

1999 Michael Wayne Fairchild, 43

Michael Wayne Fairchild, a highly respected local wildlife biologist, died unexpectedly on Saturday, March 28. He was 43.

He collapsed while building his new home on Whitefish Stage Road in Kalispell.

He was born Dec. 27, 1954, in Houston, Texas, to E.T. and Betty R. Fairchild. When he was a boy, the family moved to Santa Clara, Calif.

He attended the University of Montana from 1973-78, receiving a bachelor's degree in wildlife biology. He then received a master's degree from the University of California, Berkeley, after studying whitetail deer in Michigan.

In 1982, he married Sharon Whisler. They were later divorced.

He was one of the nation's foremost authorities on wolves. For 10 years, he was research specialist for the University of Montana Wolf Ecology Project, up the North Fork of the Flathead River. There, he recorded the first recolonization of the western United States by wolves in 50 years.

Later, he worked on the state's South Fork grizzly bear ecology study. At the time of his death, he worked as a biologist at the Kalispell office of the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation.

He enjoyed sharing his knowledge of the natural world through Elderhostel classes and Glacier Institute



youth classes. He often volunteered his time to do so.

He was a talented musician, playing the mandolin and guitar. He enjoyed playing music for his grandmother and other residents of the Immanuel Lutheran Home. He was a skilled outdoorsman and enjoyed hiking, skiing, kayaking and hunting. He belonged to the Flathead Audubon Society and Montana Wilderness Association. He was a member of Shining Mountains Church.

His sense of humor, generosity and sense of adventure won him many friends throughout his life.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, William A. and Jim Bruce Fairchild, and a brother-in-law, Bill Butler.

He is survived by his parents, E.T. and Betty Fairchild, of Kalispell; sister Terry L. Butler, of Gilroy, Calif.; grandmother Hulda K. Ragle, 101, of Kalispell; and the love of his life, Diana Gleason, of Valparaiso, Ind.

He was a guardian for Becky Butler of Kalispell. He is also survived by niece Tracy Butler, and nephews Tim and Josh Butler, all of Zion, Ill., and grandniece Brittnee Butler and grandnephew Kyle Butler, also both of Zion, Ill.

Visitation will be 2-8 p.m., Wednesday, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. A funeral will be 3:30 p.m., Thursday, at the First Presbyterian Church in Kalispell, with the Rev. Chrysta Bourne, of Shining Mountains Church, officiating.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Wild Sentry ambassador wolf program, 500 Jorge Way, Hamilton, MT, 59840.

Ervin Fast, 80

Ervin Fast, 80, of Glasgow, died Monday, Sept. 21, 1998, at St. Vincent Hospital in Billings.

He was born June 5, 1918, in Frazer, to Peter and Nettie Ratzlaff Fast. He spent his early years in Frazer, and Glasgow.

He married Ruth Johnson at Wolf Point on June 27, 1940. After their marriage they lived in Glasgow, Denver, Lustre, and Frazer.

He was the owner and operator of a Texaco Station in Glasgow. He owned the Shelby Ford Motor Co. for 12 years. He was the co-owner of the Campbell Lodge in Glasgow. He also owned cherry orchards and real estate in the Flathead Valley. He was co-founder of the Flathead Bank of Bigfork, and a lifetime farmer and

rancher in the Frazer area. Throughout his lifetime, he belonged to many civic groups and organizations.

Survivors include his wife, Ruth Fast, of Glasgow; daughter Sharon Hopkins of Bigfork; son Donald Fast of Glasgow; four grandchildren, Maridee Hopkins of Seattle, Janelle Hopkins of Missoula, Danny Fast and Ryan Fast, both of Bozeman; three brothers, Walt Fast of Denver, Marvin Fast of Lustre, and Harvey Fast of Portland; two sisters, Evangeline Wiens of Salem, Ore., and Edna Fast of Portland.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, 11 a.m., at First Lutheran Church in Glasgow with the Rev. Martin Mock officiating. Bell Mortuary in charge of arrangements.

David R. Faulkner, 60

David R. Faulkner of Columbia Falls, died on Nov. 26, Thanksgiving Day.

He was born on April 10, 1938, in Arlington, Wash., to Frank and Elva Faulkner.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his two brothers, Donald R. Faulkner and Ron Westley.

Left behind to lovingly remember him are his wife, Judy Faulkner; his children, Robert and Steve Faulkner, Mike and Michelle Vincent, Jr., Matt and Pam Vincent, all in Washington,



Kathy and Jim Hanson of Columbia Falls, and those special kids he adopted into his heart. He is also survived by his uncle Bob Jamieson; three nieces; 10 wonderful grandchildren; and a lot of special people who found their way into his life.

A celebration of his life will be held at the Assembly of God Church of Columbia Falls on Tuesday, at 2 p.m. with the Rev. Darryl Newby presiding.

Memorial's may be given in his name to the Bad Rock Volunteer Fire Department P.O. Box 1428, Columbia Falls, MT 59912 or to the charity of the donor's choice.

Columbia Mortuary is in charge of local arrangements.

Robert Jule Fauske, 77

Robert Jule Fauske, 77, a long-time Whitefish resident, died at the Colonial Manor on Sunday, April 26, 1998.

He was born June 28, 1920, in North Dakota.

He married Julia M. Joy in 1945, and is survived by her in Whitefish.

Survivors also include two sons; three grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; two brothers, Elmer and Peter Fauske of Whitefish; two sisters; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was employed in the railroad industry with the WFE, Great Northern and Burlington

Northern Railroads. He retired in 1981.

Graveside services will be 1 p.m. Friday at the Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Kalispell.

Military honors will be proved by the United Veterans of the Flathead Valley.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that donations be made to Christ Lutheran Church in Whitefish, or the the diabetic society. Arrangements are under the direction of the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish. A luncheon will be at the Moose Lodge following services.

1994 Gloria Fawcett, 73

Gloria Fawcett, 73, died peacefully at her home in Whitefish on Monday, January 12, 1994.

She was born Nov. 26, 1924, in San Francisco, Calif. and grew up in the beautiful country of northern California and Oregon. As a girl, a favorite pastime was to take an apple and a good book and climb high in a shade tree to read among the leaves.

She valued learning, clarity of thought, the well-being of others, and love, which was made evident in her life's work. She held a doctorate in theology as well as a bachelor of arts in English. She was a highly regarded minister to her congregation in Coalinga, Calif., during the 1950s, helping those in her church learn, find peace and come to a further understanding of their faith.

From 1963 until her retirement in 1995, Gloria, (Lori to her colleagues, "Goody" to earliest classes), taught English at Santa Ynez Valley Union High School, Santa Ynez, Calif. She was a superb teacher of English, but she facilitated the education and understanding of so much more. She helped those around her see the wonder and fun in life, the beauty in nature. She demonstrated a passion for learning, the value in clear thinking, the worth in seeking personal truths and a love for her students and colleagues over her 32-year

adventure in her much loved room.

She retired to Montana in 1995 to be with her children and their families who will miss her beautiful spirit but who celebrate all she has done for so very many.

She was preceded in death by husbands, Ray Fawcett, Ward Peterson, and great friend Arthur Garey. She will be greatly missed by many including her sons, David and his wife, Connie Fawcett of Whitefish, grandson Jason of Seattle, Steven and his wife, Patty, of Whitefish, and Matt and Lynn Fawcett of Kalispell and their children Jenny, Zac, and Emma; mother Mae Snider of San Luis Obispo, Calif.; sisters, Joyce Rhodes and her husband, Paul, of Alamogordo, N.M., Jeslyn Sternfeld and her husband, Chuck, of Camarillo, Calif.; brother Tim Snider and his wife, Leslie, of Lakeport, Calif.; and by her long time friends Barbara Marshall and Doreen Mayer.

As per her wishes, a memorial celebration will be held at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Gloria Fawcett WOW! Scholarship, Santa Ynez Valley Union High School, PO Box 398, Santa Ynez, CA, 93460.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home in charge of arrangements and cremation.

Mary Evelyn Fetter, 50

Mary Evelyn Fetter died April 22, 1998, while undergoing treatment in Boston for a rare bone marrow disease. She lived in Bigfork with her husband, Darrell Worm, and son, Jonathan.

She worked as an administrator at Flathead Valley Community College for over 18 years, mostly as the director of financial aid. She found great satisfaction in her work with students. The staff, faculty and students showed their appreciation for her efforts by delighting her with a surprise birthday celebration on her 50th birthday shortly before she left for Boston.

She was born in San Diego, Calif., Feb. 6, 1948. She graduated from Point Loma High School in San Diego in 1965, and received her bachelor's degree from the University of Colorado in 1969, after spending a year studying at the University of Madrid in Spain. While at Boulder, she was affiliated with the Gamma Phi Beta sorority. She returned to school after working for several years as a social worker at Neighborhood House in San Diego, and earned a master's degree in social work in 1976. She worked for the Children's Home Society in Oakland, Calif., and then moved to Montana with her husband in 1978. They lived in Cut Bank for one year, then moved to Bigfork.

Her family was active in the cultural and civic life of San Diego, and she followed their lead by being active in numerous organizations there and in Montana. She traveled

extensively in Europe and Mexico. She was fluent in Spanish, and loved the culture and people of Mexico.

She was an ardent outdoors person, enjoying fly fishing, camping, bird watching, and especially her frequent outings in Glacier National Park. She was an accomplished watercolor painter. She also enjoyed music immensely, played the piano and guitar and was an enthusiastic concert-goer.

She was admired and known for her humor, her intelligence, her kindness and thoughtfulness, and her indomitable spirit. She was a loyal and devoted friend to many, and will be sorely missed.

In addition to her husband and son, she is survived by her parents, Dr. E. Minton Fetter and Evelyn Fetter, now of Kalispell; her brother, Thompson Fetter of San Diego; nieces, J.J. Isler and Margi Fetter and nephew, Trevor Fetter, and five children of her nieces and nephew, all of California.

Her beloved older brother Edgar "Buzz" Fetter died in 1993.

A memorial service will be held today at 2 p.m. at Christ Church Episcopal in Kalispell, with a reception immediately following at the Hockaday Center for the Arts.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Mary E. Fetter Memorial Scholarship, in care of the Flathead Valley Community College Foundation 777 Grandview Drive, Kalispell, Montana.

Johnson Mortuary & Crematory is in charge of arrangements.

Dr. E. Minton Fetter, 96

Dr. E. Minton Fetter, 96, died in a nursing home in Kalispell, on Dec. 27, 1999.

He was a physician in San Diego, Calif., and trustee emeritus of San Diego Zoo. He was a specialist in internal medicine until his retirement in 1970. He began his practice in 1931.

He originally visited San Diego, from his home in Greensboro, N.C., on a motorcycle trip in 1922. He often told stories of his trip West at a time when the pavement ended at Topeka, Kan. Impressed with the beautiful town of San Diego (population approximately 35,000), he returned in 1928, to do his internship at what is now the UCSD Medical Center. It was then known as San Diego County Hospital.

He was born in Greensboro, on Feb. 11, 1902. He attended Porter Military Academy in South Carolina, and graduated from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, in 1926, and from Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia, in 1928.

After several years of post-graduate training including a two-year residency in New York, he headed west in 1931.

He married Evelyn Thompson in La Grange, Ga., and they honeymooned en route to San Diego.

After the birth of their two sons, Tom in 1934, and Edgar M. in 1937, the family moved out in the country to Silvergate Street in Point Loma, where they had a two acre lemon grove.

An active U.S. Navy reservist, he was called to active duty at the outset of World War II. He served at the U.S. Navy Hospital in Honolulu, Hawaii, during the war and resigned as a captain in 1947.

He re-established his San Diego practice in 1946, and continued as a sole practitioner until his retirement in 1970. According to his son, San Diego businessman Thompson "Tom" Fetter, medical practice was far different than today. "There

were no pagers, beepers or cell phones. House call visits were made each day after office hours and often at night. My dad always ate dinner with his coat and tie on because a return to the hospital after dinner was commonplace."

years), when he was named a trustee emeritus. He remained active in board affairs for some years after that. He was president of the zoo board from October 1962 through September 1965. He was especially supportive of research efforts, serving as a member of the research council. When he was president — the Center for Comparative Biology was established as the first formal research department of the society. That function is now known as CRES, the Center for Reproduction of Endangered Species.

Another special interest was education. The zoo's largest bequest up to that time, the Elmer C. Otto Estate was received in 1964, and construction began on an education facility known as the Otto Center in 1965. The balance of the Otto Fund was used as seed money for the wild animal park of which he was a strong supporter.

His community service also included the boards of the San Diego Blood Bank; the Dodson Home for the Aged; St. Paul's Manor; the Museum of Man;

and the Natural History-Society.

He was chief of staff at Mercy Hospital from 1957 to 1959, and vice-chief at Sharp Hospital. He was a fellow of the American College of Physicians. He was a life member of the San Diego Yacht Club.

Following retirement, he and his wife traveled extensively. They moved to Kalispell in 1992, to be near their daughter, Mary Fetter Worm and her family.

He was preceded by his youngest son, Edgar Minton Fetter Jr., who was killed in an automobile accident in Montana in 1991, and his daughter, Mary Fetter Worm who died in 1998.

He is survived by an aunt, Effie Watkins, 105; Evelyn, 92, his wife of 67 years; a sister, Grey Fetter Bedford, 94; a son, Thompson, of San Diego; four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Private services are planned. His ashes will be interred at Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery.

The family suggests that donations be sent to the Zoological Society of San Diego, or to a favorite charity.

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After the birth of their daughter, Mary Fetter, in 1948, the Fetter family spent many weekends on the Colorado River at Picacho and Martinez Lake.

He had a long relationship with the zoological society of San Diego. He was elected to the board of trustees in July 1951, the first medical doctor to serve since founder Wegeforth died in 1941. He served as a trustee from that time until August 1979 (28

Earle W. Fenton, 88

Earle W. Fenton, 88, died Feb. 3, 1998, at Spokane Valley Good Samaritan Center in Greenacres, Wash.

He was born on Dec. 21, 1909, in Hancock, Minn., to Earl and Lucy Fenton. He had two brothers and five sisters. His father was sheriff of Stevens County, Minn., for more than 20 years.

He married Evelyn Keller on April 10, 1930, in Morris, Minn.

He worked as a window decorator and display coordinator for well-known stores of that era in Minneapolis, Minn.

He and Evelyn moved to Kalispell in 1935. In their early years of the depression, he worked for logging companies in the Flathead and Yaak Valley.

He then went to the Handford area and Spokane, during the war, working in the electrical field. Returning to Kalispell, he worked for the Coast to Coast store for some time.

He and his wife also owned and operated the Shell Station, which was on Main Street at that time, for eight years.

He then worked for the Equity Supply Company for many years until he retired.

He had a great love of the outdoors and spent many years hunting and fishing in the Swan Valley, North Fork, Bob Marshall Wilderness and the Yaak country.

He and his wife spent more than 30 years in their home off the Stillwater River five miles north on Highway



93. They later moved to Evergreen.

They were members of the Stillwater Grange and charter members of the Kalispell Saddle Club.

He was also a member of the Masonic Lodge; the Elks club; and in later years, the Moose Club.

He had a great love of horses and dogs which he passed on to all his family.

Dad, you will always be much loved and remembered for your quick wit, unique sense of humor and your wonderful hours of storytelling, and for your love of family.

Earle and Evelyn were married for 65 years.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Evelyn Fenton, on Feb. 15, 1995; his daughter, Dotty Lou Restout in July of 1996; and a son, Richard Earle in 1946.

He is survived by his daughter, Roberta "Bobbi" K. Garding of Beaverton, Ore.; seven grandchildren, Rick L. Dunham of Phoenix, Ariz., James Earle Garding of Portland, Ore., Tim S. Garding of Anchorage, Alaska, Theresa K. Janke of Spokane, Cindy M. Emerson of Shelby, Shelley K. Richmond of Aloha, Ore., Christina L. Miller of Rathdrum, Idaho; 21 great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren; brother Walter J. Fenton of Chanhassen, Minn.; two sons-in-law, James P. Garding of Beaverton, and Jacques Restout of Hayden Lake, Idaho.

At his request, there will be no memorial services held.

The family suggests memorial contributions be made to the Yellowstone Boys Ranch of Montana or to the Masonic Temple.

1995 James Howard Ferguson, 55

James "Jim" Howard Ferguson, 55, died in Helena on Nov. 1, after a long illness.

He was born Feb. 8, 1943, in McAlester, Okla. to Frank L. and Mary Bartlett Ferguson.

The family returned to Montana after World War II and he attended Montana schools, graduating with the first class from Billings West High School in 1962. He earned a bachelor of science degree in architecture from Montana State University in March of 1968.

He served with the U.S. Army in Vietnam and was honorably discharged in November 1969. He was awarded the Army Commendation Medal for meritorious service in Vietnam, the combat infantryman's badge and other Vietnam service and campaign medals.

He worked in the architectural field in California and Montana before joining the Montana Department of Highways, now the Montana Department of Transportation, in 1973. He completed a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering from MSU in June 1977 and was licensed as a professional engineer in Montana. In June 1998, after 25 years of

service with the Bridge and Construction Bureaus, he retired from the Department of Transportation due to ill health.

He enjoyed sharing his hobbies with his nieces and nephew. Fly-tying, stamp collecting, classical music, and military and Civil War history were special interests. He will be particularly remembered as an avid and skillful fisherman and talented watercolor artist.

His parents and grandparents preceded him in death.

He is survived by his brother and sister-in-law, Tom and Maxine Ferguson; his niece, Christine Wilhelm, and her husband Ken and daughter Sindy; his nephew, Scott Ferguson, and his wife Anna and their children, Jason and Samantha, all of Helena; his foster niece, Beth Whitehouse, of Washington state; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial services will be held at the Hagler-Anderson Mortuary in Helena, on Nov. 4 at 1:30 p.m. Interment will be in Polson at a later date. Memorials are suggested to the American Cancer Society or the charity of one's choice.

Mary Ellen Fields, 62

Mary Ellen Fields, 62, of Columbia Falls, died Nov. 21, 1998, at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

She was born Jan. 8, 1936 in Havre to Hilda and William Keene.

She was raised and educated in Havre.

She was married to Jack Fields in Havre on Jan. 30, 1954. They spent their early married life living around Air Force bases. They moved to Columbia Falls in 1963. She worked at numerous jobs in the Flathead, including Columbia Falls High School, North Valley Hospital, the Montana Veterans Home, and at the Colonial Manor.

She helped start the Women's Badrock Softball League in 1969 and played until the early 1980s. She enjoyed sports very much, especially watching her children and grandchildren. She was a very caring and loving mother who was always there for



her family.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two sisters, and a son, Rick.

She is survived by her husband, Jack of Columbia Falls; three sons, Jeff and his wife Sandy Fields of Ironton, Ohio, Jack and his wife Jana Fields of Columbia Falls, and Terry and his wife Rhonda Fields of Columbia Falls; two daughters, Penny and her husband Tim Connolly of Columbia Falls and Vickie and her husband Tom Ridings of Columbia Falls; three sisters, Helen Kastella of Whitefish, Ruth Damchen of Hungry Horse, and Beverly Winterrowd of Marysville, Wash.; 18 grandchildren; one great-grandson; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be today from 1-8 p.m. at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

A funeral service will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. Tom Perry of the Nazarene Church will officiate. Burial will follow in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Arrangements are by Columbia Mortuary.

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Catherine L. Ostroot Finnland, 84

Catherine L. Ostroot Finnland, 84, died Tuesday at Libby Care Center.

Survivors include two daughters, Kari Lynn Cole and husband, Bob, and Inga Christine Curtis, both of Kalispell; four grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; two nieces and one

nephew.

Services will be Monday at 2 p.m. at Christ Lutheran Church in Libby with the Rev. Les Nelson officiating.

Burial to follow at City of Libby Cemetery. Arrangements are by Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Libby.

Handren Karl Fitzgibbons, 78

Handren Karl Fitzgibbons, 78, died Saturday, April 4, 1998, at his home in Kalispell.

He was born April 29, 1919, in Gonzales, Calif., to Joseph and Constance Young Vasser.

He received his education from the Colorado School of Mines, graduating in 1950 as a petroleum refining engineer. He married Eleanor Halverson on Feb. 14, 1946, in El Cerrito, Calif.

He served in the National Guard, transferring to the Army when World War II started. In the Philippines he was on the Batah Death March. He was a POW for 2 1/2 years in Cabanataun, Philippines, and then was transferred to Japan for another year.

He worked for Husky, Union Oil Co., Southwestern Engineering Co., and for Arabian American Oil Co as a petroleum refining engineer. He spent 15 years based in Saudi Arabia for ARAMCO before retiring in 1974.

He moved to Kalispell in 1977, and had lived here until the time of his passing. He was a member of the NRA and attended the Christian Center. He enjoyed cross county skiing, hiking in the outdoors and building model railroads.

He was preceded in death by his mother in 1949, and daughter-in-law, Sally Fitzgibbons.

He is survived by his wife Eleanor at the family home in Kalispell; two sons, Dale Fitzgibbons and wife, Judy, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and Gerald Fitzgibbons of Fort Collins, Colo.; one daughter, Karla and husband, Bob Reynolds, of Billings; grandchild-

dren, Britta Fitzgibbons of Cedar Rapids, Sarah Fitzgibbons of Ft. Collins, and Jennifer Reynolds of Yuma, Ariz.; also one brother, Gerald Vasser of Sacramento, Calif., and one sister, Gertrude Farraci of Salinas, Calif.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. at the Christian Center with Robert Ross officiating. Burial will follow at Conrad Cemetery. Military honors will be given by the United Veterans of the Flathead. Visitation will be Wednesday morning from 9 a.m. until noon.

The family suggests memorials be given to Home Options Hospice, 1280 Burns Way, Kalispell, MT, 59901

Arrangements are by the Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

1998 Bud Fishel, 76

Bud Fishel, 76, died at his home Tuesday, Oct. 13, in Lakeside, with his wife Jane and daughters, Karen and Sandy Willcut at his side.

He was born April 19, 1922, in Wolf Point, the son of Myles and Emily Fishel. He was a proud member of the Air Force and served in the Phillipines during World War II.

After his discharge he worked at several jobs but for the most part, he worked in the woods as a logger. He so loved the outdoors, hunting and fishing. He also enjoyed taking trips and playing cards with friends and family.

In 1942, he married Reta Barnes and they had a son, Gale, and daughters, Sandy and Karen. After his wife Reta died he married Charlotte Bowman. When she died 17 years later, he met and married Jane Taylor.

Though they had only five years together and most of that time he was battling cancer, they still had some very good quality time together. His remaining years were happy ones which he spent with all his family

members.

He will always be warmly remembered for his intelligence, generosity and his caring and thoughtful ways to all his family and friends. He will be greatly missed by all that knew him.

He was preceded in death by wives, Reta and Charlotte; a loving son, Gale Fishel; and devoted son-in-law Roger Willcut.

He is survived by his wife Jane in Lakeside; two daughters, Karen and husband, Mike Willcut, Sandy and husband, Roger Willcut, all in Columbia Falls; his extended children, Ellen Fishel, Mike Willcut in Columbia Falls, John Taylor in Fairbanks, Alaska, Brenda Taylor in Norman, Okla., Rebecca Taylor in Helena, Omar Taylor in Lewistown, and Sharon Smith in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; six grandchildren, five stepgrandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren.

Private family services will be held later. Arrangements are under the direction of the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

Frederic A. Fisher, 73

Frederic A. Fisher, 73, died on Sunday, Dec. 27, 1998, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

He was born May 21, 1925, in Detroit, Mich., to Robert R. and Helen Delameter Fisher.

He was a corporal in World War II in the Army from 1943 to 1946. He served as an Infantry Replacement in France.

He graduated from Wayne University in Detroit. During his professional career, he was a foreign service officer in the Diplomatic Corps of the U.S., serving in Asia, Italy and Germany.

Hobbies included reading, bicycling, swimming, skiing, tennis, and making model cars and airplanes.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Louise Fisher.

He is survived by his wife, Fran, at the family home in Kalispell; children, Barb Fisher and Bill Duncan of Ellicott City, MD., Betsy and Joe Embrey of Sterling, Va., Susan E. Davis of Palo Alto, Calif., Kristi Davis



and Dennis Woodworth of Scotts Valley, Calif., Nancy and Tom Gillespie of Kalispell, Robert and Laurie Davis, of Springfield, Ohio., Scott Davis and Cathy Chevron of Santa Cruz, Calif.; and nine grandchildren.

Memorials in Frederic Fisher's name may be given to Mylofibrosis research at Virginia Mason Medical Center Foundation, Dept. 34 Box 34935, Seattle, WA, 98124.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

Elizabeth Ann Behrens Fleming, 84

Elizabeth Ann Behrens Fleming, 84, died on Wednesday, May 27, 1998, at the Heritage Place Nursing Home.

She was born on July 1, 1913, to George D. and Jennie Krause Behrens in Goehner, Neb. She was one of six children, four boys and two girls.

In 1933, she married Edward J. Fleming, her sweetheart whom she knew as a neighbor in Nebraska. They made their home in Jay Em, Wyo., and later moved to Kalispell. They had four children: Dave, Jim, Marge and Kitty.

She has always enjoyed making crafts. Her first job was at the Rocky Mountain Souvenir Shop doing just that. Later she made crafts which she sold at the farmer's market locally. She was an active member of Flathead Artists and Craftsmen.

Her 60 years of marriage and full life taught her that honesty and always lending a helping hand to someone else are important in life. She was most proud of her 60 wonderful years of marriage and the fam-

ily it produced. If you ask her what advice she would give young people, she would say, "Get out and do things while you are able."

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband Edward J. Fleming; three brothers, Clarence, Henry and George; one sister; and one daughter-in-law.

She is survived by two sons, Dave Fleming and wife, Myrna, of Whitefish, and Jim Fleming and wife, Shiela, of Kalispell; two daughters, Marge and husband, Lee Gunderson, of Newman Lake, Wash., and Kitty and husband, Chuck Rhodes, of Columbia Falls; one brother, Jack Behrens and wife, Rosa, of Kalispell; 12 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

Funeral services will be held at 4 p.m. on Friday at the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Darold Reiner of Trinity Lutheran Church officiating. Burial will follow at Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Arrangements are by the Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

Mildred Zelle Fletcher, 72

Mildred Zelle Fletcher, 72, a longtime Kalispell resident, died Friday, May 1, 1998, at the home of her daughter in Gillette, Wyo., of cancer.

She was born Oct. 1, 1925, in Olney, Texas, to Pearl and Autry Orman. She graduated from Olney High School. She was married to Raymond F. Looney in September of 1950. They had one daughter, and the couple later divorced. She moved to the Flathead Valley in 1974.

She married Samuel T. Fletcher of Kalispell in 1982, in Sandpoint, Idaho.

She worked at Dow Chemical in Houston, Texas for 14 years, and Fletcher's Locksmith in Kalispell for

seven years.

She was a skilled hunter and fisher and loved the outdoors. Her other favorite things were her family, friends, gardening and traveling.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband.

She is survived by a daughter Sandra Pyburn of Gillette; two granddaughters, April and Jennifer Pyburn, also of Gillette; aunt Louise Hawkins of Kalispell; nephew Don Hawkins of Kalispell; cousins Billy and Avril Hawkins of Texas.

She was cremated and a private service is pending.

Donations may be made to an hospice organization.

1999 Harold Kenneth 'Ken' Fontecilla, 81

Harold Kenneth "Ken" Fontecilla, Sr., 81, died Tuesday, April 14, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

He was born March 25, 1917, to Harold F. and Ruth Lillian Odeite Fontecilla in Berkeley, Calif.

He attended schools in Berkeley. After graduation, he enlisted in the Navy. He served in the Korean War. He was chief of electronics and in charge of 20 men. He served on the USS Zeilin.

After the war, he returned to Concord, Calif., and was deputy sheriff in Contra Costa County.

He married Helen E. Dibetta on Feb. 13, 1943, in Oakland, Calif. They had two sons.

In 1956, he was hired by the Federal Aviation Agency as an electronics technician. He worked on many

guidance systems for airports, retiring in 1968. He opened a backpacking and mountaineering store in Reno, Nevada, and developed gourmet freeze-dried food called Wee Pak Foods.

He moved to Kalispell in 1994, retiring here and living at the Buffalo Hill Terrace. He enjoyed gourmet cooking, fly-fishing, backpacking and hiking.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Helen.

He is survived by sons Harold Kenneth "Hank" Fontecilla, Jr., of Bigfork, and Robert James Fontecilla, of Reno, Nevada. He will be returned to Reno for burial at Mountain View Cemetery. Private family services are planned. Arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary.

1998 Glen A. Forman, 69

Glen A. Forman, 69, of Columbia Falls, died Monday afternoon, Oct. 5, at his home in Columbia Falls.

He was born July 26, 1929, in Hamilton, Ohio, to Benjamin H. and Mary E. Forman. He grew up on farms near Germantown and Post Town, Ohio. He served in the Army during the Korean Conflict.

He was married to Elva Marie McClain on March 18, 1961, in Miamisburg, Ohio. It was his dream to move to Montana and in the early 1970s, they moved to the Columbia Falls area. The Flathead Valley was his home for the past 25 years.

He worked for Columbia Falls Aluminum Company as a millwright for 18 years, retiring in 1992.

After his retirement, he enjoyed restoring tractors as his hobby; was member of the North West Antique Power Association; and was an active member and trustee of the First Baptist Church in Columbia Falls.

He was a loyal and loving husband,

father and grandfather.

He is survived by his wife Elva at the family home; three daughters, Deborah Forman of Columbia Falls, Pamela Alexander of Berea, Ky., and Karen Waytausky of Grove, Okla.; six sons, Ronald of Cincinnati, Ohio, Kenneth of Trenton, Ohio, Glen Jr. and Ben of Columbia Falls, Jim of Walton, Ky., and DeWayne of Union, Ky.; 29 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be today from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. Funeral services will be held Friday at 2 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Columbia Falls. The Rev. Jerry Buchanan will officiate. Burial will follow in Woodlawn Cemetery with military graveside honors provided by the members of the V.F.W.

The family has suggested that memorials be made to a memorial fund in Glen Forman's name at the First Baptist Church, 827 9th St. W., Columbia Falls, MT 59912.

Merton Allen Franklin, 70

Merton Allen Franklin, 70, of Coram, died Tuesday afternoon, Aug. 25, 1998, at St. Patricks Hospital in Missoula, after long complications following open heart surgery.

He was born March 17, 1928, in Great Falls, to Earl and Viola Deniston Franklin. The family moved to his mother's homestead near New Haven, Wyo., about 1935. He received his grade school education in that area. He did ranch work and construction work near Moorcroft, Wyo.

On April 5, 1952, he was married to Eleanor Altaffer of Moorcroft. They lived in Lodge Grass, and worked on a ranch there for four years. In 1966, the family moved to Coram. He worked for Rex Brown Lumber Company, F. K. & L. Lumber Company, and Stoltze Land and Lumber Company until his retirement in 1991.

He was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Linda, and an infant son, Allen; his mother Viola; his father Earl; two stepmothers; and four brothers, Delbert, Melvin, and Elbert Franklin, and Jack Bolin.

He is survived by his wife Eleanor of Coram; a son, Charles E. Franklin and his wife, Betty, of Missoula; a daughter, Dorothy and her husband, Bob Schilling, of Sequim, Wash.; four grandchildren, Chip and Elizabeth Franklin and Joshua and Sara Schilling; four brothers, Edward Franklin of Cheyenne, Wyo., Lloyd Franklin of Tacoma, Wash., James Franklin of Newcastle, Wyo., and Jim Bolin of Tecumseh, Neb.; four sisters, Goldie Mae Smidt of Alice, Texas, Laura Marie Moser of Glendive, Doris Bollerslev of Port Angeles, Wash., and Alice Bolin Gange of Stotts City, Mo.; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

A memorial service will be held Friday at 2 p.m. at the Canyon Community Church in Coram. The Rev. Tod Fox will officiate. Inurnment will be next week at the New Haven Community Cemetery in New Haven.

Memorials may be made to the Canyon Community Church Scholarship Fund, Coram.

Eugene Francis 'Gene' Forsyth, Sr., 67

Eugene Francis "Gene" Forsyth Sr., 67, died at his home on Sunday, March 22, 1998. He had been in failing health.

He was born on Sept. 6, 1930, the son of Elwin and Nettie Forsyth at Slayton. On September 3, 1949 he married Marjorie Ann Lacey at Reno, Nev.

He and Marjorie were members of Order of Eastern Star Chapter 180 of Huntingdon, Tenn.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers and is now survived by his wife Marjorie of the family home near Somers; son Butch and his wife, Kolleen Forsyth, of Lakeside; daughter Sharlene and husband, Larry Anderson, of Delano, Calif.; sister Audrey Beslonawich of

Billings; granddaughters, Jimi Jeanne Viall of Delano, Buffy and Rick Stiles of Billings, Chantelle and Tyson Buhre of Longmont, Colo.; great-grandchildren Krueger, Madison and Brooklyn; other loved ones include Sharon and Glenn Black of Bozeman, Robert and Verleen Lacey and Rod and Linda Conover, all of Laurel.

He will be lovingly remembered and sadly missed by his wife, family, and loyal and dear friends.

Memorial services were held. Masonic rites were conducted by Bigfork Masonic Lodge #450 A.F. & A.M.

Memorials are suggested to the Salvation Army.

Wayne Lucian Fox, 67

Wayne Lucian Fox, 67, died at his home October 31, 1998.

Wayne was born March 11, 1931, in Kalispell to Lucian Egbert and Alice Drucilla (Fox) Guinard.

He moved to Priest River from Kalispell in 1979. He worked in several different capacities including logging and construction. He helped in the construction of Libby Dam and the Hungry Horse Dam as an assistant cement finisher. He also worked for the Montana Highway Department, on a ranch in Great Falls, Montana, and helped at the Dayton Foundry in California as a long shoraman.

He married Ida Knotts on December 4, 1993, at the New Testament Church of Oldtown, Idaho.

He enjoyed the outdoors, fishing, cooking and working with wood.

He was preceded in death by a wife, Gwen; a daughter, Anna Mae; two brothers, Benny Guinard, and Jasper Guinard; and a sister, Bea. He

is survived and will be dearly missed by his wife, Ida, of Priest River, Idaho; four sons, Richard Little, Monte Fox, Donald Fox, and Bob Monroe; three daughters, Margaret Campbell, Cynthia Smith and Gail Burlison; five step-children, Leland Knotts, Inez Oscarson, Carol Stone, Jim Alefteras, Jean Alefteras, and John Alefteras; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He was an active member of the New Testament Church and the family suggests that any memorial contributions be made to the church in his memory.

A funeral service will be conducted at the New Testament Church with Pastor Walt Campbell officiating on Wednesday at 11 a.m., with a graveside committal to precede the funeral service at the Evergreen Cemetery of Priest River, Idaho at 10 a.m. Arrangements are under the direction of Sherman-Knapp Funeral Home.

Patrick W. Free, 74

Patrick W. Free, 74, passed away Thursday, Jan. 8, 1998, at Lakeview Care Center in Bigfork.

He was born May 8, 1923, in Los Angeles, Calif., to Barney and Hazel Carey. He served with the Army during World War II. He was captured and was a POW for quite some time. He also received a Purple Heart.

He married Betty Mandell on April 20, 1954, in Reno, Nev. He went to work for the U.S. Forest Service as a scaler. He worked for them for 15 years; it was a job he really enjoyed.

He was an avid outdoorsman and he loved to camp, fish and hunt. Anything that was done out of doors, he loved. One of his dreams was to go to fishing in Alaska. He did get to realize his dream, going to Alaska and catching the largest halibut of the season, something he was very proud of doing.

He loved animals, especially cats

and dogs. He was also a very good artist who loved to paint and was very good at it.

He will be remembered as a rough but caring person who really loved his family. They came first in his life.

He was a life member of the V.F.W.

He is survived by his wife Betty Free of Ferndale; sons, Patrick Free of Ferndale, and Ron and his wife, Valerie Free, of Billings; daughter Kathy and her husband, Jack Ellis, of Ferndale; brother Roy Free of Berkeley, Calif.; grandchildren, Shannon Ellis, Kande Ellis, Jeremy and Josh Francom and Jordan White.

Visitation will be from 3 to 6 p.m. Sunday at Bigfork Funeral Home. Military graveside rites will be held on Monday at 1 p.m. at the Montana Veterans Cemetery in Ft. Harrison. Bigfork Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Gerry Kay French, 68

Gerry Kay French, 68, died at her home in Bozeman, Oct. 21, 1998, following a courageous battle with cancer.

She was born in Billings, on Aug. 25, 1930, to Ida Fenton and Carter G. Hardy. She was raised on the family ranch at Lost Prairie, west of Kalispell. She attended the rural Lost Prairie School through sixth grade and graduated from Flathead County High School where she was a member of Attinokwis (National Honor Society). While attending Montana State College she was a member of Kappa Delta Sorority.

She married Don S. French on Nov. 28, 1950. They ranched at Wyola and Kirby, where she survived the raising of three boys and two girls. She also served the Kirby School District as clerk and bus driver for many years. They later moved to Blue Creek south of Billings.

She cared for her parents at the Lost Prairie ranch until they died and then worked as a care giver for two home health organizations in Bozeman, until a few months before her death.

She was a talented gardener and an avid researcher of family genealogy. She gave her life to the service of others, reconciled family members,

refused to judge others and made her family feel treasured. She also made the finest chokecherry syrup.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one nephew.

She is survived by her brother Worden and sister-in-law, Brenda, of Kalispell; son and daughter-in-law Doug and LaVerne of Bozeman; son Roy of Bozeman; daughter and son-in-law LaDonna and Tim Sterling of Richland, Wash.; daughter Roxa Anne of Stevensville; son and daughter-in-law Herb and Carol of Sheridan, Wyo.; grandchildren Jana, Jared, Katie and Magen of Bozeman, Becky and Anne of State College, Pa., Aria, Karina and Stian of Bozeman, Kimberly of Richland, Zack, Chandra and Caleb of Sheridan; and 12 nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Dokken-Nelson Sunset Chapel in Bozeman. Interment will follow at Reese Creek Cemetery.

Memorials in her name may be made to Russ Newbury, Band Director BHS Marching Band, 205 North 11th Ave., Bozeman, MT 59715. Checks payable to Rose Bowl '99-B.F.O.M. or to the Gallatin Hospice, 915 Highland Blvd., Bozeman, MT 59715.

1998 John Frey, 73

John Frey, 73, of Columbia Falls, died Saturday morning, Sept. 19, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

He was born July 19, 1925, on farm near Kramer, N.D., to Ed and Beatha Frey. He was raised and educated in Barton and Granville, N.D.

He served his country in the Navy from Sept. 22, 1942, to July 6, 1946. Following his honorable discharge from the Navy, he was married to Marlys Jean Moffatt on Nov. 2, 1946, in Minot, N.D. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Nov. 2, 1996.

He worked as a meat cutter in Granville, for many years.

He loved the sport of boxing and was the groundskeeper at the Columbia Falls landfill where he found numerous treasures ("just like new") and enjoyed visiting with the people who came to dump their stuff. Through his long illness, he always kept things in perspective and kept his great sense of humor. He was loved and will be truly missed by his family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers, one sister, and a grandchild.

He is survived by his wife, Marlys, of Columbia Falls; eight children, Rodney Frey of Portland, Ore., Johnnie Frey and his wife Debbie of Gunterville, Ala., Ronald Frey, Donald Frey and his wife, Sharon, Gloria Crawford and her husband, Bill, Marla Smith and her husband, Tom, all of Columbia Falls, Melvin Frey and his wife, Lori, of Anchorage, Alaska, and Lonnie Frey of Susanville, Calif.; a brother, Allen Frey and his wife, Arlys, of Granville; 18 grandchildren; 9 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be Wednesday, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. A funeral service will be held Thursday, at 1 p.m. at the Columbia Mortuary. The Rev. John Weaver from the Assembly of God Church in Whitefish, will officiate. Burial will follow in Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls, with military graveside honors.

Dolores Marian Fulbright, 73

Dolores Marian Fulbright, 73, died of cancer Monday, July 27, 1998, at her home in Kalispell.

She was born Feb. 13, 1925, in Scobey, to Jacob and Hilda Jacobson. She lived in Scobey until she

was 13, when she moved with her family to Kalispell. She graduated from Flathead High School in 1943.

She married Glenn Fulbright on June 18, 1947, in Kalispell.

She worked at Associated Seed Growers and Conrad Bank.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Glenn, on May 15, 1990.



She is survived by her children, Glenda Alexander of Great Falls, Janet Granrud of Kalispell, John Fulbright of Lewistown, and Susan Budesas of Whitefish; grandchildren, John, Ben, and Markus McCrorie all of Kalispell, Sara Walker of Seattle, Sean, Harvey, Cody, and Jessie Fulbright all of Lewistown; sisters Harriet Henricksen of Kalispell, Lorrian Martin of Portland, Ore.; and brothers Irvin and Oscar Jacobson of Kalispell.

A graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, at Conrad Memorial Cemetery with the Rev. Robert Ross of the Christian Center Assembly of God Church officiating. Arrangements are by Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.