided until her death.

She spent her retirement years enjoying her garden and flowers. She also did some traveling with her son to Washington, D.C., and a trip to

Arizona to visit friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Warren, in June of 1958; her daughter, Beaneita, in August of 1964; her son, Arthur, in September of 1993; and two sisters, Violet, in 1963 and Ruth in 1968.

She is survived by a daughter, Lillian Johnston, of Libby; a son, Earl Evert, of Kalispell; many nieces and nephews; and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be Saturday at 1:30 p.m. at Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell where she will be laid to rest beside her husband, Warren. A celebration of her life will be held at the Eagles Lodge in Kalispell following the services. Arrangements are by Nelson & Vial Funeral Home of Libby.