

Charles D. Van De Kop, 75

Charles D. Van De Kop, 75, of Kalispell, died of natural causes March 30, 2006, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

He was born Jan. 23, 1931, in Conrad, and raised in Valier. He was the youngest of 14 children. He was a member of the U.S. Army.

He married Carole Dagel on May 30, 1954. They were married for 51 years.

His greatest enjoyment came from playing his guitar, camping, fishing and his grandchildren. He is survived by his wife, Carole,

of Kalispell; sons, Rick and Judy Van De Kop of Nampa, Idaho, and Scott Van De Kop of Kalispell; daughters, Lynda and Tom Upsom of Boise, Idaho, Michele and Chris Burton of Hamilton, and Margie and Dan Semsak of Kalispell; a brother, Albert of Salem, Ore.; grandchildren, Dan and Brian McNutt, Brandi and Matthew Peterson, Nick Van De Kop, Derek and Cienna Semsak; and four great-grandchildren, Felix, Fiona, Elwood and Kylie.

Memorial services will be held at a later date.

Irene Marengo Vermulm, 81

Irene Marengo Vermulm, 81, died from natural causes Feb. 21, 2006, at her home in Polson.

She is survived by her 10 children, Carole Fredrickson, Lynda Frost, Sheila Garrison, Gregory Marengo, Douglas Marengo, Monty Marengo, Bradford Marengo, Cyndi Marengo, Kevin Marengo, and Kimberly Marengo.

Memorial services will be

held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 25, at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses in Polson. A reception will be afterward at the Indian Senior Center, at the corner of First Street East and Seventh Avenue. Cremation has taken place and arrangements are under the direction of Grogan Funeral Home and Crematory of Polson.

Joan Louise Buckmaster Vinje, 85

Joan Louise (Buckmaster) Vinje, formerly of the Flathead Valley, died Sunday, June 2, 2006, in Escondido, Calif.

She is survived by her husband, Ralph Vinje, of Escondido; daughter, Linda Christofersen of Escondido; and sons,

Malcolm of San Diego, and Bruce Vinje of Palm Springs, Calif.

A memorial service was held July 20 at Emmanuel Faith Community Church in Escondido.

California Funeral Alternatives handled arrangements.

Verle R. Vinson, 81

Verle R. Vinson, 81, a longtime Kootenai Valley resident, and formerly of Bigfork, died Sunday, Dec. 3, 2006, at his home in Libby.

He had worked for J. Neils Lumber Co. for 35 years before his retirement.

Survivors include his wife, Norma; a daughter, Karen Armstrong, of Eagle

Creek, Ore.; and a son, Rob Vinson, of Libby;

Friends may call from 3 to 8 p.m. today, Dec. 6, at the Nelson and Vial Funeral Home. Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 7, at Christ Lutheran Church, with a military graveside service afterward at the Libby Cemetery.

Donald James Voelker, 81

Donald James Voelker, 81, died July 24, 2006, in Lakewood, Colo.

He was the son of Rosetta and Walter Voelker, born and raised in Kalispell and graduating with the class of 1942.

He went on to attend Montana State College, graduating in electrical and mechanical engineering in 1950 after spending two years in the Army Air Corp.

Also in 1950, he married Ruth Voorhees who was also raised in Kalispell and graduated with the class of 1945. She graduated with a business degree in 1950 from the University of Montana.

In 1950, after they were married, they moved to Hungry Horse where Don worked for the Bureau of Reclamation as an electrical engineer, building and maintain-

ing Hungry Horse Dam.

In 1966, they moved to Denver, working for the Bureau, and Western Area Power Administration, until retiring in 1982. For a few years he did consulting work.

He loved to hunt and fish and garden. Last summer Ruth and Don went to Kalispell for Ruth's 60th class reunion of the class of 1945 and while there, Don received his 50-year Masonic pin.

Don is survived by his wife, Ruth, of 55 years; children, Linda, Richard and Elaine; and two grandchildren.

Cremation and inurnments have taken place.

Memorial services will be held Saturday, Aug. 19, at Shepherd of the Hills Church in Lakewood.

Leslie Voodre, 62

Leslie Voodre, 62, of Boise, Idaho, and formerly of Bigfork, died Thursday, Oct. 12, 2006, at his home.

A memorial service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Oct. 28, at Whitney Baptist Church, 2309 Dorian St., in Boise.

Burial with military honors will take place at 10 a.m. Oct. 30, in the Idaho State Veterans Cemetery.

Bowman Funeral Parlor in Boise is handling the cremation arrangements.