

Herman Yeager, 77

Herman Yeager, 77, died on Oct. 10, 1998, at Deaconess Medical Center in Billings.

He was born in Sidney, on Nov. 18, 1920, to Henry and Eva Batt Yeager. He lived in Sidney until he was 2 years old, at which time the family moved to Laurel, where he resided until the time of his death.

In 1943, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served on the USS Reno in the South Pacific. He survived numerous Japanese attacks and two sinking ships and was honorably discharged in 1946.

Returning to Laurel, he went to work for the Northern Pacific Railroad. After 43 years of railroading, he retired in 1980. He then went to work for the Mill and Italian ditches as a rider for eight years. He also worked for various farmers in Laurel.

He was a lifelong member of the First Congregational Church in Laurel, and was active in the church.

He married Dolores Whitman in Billings on April 19, 1950. They had four children and 48 years of happiness.

His greatest loved was his family and grandchildren. He was an avid sports fan. In 1995-96 he was presented with the Booster of the Year award. He attended most all sporting events. He will be remembered for his kind heart, helping hand and his sense of humor.

He is survived by his wife, Dolores; four children, Sam Yeager and wife, Marge, of Casper, Wyo., Yvonne Hutzenbiler and husband, Ron, of Kalispell, Jim Yeager and wife, Shelly, of Columbus, and Sue Knaub and husband, Jeff, of Laurel; two sisters, Mary Kramer of Billings, and Amelia Yeager of Laurel; 11 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

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

Funeral services will be held at the First Congregational Church in Laurel at 2 p.m. on Wednesday.

Memorials may be made to American Legion Baseball, Box 144, Laurel, MT 59044. Smith Funeral Chapel-Laurel is in charge of arrangements.

Charles E. Yerkes, 71

Charles E. Yerkes, 71, died at Kalispell Regional Medical Center on June 12, 1998.

He was born in Kalispell on Sept. 11, 1926, to Frank A. and Myrtle V. Yerkes.

He was preceded in death by his father, a half brother Claude Yerkes and one grandson, Jason Ford.

He attended schools in Kalispell. In December 1944 he entered the service and received an honorable discharge from the U. S. Marine Corps in San Diego.

From 1954 to 1982 he worked for Plum Creek Timber Co. in Columbia Falls. Upon returning from there he went to work for Berg Lumber in Lewistown, and worked there for eight years. He then worked for Gebhardt Lumber in Roundup, for two years. He then returned to the Flathead Valley and built his home near Lakeside while continuing to work for Cafe al Dente in Whitefish.

He was an avid hunter and fisherman. He enjoyed camping, saw filing, drives in the country and spending time with his family.

On March 11, 1950, he married Margaret Foster. They later divorced. From that marriage came three children.

He is survived by his mother, Myrtle, of the Immanuel Lutheran Home, and a brother, John Anderson and



his wife, Myla, of Missoula. He is also survived by his son Charles L. "Butch" Yerkes and his wife, Mitzi, and their two sons, Christopher, with his fiance, Heide Rohrman, and Jeffrey and his wife, Amanda, and their daughter, Cheyenne. He is also survived by two daughters, Barbara Ford and her husband, Les, and their four children, Jesse, Dan, Crystal and Andrew, of Columbia Falls, and Laurie Ann Hatleberg and her husband, Kirt, of Ferndale.

On March 23, 1983, he married Joanne May in Lewistown. He is now survived by his wife and daughter, Mykal Ann May Yerkes, at the family home located at 74 Angel Point Road in Lakeside. He is also survived by a stepson Michael Lee May of Texas and two stepdaughters, Jozetta Ford and her fiance, Roger McDonald, of Charlo and her children, Chadera, Michael, and Christopher Ford and Mary Kim May and her daughter, Ashley Hill, of Warm Springs.

He will be missed by all who loved him and by those his life touched in so many different ways.

Visitation will be held Wednesday from 2 p.m. until 7 p.m. Mass will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church with the Rev. Kevin O'Neill officiating. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to P.O. Box 377 Lakeside, Mont. 59922 for Mykal Ann's continuing education.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Virginia Lane Yunck, 86

Virginia Lane Yunck, 86, of Cut Bank, died Saturday. *26 Dec 1998*

A memorial service will be held Wednesday, at the First Presbyterian Church in Cut Bank. Burns Funeral Home in Cut Bank is handling the arrangements.

She was born on Nov. 12, 1912, in Braymer, Mo. She met Robert Yunck in Cut Bank, and they were married in 1941.

She is survived by her husband; sons including William Yunck of Whitefish; a daughter, Jeanne Nerdig of Kalispell; two sisters; and five grandchildren.