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Mildred Gaffaney, 79

4 Feb 1991
Mildred Gaffaney, 79, former Kalispell resident, died of natural causes Monday at North Valley Hospital in Tonasket, Wash. She had been living in Loomis, Wash. since 1988.

She was born on July 25, 1911, in Waverly, Ill., to Gardner and Martha Hines. She moved with her family to eastern Montana in 1926.

On Sept. 3, 1927, she married Milton Forbes in Glasgow. In later years, she married Russell "Bud" Gaffaney in Kalispell. They owned businesses in Williston, N.D. and Baker, Ore. After retiring, they moved to the Flathead Valley.

Following her husband's death in 1976, she moved to Washington to be near her daughter.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Don (Shirley) Amundson of

Kalispell and Mrs. Larry (Sandy) Gullings of Loomis; a brother, Ronald "Bub" Hines of Malo, Wash.; four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and a number of other relatives.

Following funeral services at Loomis Community Church Thursday, the remains were forwarded to Weatherford Funeral Home in Kalispell. Friends may call at the funeral home Monday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Tuesday, from 9 a.m. to noon.

Graveside services will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. at Conrad Memorial Cemetery, with the Rev. Duane Hull, pastor of Kalispell Christian Church, officiating. Friends and relatives will meet at the cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

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Emmett Gallagher, 73

Emmett Gallagher, Renton, Wash., formerly of Kalispell, died May 4 in Renton. 1991

He was an outreach and eucharistic minister at St. Anthony's Church in Renton and was a member of the St. Anthony's Widow and Widower Club and the Boeing Mineralogy Society.

Surviving relatives include a son; a daughter; a brother, Red Gallagher of Kalispell; and a sister.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Christine, and a sister.

Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Anthony's Church in Renton and burial was in Gethsemane Cemetery in Federal Way.

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1991 Don C. Ganz, 54

Don C. Ganz, 54, died Dec. 7 of heart failure at his home in the Ferndale area near Bigfork.

He was born March 19, 1937, in Swanville, Minn., to Max and Ernestine Ganz. He attended school in the Little Falls area through the seventh grade, at which time he was needed to help run the family farm.

He joined the U.S. Army in April of 1954, and was assigned to the 6th Armored Division SCARWAF (Special Category Army with Air Force). He served most of his three-year enlistment in Europe, and was honorably discharged in April of 1957.

He married Sandra Walters, and they came to the Flathead Valley with their two children in June of 1967.

Don was a heavy equipment operator, working for McElroy & Wilken for nine years before disability forced his retirement in about 1981. His hobbies included gardening, hunting and working in his shop. He was raised in the Lutheran faith.

In November of 1975, he married Shirley Martin in Kalispell, and she survives him at the family home in the Ferndale area.

Also surviving are his son, Jeff of Citrus Heights, Calif.; his daughter, Laurie Goodwin of Edmond, Okla.;

six sisters, Esther Lollie of St. Petersburg, Fla., Mildred Holte of Northwood, N.D., Betty Bittner of Princeton, Minn., Ellen McGuire of Waterville, Minn., Annette Thomsen of Isle, Minn., and Carol Walters of McGrath, Minn.; nine brothers, Irvin of Maple Plain, Minn., Edward of McGrath, Minn., Elmer of Hudson, Wis., Jorgen of Medford, Wis., Max Jr. of Bigfork, Bill of Verndale, Minn., Roy of Little Falls, Minn., Dale of Marcell, Minn., and Robert of Brook Park, Minn.; his stepchildren, Jerilee Gudmunson of Coupeville, Wash., Jody Martin of Helena, and Lorilee Fuller of Anchorage, Alaska; 10 grandchildren; and numerous other relatives.

Don was preceded in death by his parents, Max and Ernestine Ganz, and one sister, Hilda Kvarnlov of Minneapolis, Minn.

Friends may call at the Bigfork Funeral Home today from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Funeral services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Little Brown Church in Bigfork, with the Rev. Ron Pierce, pastor of Swan Chapel, officiating. Burial will take place at Lonepine Cemetery, and a reception will follow at the Ferndale Community Hall.

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1991 Florence Blank Garber, 83

Florence Blank Garber, 83, Ronan, died in St. Luke's Community Hospital in Ronan on Dec. 16 of natural causes.

She was born April 10, 1908, in Sedgwick, Alberta, a daughter of George and Martha Thew. She was the last surviving child of the 19 children born to George and Martha.

She moved to Kalispell in 1924, to live with her sister.

In 1926, she married Carl Blank in Kalispell where they resided until he preceded her in death in 1965. Mrs.

Garber has resided in the Polson and Ronan area since.

Survivors include her daughter, Della LeMire of Albuquerque, N.M.; one grandson, Lee LeMire of Albuquerque; and numerous nieces and nephews in Canada.

Private family burial will be today in Springcreek Cemetery in Kalispell. A memorial service will be announced at a later time at Seventh-day Adventist Church in Ronan.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary.

Earl Wilbur 'Curly' Gardiner, 80

Earl Wilbur "Curly" Gardiner, 80, of Kalispell, died in Kalispell Regional Hospital on Sunday, March 17, of natural causes. 1991

He was born May 13, 1910, in White Earth, N.D., a son of Edward and Clara Gardiner.

He attended schools in Canada and Kalispell, having moved to Kalispell in 1923.

Following his schooling, he worked as an electrician for a time.

In 1944, he entered the U.S. Army at Butte and served in the European-African Theater until receiving his honorable discharge in 1946 at Camp McCoy, Wash.

He returned to Kalispell and was theater projectionist for the Anderson Theatre Company for 55 years prior to his retirement.

He was a member of the National Rifle Association

and a life member of the VFW Glacier Post.

In September 1936, he married Katherine Lighthall in Kalispell and is now survived by her at the family home. He is also survived by a son, Rick Gardiner of Las Vegas, Nev.; a brother, John Dolan of Spokane, Wash.; four sisters, Mildred Roberts of Whitehall, Myrtle Paulding of Ocoyoos, British Columbia, Ruth Buck of Hot Springs and Irene Benson of Billings; one granddaughter, Tanya Dawn Gardiner of Portland, Ore.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. on Wednesday in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. J. Torrance Harvey, pastor of Lakeside Chapel, officiating.

Burial of the urn will be in Conrad Memorial Cemetery where military graveside honors will be conducted by the local veterans organizations.

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Ruth D. Garner, 83

Ruth D. Garner, 83, died at Hi Desert Medical Center in Joshua Tree, Calif. June 8. 1991

She is survived by a daughter, Jane Hensley, and two grandchildren, of Kalispell.

Graveside services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Friends will meet there for services.

Local arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary.

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Albert Gaswint, 41

Albert Dwight Gaswint, 41, formerly of Kalispell, died July 10 in an automobile accident near Powell, Idaho. 1991

He had worked in various places in the Northwest as a carpenter.

Survivors include his parents; three daughters; three sisters; a brother; and his maternal grandfather.

The funeral was July 20 in Lewiston, Idaho, at Valley Christian Center.

Anyone wishing to contact family may do so through Van and Peggy Crow, 565 Sparks Blvd., CB 527, Sparks, Nev., 89434, phone (702) 359-8909.

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Rachel Marie Garness, 87

Rachel Marie Berkeland Garness, 87, of Kalispell, died in the Immanuel Lutheran Home on Tuesday, Feb. 5, of natural causes. 1991

She was born Sept. 15, 1903, in Fulton, Iowa, a daughter of Arne and Andrina Berkeland. Her parents were both born in Norway. Marie was the oldest of four children.

When she was 6 months old, the family moved to Everett, Wash. In July 1906, the family moved to a farm west of Kalispell, near Marion.

Marie lived in Kalispell in order to attend high school and graduated from Flathead County High in 1924. After high school, Marie worked as a housekeeper and took care of older people in their own homes.

On June 14, 1941, she married Knut Garness at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Kalispell.

They farmed for two years near the Cayuse Prairie School. In 1948, they moved to farm in the Spring Creek area northwest of Kalispell.

After her children were through school, Marie worked in the laundry and housekeeping departments at Immanuel Lutheran Home and at Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

In 1973, they sold their farm and moved into Kalispell.

In June of 1986 she and her husband moved to Immanuel Lutheran Home.

Marie is a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, the Sons of Norway, and Stillwater Grange.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother.

Survivors include her husband, Knut, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home; one son, Kenneth Garness of Sandborn, Minn.; one daughter, Margaret (Mrs. Arnie) Mohl of Kalispell; two grandchildren, David Mohl of Helena and Ruby Garness of Sandborn, Minn.; one step-grandson, Kevin Mohl of Bigfork; two step-great-grandchildren, C.J. and Kaycee Mohl; two sisters, Liljan Molver of Everett, Wash., and Esther Moore of Snohomish, Wash.; and numerous other relatives.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. on Saturday at the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. H. Peder Waldum, pastor emeritus, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, officiating. Burial will be at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Friends and family may call at the Johnson Mortuary for visitation until 6 p.m. today.

The family suggests memorials be made to the new Alzheimer wing at Immanuel Lutheran Home or to Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

13 Dec 1991 **Thora O. Gates, 100**



Thora O. Gates, 100, died of natural causes Friday morning at Immanuel Lutheran Home.

She was born Sept. 26, 1891, in Northwood, N.D., to Steen and Groe Tuft. She had six brothers and two sisters.

She received her elementary education in Fosston, Minn. and attended Crookston College in Crookston, Minn.

In 1916, she, her mother, and four brothers came west to Barnard, Mont. (north of Glasgow), where they each proved up homesteads.

After World War I, on Aug. 27, 1919, she married Henry Gates, who also homesteaded in the same area. They farmed and raised cattle until 1936.

In 1937, they moved to Kalispell, where they bought the Rask place northwest of town and farmed it until 1944, when they moved to South Main Street in Kalispell.

She was preceded in death by her husband on Aug. 8, 1947.

In 1974, she moved to Big Sky

Manor. In 1986, she moved to Brendan House, and in 1990, she moved to Immanuel Lutheran Home.

She was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Order of the Eastern Star, Sons of Norway, American Legion Auxiliary, Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary.

She is survived by four children, Marian Dahl of Seattle, twins Robert Gates of Kalispell and Ruth Kirkpatrick of Pullman, Wash., and Charlotte Delaney of Waldorf, Md.; 17 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

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

Private burial will be at Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Friends may call at Johnson Mortuary for visitation from 1-4 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday.

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Leon S. Gay Jr., 58

Leon S. Gay Jr., 58, died at the family home in Eureka on Sunday, Feb. 17, following an illness with cancer. 1991

He was born Sept. 3, 1932, the son of Leon and Elsie Gay, at Spring Hope, N.C.

He was raised and graduated from high school at Spring Hope.

On July 21, 1950, he entered the U.S. Air Force from Raleigh, N.C., and was active in Special Services, radio and music during that time. He was discharged in July of 1954 at Parks Air Force Base in California.

After his discharge, he began working for RCA, starting as a repairman, and eventually manager.

He was involved in visual and audio

communications for most of his life.

Survivors include his wife, Barbara of the family home; his mother, Elsie Gay of Spring Hope; a daughter, Kimberley Gay of California; four stepchildren, Vincent Hoffman of Alabama, Cathy Beaupre, Margot Bourke, both of California, and Erin Ogborn of Rexford; three sisters, Joyce Matthews, Jewel Strickland, and Carla Alford, and three brothers, Walter, Ernest, and Millard Gay, all of North Carolina; three grandchildren, and many other relatives.

Private services took place at the family home in Eureka on Feb. 20.

Arrangements are by Weatherford Funeral Home & Crematory in Kalispell.

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1991 John R. Geiger, 64

John Richard Geiger, 64, of Lake Mary Ronan, formerly of Missoula, died Friday, May 24, at St. Patrick Hospital after an extended illness with pneumonia.

Born Jan. 31, 1927, in Torquay, Saskatchewan, to Mathew D. and Katherine M. Geiger, he attended grade school in Estevan, Saskatchewan. In 1940, he came to Montana with his family. He attended Dawson County High School in Glendive.

In his senior year, he joined the U.S. Navy and served from Jan. 31, 1945, to May 9, 1946. He received two medals, the American Area Medal and World War II Victory Medal.

He worked for the Northern Pacific Railroad during the summers of his high school years.

On April 18, 1945, he married Grace L. Nentwig and then moved to Inglewood, Calif., where he worked for Douglas Aircraft as a machinist. He returned to Missoula in 1953 and worked for the Northern Pacific/Burlington Northern Railroad as a trainman.

He retired March 31, 1987, and moved to the home he and his fami-

ly built at Lake Mary Ronan. His hobbies were collecting antique and rocks, crewel embroidery, creating metal art work and ornaments for his yard, growing flowers, fishing, hunting and snowmobiling.

Survivors include his wife, Grace; one son, Gerald R. Geiger, Havre; three daughters, Lorele Sue "Lory" Brager, Missoula, Colleen M. "Kelly" Fisher, Spokane, and Pamela J. Watne, Post Falls, Idaho; one grandson, Scott R. Geiger, Missoula; two sisters, Margaret Woods, Butte, and Elizabeth Winhofer, Glendive; and two brothers, Anton F. "Tony" Geiger and James C. Geiger, both of Glendive.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one sister and five brothers.

A memorial service will be 1 p.m. Thursday at Christ the King Church in Missoula with the Rev. Jim Hogan as celebrant.

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

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

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Paul R. Geis, 73/1991

Paul R. Geis, 73, Columbia Falls, died May 21 at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

He had owned and operated Canyon Archery near Columbia Falls for the past four years.

Survivors include his wife, Leonora, Columbia Falls; a son, Tom Geis, Columbia Falls; and two grandchildren.

Services will be Friday at 10 a.m. at Van Leuven Funeral Home in Columbia Falls. Burial will be at Woodlawn Cemetery.

Visitation is today from noon until 8 p.m. at Van Leuven Funeral Home.

Memorials to the American Heart Association are suggested by the family.

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Marie Gilbertson, 93

Marie Gilbertson, 93, died Wednesday in Creston, British Columbia. *2 Jan 1991*

Graveside services will be Monday at 2 p.m. at Tobacco Valley Cemetery in Eureka under the direction of Vial Funeral Home of Eureka.

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1991 Walter E. Girman, 67

Walter E. Girman, 67, died Monday, Jan. 7, at his home on Hughes Bay south of Lakeside, following an illness with cancer.

He was born April 8, 1923, at Duquesne, Pa., the son of John and Margaret Girman. He was raised and educated in Duquesne, and then moved to Elyria, Ohio, where he was trained as a tool and die maker.

During World War II, he served in the south Pacific with the U.S. Marine Corps. Following his honorable discharge in 1945, he returned to Elyria, where he married Elizabeth Schuster. They were later divorced. He worked for General Machinery in Elyria until retiring in 1962.

Mr. Girman moved to Florida in 1972, where he worked as a painting contractor.

In 1973, he married Patricia Warren in Lehigh Acres, Fla., and the Girmans came to the Flathead Valley in 1977. Mr. Girman was a painting contractor until retiring again in 1989.

He had belonged to the Eastside Grange in Kalispell, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Marine Corps League.

Surviving family members include his wife, Patricia, at the

family home; two sons, John and Robert Girman, and a daughter, Jean Clapham, all of Cleveland, Ohio; two stepsons, David Morris of Helena, and G. William Warren of Great Falls; two stepdaughters, Roberta Jensen of Great Falls, and Mary Koepp of Colorado Springs, Colo.; two sisters, Margaret Chechuk of Elyria, and Leona Petrunyak of Duquesne; 16 grandchildren and one great-grandson.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Vera Wasco.

Friends may call at the Weatherford Funeral Home today from noon to 7 p.m. and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Funeral services will be Thursday, Jan. 10, at 2 p.m. at Weatherford Chapel with the Rev. Paul Taylor, chaplain of Kalispell Regional Hospital, officiating. Burial will follow at Conrad Memorial Cemetery with military honors provided by the United Veterans of the Flathead.

Memorial contributions are suggested to Flathead Hospice, 1280 Burns Way, Kalispell 59901, or the American Lung Association, 825 Helena Ave., Helena 59601.

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1991 Jay Lynn Gittins, 28

Jay Lynn Gittins, 28, formerly of Kalispell, died May 6 at the Casa Hospice in Houston, Texas, following a lengthy illness.

He was born May 19, 1962, at Gunnison Utah, the son of Russell and Connie Gittins. At age 2, his father died in a car accident, and he was raised by his stepfather.

Jay graduated from Flathead High School in 1981. He then worked for several different oil companies in Texas, most recently in Houston for ARCO.

He is survived by his mother and stepfather, Connie and Jim Quick of Columbia Falls; one brother, Thomas Lloyd Gittins of Helena; a

grandfather, Lloyd Scow of Efram, Utah; and a number of other relatives and friends.

Graveside services will be Thursday, May 9, at 3 p.m. at Glacier Memorial Gardens in Kalispell, with Richard Burningham of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints officiating. The casket will not be open to the public.

Arrangements are by Weatherford Funeral Home in Kalispell and Murphy Funeral Home in Houston.

Memorial contributions are suggested to Immanuel Lutheran Home Courtyard Park, Buffalo Hill, Kalispell 59901.

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1991 LeRoy 'Slim' Goodsell, 83

LeRoy "Slim" Goodsell, 83, went home to be with the Lord. He passed away of natural causes at North Valley Hospital on Monday, Sept. 23.

He was born July 26, 1908, in Butler, N.Y., to Adelbert and Inez Goodsell. He moved to Frazer, Mont., with his mother in 1913 after his father and a brother had passed away. He was raised and educated in eastern Montana and Minnesota.

He worked on various ranches in eastern Montana and rode on cattle drives from Circle to Miles City.

He married Elizabeth Trebas on Jan. 16, 1936, in Glasgow. They moved to Columbia Falls in 1940.

He worked for the Great Northern Railroad and then for Stoltze Lumber Co. in Columbia Falls. He retired in 1971 after 27 years with Stoltze Lumber Co. where he worked as an electrician.

He was an accomplished musician in his younger days and a talented story teller. He enjoyed telling stories to his grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents, three brothers, a sister, and an infant son, Justin.

He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth of Columbia Falls; three daughters, Marjorie Stoick of Worden, and Betty Personett and Ardis Hanson, both of Columbia Falls; a son, Lyle of Colstrip; 12 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and a brother, Bill Twitchell of Fallon.

A funeral service will be Wednesday, Sept. 25, at 2 p.m. at the Van Leuven Funeral Home in Columbia Falls. The Rev. Darrell Newby of the Assembly of God Church will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

The family has suggested that memorials be made to the Columbia Falls Volunteer Ambulance Association in Columbia Falls, or to the charity of the donor's choice.

Visitation will be today from 1-8 p.m. at Van Leuven Funeral Home in Columbia Falls.

Louis Conrad Gray

Louis "Bus" Conrad Gray, 72, a Whitefish resident, passed away Thursday, April 25, 1991, at his home on the east shore of Whitefish Lake of natural causes.

Mr. Gray was born October 1, 1918 at Conrad, Montana, the son of Charles H. and Ida Louise Gray. He was raised and educated in Whitefish, Montana and graduated from high school there in 1936. After graduation, he worked with the CCC and then for Lincoln Cleaners in Whitefish. He joined the National Guard about 1940 and during World War II served in the Pacific Theatre of Operations.

Following his discharge in 1946 he worked in Fairbanks, Alaska for Northern Commercial Company and then for the Alaska Railroad. He returned to Whitefish in 1951. He was part owner of a laundry business in Whitefish with his Aunt Edra VanVleck for a few years. He then worked at the Fast Time Bar in Whitefish until his retirement in the 1980's.

He was a member of the Elks Club and enjoyed reading and fishing.

He was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by a brother, Charles Gray, in Anchorage, Alaska; a sister, Patricia Jacobsen in Mesa, Arizona, two nieces and two nephews and four cousins.

Memorial services were Monday, August 12, at 2 p.m. at the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish with the Rev. George Souray of Dubuque, Iowa, officiating.

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Catherine Goucher, 50

Catherine "Cathy" Goucher, 50, Libby, died Dec. 2 of natural causes at Kalispell Regional Hospital.

Surviving family members include her daughter, Toni War-nell of Libby; three sons, including Dale and Jesse, both of Libby; her mother, Ivanell Brown of Libby; one brother; one sister; her grandparents; two grandsons; and a number of other relatives.

She was preceded in death by her father in March of 1964.

Public memorial services are not planned at this time. Arrangements and organ donation were coordinated by Weatherford Funeral Home & Crematory in Kalispell.

The family suggests memorial contributions to Libby Ambulance Service, P.O. Box 777, Libby 59923.

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21 July 1991 Violet M. Gray, 92

Violet M. Gray, 92, of Kalispell, died of natural causes at Kalispell Regional Hospital Saturday.

She was born Nov. 21, 1889, in Molalla, Ore., to William and Elizabeth Gerhauser, one of nine children.

She was a graduate of Cheney, Washington Normal College and the University of Washington in Seattle. She taught in the public schools of Washington, ending the last four years of her teaching career at the Edison building of Spokane.

On June 14, 1929, she married Merrill Gray. He preceded her in death on July 24, 1990.

She was ordained into the ministry in 1933 and joined her hus-



band in the pastoral ministry to Church of God congregations in Grandview and Colville, Wash. and in Kalispell, retiring from active ministry in 1970.

They continued to live in Kalispell, where she was a member of Northridge Heights Church of God.

She is survived by her son, John Gray, and his wife, Frances, of Burley, Idaho; two sisters, Amelia Miller of Snowqualmie, Wash. and Lillie Miller of Fresno, Calif.; two granddaughters, Sarah Bulmer and Alisa Hibberd, both of Nampa, Idaho; a great-grandchild; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Northridge Heights Church of God, with the Revs. Terry Harper and Lawrence Lautaret officiating. Burial will be at Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Friends may call at Johnson Mortuary for visitation from noon to 8 p.m. Monday.

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Frank W. Gregg

Frank W. Gregg, 75 of Northglenn, Colorado, died in Colorado on Wednesday, August 14, 1991

He is survived by his wife, Eva Birky Gregg; children, Helen and her husband, Mike Wagner, Richard Gregg and his wife Theresa, Leona Nichols and Romona Gregg all of Kalispell; a brother, Joseph Gress in Oklahoma; four grandchildren and one great granddaughter.

Funeral services were held Tuesday in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Joh Clark, Pastor of the Bigfork Christian Church officiating. Burial was in the Glacier memorial Gardens.

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Shelby and Erin Griffin

We never got to know you, but you will always be with us.

Our precious angels, Shelby and Erin Griffin, twin daughters of Rodney and Beverly Griffin of Lakeside, were stillborn Oct. 3 in Spokane. 1991

Survivors include their parents; a sister, 21-month-old Gillian; paternal grandmother, Joy S. Griffin of Middlebury, Conn.; maternal grandmother, Janice Bonnett of Lakeside; and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

They were preceded in death by

paternal grandfather John J. Griffin and maternal grandfather Martin F. Bonnett.

We'll see you in heaven, where we will all be together.

Private family services will be Monday at Conrad Memorial Cemetery, with Father Robert Hartman of St. Ann's Catholic Church officiating.

The family suggests memorials to the National SIDS Foundation, 10500 Little Patuxent Parkway, Columbia, Md., 21044.

Arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary.

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'Whitey' Grigsby, 72

V. B. "Whitey" Grigsby, 72, Libby, died Aug. 27 on arrival at St. John Lutheran Hospital in Libby of an apparent heart attack.

He is survived by his wife, Dude, of Libby; a daughter, Mona Brue of Libby; a son, Hershall Grigsby of Kalispell; and grandchildren.

Friends may call at Vial Funeral Home from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday and Friday.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. at Vial Funeral Home Chapel. Cremation will follow the service.

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Milton Grimsrud, 84

The Rev. J. Milton Grimsrud, 84, died Nov. 25 in Richland, Wash. 1991

He served Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Kalispell as its pastor from 1951 until 1961.

Funeral services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. in Richland.

The family suggests memorials to Luther-Northwestern Seminary, Minneapolis, Minn.

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Max R. Gring, 84

Max R. Gring, 84, died of natural causes Wednesday at St. John's Lutheran Hospital in Libby. 22 May 1991

He was born May 14, 1907, in Elgridge, Mich. He was raised and educated in Michigan.

He married Barbara Briggs Jan. 29, 1933, in Michigan.

He was a painter for General Motors and was also a painting contractor.

They moved to Libby in 1988.

Survivors include his wife, Barbara Gring, of Libby; four sons, including Dean and Charles Gring of Libby, and Don Gring of Kalispell; 15 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Tuesday at 3:30 p.m. at Vial Funeral Home Chapel.

1991 Ruth Griswold, 100

Mrs. George G. (Ruth) Griswold, 100, of Kris-Ann Apartments, 97 Hawthorn Avenue, Kalispell, died at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 31, at home.

She is survived by a son, Gillett Griswold of Lakeside, two daughters, Jane Griswold Smith of Monument, Colo., and Phoebe Griswold Holzman of Pearce, Ariz., seven grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren.

Born Ruth Elizabeth Whitehurst on Nov. 12, 1890, in Salida, Colo., she was the youngest of three children of Julien DeWitt Whitehurst and Myrtie Gillett, having one sister, Irene, and a brother, John Wesley ("Jack"). After graduation from high school, she studied for a year at Miss Wheelock's Teachers College in Boston. She received her teacher's certificate from Colorado Teachers College at Greeley, then returned to Salida to teach elementary school.

In 1915, she married George Gary Griswold, Jr., a 1914 graduate of the Colorado School of Mines at Golden. They spent their honeymoon on the train to Butte, where he was employed as metallurgist at Timber Butte Mill, owned by "copper king" W. A. Clark. Their three children were born in Butte and Ruth was to be a resident of "the greatest mining camp on earth" for the next 70 years.

Because of her previous frail health, the family physician recommended going to a lower climate from Butte's mile-high elevation for part of each year. So in 1921, Ruth and her children spent the summer at Flathead Lake, travelling by train from Butte to Polson, then up-lake on the paddle-wheel steamer "Klondike" to Table Bay. For the next 18 years they spent almost every summer in the idyllic setting of the Flathead, always with horses, for Ruth loved horses and loved to ride.

During the early 1920s, her husband researched, developed, and patented unique flotation processes for separating complex minerals from their ores. His inventions advanced the mining world's processes for recovering minerals such as copper, lead, zinc, and gold to a new era. In 1932, he established his headquarters and opened his own laboratory in Butte, becoming an independent consulting metallurgist. He soon became Montana's

best-known mining engineer.

During his long career, her husband's contributions to the field of metallurgical engineering had a great impact on the development of Montana's and the nation's mineral resources. His flotation discoveries resulted in the profitable mining of previously unmarketable ore bodies. Many mining communities throughout the world owed their existence to his scientific abilities.

Caring for her family and maintaining a happy home for her husband were Ruth's top priorities. She also enjoyed bird-watching, wildflowers, horseback riding, camping, hiking, reading and writing, exploring Montana's back-country roads and abandoned mining camps with family and friends, visiting museums and historic sites, and traveling.

She was active in the Women's Auxiliary of the American and Montana Institute of Mining Engineers, in the Delphians, in the literary Homer Club, and in Episcopal church activities. She served as a docent at Butte's historic "Chateau" and was one of the founders of the World Museum of Mining there.

In later years, Ruth accompanied her husband on numerous trips to Alaska, Mexico, Canada, Nevada, and California, where he designed and built mills for the recovery of precious metals. After his death in 1962, she continued to travel to Italy and Greece, to England, France, Belgium, and Germany, Canada, South America, and to various parts of the U.S. In her 80s, she took a trip around the world.

In 1984, her son and family returned to Flathead Lake to stay. Later that year, she moved to Kalispell to be near them, and in her twilight years to enjoy again the scenic beauties of the Flathead Valley.

Always with deep faith in God's inspired word, for the past seven years she has been associated with the Woodland Park Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses.

Memorial services will be held at Johnson Mortuary at 4 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 4, with Minister James E. Lawrence officiating, and in Butte the following day. Her ashes will be interred in Butte's Mountain View Cemetery, where her husband is buried.



Olga M. Grogan, 77

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Olga M. Grogan, 77, a Whitefish resident, died Sunday, Jan. 6, at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish, of natural causes.

She was born Nov. 13, 1913, near Syracuse, N.Y. Olga was raised by her aunt and uncle, Lena and Bill Jardine, in upstate New York, Winchester, Mass., and San Antonio, Texas. She graduated from Main Avenue High School in San Antonio in 1931.

She then attended Incarnate Word College in San Antonio, graduating in 1935 with a degree in education.

On June 20, 1935, she married Edward Winston Grogan Jr. in San Antonio and the couple lived in many places throughout the United States. They had been married for 56 years.

Olga taught school at all levels most of her adult life. The Grogans came to Whitefish in 1984 where they have resided

since.

She was a member of the Episcopal church. She enjoyed reading, writing, and tutoring children and adults. She was also an antique collector.

Survivors include her husband at the family home in Whitefish; a daughter, Christine Bochmann in Casper, Wyo.; a son, Edward Winston Grogan III in Whitefish; a brother, Clifford Flack in Woodstock, Vt.; eight grandchildren; four great-grandchildren and many other relatives and friends.

Visitation will be noon-8 p.m. today at the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish. Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home with the Rev. Kathy Cooper officiating. Intombment will follow at the mausoleum at Glacier Memorial Gardens in Kalispell.

Roy Arley Gronberg, 86

Roy Arley Gronberg, 86, a resident of Whitefish, died April 1, at the Colonial Manor in Whitefish of natural causes. 1991

He was born April 16, 1904, in Bagley, Minn., a son of Charles and Hilma Gronberg.

He moved here from Alexandria, Minn., in 1964 and had Gronbergs Jewelry store in Whitefish, retiring in 1969 for the second time.

He loved to travel in his minivan and had traveled most of the United States.

He had been instrumental in organizing the Whitefish Golden Agers and the construction of the facilities. He was active in the first Winter Carnival Congenials and other civic events.

Roy was a life member of the Shrine and Elks and was a past exalted ruler of the Elks. He was a member of

the Moose Club and Christ Lutheran Church.

He married Molly Walton on Nov. 3, 1927, in Lethbridge, Alberta, and is now survived by her in Whitefish.

He is also survived by two daughters, Marion Streich and Arlene Buhmiller, both of Whitefish; seven grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren; one sister, Inez Brooks, and one brother, Lloyd Gronberg, both of Las Vegas, Nev.

Services for Roy will be Friday, April 5, at 2 p.m. at the Christ Lutheran Church in Whitefish with the Rev. Neal Buckaloo officiating.

The family has requested that no flowers be sent and have suggested memorials to the Whitefish Golden Agers.

Arrangements for services and cremation were through the Austin Funeral Home of Whitefish.

1991 Jimmy Wayne Gullede, 40

Jimmy Wayne Gullede, 40, Bigfork, died on Nov. 15 of natural causes at St. Patrick Hospital in Missoula. It was his 40th birthday.

He was born in 1951, in Rockingham, N.C., the son of Joseph and Kathaleen Gullede. When he was 3 years old, his family moved to San Diego, where he went to school until moving to Chula Vista eight years later. He graduated from Chula Vista High School in 1969.

In 1972, he married Becky Wittweir in Winterhaven, Calif. That same year, he joined the U.S. Army, and spent the next three years as a heavy equipment operator for Uncle Sam.

In their 19 years of marriage, the Gulledegs lived in many places: Fort Leonardwood, Mo.; Fort Lewis, Wash.; West Germany; McCall, Idaho; and San Diego, Chula Vista, and Spring Valley, Calif. They moved to Bigfork in the summer of 1985, and it was the best move they ever made.

Jimmy enjoyed hunting, fishing, boating, CB radios and auto mechanics. A "jack of all trades," he was always

ready to share his skills to help another. His shoulder was always ready for those who needed one to cry on.

Jimmy is survived by his wife, Becky at the family home in Bigfork; two sons, his pride and joy, Jesse of Bigfork and Jeremy, who attends Gonzaga University in Spokane, Wash.; his father, Jack of Bigfork; one brother, Jerry of Lakeside; a niece and nephew, Traci and Joe Gullede of Kalispell; and a number of aunts, uncles and cousins, mostly in North and South Carolina and Florida.

Jimmy's favorite place was at home with his family, and he will always be at home in their hearts.

Memorial services will be Saturday at 3 p.m. at United Methodist Church, 750 Electric Ave., Bigfork. Officiating will be the Rev. Steve Garnaas-Holmes. A potluck dinner will follow. Urn burial has taken place on family land.

The Bigfork Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements and cremation.

The family suggests memorial contributions to Kalispell Jaycees winter clothing fund, P.O. Box 427, Kalispell.

1991 Catherine Gunderson

Catherine Gunderson, a former Kalispell resident, died the first week of January in Conrad.

Catherine Griffith was born in Minnesota to the Lewis Griffiths. She came from St. Paul to Montana with her father in 1917 shortly after the death of her mother. She worked at the Navajo restaurant (owned by a sister Mary Witte) and her father homesteaded 40 acres and worked for the Great Northern Railroad.

She married John Gunderson in the spring of 1919 shortly after he returned from serving in France during World War I. They farmed and raised their family a mile west of Navajo.

T h e y moved to the Flathead Valley in 1946 where John worked with the Forest Service.

While in Kalispell, she was a hospital volunteer for many years and was a member of the Extension Homemakers. She enjoyed playing bridge.

Following John's death in 1977, Catherine moved from Kalispell to Conrad where she resided until her death.

Survivors include daughters, Jane Katana and Margaret Norby of Conrad, and son, John W. Gunderson and wife Betty on the family farm near Navajo, which includes the original Lewis Griffith homestead; and several grandchildren including Mark Norby of Columbia Falls.

Graveside services will be 11 a.m. Thursday at Glacier Memorial Gardens with the Rev. Fred Crowe officiating.

William 'Bill' Guthrie, 59

William "Bill" Guthrie, 59, of Kalispell, died at his home on Monday, March 18, of cancer. 1991

He was born Nov. 4, 1931, in Marshall, N.C., a son of Charles Kline and Daisy Edith Guthrie. He grew up in North Carolina and graduated from high school in Marion, N.C.

He joined the U.S. Air Force where he served his country for 21 years. He retired from the military in 1974.

Bill had a master's degree in education, graduating from both Florida State University in Tallahassee, Fla. and the University of Montana in Missoula.

He taught school for 14 years.

On Sept. 3, 1955, he married Donna Minier in Mildred, Pa. They met while he was stationed in Pennsylvania.

Bill was a loving husband and family man. His wife, four daughters, sons-in-law and his grandchildren were very important to him.

Bill was a dedicated Christian, who loved the Lord.

He was a member of the East-



haven Baptist Church and a deacon of the church for many years.

He also loved the outdoors. His hobbies included jogging, gardening, golfing, and umpiring ball games.

Bill loved to sing. He was a member of the Valley Aires in Kalispell and he sang in the church choir for many years.

Survivors include his wife, Donna, at the family home; four daughters, Kathy Rauch of Wolf Point, Debbie Weaver of Kalispell, Jennie Van Bommel of Exira, Iowa, and Billie Jean Guthrie-Cumley of Kalispell; six grandchildren, Anna Rose, Melissa, Samantha, Connie, Micah and Jonathan; two sons-in-law, Bob Van Bommel and Virgil Rauch; one brother and sister-in-law, Joe and Joan Guthrie of Marion, N.C.; and many other relatives and friends.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday at Easthaven Baptist Church with the Rev. Frank Shell officiating. Burial will be in Conrad Memorial Cemetery with military honors being conducted by the local veterans organizations.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Flathead Hospice, 1280 Burns Way, Kalispell, or to the Shepherd Shelves Outreach Ministry of the Easthaven Baptist Church in Kalispell.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary.