

Edward 'Sonny' Karaffa

Edward James "Sonny" Karaffa, 63, a Great Falls native, died of natural causes Jan. 15 in Tampa, Fla. 1996

A graveside service will be at 10 a.m. Thursday in Mount Olivet Cemetery. O'Connor Funeral Home is in charge.

He was born on Jan. 19, 1926, in Great Falls and attended school here. He married Maxine Stafford in Canada.

Karaffa entered the military during World War II. After his discharge he joined Northwest Orient Airlines in Seattle and worked up through the ranks until retiring as a manager in 1987 in Florida. He had also worked for Northwest in Chicago before transferring to Florida about 20 years ago.

Survivors include a daughter, Maria Shephard of Seattle; and four grandchildren. *Great Falls Paper*

DESSIE KAUFFMAN

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Mrs. Dessie Elma Kauffman, 89, Kalispell resident for more than 65 years, died in the Lake View Care Center in Bigfork Aug. 12 of natural causes.

She was born April 24, 1901, in Osceola, Mo., daughter of Andrew and Clara Hooks. Nov. 21, 1920, she was married to Lesley Kauffman in Garden City, Mo. They moved to Kalispell in 1925. Mrs. Kauffman was preceded in death by her husband; one daughter, Flossie, and her twin sister, Bessie Kauffman.

She is now survived by two daughters, Zella Nordtome of Kalispell and Eloise Young of Salem, Ore., four sisters in Maryland; eight grandchildren; 17 great grandchildren, and 10 great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were Aug. 15 in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Ray Pierson, pastor of the Central Bible Church, officiating. Burial was in Glacier Memorial Gardens.

The family suggest memorials to the Central Bible Church or to Gideons International.

Kathryn 'Katie' Keil, 64

Kathryn O. "Katie" Keil, 64, of Kalispell, died at Brendan House Thursday evening, following an illness with cancer. *2 Aug 1990*

She was born Jan. 10, 1926, in Bozeman, to Agnes and Orland A. McDowell Sr. The family lived in Belgrade until she was in the fifth grade. They then moved to Butte. During her senior year in high school, they moved to Whitehall, where she graduated from high school. She received her nurse training at Montana State University in Bozeman and Deaconess Hospital in Billings, graduating as a registered nurse in 1948.

In 1949, she married George W. Keil and the marriage later ended in divorce. She came to Kalispell in the mid 1960s and worked as a surgery nurse at Kalispell General Hospital, which later became Kalispell Regional

Hospital. She retired due to ill health in 1987.

She is survived by five sons, Craig, Blair, and Grant Keil, all of Forks, Wash., Ross Keil in Oregon, and Duane Keil of Seward, Alaska; two sisters, Helen McDivitt of Rollins and Juanita Clark of Bozeman; two brothers, Orland A. McDowell of Kalispell and Robert I. McDowell of Columbia Falls; 10 grandchildren; and a number of other relatives.

Her parents preceded her in death.

Public memorial services are not planned. Arrangements and cremation are by Weatherford Funeral Home & Crematory in Kalispell.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 1002, Kalispell, 59903-1002, or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Charles P. Keim, 86

Charles P. Keim, 86, a former resident of Kalispell, died April 7 at Community Medical Center in Missoula. *1990*

He had public accounting and office supply businesses in Kalispell from 1946-1953, then operated a cherry orchard on Flathead Lake until 1965.

He worked as an administrator at Kalispell General Hospital from 1965-1969. He joined Blue Cross of Montana in 1969, retiring in 1982.

Mr. Keim graduated from the University of Montana in 1985, the oldest student then attending the university.

He is survived by a son, a daughter, and two brothers, including Neil, Hungry Horse.

Services were today at 11 a.m. at Church of the Holy Spirit (Episcopal), Missoula. Burial was at Missoula Cemetery.

Memorials to Sigma Nu Traditions Fund, P.O. Box 8352, Missoula 59807 are suggested.

KATHRYN O. KEIL

Kathryn O. (Katie) Keil, 64, Kalispell, died Aug. 2 at Brendan House following an illness with cancer. 1990

She was born Jan. 9, 1926, at Bozeman, daughter of Agnes and Orland A. McDowell, Sr. The family lived in Belgrade until she was in fifth grade, when they moved to Butte. During her senior year in high school, they moved to Whitehall, where she graduated from Whitehall High. She received her nurse's training at Montana State University in Bozeman and Deaconess Hospital in Billings, graduating as an RN in 1948.

In 1949, she married George W. Keil and the marriage ended in divorce. She came to Kalispell in the mid-1960s and worked as a surgery nurse at Kalispell General Hospital, which later became Kalispell Regional Hospital. Mrs. Keil retired due to ill health in 1987.

She is survived by five sons, Craig, Blair and Grant Keil in Forks, Wash., Ross Keil in Oregon and Duane Keil of Seward, Alaska; two sisters, Helen McDivitt of Rollins and Juanita Clark of Bozeman; two brothers, Orland A. McDowell of Kalispell and Robert I. McDowell of Columbia Falls; 10 grandchildren and a number of other relatives.

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Dr. M. F. Keller, 74

1990
Dr. M. D. Keller, 74, a former Kalispell resident, died in Great Falls June 27 after a short illness. He was an optometrist.

He is survived by his wife, the former Mary Robischon of Kalispell; two sons and three daughters.

He was a leader in the Montana Republican Party, serving as state chairman and in the Legislature.

Funeral services were in Great Falls.

The family suggests memorials to a College of Great Falls memorial scholarship in his name or to the Gift of Life program.

CHARLIE A. KELLER 1990

Charlie A. Keller, 81, of Columbia Falls, died in the Kalispell Regional Hospital on May 4 from injuries received earlier in a farm accident.

He was born October 8, 1908, in Kalispell, a son of Charles and Roseala Keller. He had attended Kalispell schools.

On November 2, 1935, he was married to Mary Dobrowski in Kalispell. Mr. Keller had farmed all of his life and had enjoyed hunting and outdoors. He was a member of St. Richard's Catholic Parish of Columbia Falls and the Knights of Columbus.

He is now survived by his wife, Mary, at home; one granddaughter, Shannon Keller, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Prayer services for Mr. Keller were held on Sunday in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel.

Mass of the Resurrection was held on Monday in St. Richard's Catholic Church with the Rev. Father Pat McGurk as celebrant. Burial was in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Arrangements were by Johnson Mortuary.

PATRICIA L. KELLER

Patricia L. Keller, 72, Columbia Falls, died Sept. 18 at Kalispell Regional Hospital. 1990

She was born Oct. 1, 1917, in Anderson County, Texas, to Scott and Dealvia Keller. She was reared and educated in Texas. She attended college in Baltimore and graduated with a degree in nursing. She later moved to Louisiana. In 1952, she moved to Havre and then to Great Falls where she worked as a nurse.

She married Virgil Keller in 1954 in Fort Benton. They moved to Columbia Falls in 1960.

She was preceded in death by her parents, one sister and one great granddaughter.

She is survived by her husband, Virgil, Columbia Falls; one daughter, Jacqueline Nutzman of Columbia Falls; one sister, Viola Bryan of Tyler, Texas, and six grandchildren.

A graveside service will be conducted Sept. 21 at 2 p.m. at Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls. Rev. Halden Curtis of the New Covenant Fellowship Church will officiate.

The Van Leuven Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Monica Kelley, 67

1990
Monica Kelley, 67, Kalispell, died Saturday, March 31, at Kalispell Regional Hospital following a brief illness.

She was born Sept. 20, 1922, at Hebron, N.D., the daughter of Nick and Fannie Wanner. She grew up and graduated form high school in Belfield, N.D.

In 1944, she married James M. Jones in Beaumont, Texas, and they lived in Texas and North Dakota before coming to Montana in 1948.

She later married Robert Kelley in Ajo, Ariz., and he preceded her in death in 1978. Mrs. Kelley then came to Kalispell.

Mrs. Kelley was a longtime member of the Kalispell Eagles.

Surviving are three daughters, Neida Adams of Billings, Sissy Mis-

campbell of Columbia Falls, and Cheri Volke of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; two sons, Jerry M. Jones of Whitefish, and Roger A. Jones of Livingston; 14 grandchildren and one great-grandson; her mother, Fannie Wanner of Belfield; four brothers, Tony, John and Dan Wanner, all of Belfield, and Nick Wanner of Seattle, Wash.; three sisters, Bert Marsh and Noonie Mann, both of Dickinson, N.D., and Trudy Blinston of Edmonton, Alberta; and a number of other relatives.

Memorial services will be Tuesday, April 3, at 11 a.m. at the Weatherford Funeral Home, with the Rev. Steve Romine, pastor of Victory Chapel, officiating. Cremation has taken place at the Weatherford Crematory.

Saturday train victim identified

24 March 1990
Authorities used fingerprints to confirm the identity of Frank Kimball, 30, as the man who threw himself onto the tracks and was killed by a freight train near Columbia Falls Saturday afternoon.

Flathead County sheriff's officers said Kimball, formerly of Sacramento, Calif., recently moved to Columbia Falls with a girlfriend and was employed as a cook.

Burlington Northern trainmen reported he came out of the woods about 5 p.m. and lay face down on the track in front of the westbound train. They were unable to stop the train in time, and the body was dragged more than 100 feet, officers said.

A note found scratched in the dirt nearby indicated Kimball intended to take his life, said sheriff's spokesman Jim Mitchell.

Officers said a description provided by his girlfriend of clothing Kimball was last seen wearing matched that of the victim.

Members of Kimball's family are in California and Nevada, Mitchell said.

Della Kinaman, 89

Della Kinaman, 89, Libby, died May 31 at St. John Lutheran Hospital. 1990

She was a retired teacher.

She is survived by two nieces, including Eleanor Luce, Libby; and a nephew.

Visitation at Vial Funeral Home, Libby, is 7-9 tonight and Saturday 9 a.m. to noon.

Services will be 3:30 p.m. Saturday at First Presbyterian Church, Libby. Cremation will follow the services and inurnment will be at Mountain Valley Memorial Park, Joshua Tree, Calif.

Memorials to the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders

Cornelia Bertha King, 76

Cornelia Bertha King, 76, a Whitefish resident, died early Sunday morning, Sept. 30, at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish of natural causes. 1990

She was born July 24, 1914, in Cambridge, Md., the daughter of Ernest and Martha Gore. She was raised and educated in Cambridge and graduated from Cambridge High School in 1929. She then attended Hannah More Academy near Baltimore, Md. She then attended the Peabody Conservatory of Music in Baltimore where she studied classical piano. She then attended the Maryland Art Institute where she graduated in about 1935.

She was the first female fashion illustrator hired by the Baltimore Sun Newspapers.

In 1940, she married James Clark King. They then lived in Pittsburgh, and in Evanston, Ill., until 1942, before moving to Minnesota. During World War II, Mr. King entered the service and Cornelia returned to Baltimore where she again worked for the Baltimore Sun Newspapers. After the war the family lived in various places in Pennsylvania and Michigan.

Throughout her life she was an active sculptor and painter.

She came to Montana in 1970 and had taught many art classes for the Flathead Valley Community College.

She was a member of the Holy Nativity Episcopal Church in Whitefish.

She was also an avid bridge player.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law; Carol and Paul L. Daly in Kalispell, and by other relatives and friends.

Memorial services will be 11 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 2, at the Holy Nativity Episcopal Church in Whitefish with the Rev. Kathy Cooper officiating.

Arrangements and cremation are under the direction of the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish.

Memorials may be made to the Holy Nativity Episcopal Church in Whitefish.

Ione Bull Kinsey, 66

Ione Bull Kinsey, 66, a former Kalispell and Lakeside resident, died in Great Falls on Dec. 22, 1990.

She and her husband were active in horse racing and participated in the Northwest Montana Fair for many years.

She is survived by her husband, Grant, a son and a daughter, all of Great Falls; a sister; a brother; and numerous relatives in the Kalispell area.

Berneice Kinshella, 85

Berneice Kinshella, 85, died in Immanuel Lutheran Home on Wednesday morning, April 25, of natural causes. 1990

She was born Sept. 27, 1904, in Columbia Falls, a daughter of Charles and Verna Mae Jordan. She attended Deer Park School, graduated from Columbia Falls High School, and attended business college in Spokane, Wash.

She then returned to the ranch and was employed as a bookkeeper for Kinshella & Sons Logging Co.

She married one of the sons, Joseph Kinshella on Sept. 4, 1928. She continued bookkeeping and the

couple moved with the logging company to northwest Montana. In 1946, the couple moved to a farm in the Fair-Mont-Egan district until 1982, when they sold their property and moved into Kalispell.

They managed a Christmas tree lot in Santa Barbara, Calif., for several seasons.

Mrs. Kinshella enjoyed cooking, knitting, picnicking and picking huckleberries. She raised prize-winning flowers and was a regular contributor at the Northwest Montana Fair.

She was a member of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph, on Nov. 29, 1982,

and is now survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Patsy and Hayes R. Bryan of Stafford, Va.; three grandchildren, Ann Beall of Kalispell, Colleen Taylor of Charlottesville, Va., and Dan Bryan of Stafford, Va.; one great-grandson, Daniel Taylor of Charlottesville, Va., and a brother, Claude Jordan at Immanuel Lutheran Home.

Funeral services for Mrs. Kinshella will be at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday in Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Richard Waag, pastor of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, officiating. Burial will be in Glacier Memorial Gardens. Friends may call at Johnson Mortuary for visitation until 8 tonight.

Gerri Kirkpatrick, 59 *1996*

Gerri Kirkpatrick, 59, Anacortes, Wash., died Oct. 2, at home after a long illness. She was born Geraldine Lenore Richardson on March 13, 1931, in Malta, and received her schooling in Kalispell, graduating from Flathead High School in 1949.

She met her husband, Richard L. Kirkpatrick, in Kalispell, where they were married Feb. 2, 1952. They lived for a time in Kalispell, then moved to Casper, Wyo., and finally in 1957 to Anacortes.

Gerri was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Anacortes.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Ollie Plouffe Ward, formerly of Kalispell.

Survivors include her husband, Richard, at home; six sons, Kevin, Todd, Colin, Shea, Kelly and Ryan, all of the Anacortes area; one daughter, Shannon McGrew of Bellingham, Wash.; her father, A.C. Richardson of Rose Meade, Calif.; one very special aunt, Corine Hammer of Kalispell; and 15 grandchildren.

The family strongly requests that donations be made to the American Cancer Society instead of flowers.

Vigil service will be on Thursday, Oct. 4, at 7 p.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church. Mass of the Christian Burial will be Friday, Oct. 5, at 11 a.m. with Gerry Glenaghan, OMI, celebrant. Interment will follow at Fernhill Cemetery, Anacortes, under the direction of Evans Funeral Chapel, Anacortes.

Jason S. Kiser, 1

Jason S. Kiser, 1, Columbia Falls, died Tuesday at Kalispell Regional Hospital. *8 May 1990*

He is survived by his parents, Vernon and Peggy Kiser, and brother, Tyler, all of the family home in Columbia Falls; his grandparents, Carol and Marland Walden and Louise and Phil Kiser, all of Columbia Falls; great-grandparents, Anne and Art Beekman and Ruth Kiser, all of Columbia Falls, and Ruby Casady, Kalispell.

Services will be Friday at 2 p.m. at Van Leuven Funeral Home, Columbia Falls. Burial will be at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

STEVEN ALAN KLAAS, *590*

Steven Alan Klaas 35, of Whitefish, died February 16, while skiing on the Big Mountain ski resort in Whitefish.

He was born March 10, 1954 in Barrington, Illinois the son of Lester and Joan Klaas. Steve was raised and educated in Barrington and graduated from High School there in 1973. He then attended Coe College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Steve moved to Montana 15 years ago and was the owner of Drywall Services in Whitefish. Steve had been a member of the Big Mountain Ski Patrol.

On January 20, 1985 he married Jann Sproatt in Whitefish and they have resided in Whitefish since. As a member of the Flathead Valley Ski Foundation, he was the race secretary and current race Chairman for the Doug Smith Downhill Memorial Race. He was a member of the Whitefish Lake Golf Club. A founding member of the original "Rowdies" soccer team and later the "Wizards" soccer team. He was also a youth soccer coach.

He is survived by his wife, Jann, stepsons Jay & Nick at the family home. His mother, Joan Smith in Barrington, Illinois. His father, Lester Klaas and grandmother, Elsie Denz both of Belvedere, Illinois. Three sisters: Cindy Novak in Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Susie Williams in Portage, Wisconsin; and Patricia Klaas in Green Bay, Wisconsin. And by many other relatives and friends.

Memorial services will be held at 5:30 p.m. Sunday, February 25 at the Hellroaring on the Big Mountain. Arrangements and cremation are under the direction of the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish.

In lieu of flowers the family has suggested that memorials be made to the 1st National Bank in Whitefish in Steve's name. The money will benefit young downhill racers in the Flathead Valley.

Ruth V. Klein, 59

1990

Ruth V. Klein, 59, of Kalispell, died of cancer in Brendan House on Thursday evening, Feb. 1.

She was born Aug. 13, 1930, in Adrian, Minn., a daughter of Nick and Mabel Scheidt.



On Feb. 25, 1947, she was married to Jack Klein in Denver, Colo. The couple had lived in various places before moving to Swan Lake in 1955. For the past 15 years they have owned and operated the Tee Pee Lodge Motel in Kalispell.

Mrs. Klein will be remembered by her family for her dedication as a wife and mother; her fashionable taste and sense of humor; her hard work and her stylish decorating skills in the home and motel.

She was a member of the St. Matthew's Catholic Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Mabel and Nick Scheidt; her

two brothers, Paul and David, and her son, David, in 1962.

She is now survived by her husband, Jack, at home at the Tee Pee Lodge Motel; three daughters, Mary Hildesheim of Bothell, Wash., Linda Green of Seattle, Wash., and Jackie Klein at the home in Kalispell; five sons, Dan Klein of Everett, Wash., Richard Klein of Denver, Colo., Terry Klein and Andy Klein, both of Kalispell, and Mark Klein of Long Beach, Calif.; her twin brother, Bob, who lives in San Diego, Calif.

Prayer services will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated at 10 a.m. on Wednesday in St. Matthew's Catholic Church with Father Edmund Smith as celebrant. Burial will be in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Friends may call at the Johnson Mortuary for visitation until 8 p.m. on Tuesday.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Brendan House.

Mike Klingensmith, 91

1990

Mike Klingensmith, age 91, died of natural causes on Sunday, April 15, in Colonial Manor, Whitefish.

He was born on Aug. 6, 1898, in Ashville, Ohio, a son of Daniel M. and Mary Klingensmith. He lived in Ashville on the family farm until he was 20, when he moved to Baltimore, Ohio, where he worked as a blacksmith for the Baltimore/Ohio Railroad.

He spent several years in Florida as a nurseryman before moving to Harlowton, Mont., where he worked several years on a ranch.

In 1939, he married Rose Grace Totic in Billings.

During World War II he worked in the shipyards as a welder and heavy equipment operator at Dutch Harbor, Alaska, and worked on seven different dams in the Pacific Northwest during his lifetime.

He was a member of the Operating Engineers Local 317 and also a long-time member of the Worldwide Church of God.

He was preceded in death by his mother and father; his wife, Rose; one sister; two brothers; and one grandson.

Survivors include one son, Dick Klingensmith of New York; four daughters, Vonnie Ovnicsek and Donna Powell of Washington, Betty Grizzell and Bonnie Miller of Ohio; 16 grandchildren, Cindy Van Leuvan, Tracey Ovnicsek, Travis Ovnicsek, Angie Powell, all of Montana, Debbie Lopen of New Mexico, Steven Osmond of Utah, Bart Ovnicsek of Idaho, Bret Ovnicsek, Todd Powell, Peggy Rogen and Lonnie Powell, all of Washington, Jim Miller, Francis Carey, Terry Sturgeon, and Mike Grizzell, all of Ohio, and Beverly Smithwich of Colorado; 15 great-grandchildren, Jennifer, Wayne, Kara, Robert, Amber, Breanna, A.J., Jim, Becky, LeeAnn, Barbara, Anita, Anna, Christopher, and Andy; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. on Sunday at the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Ron Miller, pastor of Worldwide Church of God, officiating. Cremation will take place following the services. Friends may call at the Johnson Mortuary for visitation until 8 p.m. on Saturday.

Arrangements made by Johnson Mortuary.

Fredrick Spaulding Klingler, 79

Fredrick Spaulding Klingler, 79, Kalispell, died Tuesday morning of natural causes at Kalispell Regional Hospital. *27 March 1998*

He was born May 3, 1910, in Rexburg, Idaho, the son of Fredrick Godfrey Klingler and Luna May Spaulding.

He attended schools in Billings, Corinth, Shepherd and Grass Range.

He was a Navy veteran and graduated from Beutal Business College in Tacoma, Wash., as an accountant.

On Nov. 2, 1935, he married Arzella Smith and to this union four daughters were born. One daughter, Merlyne Kaye, is deceased.

Fred and Arzella moved to Kalispell in 1946 to own and operate a dairy farm.

Fred founded and owned Klingler Lumber Company for 30 years until his retirement in 1983.

Fred is survived by his wife, Arzella,

at the family home; three daughters, Linda K. Muhlestein of Mountain View, Calif., Cheryl K. Brown of Davis, Calif., and Kathleen K. Bonny of Clearfield, Utah; nine grandchildren, David Wayne Muhlestein, Kathleen Ann Wilson, Derek Wayne Muhlestein, Kaylynn Johnsen, Michael Murr Brown, Tanaya Lee Brown, Caleb P. Bonny, Jacob W. Bonny and Leigh Anne Bonny; two great-grandchildren, Elizabeth Dane Johnsen and Douglas Fredrick Johnsen.

Friends may call at the Johnson Mortuary on Friday from 4 to 8 p.m. for visitation.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Saturday, March 31, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints with Bishop Don R. Garner officiating. Family and friends will begin meeting at the church Saturday at 9 a.m. for visitation until 9:45 a.m. Burial will be at Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Clifford 'Red' Knight, 67

Clifford T. "Red" Knight, 67, of Kalispell, died at Kalispell Regional Hospital Tuesday, after a lengthy illness. *20 Nov 1998*

He was born March 28, 1923, in Ishpeming, Mich., to John and Euphima Knight. He attended schools in Michigan and then worked in the iron mines there.

He moved to Butte, where he worked in the mines. He later moved to Kalispell and worked as a powder man for American Timber Lumber Co., and also for the county.

He was a member of the labor union and a member of the Eagles.

He married Louise Aunni in 1957, and was preceded in death by her in 1973.

He married Vivian Engebritson in 1974, and this marriage was dissolved.

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

Survivors include two stepdaughters, Annette Berryman of Virginia, and Terry Caudill of Bozeman; and two sisters, Ruth Matthews of Michigan and Clara Perola of Michigan. Also surviving are two brothers and a sister, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Cremation has taken place. There will be no services at the request of Mr. Knight. Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary.

August Knopfle, 94

August Knopfle, 94, of Kalispell, died in the Lake View Care Center in Bigfork, on Wednesday, Dec. 12, 1990.

He was born April 25, 1896, in Ashley, N.D., a son of Adam and Christina Knopfle. In 1902, the family moved to Upham, N.D. His parents died when he was young and he lived with and worked for the Bertsch family on their farm.

On Sept. 4, 1918, he entered the U.S. Army and was stationed at Camp Hancock, Ga. He was a private first class with the 307th Motorcycle Company as a dispatch rider. He received his honorable discharge in 1918. He returned to North Dakota and continued to have a love for motorcycles and would trick ride down the streets of Upham.

On Oct. 27, 1927, he married Ether Michelberry Wunder in Mohall, N.D. They farmed near Mohall and had also lived at Lansford, N.D., for several years where he was a janitor at the schools there. In 1942, they moved to Minot where Mr. Knopfle worked as a steam boilerman at the Minot State Teachers College and also did carpentry work. In October 1946 they moved to Whitefish where he did carpentry work. He worked on the building of the John B. Simons Hospital and the first building and start of the Big Mountain Ski Resort. In 1949 they cleared the lots and built a home at Hungry Horse. He had worked on Hungry Horse Dam and Columbia Falls Aluminum Co. construction. They also had an egg ranch at Hungry Horse until they sold out and moved to Kalispell in 1974, where they have since resided.

Mr. Knopfle was confirmed in Luther-

an faith but joined the Columbia Falls Methodist Church in 1962.

He was a member of the American Legion Post 7 and the Disabled American Veterans Flathead Chapter 4.

He was preceded in death by his parents; five brothers, Henry, Adam, John, Jake and Frank; four nephews, Marvin, Harley, Elmer and Dan.

He is now survived by his wife of 63 years, Esther, at the Lake View Care Center; a stepdaughter and husband, Georgia and Hans Rosler of Kalispell; three granddaughters, Marlene and husband, Nick Glassey of Cincinnati, Ohio, Donna and husband, Kent Holst of Omaha, Neb., and Brenda Rosler of Kalispell; great-grandchildren, Christian and Corey Glassey of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Matthew and Amanda Holst of Omaha, Neb.; nieces and nephews, Emil and Herb Knopfle of Minot, N.D., Minnie, Freda and Agnes in Utah and California; Vernon Knopfle, Betty Schultz and nephew's wife, Blanche Knopfle of Whitefish, and Willie Knopfle in Washington.

Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday in Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Marvin Northcutt, pastor of the Epworth United Methodist Church, officiating.

Burial will be in Glacier Memorial Gardens with military honors by the local veterans organizations.

Memorials to Perpetual Rehab, c/o Local DAV Flathead Chapter 4, P.O. Box 2314, Kalispell 59903, or to the Shrine Childrens Hospital, N. 820 Summit Blvd., Spokane, WA 99201, are suggested.

Friends may call at the Johnson Mortuary for visitation until 8 p.m. today.

1990 Fred Knutson, 93

Fred Knutson, 93, died on Sunday, Dec. 23, in Colonial Manor Nursing Home in Whitefish of natural causes.

He was born on May 14, 1897, in Dayton, a son of Peter and Nettie Sands Knutson. As a small boy he moved to Smith Valley and attended Batavia School.

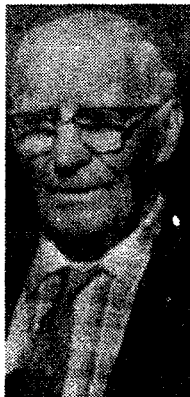
He was a veteran of World War I.

On Nov. 15, 1923, he married Hattie Conrad. In 1948, they moved to Kalispell.

Fred farmed and threshed throughout the Flathead Valley for many years and was employed by Danielson Brothers upon his retirement.

He was a member of Smith Valley Grange and was past commander of Veterans of World War I Post No. 362.

Fred was preceded in death by his



wife, Hattie in August, 1987; his parent; four brothers and three sisters.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Ransom (Betty) Brown of Heyburn, Idaho, and Mrs. Harold (Norma) Brumbaugh of Moses Lake, Wash.; two sons, Clarence (Pat) Knutson and Lawrence (Buster) Knutson, both of Kalispell; 12 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews; stepgrandchildren and stepgreat-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Darold Reiner of Trinity Lutheran Church officiating. Burial will be in Glacier Memorial Gardens with military honors being conducted by the local veterans organizations.

Friends and family may call for visitation at the Johnson Mortuary until 8 p.m. today.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Smith Valley Grange; Trinity Lutheran Church or to the charity of donor's choice.

Jerome S. 'Jerry' Knutson, 49

20 Oct 1990
Jerome S. "Jerry" Knutson, 49, Kalispell, died Saturday morning at home following an illness with thyroid cancer.

He was born June 5, 1941, at Grand Forks, N.D., the son of Johnnie and Selma Knutson. He was raised on a farm in the Red River Valley, and remembered the advent of indoor plumbing and electricity. The family later moved to Grand Forks, where Jerry graduated from high school in 1959, and received his bachelor's degree from the University of North Dakota in 1963.

He met his future wife while in college, and married Barbara Anderson on July 13, 1963, in Bottineau, N.D. They made their home in Davis, Calif., where he worked at the University book store, and Hayward, Calif., where he was employed by Barnes and Noble Publishing.

The Knutsons moved to Kalispell in 1971. Jerry worked for Books West for a number of years, then founded Blacktail Mountain Books in the late 1970s. He returned to school in 1983, pursuing his law degree at the University of Montana in Missoula. He received his Juris Doctor Degree, with honors,

in June of 1986.

He was law clerk for Judge Timothy Reardon in Helena during 1986-87, then returned to Kalispell in 1987, joining the Murray Kaufman law firm.

Jerry belonged to the American Bar Association and Phi Delta Phi international legal fraternity. He was a member of Trinity Lodge 152, AF&AM, and Adah Chapter No. 17 of the Order of the Eastern Star, both in Kalispell.

Surviving are his wife, Barbara Knutson at the family home; one sister, Lorraine Gooden of East Grand Forks, Minn., and a number of other relatives, mostly in North Dakota and Minnesota.

Memorial services will be Tuesday, Oct. 23, at 3 p.m. at the Weatherford Funeral Home, with Rev. J. Torrance Harvey, pastor of Lakeside Community Chapel, officiating. Graveside Masonic honors will follow at Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Cremation has taken place at the Weatherford Crematory.

Memorial contributions may be made to Flathead Valley Partners/Habitat for Humanity, P.O. Box 2836, Kalispell.

Edwin G. Koch

Edwin G. Koch, who saw Montana Tech's enrollment tripple during his tenure as president of the school in the 1960s, died Nov. 21 at a Butte hospital. He was 85. 1990

The former chemistry professor took over as Tech's president in 1957, when its enrollment was about 300. By the time he retired in 1971, its enrollment had climbed to nearly 1,000 students.

Mr. Koch was born in Butte and earned a bachelor's degree in chemistry from the University of Montana in 1928. He earned a doctorate from the University of Illinois at Urbana in 1933 and worked in the private sector before becoming a college professor.

He was chairman of Tech's chemistry department when he was appointed by the Board of Regents as president of the school. He founded the Montana Tech Foundation to expand the school's financial base, and expanded its educational offerings.

During his tenure, Tech added seven bachelor degree and two master's degree programs.

George H. Kohl, 94

1990
George H. Kohl, 94, a resident of Trumble Creek Road, Columbia Falls, died July 8 at the North Valley Hospital in Whitefish of natural causes.

He was born Aug. 12, 1895, in Woodlake, Minn., a son of William and Wilhelmina Kohl.

During World War I, he served in the U.S. Army.

He married Amelia Wagner on Nov. 7, 1934, in Wolf Point.

They moved to the Flathead Valley in 1935.

Mr. Kohl farmed and also worked at Stoltze Lumber Co. for many years.

He is now survived by his wife, Amelia, at their home; two daughters, Georgia Murray of Avon, and Rose Blumer of Columbia Falls; seven grandchildren; several great-grandchildren and a number of other relatives.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, Joyce Drosten, in 1973.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, July 11, at 11 a.m. at Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish with the Rev. Thomas Gopp of Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Columbia Falls officiating.

Burial will be in Glacier Memorial Gardens, Kalispell.

Edward A. Koford, 85

Edward A. Koford, 85, of Kalispell, died at Kalispell Regional Hospital Thursday morning. *13 Dec 1990*
He was born May 29, 1905, in Kalispell, to Alfred and Hulda Koford. He attended Kalispell schools.

On May 27, 1933, he married Mabel Akerson in Kalispell. The couple lived in Bonner, where Mr. Koford worked for A.C.M.

In 1946, they moved to Kalispell, where they bought the Koford Jewelry Business from his brother, Oscar. Mr. Koford owned and operated this business for more than 35 years until his retirement.

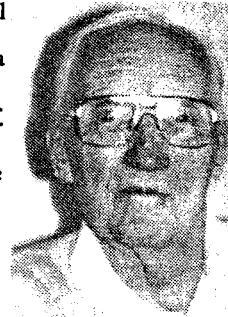
He was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Kalispell Elks Lodge, and the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mabel, on Sept. 23, 1987; a brother, Oscar; and a sister, Elsie Branes.

She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Bill (Gayle) Peaslee of Kalispell; two brothers, Vic Koford of Kalispell and Paul Koford of Missoula; three sisters, Helen Seek and Mathilda Wihlborg of Anaconda, and Elaine Bates of Yakima, Wash.; a granddaughter, Mrs. Philip (Maureen) Burden and a great-granddaughter, Chelsea Burden, both of Kalispell; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be Monday at 2 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel, with the Rev. Mary Ronning, pastor of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, officiating.

Burial will be at Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Friends may call at Johnson Mortuary for visitation from 1-5 p.m. today.



IDA L. KOMO

Mrs. Ida L. Komo, 88, died at her home in Kalispell on May 8. *1990*

She was born March 29, 1902, in Leads, North Dakota, a daughter of John and Dina Schutt. As a child she moved to Kalispell with her family where she attended Kalispell schools.

She had been employed in the office of Dr. Sundelius for a time before moving to Oregon where she had clerical work for a number of years.

She had been married to Joseph Komo who preceded her in death in 1958. She then moved to Kalispell where she has since resided.

She is now survived by three sisters, Bessie Dickenson and Anna Sudan both of Kalispell, and Nellie Marcum of Conrad, Montana; one brother, John Schutt in Virginia, and three grandchildren.

Graveside services for Mrs. Komo were held on Monday in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery with Pastor Lyle Newill, past of the Church of Christ officiating.

Arrangements were under the direction of the Johnson Mortuary.

Aileen Koskela, 79

19 June 1990
Aileen Koskela, 79, Libby died Tuesday at Sacred Heart Medical Center in Spokane of natural causes.

She moved to Libby in 1973.

Services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. at Vial Funeral Home, Libby.

LEONARD D. KOSITZKY

Leonard D. Kositzky, 69, a Havre resident, died Jan. 3 at the hospital in Havre of a heart attack. *1990*

He was born May 27, 1920, in Bismarck, North Dakota, the son of Carl and Estelle Kositzky. Leonard was raised and educated in Bismarck and graduated from high school there in 1939. After graduation, he went to work for the Woolworth Co. and became an assistant manager. In 1942 he enlisted in the U.S. Army, and while in the army attended the West Point Preparatory School in Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. He later was medically discharged.

He then managed and tended bar at the Legion Bar in Kalispell. In 1958 he went to Havre, where he was involved in various businesses including the Stockman's Bar, the bowling alley and the VFW bar.

He is survived by two sisters, Josephine Roberts in Schenectady, New York, and Eloyce Engel in North Platte, North Dakota; and a nephew, Larry Kositzky of Whitefish, Montana.

Funeral services were held Saturday in Havre. Military graveside rites were Monday at the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell with honors provided by local veterans. Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish was in charge of local arrangements.

Memorials can be made to the Senior Citizens Center in Havre.

Julie Anne Krueger, 30

12 Feb 1990

Julie Anne Krueger, wife of Gary D. Krueger, and mother of three young sons, passed away Monday at the family home in the Stillwater Community. She had been ill with cancer for the past two years.

A native of Ronan, she was born in Missoula May 13, 1959, the daughter of George and Jewel Stonehocker. She attended Round Butte elementary school, was a 1977 graduate of Ronan High School, and worked at Ronan State Bank until her move to Kalispell in 1979. She was employed at First Interstate Bank until her August 1981 marriage in Ronan to the son of Ken and Betty Krueger of Kalispell.

Julie was active in the community as a member of the Stillwater Grange, Mother of Twins Club, and more recently since her illness with cancer, the United Ostomy Association, which she actively served as visitation coordinator for the Northwest Montana Chapter. Her participation in the "I Can Cope" cancer group at Kalispell Regional Hospital was another of her priority projects.



Survivors, in addition to her husband, include sons, Derek, 7, and twins Ryan and Trent, 3; her parents; parents-in-law; four brothers and their families: Terry and Connie, Kalispell; Cliff and Rosalie, Denton; G. Warren, Ronan; and Ted and Terralee, Republic, Wash.; her grandmother, Rosilla Stonehocker of Ronan; aunts and uncles, Rachel and James Nowlin in Arkansas, Clara and Tom Needham of Somers; and in-laws Wilma Krueger, Kalispell, and Jeff and Kelly (Krueger) Craig in Florida.

Julie will be remembered for her devotion to family and friends, her courageous battle against illness without complaint, and her inspiring smile and example to others, particularly in her work with those new to ostomy treatment.

She was an active outdoorsman, had an avid love for the mountains, enjoyed pack trips with her family, and was skilled with horses in riding, training and showing.

Services will be at Johnson Mortuary, 525 Main, Kalispell, on Thursday at 2 p.m. with the Rev. Jeff Swanson officiating. Interment will be at Conrad Memorial Cemetery. A buffet gathering will follow at the Stillwater Free Lutheran Church hall.

Paula Krukenberg, 86

Paula Krukenberg, 86, died of natural causes at her home in Kalispell on Wednesday. 17 Oct 1990

She was born June 24, 1904, in Grossengstingen, Germany, to Theodore and Anna Marie Betzman.

She received her education in Germany, and in 1928, she came to Montana.

She was married to Willy Siegel, and they were later divorced.

In 1954, she married Herb Krukenberg and was preceded in death by him in 1960.

She was a cook for St. Matthew's Sisters Residence for a

number of years. She was a member of St. Matthew's Catholic Church.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, Hans Betzman.

She is survived by a daughter, Marianna Potts of Vilna, Alberta, Canada; a sister, Kathe Sieger in Germany; seven grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be Monday at 1 p.m. in Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Father Robert Noonan of St. Matthew's Catholic Church officiating. Burial will be in Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

KELLY K. KUMMER

Kelly K. Kummer, infant son of Glen and Linda Kummer of Colorado Springs, Colorado, passed away March 2, 1990 in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

He was born November 21, 1989 in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

He is survived by his parents, Glen and Linda Kummer of Colorado Springs, Colorado; one brother, Kevin Kristopher Kummer of Colorado Springs, Colorado; maternal grandparents, Andy and Una Leighty of Columbia Falls; paternal grandparents, Harold J. and Teresa Kummer of Columbia Falls; great grandparents, Emma Shero of Kalispell, Frank and Mary Colwell of Lander, Wyoming and Glen and Anna Hansen of Lafayette, Colorado.

Harry Michael Kunda, 85

Harry Michael Kunda, 85, of Kalispell, died in the Flathead County Care Center on Sunday, July 29, of natural causes. 1990

He was born July 14, 1905, in Winona, Minn., a son of John and Elizabeth Kunda. He had received his education at St. Phillips, Mont., and in 1927, came to Kalispell. In 1929, he returned to Wibaux County and worked on the farm.

On Nov. 10, 1931, he was married to Bernadine Bruski in St. Phillips.

In 1934, they came to Kalispell where Mr. Kunda worked as a carpenter until his retirement in 1969.

He had worked on Kerr Dam construction and in Bremerton, Wash., for a time.

He was a member of St. Matthew's Catholic Church and had been a member of the Carpenters Union since 1941.

He was preceded in death by his wife,

Bernadine, on April 18, 1983; a daughter, Elizabeth, in 1953, and nine brothers and sisters.

He is now survived by two sons, Michael Kunda of Sacramento, Calif., and Ralph Kunda of Kalispell; three daughters, Angie Kruckenberg of Fairbanks, Alaska, Pearl Nolan of Billings, and Anne Stewart of Arlee; 25 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Rosary for Mr. Kunda will be recited in Johnson Mortuary Chapel at 7 tonight. Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday in St. Matthew's Catholic Church with Father Michael O'Neill as celebrant. Burial will be in Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Harry Kunda Memorial Fund of the St. Matthew's Catholic Church.

Jacob Andrew Kurtz, infant

Jacob Andrew Kurtz, infant son of John and Dorene Kurtz, died Sept. 20 at the Presbyterian Hospital in Albuquerque, N.M. 1990

He was born Sept. 14, 1990.

Besides his parents, he leaves his twin sister, Ashley Denise, all of Albuquerque; his maternal grandparents, Gary and Nadine Eckert of Kalispell; his paternal grandparents, Alfred and

Masako Kurtz of Albuquerque; his great-grandparents, Ed and Geri Mitton and great-grandmother, Margrit Lynch, all of Kalispell; and many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Jacob's mother is the former Dorene Eckert. She was raised and educated in Kalispell.

Graveside services will be held in Albuquerque.

Harold Killam, 27

26 Aug 1990
Harold Killam, 27, a former resident of Libby, died Sunday of injuries received in an automobile near Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

He was born in Helena and raised and educated in Libby.

He had lived in Great Falls for the past year.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at the City of Libby Cemetery.

Hardin man crushed by machinery

23 Nov 1990
HARDIN (AP) — A 46-year-old Hardin man died after he was pinned between two pieces of farm equipment, authorities say.

Thomas Koyama Jr. was dead at the Big Horn County Memorial Hospital, where he was taken by ambulance after the accident Friday afternoon, said Big Horn County Coroner Terry Bullis.

He said Koyama was working on his farm about two miles northwest of Hardin when the accident occurred.

Bullis said Koyama was hooking a backhoe onto a tractor when he was pinned against the tractor.