

Ila Van Slyke, 90

Ila Van Slyke, 90, passed away at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell on Thursday, March 10, 2005.

Ila was born Oct. 6, 1914, to Clyde and Bertha Joy of Whitefish. She graduated from Whitefish High School with honors, receiving a scholarship to Kinmon Business College. Unfortunately, at the last minute, she had to cancel her plans due to the untimely death of her mother. Ila elected to stay home and help her dad raise her four siblings, all younger than she.

Ila later married Raymond Van Slyke and worked as a stay-at-home mom, raising two boys, Clyde and Gary. Raymond was a railroad engineer, which took him away from home two and three days at a time. Ila took her career as wife and mother very seriously,

devoting most of her waking moments to the care of her husband and boys. It wasn't until her boys were on their own that she worked and performed volunteer duties outside the home.

Ila is survived by two sons, Clyde Van Slyke of Sheridan, Wyo., and Gary Van Slyke and his wife Sherry of Whitefish; seven grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be held at the Whitefish Cemetery on Tuesday, March 15 at 1 p.m., followed by a gathering of friends and relatives at the Whitefish Moose Lodge. The service will be conducted by Pastor Darrell Newby of the Columbia Falls Assembly of God Church.

The family is being cared for by Austin Funeral Home.

Ruth DeCarma VanZomeran, 87

Ruth DeCarma VanZomeran, 87, passed away on March 25, 2005, surrounded by her loved ones.

Ruth was born on May 23, 1917, in Salt Lake City, Utah. She married Pete VanZomeran on Aug. 22, 1934.

Ruth is survived by her devoted and loving husband of 70 years, Pete; brother, James Wilkinson, of West Point, Utah; son, Richard VanZomeran, of Springville, Utah; daughter, Karen Burkett, of Kalispell; and 12 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and five great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Leshe VanZomeran.

Ruth lived an active life, enjoying every moment to its fullest.

She always had a laugh and a smile until Alzheimer's took away the pleasure.

She was a homemaker until all the children were in school then she began working at various restaurants part time. She retired from See's Candy after boxing up 15 years of sweet memories. She was active in the Women of the Moose for many years where she made many life-long friends.

Ruth and Pete moved to Kalispell, in 2003, to be closer to their daughter, Karen, and family.

Services will be held at noon on Tuesday, March 29, at Buffalo Hill Mortuary in Kalispell. Interment will be at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Gloria J. Vanisko, 79

Gloria J. Vanisko, 79, passed away Thursday, Oct. 13, 2005, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

Gloria was born Nov. 5, 1925, in Concordia, Kan., to Delos and Fedora Gagnon Nadeau. Gloria was raised in Anaconda where she attended school, graduating from Central Catholic High School.

She married Victor H. Vanisko on Sept. 5, 1950. Gloria was a wonderful homemaker and beloved mother. Her favorite times were those spent with her daughters and their families. She especially loved the holidays and being surrounded by her family and ends.

She was preceded in death by

her parents; her husband, Vic; and two brothers, Lyle Nadeau and Rene Nadeau.

She is survived by her two daughters, Marcia Hammon and her husband, Marvin, and Shelley Harland and her husband, Kevin; and two grandsons, Ryan Hammon and Chase Harland.

Mass of Christian burial will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 22, at St. Peters Catholic Church in Anaconda. Burial will follow at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Anaconda. A reception will follow the burial at Holy Family Catholic Church.

The family request memorials in Gloria's name be sent to the Alzheimer's Foundation.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Henry Russell 'Rusty' Vandevanter, 88

Henry Russell "Rusty" Vandevanter, 88, died peacefully on Sunday, July 17, 2005, in Kalispell.

He was born November 1916, in Niarada,

to Joseph and Myrtle (Hatfield) Vandevanter. He attended schools in Hot Springs and Kalispell. In 1932, his family moved to Columbia Falls.

Rusty was a veteran of World War II in the Army Ground Forces. In 1945, he did his infantry replacement training at Camp Maxey, Texas. He was specially qualified for heavy weapons, and served a year in Hawaii. While in the service he took courses in crop management, animal husbandry, and agricultural economics.

From 1932 to 1953, Rusty and his brother Gene owned and operated the Vandevanter Fur Farm. With the price of fur going down, they turned to other interests. In 1945, they started Vandevanter Meats, which today is still a family-owned and operated business. In 1953, Rusty, his brother, Gene, and cousin, Harold Prouty, started the Trap Zoo. That business stayed in the family until it closed in 1982.

He married Alma Beeson on Aug. 30, 1956, in Missoula, and made their home in Columbia Falls.

Rusty's bowling struck an avid



interest from his children down to his grandchildren. He enjoyed fishing, bowling, carpentry, camping, traveling in their motorhome, farming, rodeos, western books and spending time at their Echo Lake cabin. He especially enjoyed spending time with his beloved grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Rusty was preceded in death by his parents, and his brother, Gene Vandevanter.

He leaves behind his beloved wife of 48 years, Alma Vandevanter; one son, Ron Vandevanter; one daughter, Cindy Hudson and husband, Steve, all of Columbia Falls; three grandchildren, Jeremy Hudson of Wichita, Kan., Jeni Smith and husband, Cruz, of Kalispell, and Ronda Vandevanter of Columbia Falls.

Also surviving are three great-grandsons, Brazton, Jayce and Dylan; a niece, Sharon Brittenham and her husband Jim of Columbia Falls, and numerous relatives.

Cremation has taken place. At his request, there will be no formal services. An open house luncheon of family and friends will take place, Saturday, Aug. 13, at 1 p.m. at the family's Echo Lake cabin.

The family suggests donation be made in his name to Bad Rock Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 1428, Columbia Falls, MT 59912.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for Rusty's family.

RUTH DECARMA VANZOMEREN, 87

March 27, 2005 at 5:00 am |

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She was preceded in death by a son, Leslie VanZomerer.

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She was a homemaker until all the children were in school then she began working at various restaurants part time. She retired from See's Candy after boxing up 15 years of sweet memories. She was active in the Women of the Moose for many years where she made many life-long friends.

Ruth and Pete moved to Kalispell, in 2003, to be closer to their daughter, Karen, and family.

Services will be held at noon on Tuesday, March 29, at Buffalo Hills Mortuary in Kalispell. Interment will be at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Lewis A. Vanover, 84

Lewis A. Vanover, 84, of Belgrade, died Wednesday, May 11, 2005.

He was a banker, beginning his career at the Conrad National Bank in Kalispell. He was also the executive vice president of the Lincoln Security Bank in Libby when it was chartered.

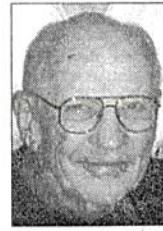
Survivors include his sons, Ted of Townsend, Larry of

Manhattan, and Rod of Belgrade.

A visitation for friends and family will be held a Doken-Nelson Funeral Service in Bozeman from 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday, May 15. Following cremation, a memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, May 18, at the Belgrade Christian Missionary Alliance Church.

Donald K. Vaupel, 88

Longtime area businessman and pharmacist Don Vaupel died of natural causes Monday, Aug. 15, 2005, at Northern Montana Hospital. He was 88 years young.



Don was born in Malta on April 19, 1917. Graduating from Saco High School in 1934, he enrolled at the University of Montana School of Pharmacy in the fall of that same year. He took his bachelor's degree in June 1938, the same month he took Ramona Kathleen Rognas of Saco to be his bride.

Ramona preceded him in death. To that union were born two children, son, Dean, currently of Powell, Wyo., and daughter, Melodee (Mrs. Max Dahl), presently residing in Gig Harbor, Wash.

In 1974, he married Gabriele Poedder, who survives him, as do his brother, Ross Robinson, of Billings; four grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

His long career in business and pharmacy began in 1938 with employment at Cahalan's Drug in Great Falls. After that came short stints with the Baxter Hotel Pharmacy in Bozeman and Hall Drug in Glasgow.

In November 1941, he arrived in Havre and went to work for the Owl Drug Company. In 1948, he and a small group of investors purchased Clark's Pharmacy on Third Avenue and renamed it Don's Medical Pharmacy. In operation for nearly 50 years, the store served the community, occupying three separate locations in the same block. At the height of his business career there was a total of 16 drug stores in various locations throughout Montana, most of them named Western Drug.

In 1976, he, Jim Sleeter and another group of investors purchased the former Buttrey department store in downtown Havre, and converted it into the Atrium Shopping Mall.

Described by his family as a "workaholic," Don had few hobbies. But he so enjoyed his home just outside Havre, his flowers and his

family. He also was known around town as an avid New York Yankee fan, a fair poker player and a great storyteller.

Cremation has taken place. At the request of Don and the family, there will be no funeral service, but friends and acquaintances are invited to the Mediterranean Room Vineyard in Havre for an informal gathering from 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 20. All who knew him are encouraged to stop by and celebrate a wonderful life.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to the Havre Public Schools Education Foundation or to the MSU-Northern Foundation.

Alberta Vasquez, 92

Alberta Vasquez, 92, passed away March 26, 2005, at her home in Whitefish. Alberta lived in Euroka for many years and had many good friends there. She lived the last 20 years at the Whitefish Manor and was very happy there.



Alberta was born April 22, 1912, in San Luis Potosi, Mexico, to Modesto and Demetria Yanez. She came to the United States with her parents at age 9 and was raised in Rotan, Texas.

Alberta was a member of St. Charles Catholic Church in Whitefish.

She was preceded in death by her father, Modesto, in 1967; by her mother, Demetria, in 1992; her daughter, Andrea, in 1971; her brother, Thomas, in 2002; and her brother, Luther, in 2005.

She is survived by five brothers, Antonio, Salome, Lino, Modesto Jr. and Santos of Texas; two sisters, Ramona Sauseda and Estefana Gonzalez of Texas; five daughters, Marie Vasquez of Whitefish, Modesta Ramirez, Nettie Gamez and husband, Alfredo, of Arizona, Mary Cheevers and husband, Bill, of Thompson Falls, and Jane Fountain and husband, Michael, of Texas; three sons, Pedro Jr. and wife Vikki, Ramon and wife, Christi, of Whitefish, and Joe Terrazas and wife, Sharon, of Arizona; 31 grandchildren; seven great grandchildren locally, Jordan (Gordan), Kane, Kaitlyn,

Dereck, Malachi, Willow and Ezekiel. She is also survived by more than 30 other great-grandchildren and numerous great great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Throughout her life, Alberta was a hard worker whose jobs ranged from picking cotton, sewing, cooking, and taking care of her family. In her earlier years, she attended dances and loved to sing. Alberta was a devout Catholic and she prayed the holy rosary faithfully for family, friends and neighbors on a daily basis. Her empathy for others was limitless and she often gave whatever she had to those in need.

By material standards, her possessions were modest, yet she felt she had riches beyond her expectations. Alberta led her life with a generosity towards others and taught her children and grandchildren by example. She leaves her family and friends with a legacy of kindness and love.

Visitation will be Thursday from 1 to 7 p.m. at Austin Funeral Home, U.S. 93, Whitefish, with rosary and vigil services beginning at 7 p.m. Mass of Christian burial will be at 11 a.m. Friday, April 1, and will be conducted at St. Charles Catholic Church, 230 Baker Avenue, Whitefish, with committal services to follow at Glacier Memorial Park in Kalispell.

Memorial contributions are suggested to a charity of your choice.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Austin Funeral Home, Whitefish.

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Alice A. Venetz, 89

Alice A. Venetz, 89, of Kalispell, died peacefully Friday, Oct. 21, 2005, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

Alice was born Dec. 5, 1915, in Earl, N.D., to Alphonso and Fannie Vulysteke. She and her five siblings lived on a homestead in western North Dakota. She graduated from high school in Sidney.

Alice earned a nursing diploma from the Montana Deaconess School of Nursing in Great Falls. She worked as a nurse in Great Falls and Polson.

Alice married Gordon Hall during World War II and they had two sons, Douglas and Daniel. In 1949, she moved with her sons to Polson. She married Howard Venetz in 1951 and they had a daughter, Marilyn.

Alice and Howard enjoyed traveling together, visiting Hawaii, Europe and the Caribbean. Alice helped with their business, Flathead Electric Service, until Howard's untimely death in 1980. Together they built a retirement home near Big Arm in 1971. Her family enjoyed spending time there each summer. Her grandsons enjoy many memories of boating, campfires, catching frogs,



and Gramma's chocolate zucchini cake.

Alice was an avid gardener, known for her beautiful flower gardens. She made many friends, participating in local and state garden clubs. Alice was a dedicated mother and homemaker. She served as a 4-H leader for her daughter's 4-H group for six years. Alice was a "snowbird" to Mesa, Ariz., for over 20 years, enjoying the warm weather and company of her fellow snowbirds. She was a champion at shuffleboard and pool.

Alice moved to Kalispell, in 2002, to be close to her daughter, residing at Buffalo Hill Terrace and most recently at Immanuel Lutheran Home.

Her husband Howard, son Douglas and her siblings, preceded Alice in death.

Alice is survived by her son, Dan Venetz of Oceanside, Calif.; daughter and son-in-law, Marilyn and Gary Nyquist of Kalispell; grandsons, Tyson and Chad Venetz, and their mother, Heidi Venetz of Tualatin, Ore.; and grandson, Ryan Nyquist of Bozeman.

A memorial service will be held 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 4, at the Grogan Funeral Home in Polson, with Rev. Dave Anson officiating. Inurnment will be held at Lakeview Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Presbyterian Church of Polson or the Salvation Army.

Judith 'Judi' S. Verdeck, 61

Judith "Judi" S. Verdeck, 61, died at her home in Bigfork on Saturday, Oct. 22, 2005.

She was born June 5, 1944, in St. Paul, Minn., to Warren and Edna (Schwanz) Sanderson.

She worked many years in the dental profession. She was most recently employed by Dr. Connie Small in Kalispell, and previously by Dr. Larry Clayton of Bigfork, and Dr. Charles Mason of Kalispell. Judi enjoyed people and was devoted to her many friends and she also loved art.

The bright light that was Judi, shines as a beacon to all those who knew and loved her. It shines as a tribute to the courage, grace and enthusiasm she brought to those she loved and the many who loved her.

"She told me once that she felt a life should be judged by the number of friends one leaves behind. If that is the case, Judi had a wonderfully successful life."

Judi received many cards and notes during her battle with cancer. One such note seems to touch the essence of her personality: "... Judi, you lived your life with a big heart and a positive, caring attitude for others. You touched the hearts of a lot of people and

made a difference in their lives. I know that I am a better person for knowing you. I admire the courage, strength and dignity with which you have faced your illness. I hope that God will comfort you and help you find peace."

She wanted to thank the many wonderful friends who helped her with love and encouragement during her ordeal, as well as Home Options/Hospice for their professional care and support.

Judi was preceded in death by her parents.

She is survived by her long-time companion and fiancé, Tom Chaussee, of Bigfork; her son, Russell Hiatt, and wife, Linda, and their two children, Tony and Jenna of Edina, Minn.; also by numerous cousins, aunts and uncles in Minneapolis-St. Paul, and Huntington Beach, Calif.

A memorial celebration for Judi Verdeck will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 29, at Johnson Mortuary Chapel in Kalispell.

The family suggests memorials be made in her name to Hospice Home Health Options, 175 Commons Loop, Ste. 100, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for Judy's family.

Melvin Carl Vick, 93

Melvin Carl Vick, 93, died Tuesday, May 10, 2005, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

He was born Aug. 18, 1911, on a homestead near Assiniboia, Saskatchewan, to Carl Torvel and Margaret Effie (Baldry) Vick. He was the oldest of seven children. His family eventually settled in Opheim where they homesteaded.

He attended school through the eighth grade, and then had a varied and interesting work life. He did ranch work, "riding for cattle," "hoboed" to several fire fighting jobs and even did a short stint of copper mining in Butte.

He married Myrtle May Rogers, Aug. 31, 1934, in Fairview. They made their home on a homestead in Opheim and had two daughters, Patricia "Patsy" Phyllis and Maren Lucina Vick.

They moved to Knob Noster, Mo., in October 1940. Melvin and Myrtle did the harvest run with their girls and his parents for many years.

He became an ironworker in 1954 and moved his family to the Flathead to help build the Columbia Falls Aluminum Plant. In 1956 they moved to Trout Creek to build a bridge and then to Opheim where he managed the

Farmers Union Store.

In late 1957, they moved back to Missouri. He had a farm in Holden, Mo., from 1961 to 1984, when they moved back to Kalispell.

He entertained many people with his violin and guitar. He loved his music! He played with the Golden Returns, who entertained the residents of Brendan House, and other nursing homes all over the valley.

He was a member of the Reorganized Church of Latter-day Saints.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Myrtle, on Aug. 9, 2004; daughter, Patsy, on Oct. 17, 2003; two brothers and two sisters.

Melvin is survived by his daughter, Maren Nestegard, and husband, Larry, of Kalispell; a brother, Kenneth Vick, and wife, Phyllis, of Hamilton; and a sister, Dorothy Graham, of Holden; four grandsons, Victor, Jeffrey, Scott Nelson and David Graham; one step-granddaughter, Allison (Nestegard) Hawes, of Kalispell; six great-grandsons and one great-granddaughter; many cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends.

A memorial service is planned during the family reunion July 4 or 5.

Nancy A. Vignali, 71

Nancy A. Vignali, 71, died Thursday, June 23, 2005, at St. John Lutheran Hospital in Libby following a long battle with cancer.

She is survived by her husband, Emil, in Libby; a daughter,

Lisa Carpenter of Lake Oswego, Ore.; and a son, Bob Vignali of Kalispell.

Services will be 11 a.m. Monday at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Chapel with the Rev. Cal Noble officiating.

Loretta Jean Vincent, 65

Loretta Jean Vincent, 65, died Monday, June 20, 2005, at her home in Libby, surrounded by her family after a courageous ttle with cancer.

She was born on Jan. 31, 1940, at Kalispell, to Lorraine Croskey and Buster Brown.

She attended Creston Grade School and Flathead Valley High School.

Loretta married Chuck Doherty in 1956, and they raised three children — Steve, Allen and Sharon.

After Chuck's death, Loretta was married briefly to Dan Ray-sen.

In 1994, she married Billy Urdahl, and after his death she married Bill Vincent in 1997.

In addition to being a full-time mom, grandma and great-grandma, Loretta worked as a waitress at Syke's and other restaurants throughout northwestern Montana.

She enjoyed camping, hunting, fishing, playing pool and during her later years, four-wheeling.

In retirement, Loretta and Bill enjoyed traveling and greeting guests at their Happy's Inn home. Loretta also enjoyed crafts, and her extended family treasure her handmade gifts.

Loretta was preceded in death

by husbands, Chuck Doherty and Billy Urdahl; her father, Buster Brown; stepfather, Harold Croskey; sister, Leila Mordeau; and brother, Tim Brown.

Survivors include her mother, Lorraine Croskey, of Kalispell; her husband, Bill Vincent, of Libby; sister, Donna, and her husband, Dick Kidwell, of Kalispell; brother, Kerry, and his wife, Nita Croskey, of Columbia Falls; sister, Lucille, and her husband, Roy Parpart, of Tonasket, Wash.; brother, Dave, and his wife, Barbara Brown, of Lodi, Calif.; and brother, Ross Brown, of Pearl River, La.

She also is survived by her children, Steve Doherty and his wife Vivian of Libby; Sharon and her husband Brian Higgins of Kalispell; and Allen and his wife Pat Doherty of Fortine; and stepchildren, Will and Susie Vincent, Bruce and Patti Jo Vincer, Steve and Corine Vincent, and Scott and Hassey Vincent, all of Libby, 17 grandchildren, 15 stepgrandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren in the Flathead Valley and Libby areas.

Loretta's courage, faith and life were celebrated with a graveside service Saturday, June 25, 2005, at the City of Libby Cemetery.

Sandra Lynne 'Sandy' Voelker, 44

Sandra Lynne "Sandy" Voelker passed away quietly and peacefully at Kalispell Regional Medical Center on Oct. 13, 2005, from natural causes.



Sandy was born June 11, 1961, in Lewistown, to Arthur and Mary Mattheis. When she was 3, she moved with her parents to Billings where, while growing up with her two younger brothers, she attended McKinley Elementary, Lincoln Junior High and Billings Senior High schools, graduating in 1979.

She continued her education by attending Montana State University, graduating in 1984 with a bachelor of science degree in nursing, fulfilling her life-long dream of becoming a nurse and specializing in critical care. She was ACLS certified. Throughout her nursing career she worked the medical floors and critical care units of Billings Deaconess, Kalispell Regional, North Valley, and Northern Montana hospitals.

In 1981, Sandy met Mark Voelker in Billings. The two were married on St. Patrick's Day, 1984, and resided in Laurel a short time before moving to Kalispell. Job changes then took the couple to Havre, Seattle, and Sheridan, Wyo., before coming back to Kalispell where they presently resided. Mark and Sandy temporarily lived near Proctor in the past year while building a new home in Kalispell, which they completed and moved to in August.

Besides her ambition for nursing from a young age, Sandy was highly active in school activities, especially high school bands and choirs. She was active in Bethel 7 of Jobs Daughters, where she was a past honored queen. Sandy carried her musical and voice talents into adulthood, where she played the piano, and was a member of

the Valley Voices.

In 1989 Sandy was diagnosed with Hodgkin's Lymphoma. Since that time she overcame numerous and seemingly insurmountable medical hurdles, including a bone marrow transplant in 1990. As a cancer survivor, as well as having disabilities from treatments, she relished each day and lived life to the fullest. In spite of her disabilities cutting her nursing career short, she was able to use her skills in limited volunteer work and helping care for family members with similar health issues.

In her early years, Sandy enjoyed camping and horse-back riding with her family and friends. Later, fishing and camping, playing pinochle, crocheting cross stitching, crosswords, calligraphy, and cooking were her hobbies. She enjoyed traveling to tropical climates to soak up the sun, and enjoyed attending concerts by popular musicians. Wherever she traveled, Sandy liked to try new and exotic restaurants. She also enjoyed sailing on the family vessel with her husband and sea dogs, Max and Edgar.

Sandy was preceded in death by her grandparents, Ralph and Madge Stiert and Paul and Helen Mattheis, and uncles, Ed Mattheis, Fred Mattheis, and Jim Stiert.

Sandy is survived by her husband, Mark, of Kalispell; her parents, Arthur and Mary Mattheis of Billings; two brothers and their families, Mark Mattheis and his wife, Angie, and Matthieu, Marshal, and Mattea of Gillette, Wyo., and Mike Mattheis and his wife, Sharla, and Hunter and Landon of Billings. Also her dog Edgar, of the family home.

Cremation has taken place. There will be a memorial service at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home at 4 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 19.

Memorials may be made in Sandy's name to the charity or organization of your choice.

Sandy's humor, decisiveness, voice, smile, caring, and grasp of life will be missed by all.

Clyde von Barga, 84

Clyde von Barga passed away on Wednesday, April 13, 2005. He was a decent hard working man who had enjoyed a full life of 84 years.



Born March 1, 1921, in central California, Clyde grew up in Santa Cruz on the family ranch, and attended the local high school where he played trombone in the school band.

Clyde and Patricia "Patti" Beaudet were married on March 4, 1946, in Santa Cruz, Calif., where they lived and worked until moving to Palo Alto, Calif., in 1966. In the Bay area, and later again in Santa Cruz, Clyde enjoyed a long and successful working career in wholesale dairy delivery services.

Clyde and Patricia's first child, Larry, was born in 1947, followed by Eric in 1951 who tragically died in an auto accident in 1978, Philip in 1955, and Cynthia in 1958. Clyde worked hard for many years to support his family and provide opportunities for each of his children to develop interests and successes of their own. He was very proud of each of his children.

Because of his love for outdoor activities, family vacations were often into the mountains for tent camping, hiking and fishing. A series of summer vacations also occurred in Santa Cruz, where Clyde almost single handedly built a vacation cabin close to a golf

course and ocean beach. Later, the family moved to Santa Cruz, in 1982, into a comfortable neighborhood close to good schools for the kids.

On one particular vacation through the northwest in 1967, Clyde and Patricia were struck by the big sky and the beauty of the Flathead Valley. They resolved to make it home one day. That opportunity was created in 1974, and the family moved to the Creston area of the Flathead Valley. Their children moved on to their own family-based careers, but this was home for Clyde and Patricia for 17 years.

Fulfilling another dream, they built a home, Clyde's last, on the lakeshore near Dayton in 1991. Clyde enjoyed hunting in the mountains and sailing on the lake, and his famous rock borders and retaining walls will be a lasting legacy for that home.

Clyde is survived by his wife Patricia, of whom Cynthia and their children, Ben, Colleen and Meghan, Philip and his wife, Amelia, and Larry and his wife, Sally, and their children, Gretel and her husband, Curtis.

Finally, Clyde would want you to know that if you're ever asked "What's a hen-way?", the correct answer is about 2 1/2 pounds."

A graveside service for family and friends will be held 2 p.m. on Tuesday, April 19, at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. At Clyde's request there will be no visitation. Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for Clyde's family.

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Clyde and Patricia "Patti" Beudet were married on March 4, 1945, in Santa Cruz, Calif., where they lived and worked until moving to Palo Alto, Calif., in 1946. In the Bay area, and later again in Santa Cruz, Clyde enjoyed a long and successful working career in wholesale dairy delivery services.

Clyde and Patricia's first child, Larry, was born in 1947, followed by Eric, in 1951 (who tragically died in an auto accident in 1978), Philip in 1955, and Cynthia in 1958. Clyde worked hard for many years to support his family and provide opportunities for each of his children to develop interests and successes of their own. He was very proud of each of his children.

Because of his love for outdoor activities, family vacations were often into the mountains for tent camping, hiking and fishing. A series of summer vacations also occurred in Santa Cruz, where Clyde almost single handedly built a vacation cabin close to a golf course and ocean beach. Later, the family moved to Santa Cruz, in 1962, into a comfortable neighborhood close to good schools for the kids.

On one particular vacation through the northwest in 1967, Clyde and Patricia were struck by the big sky and of the beauty of the Flathead Valley. They resolved to make it home one day. That opportunity was created in 1974, and the family moved to the Creston area of the Flathead Valley. Their children moved on to their own families and careers, but this was home for Clyde and Patricia for 17 years.

Fulfilling another dream, they built a home, Clyde's last, on the lakeshore near Dayton in 1991. Clyde enjoyed hunting in the mountains and sailing on the lake, and his famous rock borders and retaining walls will be a lasting legacy for that home.

Clyde is survived by his wife Patricia; children, Cynthia and their children, Dan, Colleen and Meaghan, Philip and his wife, Amelia, and Larry and his wife, Sally, and their children, Gretel and her husband, Curtis.

Finally, Clyde would want you to know that if you're ever asked "What's a henway?", the correct answer is about 2-1/2 pounds."

A graveside service for family and friends will be held 2 p.m. on Tuesday, April 19, at C E Conrad Memorial Cemetery. At Clyde's request there will no visitation.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for Clyde's family.