

## Eugene Kaercher

5-MAR-1988

Eugene H. Kaercher, 67, passed away March 5 at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.

He was born Sept. 30, 1920, in Rudyard to Norman and Eunice Kaercher. He was raised and educated in the Rudyard area.

He served in the U.S. Army Corps as gunner on a B24 in Europe during World War II. After his discharge, he returned to the Hi Line area and farmed until 1980.

He enjoyed hunting and fishing.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and two brothers, who died in infancy.

He is survived by two brothers, Lloyd Kaercher of Havre and Lorn Kaercher of Billings; and several nieces and nephews.

Graveside committal of the remains is 2 p.m. Thursday, at the Montana Veterans Home Cemetery in Columbia Falls with military graveside honors. Rev. Howard Hunter of the United Methodist Church will officiate. Cremation and arrangements are by the Van Leuven Funeral Home in Columbia Falls.

## Suzanne Renee Kaski, 18

13 May 1988

Suzanne Renee Kaski, 18, Lakeside, died Wednesday morning in an automobile accident on U.S. 93 north of Lakeside.

She was born Feb. 6, 1970, in Putnam, Conn., the daughter of Ronald and Judith Kaski.

Suzanne had lived in the Flathead Valley since 1979, and graduated from Flathead High School in January. She was a desk clerk at the Super 8 Motel in Kalispell. For the past three years, she also worked as receptionist and secretary for attorney Penny Leatzow in Kalispell.

Suzanne was a member of the Old Apostolic Lutheran Church in Lakeside.

Surviving are her parents at the family home in Lakeside; three brothers, Keith, Kurt and Michael



Kaski, also at the family home; five sisters, Kimberly Toivonen of Yacolt, Wash., Kristina Kaski of Battle Ground, Wash., and Brenda, Debra and Vicki Kaski, all three at the family home; grandparents Wilma and Harold Kaski in Kalispell, and Lyla and Robert Oja in Mohawk, Mich.; and many other relatives and friends.

Friends may call on the family on Friday from noon to 6 p.m. at the Weatherford Funeral Home in Kalispell. The casket will not be open to the public.

Funeral services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. at the Old Apostolic Lutheran Church in Lakeside, with Paul Heidegger and Thor Jackola officiating. Burial will follow at Conrad Memorial Cemetery under the direction of Weatherford Funeral Home.

The family suggests memorial contributions to the Old Apostolic Lutheran Church.

## Ella Christine Keller, 72

5 June 1988

Mrs. Ella Christine Keller, age 72, of Somers, died in the Kalispell Regional Hospital on Wednesday afternoon.

She was born March 23, 1916, in Somers, a daughter of William and Matilda Anderson. She had received her education in Somers, and was one of 13 in the graduating class of 1936 from Somers High School.

On January 1, 1948, she was married to Percy Keller in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. He preceded her in death on December 1, 1972.

Mrs. Keller then was employed as a

laundry attendant for the Imperial Fabric Care Center until her retirement.

She is survived by one son, Richard Keller, at the home in Somers, and several cousins and other relatives.

Funeral services for Mrs. Keller will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. J. Torrance Harvey, pastor of the Lakeside Chapel, officiating.

Burial will be in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Friends may call at the Johnson Mortuary for visitation from 1 to 4 p.m. today.

## Mildred Joy Kelso, 88

10-AUG-1988

Mrs. Mildred Joy Kelso, 88, of Bigfork, died in the Lake View Care Center in Bigfork Wednesday morning.

She was born April 16, 1900, in Grant Forks, N.D., a daughter of George and Bertha Leeson. When she was 8 years old, she moved with her family to Bainville, where she grew to womanhood.

She was a graduate of the Culbertson High School and the Union Commercial College of Grand Forks, N.D. She was engaged in secretarial work and accounting for many years.

In 1920, she was married to Fred W. Kelso in Bainville. In 1936, the couple moved to the East Shore of Flathead Lake where they engaged in raising cherries.

Mrs. Kelso was preceded in death by her husband, Fred, on June 16, 1965, and by her only brother, Del Leeson, on Nov. 10, 1972.

She is survived by one sister, Mrs. Ruth Smith, of Bainville; 13 nieces and nephews, and several grand-nieces and grand-nephews.

Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery with the Rev. Ron Pierce, pastor of the Swan Chapel, officiating. Friends will meet at the cemetery for the services. Friends may call at the Johnson Mortuary for visitation until 8 tonight.

Memorials to the Montana Children's Home in Helena have been suggested by the family.

## Kenyon R. Kaiser, 63

28 Sept. 1988

Kenyon Roland Kaiser, 63, of Missoula, died of a heart attack Monday at St. Patrick Hospital.

He was born Jan. 26, 1925, in Salt Lake City to Kenyon and Emma Kaiser. At an early age, he moved to Great Falls and later to Denver, where he graduated from high school in 1942. He entered the U.S. Navy in 1943 and was involved in developing the use of sonar.

Following his discharge, he earned a bachelor's degree in music from the University of Montana. He also received a teaching certificate in English from UM.

On Feb. 21, 1947, he married June Pogachar in Missoula.

He taught band and English at Manhattan High School. He then traveled throughout the Northwest as a chain-saw sculptor. Among his works

was the "Trees of Mystery" in Klamath, Calif.

After receiving a master's degree in fine arts from the University of Oregon in Eugene, he returned to Montana and continued his sculpting work.

Survivors include his wife, mother and a son, Kenny, all of Missoula; five daughters, Phila Kelsey and Faye Kaiser, both of Portland, Ore., Kenna Winters, Coos Bay, Ore., and Keira Ellis and Theone Kaiser, both of Missoula; a sister, Brownie Stratton, Missoula; and a grandson.

Funeral services will be 3 p.m. Thursday at the Livingston-Malletta & Geraghty Funeral Home with the Rev. Kathy Munson-Young officiating. Military graveside services will follow at Sunset Memorial Park Cemetery.

The family suggests memorials to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Box 2802, Great Falls, 59403.

## Lorraine Kahl

Lorraine Dallier Kahl, 54, a former Columbia Falls resident, died Jan. 9 in Seattle.

She was born Oct. 10, 1933, in Clancy to William and Melba Dallier and was raised and educated in Columbia Falls.

She married Joe Kahl on Aug. 1, 1959.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Joe, in 1984, her parents, two sisters and one brother.

Surviving are one sister, Leila Klindt of Seattle; Doug Rudio of Kalispell; many nieces and nephews.

Services were held Jan. 13 in Seattle.

## Minnie Karnes, 101

LIBBY — Minnie Karnes, 101, died June 5 at Libby Care Center.

She and her husband, Marshal, moved to Libby in 1921.

Survivors include a daughter, Edna Switzer, Libby; and four sons.

Services will be 2 p.m. Thursday at St. Luke's Episcopal Church. Burial will be at City of Libby Cemetery.

7 June 1988

## Thomas Keeler, 80

POLSON — Thomas F. Keeler, 80, Polson, died of heart failure Sunday at St. Joseph Hospital.

He was born June 14, 1907, to Frank and Julia Keeler on the family ranch one mile west of Polson. He attended schools in Polson and Chemawa, Ore.

He was a member of the Salish-Kootenai Tribe, a member of the Polson Senior Citizens and a lifetime member of Elks Lodge No. 613 in Santa Barbara, Calif.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Alice; two sons; a daughter; four sisters and a brother.

Survivors include a daughter, Lavina Keeler Ramirez of Los Angeles, and several nieces, nephews, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Mass of Christian Burial was 11 a.m. Friday at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

Burial will be at Lakeview Cemetery.

Mosley Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

## William H. Karns

Postal supervisor

FLORENCE — William H. Karns, 51, of Florence, died of cancer Thursday, Aug. 11, at his home. 1988

He was born Dec. 9, 1936, in Benton, Pa., to Bruce and Leda Karns. He was raised and attended schools in Pennsylvania and New Jersey, graduating from high school in Rahway, N.J.

On Sept. 15, 1956, he married Dorothy Tompkins in Rahway.

In 1956, Mr. Karns began work with the U.S. Postal Service in New Jersey. He transferred to Trout Creek in 1972 and to Missoula in 1974. He retired from his position as a postal supervisor due to ill health.

He was a member of the Florence Civic Club, and enjoyed the outdoors and working on cars.

Survivors include his wife, of Florence; a son, Alan, Florence; three daughters, Christine Paxton, Missoula; Karin Flint, Florence; and Shirley Younger, Great Falls; his mother, Leda Kitchen, Wilkes Barre, Pa.; four brothers, Arthur, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; Ronald, Creedmoor, N.C.; Barry, Sandusky, Ohio; and Raymond Kitchen, Upper Askam, Pa.; a sister, Leda Cromer, Lower Askam, Pa.; and five grandchildren.

Services will be 11 a.m. Saturday at Squire Simmons & Carr Funeral Home in Missoula with the Rev. Dave Hanson officiating. A luncheon will follow at Florence-Carlton Community Church.

The family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 3914, Missoula 59806.

## Roy J. Kirkhoven, 75

LIBBY — Roy J. Kirkhoven, 75, Libby, died of a heart attack March

19 in Libby. 1988

He had lived in the Libby area for many years and worked in the logging industry.

Survivors include three daughters.

Services will be Saturday at 9:30 a.m. at the Vial Funeral Home. Burial will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Sandpoint Cemetery.

## Lewis L. Kibler

Steam engine fireman

SEATTLE — Former St. Ignatius resident Lewis L. "Lew" Kibler, 93, of Seattle, died Saturday, Aug. 6, at St. Francis Hospital in Federal Way, Wash. 1988

He was born Aug. 27, 1894, in Cavalier, N.D., to Chancie and Mary Kibler.

He entered the U.S. Army and served with the Second Montana Regiment, 163th Infantry, in World War I. He was involved in the battles of Argon Forest, St. Mihiel and Chateau Thierry. He was discharged from 313th Infantry, 79th Division.

He worked as a steam engine fireman.

On June 20, 1923, he married Faye Wilmuth Baxter in Milltown.

Survivors include two sons, Harold, Sandpoint, Idaho, and Leland, Seattle; 10 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife and four sons.

Services will be 11 a.m. Friday at St. Ignatius Christian Church. The Rev. Bob Larsson will officiate. Burial will be at Pleasant View Cemetery in St. Ignatius, with military rites by American Legion McCarthy Post No. 106.

Local arrangements are under the direction of Fearon-Riddle Funeral Chapel.

HELENA—<sup>23 NOV 1988</sup> Lyle Knudsen, former Flathead Valley resident, died Nov. 14, 1988, at St. Peter's Hospital, Helena, after a short illness. He was in Helena visiting family. He was born Dec. 11, 1912, in Bear River City, Utah. As a young man, he was a miner, a logger and then worked in the CCC camps during the Depression. He married Elizabeth Lee in 1939 in Brigham City, Utah and they later divorced. In 1953, he moved his family to the Flathead Valley where he drove logging trucks. He retired in 1969 due to a logging accident. He married Ruth Werre in 1959 in Kalispell. They lived in Brigham City after his retirement. Preceding him in death in 1962 was a son, Milton Lee "Sandy". Surviving are three sons, John of Clancy, Leonard of Fort Benton and Bill of Helena; three daughters, Betty Jean Notbohm of Clancy, Virginia Brazill of Seattle, Wash., and Peggy Marie Flamond of Monroe, Wash.; two sisters and other relatives. Services were Thursday.

## Margaret Kerkhove, 87

Margaret Kerkhove, 87, died April 14 at Immanuel Lutheran Home.

She moved to Kalispell in 1984.

Survivors include her husband, Frank, at Immanuel Lutheran Home; and a son, Frank Jr., Kila.

Graveside services and burial of the urn will be at 3 p.m. Friday at Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Those attending are asked to meet at the cemetery. *15 April 1987*

## Margaret Helen Kimpel, 53 *9 Dec 1987*

Margaret Helen Kimpel, 53, of Woods Bay, died at home Wednesday of natural causes.

She was born Jan. 24, 1935, in Missoula, the daughter of William and Ruth Wimmert. She was raised in various places in the Bitterroot and Missoula and graduated from a Missoula high school in 1953. After graduation she worked for about 10 years as a checker at the Super Save Market in Missoula. She then worked for an answering service in Missoula for about five years.

In 1953, she was married to Edward Nelson and they were later divorced.

In 1976, she married Jerry Kimpel in Couer d'Alene, Idaho. The couple moved to the East Shore of Flathead Lake and have resided there since.

Mrs. Kimpel belonged to the Al-

liance Church in Missoula. She enjoyed gardening and traveling.

She is survived by her husband, Jerry, at the family home in Woods Bay; three sons, Edward Nelson Jr. in Missoula, Steven Nelson in Stevensville, and David Nelson in Seattle; her mother, Ruth Wimmert in Missoula; two brothers, Kenneth Wimmert in Spokane, and William Wimmert in Missoula; a sister, Lucille Rogman in Missoula, and two grandchildren.

Viewing will be 1-6 p.m. today at the Bigfork Funeral Home. Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home with the Rev. Ron Pierce officiating. Burial will follow at the Lonepine Cemetery in Bigfork.

Memorials may be made to the Montana Heart Association, 510 First Ave. N., Great Falls, 59401.

## Olen Alfred Kinyon, 88

*29 March 1988*  
Mr. Olen Alfred Kinyon, age 88, of Kalispell, died in the Flathead County Nursing Home on Tuesday morning.

He was born July 20, 1899, in Moscow, Idaho, a son of James and May Kinyon. He had attended school in Cromwell, Idaho, until the age of 10, when he moved with his family to Galata and completed his education.

In 1932, he was married to Mary Boyd Freeman in Kalispell. He then worked for the Boyd Blacksmith Shop for about eight years before moving to Bremerton, Wash., where he was employed in the U.S. Naval Yard there.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary, in 1952, and in 1953, he was married to Bessie Aune in Seattle. The couple then returned to Kalispell and lived here since that time.

Mr. Kinyon had been employed at the Conrad Memorial Cemetery for 20

years prior to his retirement.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Bessie, on Nov. 16, 1983, and was also preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Vern Kinyon.

He is now survived by a son, Robert Kinyon of Seattle, Wash.; two daughters, Freida Butterbrodt of Redmond, Wash., and Frances Miller of Snohomish, Wash.; a sister, Maggie McSweeney in Iowa; three brothers, Homer Kinyon of Columbia Falls, Brondle Kinyon and Ray Kinyon, both of Galata; four grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; six great-great-grandchildren; and a number of other relatives.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial service and burial of the urn will be at a later date in Conrad Memorial Cemetery under the direction of Johnson Mortuary.

## Edna Kessinger

*14 Dec 1988*  
Edna C. Kessinger, 76, of Columbia Falls, died Dec. 7 at North Valley Extended Care in Whitefish.

She was born Aug. 25, 1912, in Brainerd, Minn. to Christian T. and Kari Moen. She attended school in Minnesota and later moved with her parents to Eureka.

She married John C. Kessinger on Jan. 8, 1942, in Great Falls. They lived in Eureka until 1949 when they moved to Martin City. In 1950, they moved to the Columbia Falls area and then Whitefish.

She was an avid bingo player.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, John; and one son, James.

Surviving are her son and daughter-in-law, John and Karen Kessinger, of Columbia Falls; her daughter and son-in-law, Rosalie and Stan Torgerson, of Stevensville; two granddaughters, Wendy and Michelle Kessinger, of Columbia Falls; her mother-in-law, Mrs. J.C. Kessinger, of Choteau; two brothers, Kenneth Moen, of Grants Pass, Ore., and Richard Moen of Eureka; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were Saturday at Van Leuven Funeral Home with the Rev. Harold Petersen, of Christ Lutheran Church in Whitefish, officiating. Burial was in Conrad Memorial Cemetery, Kalispell.

The family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society.

Pallbearers were Ed Reed, Larry Fortin, Gary Fortin, Carl Sanders, Doug Fox and Chris Moen.

## Frances Kinyon, 68

Frances D. Kinyon, 68, Whitefish, died in Brendan House Wednesday afternoon.

She was employed at the Whitefish Post Office from 1967 until her retirement in 1983. Previously, she worked as a waitress in various Bigfork establishments and also for Eva Gates.



She had lived in the Bigfork area most of her life until 1970, when she moved to Whitefish.

She was born June 20, 1919, in Patrick Creek, to Charles and Emma Collins. She received her elementary education in Bigfork and graduated from Bigfork High School in 1937.

She was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary and the Lady Moose of Whitefish.

In 1938, she married Martin Nichols in Kalispell and was preceded in death by him in 1949.

In 1950, she married I. Clare Kinyon and was preceded in death by him in 1951.

She was also preceded in death by an infant daughter, Janet Marie, and a brother, Raymond Collins.

Survivors include two sons, Robert Nichols of North Pole, Alaska, and Clare Kinyon of Bigfork; three daughters, Joyce Hollopeter of Kalispell, and Elaine Hopkins and Linda Thompson, both of Bigfork; three brothers, Alfred Collins of Port Orchard, Wash., Norman Collins of Sun City, Ariz., and Clinton Collins of Whitefish; two sisters, Marion Curvo of Redondo Beach, Calif., and Geraldine Anderson of San Gabriel, Calif.; an aunt, Mary Cooper of San Gabriel; 22 grand-

children; 24 great-grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Services will be 2 p.m. Saturday in Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Ron Pierce of Swan Chapel officiating. Burial will be in Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Friends may call at Johnson Mortuary for visitation until 8 tonight and from 9 a.m. until noon Saturday.

The family suggests memorials to the American Lung Association of Montana, 825 Helena Ave., Helena, 59601, or to the charity of donor's choice. 22 Jan. 88

## Leslie H. Kjos, 70 29 APR 1988

Mr. Leslie H. Kjos, age 70, of Kalispell, died in the Kalispell Regional Hospital on Wednesday afternoon.

He was born March 10, 1918, in Frazer, a son of Alfred and Anne Kjos. He had attended school in Frazer and Glasgow. He then moved with his family to Kalispell



where he attended Flathead County High School, graduating in the Class of 1936.

He worked as a cabinet maker until 1940, when he joined the regular Army Air Corps at Fort McDowell on Angel Island, Calif. In 1942, he served overseas in Egypt, Libya, Tripolitania, Tunisia and Italy, supporting the British Eighth Army under General Lord Viscount Montgomery.

In 1944-45, he served in Szechwan Province in China supporting the Flying Tigers under Gen. Claire Chennault. He had served three years overseas and had received his honorable discharge on Sept. 14, 1945, at Fort Lewis, Wash., as a technical sergeant.

He returned to the Flathead. In 1946, he formed the Western Woodwork Company in partnership with John L. Johnson. In 1947, Mr. Kjos assumed sole proprietorship of the company. On Aug. 1, 1955, he sold part interest to Ivan O'Neil and the company was incorporated as Western Woodwork & Supply, going into a full line of building materials. He had served as president of the corporation as it expanded into an operation of five outlets known as Western Building Centers. He retired from business in 1983, but has continued to serve as president of the board of the corporation.

In 1984, he traveled to Brazil, serving as a lay minister for the As-

sociation of Free Lutheran Congregations.

Mr. Kjos had served as scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troup 87 in Kalispell for six years.

He was a charter member of the Stillwater Free Lutheran Church and a charter member of the Faith Free Lutheran Church, having served in various capacities in both congregations. He was also a member of the Gideons.

On Sept. 21, 1947, he was married to Lillian Randall in Boise, Idaho, and was preceded in death by her on March 2, 1981.

On Jan. 31, 1987, he was married to Arlene Skiftun Larson in Kalispell, and is now survived by her at the family home.

He is also survived by three children, Mrs. Kristin Shane and Randall Kjos, both of Kalispell, and Mrs. Sylvia Kingsbury of Garland, Texas; three stepchildren, Lauren Larson of Spokane, Wash., Bruce Larson of Aurora, Colo., and Brenda Krohn of Kalispell; a brother, Arlo Kjos of San Rafael, Calif.; two sisters, Clara Hartley in California, and Ione Hinkle in Nevada; eight grandchildren and three step-grandchildren.

Mr. Kjos was a strong supporter of the Constitution of the United States and believed in preserving the Constitution as it was written.

Funeral services for Mr. Kjos will be held at 3 p.m. on Saturday in the Stillwater Free Lutheran Church (1401 Church Drive, Kalispell) with the Rev. Stephen Snipstead officiating. Burial will be in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Friends may call at the Johnson Mortuary for visitation until 8 tonight and from 9 a.m. until noon on Saturday. The casket will be closed for the services.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Faith Free Lutheran Church.

## George Kipp

BROWNING—George Grinnell Kipp, 90, longtime rancher and former Blackfeet Reservation tribal official, died Friday of natural causes in Browning. Kipp was born on the Blackfeet Reservation. His father, Joseph, was the first trader welcomed by the Blackfeet. His grandparents were Capt. James Kipp and Earth Woman of the Mandan Tribe, a marriage written about by artist George Catlin.

Kipp attended Chimewa Indian School in Salem, Ore. In 1918, he married Francis Ellen "Fanny" Edwards in Kalispell. They celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary recently.

Kipp was active in Blackfeet affairs, being one of the first councilmen to represent the Blackfeet on the National Congress of American Indians.

He also was the first president of Lions Club in Browning; was chairman of the Blackfeet Tribal

Business Council; chairman of Intertribal Policy Board; served on the Browning school board; and was a member of the first Council of Blackfeet Leaders and Blackfeet Tribal Bull Herd.

He is survived by his wife of Browning; son, Eugene George of Browning; daughters, Mary Lorraine Galbreath, and Brenda Two Stabs Kipp, both of Browning; 11 grandchildren; and many great-grandchildren.

Services were Monday in Browning. *10 Feb 1988*

## Lloyd Kurth Sr., 94

*2-7-88 1988*  
EAST MISSOULA — Lloyd S. Kurth Sr., 94, formerly of Polson, died Friday at his East Missoula home.

He was born June 16, 1893, in Alma, Wis., to Samuel and Mary Kurth. He moved to Highwood as a boy.

He served during World War I in Manila, Philippines. After the war, he returned to Great Falls.

In October 1926 he married Gaynelle Olinger in Great Falls, where they lived until moving to Geraldine in 1940. In 1947, they moved to Flathead Lake.

Mr. Kurth retired and moved to Polson in 1977.

He was a member of the American Legion for 70 years and the Great Falls Elks Lodge for 55 years.

He was preceded in death by his wife in 1986, and by a brother.

Survivors include a son, Lloyd Jr. of Murray, Ky.; a daughter, Mary Jane Browne of East Missoula; a brother, Rodney of Great Falls; eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be 1 p.m. Wednesday at Riverside Cemetery in Fort Benton under the direction of Benton Funeral Home.

Livingston-Malletta & Geraghty Funeral Home is charge of local arrangements.

## Phoebe Ann Koch, 57

Mrs. Phoebe Ann Koch, age 57, formerly of Kalispell, died in the Harborview Medical Center in Seattle, Wash., on March 6 of diabetes mellitus complications. *1988*

She was born Aug. 6, 1930, in Hillsboro, Ore., a daughter of Dr. Harrison D. and Ruth Huggins. She had attended Kalispell schools and was a graduate of the Chicago School of the Arts in the class of 1951.

She is survived by a son, Douglas Nathaniel Koch of Seattle; two aunts, Dorothea Harlow of Newtown Square, Pa., and Janet Hogue of Missoula, and a number of cousins and other relatives.

Cremation has taken place. No public services are planned.

## O.J. Knudson, 75

*7 Feb 1988*  
Oliver J. O.J. Knudson, 75, Columbia Falls, a longtime construction worker, died Sunday at North Valley Hospital.

He worked for oil exploration companies in eastern Montana and also for the Crows Nest Oil Company north of Polebridge. He later worked as a construction pipefitter throughout the western United States, including the Hanford Atomic Plant and Hungry Horse and Libby dams.

He retired from the Columbia Falls Anaconda Aluminum plant in 1973 where he had worked as a maintenance pipefitter. He worked on construction for several years after his retirement.

He was born June 22, 1912, in Bossburg, Wash., to Mathias and Antoinette Knudson. In 1913, the family moved to Pouce Coupe, British Columbia, where they homesteaded until 1920. The family moved to Colville, Wash., where he lived until 1930, when he moved to Columbia Falls.

He married Dorothy A. Clapper on Aug. 2, 1937, in Columbia Falls.

He was active in Plumbers and Pipefitters Local No. 684 of Kalispell and served both as secretary-treasurer and president for the local for several years. He was a charter member of the Woodlawn Cemetery Board in Columbia Falls.

He was preceded in death by his wife on Jan. 30, 1982; an infant sister, Bernice, on Nov. 13, 1929; a sister, Winifred Agee, on Dec. 11, 1973; and a brother, Glen, on Dec. 1, 1977.

He is survived by two sons, John, of Libby, and Gerald, of Helena; a daughter, Jannice Croskrey of Veradale, Wash.; five sisters, Arvilla Reed of Columbia Falls, Sylvia Fugate of Willow Springs, Mo., Lucille Hill of Gladstone, Ore., Carol Espeland of Ellsworth, Iowa, and Lois Shirley Broad of Burlington, Wis.; and eight grandchildren.

Services will be at 3:30 p.m. Thursday at Van Leuven Funeral Home in Columbia Falls with the Rev. Howard Hunter of United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.

The family suggests memorials to the American Heart Association or the charity of donor's choice.

## Bea Kneeder, 75

*13 Jan 1988*  
Mary Beatrice "Bea" Kneeder, 75, Kalispell, died Monday in Kalispell Regional Hospital.

She was born March 28, 1912, in Gold Butte, to John M. and Iva Lowell Secrist McNamara. She attended public schools in Oilmont and Conrad.

In September 1962, she married Willis Kneeder in Idaho Falls, Idaho. They made their home in Cut Bank and Havre.

She worked as a receptionist in Cut Bank and also at Northern Montana Hospital in Havre. Since 1974, the Kneedlers had resided in Whitefish and Kalispell and traveled as her health permitted.

Survivors include her husband, Willis, at the family home in Kalispell; a daughter, Jeanne Wagner of Helena; a grandson; a sister, Arlene Stensgard of Middletown Springs, Va.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Jack McNamara; and a sister, Vivian Stratford.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Weatherford Funeral Home with the Rev. Marvin Northcutt of United Epworth Methodist Church. Cremation has taken place at Weatherford Crematory.

The family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 1002, Kalispell.

## Raymond Komis

*Sept 23, 1988 H. H. News*  
Raymond F. "Bud" Komis, 70, died Saturday at his home near Columbia Falls.

He was born July 2, 1918, in Malta to William and Rosa Komis. He was raised and educated in Malta.

He served in the Army during World War II.

He was married to Elizabeth Kitty Petersen in 1945 in Vancouver, Wash. They lived in various parts of the U.S. while he worked on construction projects.

They moved to Columbia Falls in 1955 where he worked for the Anaconda Aluminum Co. as a maintenance man until his retirement in 1981.

He was a life member of the VFW Post 5650 in Columbia Falls.

Preceding him in death were his wife in 1981 and one nephew.

Surviving are two brothers, Arthur, of Malta, and Harold, Chinook; one sister, Elsie Bebee of Missoula.

No services were held. Cremation and arrangements are by Van Leuven Funeral Home.

## Bonnie Konen, 65

*27 MAR 1988*  
Bonnie C. Konen, 65, died Wednesday morning in Missoula.

She is survived by her husband, James, in Columbia Falls; her father, Clarence Saurey of Whitefish; a daughter, Robin Gillespie of Columbia Falls; and a son, John Konen of Dillon.

Rosary will be recited today at 6 p.m. at the Van Leuven Funeral Home in Columbia Falls. Mass of the Resurrection will be at the St. Charles Catholic Church in Columbia Falls. Burial will be in the Conrad Cemetery in Kalispell.

## Sid Kornelis

*12 April 1988*  
Sid Kornelis, 100, passed away Tuesday morning at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls, where he had been a resident since 1975.

He was born June 30, 1887 in Joure, Friesland the Netherlands to Cornelis and Nieska Kornelis. At age 20, Sid served in the Dutch Army as a grenadier for Queen Wilhelmina. On March 21, 1910, Sid and his brother, Abe, arrived in New York City at Ellis Island.

They worked at various jobs, including the Los Angeles Aqueduct. In 1915 they homesteaded north of Columbus, Mont. Sid served in the U.S. Army during World War I in France, Belgium and Germany. After his discharge from the Army, he returned to Montana. He married Gertrude Van Dyke on December 10, 1921 in Rapelje, Mont. They moved to Columbus in 1936 where Sid went into the poultry business.

His wife Gertrude was killed in an automobile accident in August 1951.

He married Lois Larson on January 10, 1954. They lived in Columbus where Sid continued his poultry business and also was the Public Administrator for Stillwater County.

Sid and Lois moved to the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls in 1975.

He is survived by his wife, Lois at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls; three sons, William Kornelis of Fort Collins, Colo., Thomas Kornelis of Lake Oswego, Ore., and Neil Kornelis of Fairbanks, Alaska; two daughters, Naida Aschenbrenner of Omaha, Neb., and Helen Peterson of Laurel, Mont.; 18 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; 1 great-great-grandchild; and many nieces and nephews.

A funeral service will be held Friday at the Columbus Evangelical Church in Columbus, at 10:30 a.m. Burial will follow in Mountainview Cemetery in Columbus, with military graveside honors. Arrangements are by the Van Leuven Funeral Home.



## Violet Lorraine Krantz, 64

26 April 1988

Mrs. Violet Lorraine Krantz, age 64, of Kalispell, died in the

Kalispell Regional Hospital on Saturday.

She was born Oct. 2, 1923, in Priest River, Idaho, a daughter of Jack and Elma Williams. As a young child she moved with her family to Kalispell and had attended Ashley Creek School. She had been employed as a bartender in various places throughout Flathead Valley.

She had been married to Herman Krantz who preceded her in death.

She is now survived by two sons, Tom Vand Der Ende of



Kalispell and Herman Krantz III of Boulder; two daughters, Georgia Waller of Albuquerque, N.M., and Vicki Rinke of Kalispell; seven brothers and sisters, Janiel Souther of Kalispell, Don Williams and Virginia Riley, both of Seattle, Wash., George Williams of Ellensburg, Wash., Patsy Rocco of Long Island, N.Y., Joy Eichten of Denver, Colo., and Geri Perrine of Garibaldi, Ore.; five grandchildren including Ken "Buddy" Larson of Kalispell, and a number of nieces and nephews.

Funeral services for Mrs. Krantz will be held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Robert Ross, pastor of the Christian Center Assembly of God, officiating. Burial will be in the Glacier Memorial Gardens.

## C.G. Kravik, 78

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Clarence Gilbert Kravik, 78, Columbia Falls, died in Brendan House Monday evening.

He had a mail route for several years before working on the Fort Peck Dam construction. He then farmed with several farmers in Richland, and at one time he leased and farmed 45,000 acres in eastern Montana.

In 1964, he sold his equipment and moved to Santa Ana, Calif., where he owned and operated a hardware store. In 1968, he sold the store and worked part-time for Griffin Hardware and as a handyman for several townhouses.

In 1983, he moved to Diamond Bar, Calif., to live with his daughter. He retired in 1983, and in 1987, he moved to Columbia Falls.

He was born Dec. 27, 1909, in Fairmont, N.D., to Ole and Thelma Kravik. At an early age he moved with his family to Richland where he received his education. When he was 18, he moved to San Francisco for a year, then returned to Richland to farm with his family.

On Dec. 7, 1935, he married Evelyn Schrieber in Scobey. He was preceded in death by her on Nov. 1, 1982.

He was a member of the Elks Lodge in Glasgow and was Lutheran.

He enjoyed carpentry and woodworking as a hobby.

He also was preceded in death by a brother, Carl Kravik.

Survivors include a daughter, Jackie Gillespie of Columbia Falls; a brother, Emil Kravik of Glasgow; two sisters, Helen Calner of Spokane, Wash., and Eleanor Hawkins of Arcadia, Calif.; two

grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Thursday in Northridge Lutheran Church with the Rev. Randall Nicolai officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery at Columbia Falls. Friends may call at Johnson Mortuary until 8 tonight and from 9 a.m. until noon Thursday for visitation.

## Fern E. Kruchten

MISSOULA — Fern E. Kruchten, 84, of Missoula, died of natural causes Monday, Aug. 8, at Heritage Hearth Care Center. 1988

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Squire Simmons & Carr Funeral Home.

## Crystal Kushnak, 62

Crystal P. Kushnak, 62, Whitefish, died of heart problems Saturday at the North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

She was born Dec. 16, 1926, in Coulee, N.D., to Frank and Helda King.

She attended school in North Dakota and graduated from the Columbus School of Nursing in 1950.

She married Stanley Kushnak in 1946 in Indiana. He survives her at the family home on Whitefish Lake.

Other survivors include a son, three brothers, and a grandson.

A prayer service is scheduled for 7 p.m. tonight at Austin Funeral Home. Mass of the Resurrection will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at St. Charles Catholic Church in Whitefish. Burial will be in the Donnybrook Cemetery in Donnybrook, N.D.

Memorials are suggested to St. Charles Catholic Church in Whitefish. 2 Jan 1989