

## Clareece M. Cooley, 74

Clareece M. Cooley of Whitefish, 74, died July 17, 1998, at Brendan House.

She was born July 22, 1923, in Whitefish, to John E. and Daisy Payne Reimer. She received her early education in Whitefish, graduating from Whitefish High School in 1941. She worked as a tailor making clothing and as a teacher in Montana. She was a "jack of all trades" and loved gardening and fishing. She enjoyed taking care of her family and grandchildren. She was loved by all who knew her.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a son, Marty Cooley, and a sister, Pauline L. Hill.

She is now survived by a son, Jerry Nebel, and wife, Jo, of Seattle;

two daughters, Sherry Fox and husband, Robert, of Libby, and Michele Jones and husband, Greg, of Atlanta, Ga.; a brother, Bruce Reimer, and wife, Mary Alice, of Whitefish; three sisters, Martha Cullen and husband, Paul, of Ronan, JoAnn Spurlock and husband, John, and Lorna Isaak, all of Whitefish; also several grandchildren, numerous nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Memorial services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. at the Bruce Reimer residence in Whitefish, with Dr. David V. Kauffman officiating. For more information call 862-2307. Cremation has taken place.

Arrangements and cremation are by Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

## Taylor Lyn Compton

Taylor Lyn Compton, 38 1/2 hours old, died Nov. 10, 1998 at Benefis East Hospital in Great Falls.

She was born Nov. 9, 1998 to Robert and Kelly (Keller) Compton in Great Falls.

She is survived by her parents, brother Michael Compton of Kalispell, paternal grandparents Terry and Linda Compton of Kalispell, maternal grandfather Clarence Keller of Havre, maternal grandmother Nayda Shanahan of Kalispell, and many aunts and uncles.

Funeral services and burial were held today in Havre.

Arrangements are under the direction of Holland and Bonine Funeral Home in Havre.

## Chester A. Comstock, 85

Chester A. Comstock, 85, of Eureka, died Sunday, Dec. 13, 1998, at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

He was born in Peru, Neb., on Oct. 7, 1913, to Forrest Comstock and Bessie Polston Comstock. He spent most of his childhood in Nebraska City, Neb., where he was raised and educated.

He married Jean Jackson Aug. 31, 1935. They farmed in Peru, for seven years until moving to Caldwell, Idaho, where they resided for many years.

While in Caldwell, he was employed as a meat cutter for Idaho Meat Packers. He and his wife came to Eureka in 1980, where he was semiretired, working part-time as a meat cutter at JB's Market.

He was an avid outdoorsman, enjoying hunting and fishing and he particularly enjoyed riding his horse.

He was preceded in death by a son, Gary, in 1973.

Survivors include his wife of 63 years, Jean, at the family home in Eureka; two sons, Terry Comstock and Jan Comstock, both of Eureka; a sister, Naoma Eloge of Nebraska City; 13 grandchildren, and 13 great-grandchildren.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. at Tobacco Valley Cemetery. Visitation will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Friday at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Eureka.

Memorials may be made to Eureka Ambulance, Box 736, Eureka, MT 59917.

## Joseph L. Cone, 91

Joseph L. Cone, 91, a longtime Kalispell resident, died in Missoula on Thursday, April 23, 1998.

He was born to Joseph H. and Mary Cone on Aug. 7, 1906, near Burke, Idaho.

When he was 6 years old his family moved to a homestead near Ronan. He graduated from Round Butte High School in 1923.

As a young man, he made his living as a trapper near McGregor Lake. In 1938, he married Janiel Williams and had three children. In 1958, they moved to Kalispell.

He worked for the Department of

State Forestry until his retirement in 1970.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Ed, Jim, and John Cone; sister Margaret Fisher; and grandson Jason Cone.

He is survived by Janiel Souther; his children, Joseph "Rod" Cone and Sid Cone, both of Missoula, and Sharon Catlow of Spokane; brother Leo "Bud" Cone of Denver; grandchildren, Laurie Doty of Seattle, Joe Cone of Missoula, Carrie Doty of Missoula, and Pam Speer of Kalispell.

Graveside services were held at Calvary Cemetery in Ronan.

## George Franklin Coan Jr., 67

George Franklin Coan Jr., 67, died on Dec. 23, 1998, after a struggle with cancer at Drayton Valley Hospital in Drayton, Alberta.

He was born to George and Gladys Puckett Coan on Feb. 2, 1931, in Aline, Okla. His parents moved to Coram in 1932, and in 1943, moved to Eureka, where he went to school.

He served in the Armed Forces during the Korean War. He received the Korean Service Medal, two Bronze Service stars, and the United Nations Service Medal. He served his four years as a tank driver.

In 1958, he moved to Seeley Lake, and in 1980, to Arlee.

He worked in the timber industry until forced to retire due to his health.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing, hunting guide service, animal husbandry and gardening.

He is survived by his wife Myrtle; 10 stepchildren; three sisters, Patsy Anderson of Pasco, Wash., Barbara Parac of Tonopah, Nev., and Verna Allen of Missoula; various stepgrandchildren, great-grandchildren; and special friend Myrel Brunner of Evansburg, Alberta.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Evelyn Gibson Coan; his parents, George Coan and Gladys Coan Grier; one stepson; and three stepgrandchildren.

At his request, he has been cremated and memorial graveside services will be held in Eureka at a later date.

## Charlotte Fenton 'Sue,' 70, and Daniel William Conrad, 71

Charlotte Fenton "Sue" and Daniel William Conrad died suddenly in an automobile accident on Oct. 21, 1998, in Kalispell, at the ages of 70 and 71, respectively. They were residents of Kalispell for 17 years.



They were married Aug. 16, 1950, after meeting at the University of Colorado in Boulder. Dan served as an aviation cadet in the USAF at the end of World War II, then earned a bachelor degree in engineering.

Sue earned her bachelor degree in medical technology and worked in that field until 1952.

Dan began his professional career in Chicago, Ill., with General Motors Corporation as an engineer. He later joined General American Transportation Corporation and advanced through the ranks to the position of vice president and director. He also held the position of director of the First National Bank of East Chicago, Ill.

Upon retirement, they moved to Eureka, where they ranched for two years. In 1977 they formed the Conrad Investment Corporation which they ran until the present. Both enjoyed traveling, especially to Ireland in pursuit of their hobby, genealogy. On Easter Sunday of this year they joyfully joined the St. Matthews Catholic Church in

Kalispell. Both were active in Kalispell and familiar to many. They were a unique sight in the community as they toured the area in their red convertible Jeep. They were a joy to their friends and family.

They are survived by their son, Daniel and his wife, Debbie, of Houston, Texas; their daughter, Sally and her husband, Chris, of Kalispell; and another son, Peter and his wife, Leslie, of Eads, Colo.; and eight grandchildren. Dan is also survived by three sisters, Rita Thurmond, Ellie Evans, and June Schweiger. Sue is also survived by one brother, Larry Fenton.

Dan was preceded in death by his parents, Frank "Judd" and Eleanor "Liz" Conrad of Chicago. Sue was preceded in death by her parents, Ward and Charlotte Fenton of Rocky Ford, Colo.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, at 9 a.m. at the Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory in Kalispell, followed by a reception at the St. Matthews Catholic Church in Kalispell.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made, in their memory, to the Flathead County Library for the purchase of books, or by making donations to St. Matthews Catholic Church in Kalispell.

Dan is fondly remembered for his favorite saying "Seldom correct but never in doubt," and Sue for her cheerfulness and uncommon patience. Anywhere they were, they enjoyed their friends.

## Joel Kyle Conrad, 28

Joel Kyle Conrad, 28, died at his home of heart failure on Jan. 14, 1998.

He was born Jan. 13, 1970, in Kalispell, to Charles and Loretta Conrad.

He attended Helena Flats Elementary and graduated from Flathead High School in 1988. He was baptized and confirmed in Trinity Lutheran Church.

He married Kari Jones on March 6, 1993, in Kalispell. He enjoyed outdoor activities with his wife and two little daughters.

He was a cabinet maker and worked for Northwest Cabinet. In 1995, he and his partner Lance McIntyre established their own cabinet business, Alpine Cabinets. He was a kind and loving son, father and husband who will be greatly missed.

He is survived by his loving wife, Kari, and daughters Jessica and Karley at the family home; parents Charles and Loretta Conrad, all of



Kalispell; brothers Wade Conrad, of Portland, Ore., and Todd Conrad, of Kalispell; grandmothers Helen Conrad and Helen Everett, both of Kalispell; mother and father-in-law Eva and Ron Jones, of Martin

City and many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be 1-4 p.m., today, at Johnson Mortuary. The casket will be closed for the service. A funeral service will be 10 a.m., Monday, at Trinity Lutheran Church, pastor Darold Reiner officiating. Private family burial will follow at Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

A memorial education fund has been set up for his children. Contributions may be sent to in care of Kari Conrad, PO Box 5004, Kalispell, 59903.

## Edith Margaret Rae Connor, 82

Edith Margaret Rae Connor, 82, died Wednesday, Nov. 4 at her home near Columbia Falls.

She was born May 26, 1916 in Goldstone to William L. and Ella M. Yeats.

As a child, she moved to Columbia Falls and lived with her grandmother. She attended Columbia Falls High School and Brother Van's Methodist College in Helena.

In 1937, she married Clarence N. Connor in Havre. They shared 57 years together, raising five children, until his death in 1994.

Friends remember her most for her service as a librarian at the Columbia Falls Library, for her role as a Sunday School teacher and active member of the First Baptist Church, and for her exemplary life as a servant of God who shared the love of Jesus to all who came her way.

Reading was her passion, flowers her infatuation, camping her pastime, and ceramics her hobby, but people were the joy of her life.

She is survived by daughters Norma M. Connor and Doris J. Connor of Seattle, and Marie F. Martin and her husband, Elmer, of Kalispell; sons Alan R. Connor and his wife, Tu, of Columbia Falls and David R. Connor and his wife, Carol, of Tulsa, Okla.; 10 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren; half-sisters Charma Cress, Cheryl Chisehall, and Sharon Carico of Virginia; and many loving friends.

Services and burial were held Saturday. Arrangements were by Columbia Mortuary.

The family has suggested that memorials be made to the First Baptist Church in Columbia Falls.

## Donna F. Copenhaver, 62

Donna F. Copenhaver, 62, of Helena, passed away Monday, Jan. 5, 1998, following a short battle with cancer.

She was born Sept. 2, 1935, in Kalispell, to Beryl and Virginia Schultz Wagner. She was raised and attended schools in the Kalispell area.

She found the love of her life on March 15, 1980, when she married Rodney Copenhaver in Helena. They made Helena their home.

She worked at OSCO Drug for 11 years. After her marriage she and her husband opened an antique shop, "Monday's Child," in 1989. They also ran a traveling food concession stand. She enjoyed antiques, traveling, boating and fishing with her husband, the outdoors, and her many friends and family.

She is survived by her husband Rod of Helena; two sons and daughters-in-law, Steve and Cynthia Bronson of Colorado Springs, Colo., Gordon and Peggy Bronson of Helena; daughter and son-in-law, Terry and Allen Danzer of Conrad; parents Beryl and Virginia Wagner of Hun-

gry Horse; brother and sister-in-law Berylene and Forrey Taylor of Kalispell; three stepchildren, Trish Copenhaver of Ukiah, Calif., Joanie Owens of Kalispell, and Travis Copenhaver of Carlin, Nev.; nine grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one sister, Patti McHale.

Wake services will be held today at 7 p.m. in Linden's Herrmann & Company Funeral Home in Helena. Funeral services will be held Thursday at 2 p.m. at the Johnson Mortuary in Kalispell, with the Rev. Jerry Buchanan, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Columbia Falls, officiating.

Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery near Kalispell. Friends may call from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursday at the Johnson Mortuary for visitation.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to Hospice of St. Peters Hospital, 2312 Lockey, Helena, MT 59601.

## Nancy Jean Coppedge, 48

Nancy Jean Coppedge, 48, died on Sunday, April 12, 1998, at Immanuel Lutheran Home.

She was born on Nov. 24, 1949, the daughter of Lewis and Dorothy Coppedge at Kalispell. She attended school and graduated from Flathead High School Special Education Program.

She worked for Flathead Industries doing various jobs until moving to Immanuel Lutheran Home in February of 1998.

She participated in the Special Olympics and Climb the Big Mountain. She enjoyed music and bowling and was an avid Elvis Presley fan.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers, Thomas and Robert and is now survived by three sisters, Sharon Treweek and

husband Wayne, Karen Roche and husband, Mike, both of Kalispell, Terry Miller and husband, Gene, of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; brother Gerry "Mike" Coppedge and wife, Barbara, of Vancouver, Wash.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. on Thursday at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery with the Rev. Darold Reiner, pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, officiating. Friends will meet at the cemetery for services. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Wednesday and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursday.

Memorials are suggested to Flathead Industries, P.O. Box 1916, Kalispell, MT 59903. Arrangements are by the Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

## 1998 Julie Ann Lane Corbett, 40

Julie Ann Lane Corbett, 40, passed away Jan. 28 in Spokane.

She was a resident of Kalispell before moving to Spokane in 1983.

She is survived by her husband, John, son, Patrick, and daughter Colleen, all of Spokane; mother Carol Lane; sisters Lorrie Christman and Leslie Lane, of Kalispell and brother

Greg Lane, of Florida.

She was a member of First Baptist Church of Kalispell and the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick in Spokane. She worked for Consolidated Freightways.

Memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church, 301 W. Wyoming St., Kalispell.

## Earl James Cork, 79

Earl James Cork, 79, died Monday, Jan. 19, 1998, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

He was born on Jan. 25, 1918, in Salmon, Idaho, to James and Blanch McLaughlin Cork. He was raised and received his education there. He worked as a forester for Burlington Northern Railroad for 29 years and retired in 1982.

He enjoyed gardening, playing the accordion, and the outdoors. He also enjoyed traveling to Mexico in his retirement years.

He married Clara Harding on Oct. 9, 1995, at Las Vegas, NV.

He was a member of the Eagles and the Accordion Association.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two daughters, Sharon and Patty; and two sons, Ron and Rex; and one sister.

He is survived by his wife, Clara, of Kalispell; two sons, Steve Cork of

Spokane, and Virgil Cork of Phoenix, Ariz.; three daughters, Sandy Cork of Spokane; Marti Martin of Condon, Marsha Stronolof of Missoula; two brothers, Warren Cork and Lee Cork, both of Seeley Lake; two sisters, Orine Sperry of Kellogg, Idaho, and Edna Rae Bohon of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; and numerous other relatives.

Memorial services will be Friday at 11 a.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Marvin Northcutt of United Epworth Methodist Church officiating. Cremation and arrangements are by the Johnson Mortuary Crematory.

## Marjorie Fincher Cortes, 73

Marjorie Fincher Cortes, 73, died in Boise, Idaho, on Aug. 3, 1998, after a 10-year struggle with ovarian cancer.

She was born Jan. 22, 1925, in Spokane, to Walter E. and Gladys Clayton Fincher. She lived in Eureka until the age of 11, and after the early death of her father, the family moved to Kalispell. She graduated from Flathead County High School in 1944.

She worked at various jobs in Kalispell, and married Stanley Read here. She later lived briefly in Las Vegas, Nev., where she worked in

several establishments there.

She was working in Noxon, during the construction of the dam when she met and married Robert Selby. Together they traveled extensively as part of his business with his construction company. They moved to Boise where Bob Selby died. She later met and married Reuben Cortes.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and two brothers, James and Bill.

She is survived by her husband and two sons, Reuben and Ricardo.

Memorial services were held Aug. 5 in Boise.

## 229 W 1999 Vivian 'Slim' Marshall Coursien, 83

Vivian "Slim" Marshall Coursien, 83, of Pony and formerly of Kalispell, died Monday afternoon at Madison Valley Hospital in Ennis.

He was born Feb. 25, 1915, in Willow Creek, to Marshall and Effie O'Green Coursien. He was raised in Willow Creek and graduated from the Willow Creek school.

He worked for the Orphan Girl Mine in Butte. He went into the service during World War II and served in the Army as a master sergeant.

March 6, 1946, he married Alice Katherine Beam. He worked on the Hungry Horse Dam until its completion. He then worked in construction at the Anaconda Aluminum Co. in Columbia Falls. He retired in 1975, and spent his retirement years hunting

and fishing. He lived in Kalispell until recently, when he moved to Pony.

He was a member of the Elks Lodge in Kalispell.

He is survived by his son, James Marshall Coursien of Pony, four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his second wife, Della Collins, and his parents.

Graveside services will be held Thursday at 2 p.m. in the Glacier Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell with Bishop Terry Maki officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to the cancer fund of the donor's choice. K&L Mortuary of Harrison, is handling the arrangements.

## Ethel Elizabeth Counsell, 81

Ethel Elizabeth Counsell, 81, a former Kalispell resident, died Monday, April 20, 1998, at Immanuel Lutheran Home.

She was born April 22, 1916, in Parkers Prairie, Minn., to John and Francis Kuhne Thorpe. She was married to Clinton Counsell on April 27, 1940, in Chelan, Wash.

She enjoyed reading, talking about current events, and politics. For most of her life, she was a homemaker. Later she worked as nurse aid at the Immanuel Lutheran Home. She also worked part-time in the kitchen at Elrod Elementary School.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Clinton Counsell and son, David James Counsell.

Survivors are sons, Ron Counsell of Baltimore, Md., Alan Counsell of

Salt Lake City, Utah, Merlyn Counsell of Columbia Falls, Steve Counsell of Novi, Mich.; sisters, Luella Antonsen of St. Paul, Minn., Kathryn Stiles of San Dimas, Calif., LaVera Swibies of Portland, Ore., Blanche Burger of Chapin, Ill., Adelaide Buse, of Alexandria, Minn., Viola Moser of Brooke, Minn.; numerous grandchildren; nieces, and nephews.

Visitation will be today until 6 p.m. today, Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon.

She requested that a private family service with burial be performed. For this reason extended visitation is offered for friends and acquaintances.

Johnson Mortuary is assisting the family with arrangements.z

## Cynthia 'Cyd' Cox, 46

Cynthia "Cyd" Cox, 46, of Bellingham, Wash., died Tuesday, Nov. 10, 1998, in Bellingham.

She was born Oct. 24, 1952, in Modesto, Calif., to Jim and Hazel Hamilton Cox Sr.

She worked as a unit secretary for the hospital in Coos Bay, Ore., before moving to Bellingham in March 1992. She spent the last six and a half years of her life in Bellingham, having the best time of her life while engaged in the toughest fight of her life.

She loved reading books to the extent that it was almost like a hobby. She loved all of her friends at the dialysis center and her church family at Calvary Temple.

She died on Tuesday morning with her mom by her side.

She is survived by her mother, Hazel; her husband, Jack Curtis of Bellingham; her father, Jim and his

wife, Louise Cox Sr., of Columbia Falls; brother Jim Jr. and his wife, Debra Cox, of Columbia Falls; sister Jennifer D. Orem of Columbia Falls; grandmother Ora Cox of Hanford, Calif.; grandfather Lew Curtis of Kalispell; stepbrothers, David, Michael, and Daniel Curtis of Missoula; stepsister Anita Kauffman of Columbia Falls; two nieces and three nephews; and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

The family suggested that memorials be made to the Mt. Baker Kidney Center, 2901 Squalicum Parkway, Bellingham, WA 98225.

A funeral service will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. The Rev. Jerry Buchanan of the First Baptist Church will officiate. Burial will follow in Fairview Cemetery near Columbia Falls.

## Inga Olsen Crail, 86

Inga Olsen Crail, 86, died July 11, 1998, at North Valley Hospital.

She was born July 6, 1912, in Alamo, N.D., to Lars and Henrikka Soiseth. She joined two brothers, John and Chris, and a sister, Anne. The Soiseth family grew to include twin sisters, Hazel and Louise, brother Lenard and sister Margaret. She attended a one-room country grade school and Alamo High School. She was baptized and confirmed at Free Lutheran Church in Alamo, N.D.

During the Depression, Inga and three friends left the farm for New York City to find work. While in New York, she met and married a fellow Norwegian, Andy Olsen, on Feb. 13, 1937. In December 1937, their first child, Helen, was born.

Some months later, the Olsen family went back to Inga's home state where they operated cafes in Grenora and Mouse River. In 1943, they began farming near her parents' farm. While there, their son Arne was born in March, 1943.

They moved temporarily to Columbia Falls in 1947, where their daughter Louise was born in February 1948. They continued farming until 1951. They then returned to North Dakota and opened Andy's Cafe in Alamo. They worked together there for many years. While in Alamo, daughter Ricci Kathryn joined the family in February, 1954. In 1966, they returned to Columbia Falls. Her husband died on Sept. 4, 1971.

She met and married Bill Crail in



April, 1978. He died in September, 1983. She continued to live in Columbia Falls until she was called home to the arms of the Lord.

She was an active and faithful member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Columbia Falls for 32 years. She also sang with the Senior Citizens Troubadours and was a member of the Golden Agers.

She was preceded in death by her husband Andy Olsen, Bill Crail, parents, sister Louise and brother John.

Surviving are her children, Helen Dollan and husband Jack of Whitefish, Arne Olsen and wife Marilyn of Williston, N.D., Louise Gulick of Whitefish, Ricci Kathryn Olsen of Kalispell; grandchildren, Lauri Dollan Akins of Carlsbad, N.M., Lt. Cmdr. Jon Andre Dollan of Martinez, Ga., John Martin Dollan of Whitefish, Alissabeth Olsen Butcher of Chicago, Ill., Susanna Olsen McGillan of Elko, Nev., Christopher Gulick of Whitefish, Patrick Gulick of Missoula; and great-grandchildren, Daniel and Rachel Akins and Matthew McGillan. Survivors also include sisters Anne Thomas of Columbia Falls; Hazel Durfee of Tampa, Fla; Margaret Reed of Upland, Calif.; and brothers, Chris and Lenard Soiseth of Williston, N.D.; and many nieces and nephews.

The family suggests memorials be given in her name to Wings Regional Cancer Support, 310 Sunnyview Lane, Kalispell.

Visitation will be today from 12 noon to 8 p.m. at Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. A funeral service will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. at Our Savior's Lutheran Church with the Rev. Thomas Gopp officiating. Interment will follow at Woodlawn Cemetery.

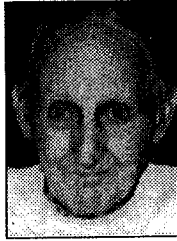
## Oscar Edson Cramer, 92

Oscar Edson Cramer, 92, died Friday, March 13, 1998, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

He was born July 1, 1905, in Jamesport, Mo., to George E. and Martha Wheelchel Cramer. At the time of his birth, his father was a train engineer, a job that took the family from Missouri, Minnesota, South Dakota and on to Montana. They settled in Winnett, where he graduated from Winnett High School and was offered a football scholarship. But due to the Depression-era economy, he opted to remain on the farm to help his parents through this difficult time and worked in the oil fields.

He married Dorothy Shafer on Jan. 7, 1928, in Lewistown. They had four daughters. He worked as foreman at the Bison Range in Moiese, later moving to Kalispell, where he worked at Kalispell Lumber Co. and Kalispell Mercantile Grocery. During World War II, he was a pipefitter at Lake Washington Shipyards while his wife was employed in the drafting department.

After returning to Kalispell, he worked construction on both the Hungry Horse Dam and the Anaconda Aluminum Plant. Upon comple-



tion of these projects he worked for many years for the city of Kalispell. Upon retirement, he filled in the empty time working for Flathead Janitorial Service.

He is survived by his daughters, Rosa Lee Behrens and husband, Jack, of Kalispell, Hazel Jean Hill and husband, Lee, of Longview, Wash., Shirley May Sutton and husband, James, of Kirkland, Wash.; sister Grace Stoverud and husband, Arnold, of Great Falls; four grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren; three nieces; and one nephew.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 56 years, an infant daughter and great-granddaughter; and a brother and sister.

He was a loving and devoted family man and will be missed. He was admired and respected by friends throughout the valley. "Now rise and shine in God's Heavenly Kingdom, our dearest father."

Visitation will be until 6 p.m. today at Johnson Mortuary Chapel. A service will be 2 p.m. Tuesday at First Baptist Church, 301 West Wyoming, in Kalispell. The Revs. Max Kaser and Peter Ramseth will officiate. Memorials may be made to Immanuel Lutheran Home or First Baptist Church. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.



## Margaret L. Croisettier, 86

Margaret L. Croisettier, 86, died Thursday, Feb. 5, 1998, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

She was one of six children born to James and Nora Stevens Bergmann. She was born on Aug. 12, 1911, in Newport, Minn., where she received her early education. Her father was employed by the Great Northern Railroad and he, with his family, was transferred to International Falls, Minn., and later to Kalispell, in 1923. She graduated from Flathead County High School in 1928, receiving her first teaching certificate at that time.

After attending one year at Montana State Normal School in Dillon, now known as Western Montana College, she began her teaching career in the rural schools of Sanders and Flathead Counties. In 1936, she married Clifford Croisettier. They were later divorced.

During World War II, she started teaching at the Cornelius Hedges School in Kalispell. Summer school sessions and a leave of absence enabled her to further her education, and she received her bachelor of arts degree from the University of LaVerne in California.

In 1964, she and a friend, Charlotte Ebeltopt, were asked to go to Nagoya, Japan, where she served as principal and teacher at the newly established Nagoya International school. This was a wonderful experience. All the years since then, she kept in touch with the many new friends she met there. Many of those friends in Japan visited them here in Kalispell.



Upon returning to Kalispell, she continued her work at Cornelius Hedges. She retired in 1973. Besides her teaching, she was very fond of photography, especially of nature subjects. Glacier National Park was a favorite location.

She was a member of Montana Retired Teachers Association and belonged to the Epworth United Methodist Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her son, William Croisettier; a brother, Walter Bergmann; and a granddaughter, Carolyn Stone.

She is survived by her daughter, Carlyle Gilders and husband, Arthur, of Chino, Calif.; a granddaughter, Karen Whitner and husband, Ted, of Taylorsville, Utah; four great-grandchildren; Vance, Joshua and Sara Whitner also of Taylorsville, and a granddaughter, Robbid Stone and husband, Glenn, of Lawrenceville, Ga.; great-great-grandchildren, Tiffance, Alexandria and Taylor Stone of Lawrenceville; a great-grandson, Joseph Gabbard of California; two sisters, Glenyce Krogstad of Kalispell, Patti Plumb and husband, Jay, of Wenatchee, Wash.; two brothers, Philip Bergmann and wife, Bess, of Pomona, Calif., and Wallace Bergmann and wife, Mary Jane, of Kalispell; a former daughter-in-law, Ramani Croisettier Fraissl and her husband, Gerry Fraissl; three step-grandchildren, William, Stephanie and Jennifer; a sister-in-law, Mina Schoon and her husband, Neil; also many nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be at the Epworth United Methodist Church Tuesday, Feb. 10 at 2 p.m., with the Rev. Marvin Northcutt officiating. Cremation and arrangements are by the Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

## Hazel Irene Croskrey, 86

Hazel Irene Croskrey, 86, of Bigfork, died on Wednesday May 13, 1998, at Brendan House, where she had been a resident for the past four years.

She was born in Bigfork on Jan. 29, 1912, the daughter of Leo and Ida Shack Coverdell.

She married Robert Croskrey on May 23, 1936, and they lived in Kalispell, moving to their home north of Bigfork in 1952. She was known for her beautiful flower gardens and crafts. She was a member of Swan Chapel.

She was preceded in death by three sons: an infant son in 1930, Leroy in



1937, and John in 1980; her husband, Robert in 1992; her parents; two brothers; and one sister.

She is survived by one daughter, Carol Pierce and husband, Ron, of Bigfork; three grandchildren, Ronda and Mark Kingstad of Beaverton, Ore., Shari and Kevin Mohl of Kalispell, Jim Bob and Serena Pierce of Bigfork; and four great-grandchildren, Rory Michael and Robbie Kingstad and C.J. and Kaycee Mohl.

Funeral services for will be held Saturday at 1 p.m. at the Little Brown Alliance Church in Bigfork with the Rev. Ron Pierce officiating. The family suggests memorials be made to the donor's choice. Visitation will be today until 6 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Arrangements are by the Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

## O. Karl Croskrey, 94

O. Karl Croskrey, a long-time resident of Montana, died peacefully at his home on Saturday, Oct. 24, 1998.

He was born on Jan. 13, 1904, in Tama, Iowa, the son of Levi "Lee" S. and Laura Belle "Barnt" Croskrey. He was schooled in rural communities of Iowa and Minnesota, and as a young adult attended Michigan State Automotive School in Detroit.

After graduation he went west to join his parents who had moved to Kalispell. There he met a neighbor, Ida Koenig, whom he fell in love with and married on Aug. 22, 1925. Three days after the wedding, they moved to Missoula.

He was employed by McCullough's Garage, Louie's Garage and Nybo's Studebaker Garage, where he was shop foreman. After 30 years in the garage business, he joined United Fund (a Waddell and Reed mutual investment company), where he was division manager. He won many honors in sales and continued to work at this business until his retirement at age 90.

He led an active life — always on the go. In his younger days he was a Scout master, hunted and loved to fish at Lake Mary Ronan and Flathead Lake. He and his wife traveled to Hawaii, Spain, Africa, Bahamas as well as within the U.S.

He was a 50-year member of the

Masonic Order and attended St. Paul's Lutheran Church during his Missoula residency.

He loved people and enjoyed his work. He took great pleasure in helping others with their financial planning. He was also proud of his home and family.

He is survived by his wife of 73 years, Ida; two children, Donald of the family home and Ruth L. and Jesse W. Long of Helena; three grandchildren, Laaurie and Lyle Howell of Bozeman, Marc and Tracy Long of Kennewick, Wash., Gary and Maggie Long of Helena; great-grandchildren include Ryan Howell and Lacy Howell and Cheridy Long and Amasius Aduviri and Corey and Heather Morris Long. Brother Arthur Croskrey of Kalispell, is the sole survivor of the Levi Croskrey family.

He was preceded in death by parents, five brothers, and three sisters.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. on Tuesday at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 202 Brooks St., with interment to follow in the Missoula Cemetery. Friends may pay their respects at the Garden City Funeral Home and Crematory, 1705 W. Broadway on Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be given to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, the American Heart Association or the Diabetes Association.

## Terrance Crosswhite

<sup>1998</sup>  
Terrance James (T.J.) Crosswhite, 61, died Nov. 15 in Spokane at Alderwood Manor Nursing Home, his home for the last 19 years.

He was born on Christmas Day, 1936, in Anaconda, to Joseph B. and Veronica McNay Crosswhite. The family moved to Columbia Falls, where T.J. attended school and worked on the farm with his mother. After graduation from Columbia Falls High School, he worked at the Anaconda Aluminum plant in Columbia Falls and at Plum Creek Lumber Company on the green chain. Then he took an apprenticeship to learn ironworking.

Over the next 20 years, he worked for local, regional and national companies as an ironworker and usually as a foreman or supervisor. Working in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, North Dakota, California and Michigan, he built bridges, dams, buildings, missile silos, freeway overpasses, and other structures. He worked on many of the Columbia River dam projects, was the first person to walk across the Lyons Ferry Bridge, and supervised the building of the footbridges for Spokane's EXPO-74 world's fair.

He married Marlene Hodge in Deer Lodge in 1962. They had two children, Jim and Teresa.

His hobbies included fishing, hunting, the outdoors, Spokane Indians baseball and bowling.

He was a member of Spokane Local Number 14 of the Ironworkers Union, the Spokane Masonic Lodge, Shriners, and Scottish Rite, and Millwood Presbyterian Church.

On Oct. 21, 1976, he had a near fatal accident while working on the Hamilton Street overpass for Interstate 90.

Surviving are his son, James Crosswhite of Spokane; daughter, Teresa Hanger of Seattle; caregiver, Marlene Peters; three grandchildren; uncles and an aunt in Montana, and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family suggest memorials to Morning Star Boys Ranch, Box 8087, Spokane, WA 99203 or Shriners Hospitals for Children, Box 2472, Spokane, WA 99210-2472. <sup>HH</sup>

Memorial service is Thursday (today) at Alderwood Manor, Spokane. Graveside service is Friday in Anaconda.

## Charles Frederick Crowe, 84

Charles Frederick "Fred" Crowe, 84, died March 8, 1998, at Buffalo Hills Terrace in Kalispell.



He was born Dec. 26, 1913, in Finzel, Md., to Roy and Clara L. Wolfe Crowe. He was one of a family of 13 children. After finishing grade school, it was not possible for him to attend high school so he worked at the family farm for a number of years and later in a clay mine.

After he was 21 he started high school at Grantsville, Md., as a freshman. That year saw the end of his high school education.

He married Janet Elizabeth Knepp on Oct. 18, 1936. They had five children. He had a local preacher's license and was asked to take over pastoral work in Gainesboro, Va., the following year. He preached there for two years and then moved to Summerfield and Point Marion, Pa.

Wanting more education, he asked to be moved to a location where he could go to school, and the growing family moved to Brave, Pa. After passing his college entrance examinations, his lack of high school credits was waived by the president of Waynesburg College and he began college there in 1942. During college he served five churches, and for two years also drove a school bus.

After receiving his bachelor of science degree in education, he moved his family to Ellerslie, Md., and enrolled at Westminster Theological Seminary in Westminster, Md. He was graduated with a bachelor of sacred theology degree in 1949.

In 1949, he and his wife came to Montana where he served as pastor at many Methodist churches, first at Roundup, from 1949 to 1955. While in Roundup they built a new sanctuary on the old church building. Next he

served in Glendive from 1955 to 1958, where they built the new education building addition. Then he moved to Kalispell from 1958 to 1961. The family then moved to Choteau, where he served from 1961 to 1968. He then moved to Glasgow where he lived from 1968 to 1980. While in Glasgow he led in remodeling the basement and adding a new entrance to the church. He retired in 1980, at which time he moved back to Kalispell, where he served a minister of Visitations for Epworth United Methodist Church.

He had served on many boards of the Conference, the Board of Ministry, the Board of Trustees, and he was treasurer of the Board of Trustees for 18 years. He was dean of the pastor's school for five years. He served as dean of several youth camps, and was a member of CCOM for eight years and a member of the Commission on Archives and History for a number of years.

He and his wife celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary Oct. 18, 1996.

He is survived by his wife Janet of Kalispell; two sons, David Charles Crowe of Columbia Falls, and Paul Frederick Crowe of Seattle, Wash.; three daughters, Mary Elizabeth Bond of Columbia Falls, Sarah Jane Grigg of Portsmouth, Va., and Rebecca Ann Obernolte of Spokane; also many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. at the Epworth United Methodist Church with the Rev. Marvin Northcutt officiating. Burial will precede the service at 10 a.m. Wednesday morning at Woodlawn Cemetery.

The family suggests memorials be sent to Epworth United Methodist Church, 329 2nd Ave. East, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Visitation will be Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Arrangements are by the Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

## 1998 Ralph Leo Curtis, 86

Ralph Leo Curtis, 86, a resident of Chattaroy, Wash., formerly of Kalispell and Eureka, died Tuesday, Nov. 10, in Chattaroy.

He was born in Ferndale on July 10, 1912. He grew up in western Montana. On May 31, 1958, he married Gladys Swenson in Kalispell.

He was a sawmill sawyer and owned and operated a lumber mill in College, Alaska, near Fairbanks, where he and his wife built and established the Curtis School.

He is survived by his wife Gladys

of Chattaroy; sons Dale J. Curtis of North Pole, Alaska, Loren S. Curtis of Chattaroy, and Richard Neville of Victor; daughters La Donna Welbey of Lawton, Okla., Betty R. Sylvester of Spokane; 26 grandchildren, two stepgrandchildren, and 66 great-grandchildren.

Graveside services and interment at 3 p.m. Saturday at the Conrad Memorial Park Cemetery in Kalispell. His nephew, the Rev. Don Curtis, will officiate.

Lauer Funeral Home in Deer Park, Wash., is handling arrangements.

## Tyler Steven Curtis, 17

Tyler Steven Curtis, 17, of Choteau, died on Sunday night, March 29, 1998, at home, after fighting his last battle with Duchenne muscular dystrophy. He was in his wheelchair watching "Touched by an Angel" with loved ones.

He was born on July 23, 1980, to Greg and Kathi "Kat" Curtis in Choteau. After living in Seattle for 12 years, he moved back to Choteau, the place he always called home, to be with his family and friends.

He was known as an incredibly creative and insightful artist, builder, Nintendo player and wise quipster. His bright and often mischievous smile brought sunshine and warmth to those he met and his quiet, accepting, loving presence left no one untouched.

He was preceded in death by his older brother, Chad Richmond Cur-

tis, who died in 1994 at the age of 18.

Survivors include his father, Gregory Curtis and sister Chelsea of Choteau; his mother, Kathleen "Kat" Curtis of Kalispell; grandparents Grant and Joyce Curtis of Choteau, and Martha Stevens and George and Arleen Stevens, all of Great Falls; uncles, Jeff Curtis of Dupuyer, Todd Curtis of Seattle, Gary Stevens of Loma; aunts, Marci Curtis Eckerson of Helena, Arlene Stevens-Pinkey of New York City, N.Y., and Tina Stevens Elliott of Indianapolis, Ind.

A memorial service for friends, family and classmates will be Friday at the Choteau High School auditorium at 2:30 p.m.

Memorials are suggested to the Montana Muscular Dystrophy Association, 2070 Overland Ave. #101, Billings, MT 59102 or the Choteau Public Library.

## Audrey Harrell Curry

Audrey "Audie" Harrell Curry, 67, of Bandera, Texas, died Saturday, Nov. 7, 1998, in a San Antonio hospital. She was born July 20, 1931, in Kalispell to Earl A. Harrell and Verna A. Scovill Harrell.

On Sept. 18, 1982, she married Franklin Pierce Curry Jr. in San Antonio. He preceded her in death on May 25, 1996.

Mrs. Curry was a diamond appraiser and was a member of the Bandera VFW Post #9176 Ladies Auxiliary.

Survivors include one daughter, Susan Taylor and husband Richard of San Jose, Calif.; one

son Terry Story of Rutland, Vt.; two sisters, Merle Harris of Bigfork and Evelyn Markel of Richland, Wash.; two brothers, Ray Harrell of Lyle, Wash., and Claude Harrell of Milwauke, Ore.

She is also survived by two grandchildren, Kimberly Masters and Christopher Hamlin of Plattsmouth, Neb.; and one great-grandchild, Nicole Masters of Plattsmouth.

Services were Thursday, Nov. 12, at Grimes Chapel in Bandera with the Rev. Ken Brown officiating.

Interment followed in Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery. *BF*

## 1998 Beecher P. Cushman, 65

Beecher P. Cushman died at his residence in Butte.

He was born on Aug. 11, 1932, in Great Falls, to William B. and Edna Ford Cushman. He attended Pacific University, graduating in optometry. He retired recently having been a practicing optometrist.

He belonged to the Knights of Columbus and the Ancient Order of Hibernians. He was an avid gardener and an active member of St. Anns Parish.

He married the former Lorraine Dosch in 1961 in Towner, N.D.

He is survived by wife Lorraine Cushman of Butte; son Kevin Cushman of Boulder, Colo.; sons and

daughters-in law Pat and Carol Cushman of Concord, Calif., and Colin and Amy Cushman of Bellingham, Wash.; grandchildren Sean Cushman and Kyle Cushman; sister Carol Keim of Whitefish.

His remains are in Wayrynen-Richards Funeral Home, where there will be no wake or visitation.

Friends are asked to join with his family for liturgy of the Resurrection on Friday at 10 a.m. in St. Anns Catholic Church in Butte.

Interment will follow in Holy Cross Cemetery.

The family request that memorials be made to a charity of the donor's choice. *25 Feb 1998 Duskoff*

## 1998 Marianne Cutting, 76

Marianne Cutting, 76, died Thursday, Jan. 1, at her home in Kalispell.

She was born Dec. 5, 1921, in Raton, N. M., to John and Stefenia Sepich. She was raised in Crosby, Minn. She later moved to Red Lodge and then Butte.

In 1946, she married Albert Cutting in Butte. They had seven children. He died in 1979.

In 1985, she moved to Kalispell, where she lived ever since.

She enjoyed sewing for her children and grandchildren and taking walks in the woods.

Besides her husband, she was preceded in death by three brothers and a sister.

She is survived by daughters Jeri

Tweet and husband, Bill Johnson, of Kalispell, Laura Stefanatz and husband, Don, of Scottsdale, Ariz., Elizabeth Lee and husband, John, of St. Ignatius, and Sharon Scharf and husband, Dale, of Sioux City, Iowa; sons Jim Craig and wife, Judy, of Idaho Falls, Idaho, Al Cutting and wife, Jane, of Butte, and Jim Cutting and wife, Cheryl, of Butte; sisters Anna Yunker, of Brainerd, Minn., and Tillie Collins, of Portland, Ore.; 22 grandchildren and 24 great grandchildren.

A graveside service will be 1 p.m., Tuesday, at Mount Maria Cemetery in Butte, Father William Vernon of St. Ann's Catholic Church officiating. Arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary.

## Lois G. Cyr, 89

Lois G. Cyr, 89, passed away Friday, Jan. 23, 1998, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

She was born Dec. 25, 1908, in Pike Stone, Minn., to Thadeus and Jessie Van Sotter. Shortly after her birth she was moved to Columbia Falls, where she resided for most of her life. She attended schools in Columbia Falls, where she played basketball.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and two husbands, Albert McCoy and Bill Cyr. She was also

married to Ernest Gilchrist for 13 years, who is now deceased.

She is survived by three sons, Van and his wife, Betty Gilchrist, of Kalispell, William Gilchrist of Palm Desert, Calif., and Douglas Gilchrist of Priest River, Idaho; seven grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren.

Cremation has taken place, and her ashes will be buried at a later date. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.