

Della Marie Berns, 82

Della Marie Berns, 82, of Kalispell, died of heart trouble at St. Patrick Hospital in Missoula on Wednesday, Sept. 2, 1992.

She was born Feb. 21, 1910, in Blum, Texas, to Alvarado and Nellie Long. She later moved with her family to Hugo, Okla., where she graduated from high school.

She attended business college in Oklahoma City, Okla. She lived there for several years before moving to Washington, D.C., and in 1942, to Seattle. There, she met and married her husband, Everett, on Dec. 23, 1943. She worked for the post exchange in Fort Lawton, while her husband was stationed there with the military police. He was shipped out and she moved to Olympia, Wash. to be near him when he returned to Fort Lewis. Following his discharge from the service, the couple and their newly born daughter moved to Tillamook, Ore. They also lived in Yakima,

Wash. before moving to Kalispell.

Mrs. Berns was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary, and served as auxiliary president while living in Tillamook.

She is survived by her husband, Everett, at home in Kalispell; her daughter, Catherine M. Harris, of Belfair, Wash.; a granddaughter, Shawna K. Macy of Spokane; two grandsons, Everett and Jay Harris, both of Belfair; and several cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday at 2 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel, with the Rev. William Putman of Kings Christian Church of Missoula officiating. Entombment will be in the Glacier Memorial Gardens mausoleum.

Friends may call at Johnson Mortuary from 1-4 p.m. Monday for visitation.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Heart Fund, 435 Second Street East, Kalispell.

Agnes Bernhard, 92

Agnes Bernhard, 92, a former resident of Eureka, died Feb. 14 at the Libby Care Center of natural causes. 1992

She is survived by two daughters, including Beverly O'Brien of Libby; four sons, Cecil Bernhard of Kalispell, Maurice Bernhard of Eureka, Allen Bernhard of Libby and Roger Bernhard of Eureka; a brother, Herb Mathis of Eureka; 16 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be 7-9 p.m. today and until noon on Tuesday at Vial Funeral Home in Eureka.

Services will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. at First Baptist Church in Eureka. Burial will be in Tobacco Valley Cemetery.

Keith Bertleson, 39

Keith Allen (Skeeter/Grouse) Bertleson, 39, a longtime Coram resident, died April 1 in a house fire at his home in Coram.

Keith was preceded in death by his grandparents and a brother, Curtis Dale Lizotte in 1955.

He is survived by his daughter; his mother; his father; a brother; four sisters; four nieces, a nephew and many other relatives and friends.

Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Van Leuven Funeral Home in Columbia Falls.

A benefit dinner will be held beginning at 7 p.m. Saturday at Dew Drop Inn in Coram.

Josephine Howell Biffle, 91

Josephine Howell Biffle, at the young age of 9, traveled from Minnesota with her family, joining the westward migration when land in eastern Montana was opened for homesteading. In 1910, the Howells packed their belongings in a box car and journeyed by rail to the newly established town of Baker. Then, after transferring their possessions to horse-drawn wagons, they trekked 30 miles south across open grassland to the site of their homestead. They settled near the general store and post office of Knobs in southeast Fallon Country.

Born on Jan. 6, 1901, Josephine Biffle died of acute respiratory failure on Nov. 26, 1992, in Port Townsend, Wash. She was born in West Concord, Minn., one of five children of Oscar Otis and Maletta Norton Howell. Jo attended a one-room country school two miles from the homestead, and high school in Baker, graduating in the class of 1920.

In 1922, she married Chauncey Biffle. During the 1920s, the young couple lived in Lewistown, Harlowton, Ekalaka, Ismay, and Baker — wherever Chauncey could find work. They had two children, Robert and Marilyn.

In 1936, the family settled in Miles City where Chauncey managed the State Employment Service Office, and Jo was a part-time seamstress. During World War II, Jo and Chauncey lived in Helena where he worked for the employment division of the War Manpower Commission and she was a seamstress in a department store.

In 1948, Joe and Chauncey settled in Polson after Chauncey's work took them briefly to Billings, Butte and Helena. He managed the State

Employment Office just blocks from their house at the south end of Flathead Lake and Jo worked for the Federated Store, first as a clerk and later as a buyer also.

The couple were uprooted again when Chauncey heeded a calling to the ministry after his retirement and attended seminaries in California and Texas. The couple moved to Bigfork where he was pastor of the Methodist Church there. In 1972, they moved to Kalispell where Chauncey was the associate pastor of Epworth Methodist Church. Jo helped him in his work, and her handcrafts were popular items at the annual Christmas bazaar.

A devoted wife, mother and grandmother who placed her family's needs first, Mrs. Biffle was active in women's activities in her church, and was skilled in various crafts, including sewing, basket weaving, stitchery and other handiwork. Her children looked forward with keen anticipation of the arrival of each year's Christmas box, amply stuffed with cookies and other handmade gifts.

Mrs. Biffle was preceded in death by her husband in 1989, and her daughter in 1988. She is survived by her son, Robert, of Port Townsend, Wash.; seven grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; 11 nieces and nephews; and a brother, Wilbur K. "Web" Howell of Billings.

Her ashes are interred in the family plot in Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell. A memorial service will be conducted at Epworth United Methodist Church of Kalispell at a date yet to be announced.

Memorials may be made to Intermountain Children's Home, 500 S. Lamborn, Helena 59601.

R. J. 'Spike' Bingham, 72

R. J. "Spike" Bingham, 72, a former Kalispell resident, died May 2 in Sitka, Alaska, where he and his wife had resided since 1942.

He was born March 31, 1920, in Kalispell to Alonzo and Selma Dillman Bingham. He graduated from Flathead County High School in 1938.

He married Mildred Lea McLain on May 27, 1939. Two years later, the couple moved first to Juneau and, one year later, to Sitka, where they made their home.

He is survived by his wife, Mildred; four sons, Ross and Jay of Sitka, and Dan of Valdez, Alaska; a daughter, Lee Rodgers of Camas, Wash.; several grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. Also surviving are two sisters, June Isaacs of Kalispell and Berniece Robertson of Bay City, Ore.; one brother, Wesley Bingham of Tacoma, Wash.; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted in Moose Lodge 1350 in Sitka.



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Margaret Bjorneby, 97

Margaret Bjorneby, 97, Kalispell, died in the Immanuel Lutheran Home Tuesday.

She was born Sept. 21, 1895, in Grafton N.D. to Emil and Margaret Bjorneby. She moved to Kalispell before her second birthday.

Her father worked in real estate and hardware, and he and his brother owned Bjorneby Brothers Flour Mill. Upon his retirement, he served in the Montana Legislature. Her mother was actively involved with the Bethlehem Lutheran Church and in various community activities.

Margaret sang in the Glee Club and graduated from Flathead High School in 1913. She attended a nurses training program in Seattle in 1914. She moved back to Kalispell in 1915 and was employed as a substitute teacher at the high school. In 1922 she attended Spokane College. She sang in the choir and graduated in 1924

with a BA degree in English. She spent the next two years as an English/business teacher in Corvallis. In 1926, she moved to California and graduated from the Riverside Library School in 1928.

Margaret moved back to Kalispell in 1928. She substituted at the high school occasionally. In 1930 she moved to Helena. She was employed by the State Land Office as a secretary, contract clerk and receptionist.

After retiring, she returned to Kalispell in 1960. She and her sister, Jeanette Bjorneby, toured Alaska, Spain, Denmark and Cape Cod. Margaret was involved in the Tuesday Study Club for the Sons of Norway and the ALCW in the Bethlehem Lutheran Church and in Helena. She resided at the Immanuel Lutheran Home since February 1984.

She enjoyed reading, hand-work, ceramics and music. She is survived

by eight nieces and nephews: Robert Skindlov of Spokane; Rev. Allan Skindlov, of Fargo; N.D.; Marcella Dethman, of Brockton; Doris Hollimon, of Green Bay, Wisc.; Rhoda Schmidt, of East Lansing; Mich. Helen Cooper, of Kalamazoo, Mich.; Sylvia Heurlin, of Mountain View, Calif.; Katherine Greer, of Delhi, Calif.; and many grandnieces and grandnephews.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Monday in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Friends will meet at the cemetery for the services. Memorial services will be 2 p.m. Monday in the Immanuel Lutheran Home with the Rev. Peter Ramseth officiating. Friends may call at the Johnson Mortuary 1-4 p.m. today for visitation. Arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary. The family suggests memorials to the Immanuel Lutheran Home or the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Kalispell.

1992 Paul Walter Birky, 67

Paul Walter Birky, 67, of Kalispell, died of natural causes May 27.

He was born Feb. 9, 1925, in White Sulphur Springs, to Joe and Amanda Birky.

On Dec. 25, 1947, he married Evelyn Lais of Hubbard, Ore. They made their home in the Flathead Valley.

Paul attended grades 1-8 at Creston School and went to work in his father's sawmill. During World War II, he served in the Civilian Public Service from 1944-1946. He then continued his work in the timber industry.

He was preceded in death by his parents; five brothers and a sister.

He is survived by his wife, Evelyn, at the family home in Kalispell; four sons, Dan, of Sugar Creek, Ohio, and Frank, Brian and Luke of Kalispell;

and three daughters, Jane Stutzman, Donna Allen and Linda Anderson, all of Kalispell.

Paul has many friends in the community. He touched many lives through his years of dedication to the prison ministry. He loved the outdoors. He died in the woods after spending the weekend with his family.

Funeral services will be Friday at 2 p.m. at Mountain View Mennonite Church, with the Rev. Dwight Hooley officiating. Burial will be at Fairview Cemetery.

The family ask that donations be made to Gospel Echos Northwest Prison Ministry, P.O. Box 125, Sheridan, Ore., 97378.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary.

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Norman E. Bjerneby, 86

Norman E. Bjerneby, born March 30, 1906 in Whitefish, died Oct. 10, 1992, in Des Moines, Wash., at the age of 86.

He was originally from Kalispell, brother of the former mayor of Kalispell.

He was in the 41st Infantry Division of World War II, serving in Australia and New Guinea.

Beloved father of Norma Bennett of Nairobi, Kenya, Richard J. Bjerneby of Gatun, Panama, Robert G. Bjerneby of Seattle, Wash., and Anna

Burke of Fairbanks, Alaska; brother of Thelma Fox of Salinas, Calif. and Viola Bjerneby of Spokane; brother-in-law of Agnes Bjerneby of Kalispell; nephew of Mary Olsen, of Puyallup, Wash. and uncle of Ladd Bjerneby of Cheney, Wash. He also had 13 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Cheney, Wash.

Remembrances requested to Alzheimers Research.

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Boyd Raymond Blackmer, 77

Boyd Raymond Blackmer, 77, of Columbia Falls, died at his home July 20.

He was born Nov. 27, 1914, in Columbia Falls, to Lucien and Fanny Blackmer. He received his early education in Lake Blaine and graduated from Flathead County High School in 1932.

He farmed all his life on the family farm in Columbia Falls.

On March 25, 1959, he married Lorraine Harrison in Missoula.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Howard; and a daughter, Phyllis Blackmer.

Survivors include his wife, Lorraine, of the family home; a daughter, Linda Mayer and her husband, Lonny,

of Las Vegas; two stepsons, Lance Walden and his wife, Jan, and Robert Walden and his wife, Lorraine, all of Columbia Falls; a sister, Doris Yenne and her husband, Tom, of Bigfork; six grandchildren; eight step-grandchildren; six great-great-grandchildren; and seven step-great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday at Johnson Mortuary Chape, with the Rev. Dwight Hooley of Mountain View Mennonite Church officiating. Burial of urn will be at Fairview Cemetery.

The family suggests memorials may be made to the East Valley Quick Response Unit, c/o Edde Allison, 505 First Avenue East, Kalispell, or to ALERT helicopter, 310 Sunnyside Lane, Kalispell.

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Lewis Blackwell, 67

Lewis Y. 'Blackie' Blackwell, 67, of Libby, died of cancer Aug. 24 at St. John Lutheran Hospital in Libby. 1992

He is survived by his wife, Thelma, of Libby; a daughter; two sons, including Bob Blackwell of Libby; his mother; a brother; and five grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 1-9 p.m. Friday at Vial Funeral Home.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. at Christ Lutheran Church. Burial will be in City of Libby Cemetery.

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1992

Mary E. Blair, 85

Mary E. Blair, 85, died at her Libby residence Jan. 18 following a stroke.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Arthur L. Blair, and six brothers and sisters.

She is survived by two daughters, Joyce Petruska and Patricia Chapman both of Libby; two brothers; three stepchildren; 13 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Rosary will be recited at 7 p.m. today at Vial Funeral Home Chapel. Mass of the Resurrection will be 11 a.m. Tuesday at St. Joseph Catholic Church. Internment will follow at City of Libby Cemetery.

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1992 **Hazella Blake, 83**

Hazella Blake, 83, Kalispell, died March 15 of natural causes at Kalispell Regional Hospital.

She was born Sept. 17, 1908, at Minot, N.D., the daughter of Chauncey and Alice Jones. She was raised and graduated from high school in Minot, and received her registered nurses training at St. Joseph's Hospital there.

On July 1, 1930, she married Lyle James Thompson in Minot, and he preceded her in death in 1941. She was also preceded in death by her parents, a brother and a sister, and her son, James J. Thompson, on Oct. 6, 1990.

Hazella came to Kalispell in the early 1940s, and worked for Dr. M.E.K. Johnson at the Kalispell Medical Center. In 1958, she moved to San Jose, Calif.

In 1972, she married John A. Blake in San Jose, where they lived until retiring to Kalispell in 1984.

Hazella had been active in the Order of the Eastern Star, and was a

member of Shining Mountain Church of Religious Science in Kalispell.

Surviving family members include her husband, John, at the family home in Kalispell; three daughters, Alice "Loly" Claffin of Seattle, Wash., Helen "Totie" Ross of San Jose, and Roxanne Jensen of Grand Forks, N.D.; John's children, including Brenda McClure of Trego; 11 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and a number of other relatives.

Friends may call at Weatherford Funeral Home today from noon to 7 p.m., after which cremation will take place at the Weatherford Crematory.

Memorial services will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. at Shining Mountain Church of Religious Science with the Rev. Judy Powell officiating.

Memorial contributions are suggested to Shining Mountain Church of Religious Science, 475 Eighth Ave. E.N., Kalispell.

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20 Oct 1992 **Wesley Blanchard, 86**

Wesley L. Blanchard, 86, died Tuesday at St. John Lutheran Hospital in Libby.

He is survived by his wife, Pauline, of Troy; a daughter; two step-children, Judy Orr and Ken French, both of Troy; six half-sisters and three half-brothers, including Louis Auge of Libby; and a number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 7-9 p.m. Friday at Vial Funeral Home. Services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. at Troy Church of God. Burial will be in Milnor Lake Cemetery.

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Barbara Bloomstine, 63

Barbara Bloomstine, 63, died July 16 at her home near Eureka. 1992

She is survived by her husband, Maurice, of Eureka; two daughters and two sons; a brother; nine grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be today 1-9 p.m. at Vial Funeral Home in Eureka.

Services will be Monday at 1 p.m. at Vial Funeral Home Chapel in Eureka. Cremation will follow the services.

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Louise M. Boehme, 79

Louise M. Boehme, 79, of Kalispell, died at Immanuel Lutheran Home on July 14. 1992

She was born June 7, 1913, in Troy, N.Y., to Chester and Elizabeth Meneely. Her father was the proprietor of Meneely Bell Co., which was founded before the Civil War; the Liberty Bell (the bell that replaced the cracked one) was cast at Louise's father's foundry.

She received her early education at Emma Willard School in Troy and Ethel Walker School in Connecticut. She completed her bachelor's degree at Bryn Mawr College in Pennsylvania and her master's degree in library science at New York State University.

Louise married Ernest Boehme on June 11, 1938, in Troy.

She worked as a high school librarian for many years, and was also a 4-H leader for many years, taking her own and other children to county fairs. She was active in her church,

Gilead Lutheran Church of Center Brunswick, N.Y.

The Boehmes have traveled to England and Europe, once on the Queen Mary and once on the SS Roma via Gibraltar and the Mediterranean Sea.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and three brothers.

Survivors include her husband, Ernest, of Kalispell; a daughter, Elizabeth Howe, of Holliston, Mass.; a son, Dr. William Boehme, of Kalispell; a sister, Eugenia Cluett, of Hampton, Conn.; and a grandson, Williams B. Howe of Massachusetts.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service and burial of urn will take place in Troy, N.Y. later.

The family suggests memorials may be made to the Immanuel Lutheran Home, Buffalo Hill, Kalispell.

Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary.

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1992 Emil Boerner, 101

Emil Boerner, 101, a longtime Whitefish resident died April 8 at North Valley Extended Care of natural causes.

Emil was born Oct. 15, 1890, in Marinette, Wis., the son of Emil and Anna Boerner. Emil was raised and educated in Marinette until his family came to the Cut Bank area to homestead.

Emil came to Whitefish in about 1922, and worked for the Hutchinson Lumber Co. He went to work for the Great Northern Railroad where he worked at various jobs, primarily as a carman and as a mill operator. He retired in 1952.

Emil married Estella Veronica Hughes and later her sister Kathryn Hughes. They both preceded him in death.

Emil enjoyed fishing and was a noted craftsman and handyman. He

belonged to the Carmans Union.

Emil was also preceded in death by a son, Arthur in 1985.

He is survived by a son, James Boerner in Whitefish; a sister, Agnes Wagner in Milwaukee; a daughter-in-law, Patricia Silliker in Whitefish; four grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be 1-5 p.m. Sunday at Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at the funeral home chapel with the Rev. John Bent of the Christ Lutheran Church in Whitefish, officiating. Burial will follow at the Glacier Memorial Gardens in Kalispell.

The family has suggested that memorials be made to the North Valley Extended Care "Activity Fund," in Whitefish.

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Lawrence E. Borup, 82

Lawrence E. Borup, 82, formerly of Eureka, died Monday in Yakima, Wash. *3/26/1992*

He attended schools in Eureka. After graduating from high school, he worked eight seasons in Glacier National Park.

He married Wanda Pomeroy in Kalispell in 1938.

During World War II, he worked in Seattle as an aircraft mechanic. After the war, he moved back to Eureka, where he owned and operated a garage and service station for 15 years, before moving to California. He retired to Eureka and later moved to Yakima.

He was active in the Lutheran Church.

Survivors include his wife; three daughters, including Alta Williams of Kalispell; six half-siblings; nine grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be Feb. 15 at 2:30 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church in Yakima.

Arrangements are by Valley Hills Mortuary in Zillah, Wash.

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Rosemary A. Bowker, 44

Rosemary A. Bowker, 44, of Kalispell, died of a brain hemorrhage at Kalispell Regional Hospital on Tuesday, Sept. 29, 1992.

She was born April 24, 1948, in Dillon, to Lawrence and Patricia Reiter. She was raised in West Yellowstone, and in her senior year, moved to Pittsburgh, where she graduated from high school. She then moved back to Dillon, where she attended college.

In 1982, she married Larry Bowker in Dillon. The couple moved to Kalispell in 1984 and in 1985, she went to work for Ellingson Insurance Agency, which later merged with Glacier Insurance. She was employed with Glacier Insurance as a personal lines representative at the time of

her death.

Rosemary enjoyed fishing, hunting and dancing and all around getting out and doing things. She was a very loving person.

Survivors include her husband, Larry, of Kalispell; three children: Dan, Diane and Debbie Graham, all of Kalispell; her mother, Patricia Reiter, of Wyoming; four brothers: Mike and Jim Reiter, both of West Yellowstone, Pat Reiter of Wyoming, and John Reiter of Nevada; and two grandchildren, Thomas Graham and Mikelle Clark, both of Kalispell.

Memorial services will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday in Johnson Mortuary Chapel, with the Rev. Thomas O'Donnell of Risen Christ Parish officiating. Cremation has taken place.

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1992 Donald R. Brabham, 59

Donald R. Brabham, 59, of Columbia Falls, died June 29 from injuries sustained in a logging accident near Thompson Fall.

He was born July 11, 1932, in Eugene, Ore., to Roy and Maude Brabham. He was raised and educated in Oregon.

He served in the Army from 1955-1957.

He married Lenore J. Hunter in Couer D'Alene, Idaho in 1967.

They lived in Philipsburg from 1966 to 1977. They moved to Kalispell in 1977.

He was a member of the Elks Club for 25 years. He had a pilot's license and loved flying. Don was an avid hunter and was a strong supporter and member of the National Rifle Association.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters, and a brother.

He is survived by his wife, Lenore, of Columbia Falls; two daughters, Norma Neal of Hungry Horse and Diane Brabham of Oregon; a son, Joseph Brabham, of Kalispell; seven grandchildren; four sisters, Pauline, Christine, Maxine and Marlene, all in Oregon; four brothers, Justin, Vernon, Harold and Leonard Brabham, all in Oregon; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A service will be held Friday at 10 a.m. at Van Leuven Funeral Home in Columbia Falls. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery.

Visitation will be today from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Van Leuven Funeral Home.

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1992 Kenneth L. Breitenstein, 32

Kenneth L. Breitenstein, 32, a resident of the Yaak area near Troy, died May 31 as the result of injuries received in a single vehicle accident on Yaak River Road.

He is survived by his wife, Mary; his parents, Kenneth and Edith Breitenstein of Troy; a sister; a niece and a nephew.

Visitation will be from 7-9 p.m. Tuesday and until noon Wednesday at Vial Funeral Home in Libby. Services will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. at Vial Funeral Home Chapel. Cremation will follow.

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KALISPELL/1992 Carl Bradford

"Brad" Berentz, 47, Kalispell, died March 20 at Kalispell Regional Hospital, following a short illness. He was born Sept. 14, 1944, in Washington, Kan., to George and Helen Berentz. He was raised and educated at Leavenworth, graduating from high school in 1962. In 1965 his entered to U.S. Air Force, serving in Turkey and Vietnam until he received an honorable discharge in 1968. On Jan. 26, 1983 he married Tasha McAfee at Leavenworth, Kan. Later that year the couple moved to Kalispell, where Brad worked for Kelly Main Street Furniture. Survivors are his wife, Tasha at the family home; two daughters, and four stepchildren, including Dixie Nelson, Columbia Falls. Services were March 23 at Weatherford Funeral Home. Cremation has taken place. H H Y.

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Grace M. Brittain, 87

Grace M. Brittain, 87, of Bigfork, died at Lake View Care Center Sunday, Oct. 4, 1992.

She was born Nov. 22, 1904, in Choteau, to Tobias and Dena Talifson. She graduated from high school in Great Falls and attended teacher's college in Dillon.

She taught in a country school in the Agwam area until 1926, when she married James D. Brittain in Choteau. Mr. Brittain preceded her in death in 1942.

During World War II, she worked at the Great Falls air base. She had also worked as a bookkeeper for a medical clinic, a contractor, and Grain Elevator Co. in Great Falls.

She moved to Kalispell where she worked as a bookkeeper for a lumber

company and was also a real estate broker.

Survivors include her son, J. D. Brittain of Orinda, Calif.; three sisters, Mrs. William Mitchell of Lakeside, Calif., Olive Makin of Federal Way, Wash., and Mrs. D. Collins of Seattle, Wash.; three granddaughters and two great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Private family burial will be in Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Friends may call at Johnson Mortuary for visitation from noon until 6 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. until noon on Wednesday.

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1992 John H. Bras, 70

John H. Bras, 70, died May 19 at his home near Coram.

The World War II veteran was born March 26, 1922, in Tuolumme, Calif., to Marie and Dirk Bras. He was raised in California and Oregon, graduating from high school in Watsonville, Calif.

After a short stint in mining, he enlisted in the Army Air Corps and stayed stateside, training crews before serving a tour in the Pacific Theater as a navigator/bombardier.

Following the war, he met and married Lillian A. Pfeffer of San Jose, Calif. They were married on March 31, 1947. In 1948, they built their home in Coram.

He re-enlisted in the Air Force during the Korean conflict and served at air bases in California, Texas, and Florida.

They returned in 1959, and operated Spruce Park Lumber Co. with his brother for several years before building Spruce Park Centre in Coram. He and his brother-in-law ran the station together until his retirement in 1973.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Richard.

He is survived by his wife, Lillian, of Coram; a sister, Helen M. Ward, recently of Martin City; three daughters, Marilyn Kenfield, Kathy Livingston, and Lori King, all living locally; two sons, John Bras of Coram and Brian Bras of Great Falls; and eight grandchildren.

No services are planned at this time. Cremation and arrangements are by Van Leuven Funeral Home in Columbia Falls.

1992 Clara B. Brittenham, 75

Clara B. Brittenham, 75, Columbia Falls, died Aug. 4 at Kalispell Regional Hospital.

She was born Feb. 7, 1917, in Ismay, Mont., to William and Mary McNaney. She was raised and educated in the Ismay area.

She married Marvin Brittenham on Jan. 4, 1943, in Baker. He preceded her in death on Jan. 20, 1988.

She loved to work with flowers and was an active member of the First Baptist Church in Columbia Falls since 1955.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, six brothers, a half sister, a half brother, a granddaughter, and two sons.

She is survived by two daughters, Beverly Smith of Columbia Falls and Celie Penwell of Ammon, Idaho; two sons, Jim and Bill Brittenham of Columbia Falls; three brothers,

Arthur McNaney of Bozeman, Walter McNaney of Hardin and Jim McNaney of Hereford, Texas; a half brother, Harold Mathison of Sentinel Butte, N.D.; and eight grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Friday at 1 p.m. at First Baptist Church in Columbia Falls. The Rev. Jerry Buchanan and the Rev. Ralph Werner will officiate. Burial will follow in Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Visitation will be today from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Van Leuven Funeral Home in Columbia Falls.

The family has suggested memorials be made to the First Baptist Church in Columbia Falls or to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, 16 West Harrison, Seattle, Wash., 98119.

Pallbearers will be Lloyd Anderson, Ed Kiley, Clayton Logan, Ray Lyons, Larry Sanford, and Evan Speer.



Clara Brittenham

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Franklin F. Bronson 26 Jan

WHITEFISH — Franklin F. "Abe" Bronson, 79, a retired railway conductor, died of natural causes Sunday in a Whitefish hospital. 1992

A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Austin Funeral Home. Memorials are suggested to the Whitefish High School Scholarship Fund.

Born June 30, 1912, in Harvey, N.D., he moved to Whitefish as a young boy and attended school there, graduating from Whitefish High School in 1930. He served in the Montana National Guard at the beginning of World War II.

Bronson began working as a trainman for the Great Northern Railway in 1942 and retired as a conductor in 1982. He was local chairman of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen for many years and was a delegate to several national conventions.

Survivors include his wife, Lorraine of Whitefish; sons, Lee of Spokane and Chuck of Whitefish; a daughter, Bobette Tucheck of Spokane, seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. 27

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Bernice Broers, 79

Bernice Broers, 79, of Hungry Horse, died Wednesday morning, Sept. 2, 1992, at North Valley Extended Care Center in Whitefish.

She was born May 23, 1913, in her parents' farmhouse in Sandoval, Ill., to Andrew and Peitja Bos Dykstra.

She was raised and educated there.

She married Henry "Hank" John Broers on Oct. 5, 1940, in the parsonage of the Methodist Church in Bozeman. They moved to Conrad in 1949. She worked at H&R Block in Conrad, and then at the Ponderay County Courthouse for about five years. She was a 4-H leader and a member of the Republican Women's Club in Conrad.

In 1984, she moved to Hungry Horse to be near her son.

She was a member of the Nazarene Church in Whitefish, the Flathead Christian Women's Club, and the Senior Citizens Ministry.

She enjoyed gardening, crafts and needlework, raising and riding horses, and traveling.

She was preceded in death by her husband, a half-brother, Ted Dykstra, and a sister, Helen Dykstra MacDonald.

She is survived by two daughters, Patricia Anne Miller of Warner, N.H., and Gerda Susan Mohnasky of Canterbury, Conn.; two sons, John Andrew Broers of Martin City and Henry John Broers II of Hungry Horse; three half-sisters, Dora Hawkins of Lake Worth, Fla., and Mary Thompson and Jeanette Rohlfing of Centralia, Ill.; a brother, John Dykstra, of Sandoval, Ill.; 12 grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

A funeral service will be Saturday at 2 p.m. at Church of the Nazarene in Whitefish. Burial will follow at Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

Visitation will be today until 8 p.m. at Columbia Mortuary, formerly Van Leuven Funeral Home, in Columbia Falls.

DI

1992 Eileen M. Brooke, 66

Eileen M. Brooke, 66, of Bigfork, died July 29 at Lake View Care Center in Bigfork.

She was born Oct. 24, 1925, in Great Falls to Charles R. and Shirley E. Volk. She graduated from high school in Great Falls, and received a bachelor's degree at the University of Montana at Missoula.

On April 9, 1946, she married Colburn M. Brooke in Great Falls. The couple lived throughout the state, with Colburn serving as a school administrator and Eileen as a teacher in a number of Montana communities.

Survivors include her husband,

Colburn Brooke of Bigfork; a daughter, Shirley Best of Bigfork; a son, Charles Brooke of Helena; and four grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her father, mother and a brother, Charles.

Graveside memorial services will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. at Sunset Memorial Cemetery in Missoula. The Rev. Bob Barnes will officiate. Arrangements and cremation are under the direction of Bigfork Funeral Home.

The family suggests memorial contributions to Lake View Care Center, P.O. Box 338, Bigfork 59911.

DI

1992 Chester A. Brown, 83

Chester A. Brown, 83, Whitefish, died Jan. 25 at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

He was born March 7, 1908, in Alexandria, Ind., the son of Harry and Cecilia Brown.

He was married to Elmav DeSilva on March 11, 1934, in Winnett.

They moved to Whitefish in 1937 where he was employed with the Great Northern Railway.

He is now survived by his wife, Elmav at the family home; one daughter, Toody Vasil; one son, Jerry Brown; grandchildren, Dee Vasil,

Jody and Willie Voigt, K. Shane Brown, Kiel Brown and Joann L'Allier; one sister, Roberta Bakabas; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. at Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish. Burial will be in Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell.

The casket will not be open for visitation.

The family has suggested memorials to the Heart Fund or the charity of the donor's choice.

DI

Michail Burow, infant

Michail Shane Burow, still-born baby of Doris Theresa and David Burow died July 17 at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

1992
Michail is survived by his parents and one brother, David C. all of the family home in Whitefish.

He is also survived by his grandparents and great-grandparents, including his great-grandmother, Delia Burow of Kalispell; and a number of aunts, uncles and other relatives.

Graveside services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Kalispell.

Arrangements were made through the Austin Funeral Home of Whitefish.

DI

1992 Glendon Cecil Bruce, 65

Glendon Cecil Bruce, 65, Kalispell, died in San Francisco, Calif., on Feb. 8 of a heart attack.

He was born Sept. 26, 1926, in Brinkley, Ark., the son of Bernard Carlyle and Ebb Alexander Miller Bruce. He was a graduate of the University of Arkansas with a degree in engineering.

He had served two years in the U.S. Navy at the end of World War II on the carrier Midway, followed by four years in the U.S. Army. He led the first Signal Corps into Seoul, Korea, evacuating many Americans overrun by the Chinese during Korean War.

On Jan. 14, 1990, he was married to Donna Oftedahl in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

He retired as a captain from Pan American airlines after 30 years service and had flown for United Air-



lines for the past six years, where he was employed at the time of his death.

He was a lifetime member of the Birch Society.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, John Wesley and Robert Hall Bruce.

He is now survived by his wife, Donna, at the family home in Kalispell; four children, Christian and Jeffrey Bruce both of San Diego, Calif., a daughter, Alison and son, Jonathan, both of Kalispell; three sisters, Mildred Masters of Atlanta, Ga., Helen Winsor of DeKalb, Ill. and Carolyn Wood of Park Forest, Ill.; and one brother, Edwin Bruce of Sacramento, Calif.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday in Central Bible Church with the Rev. Ron Youde officiating. Cremation will follow the services.

The family suggest memorials be made to Salvation Army or the charity of donor's choice.

Friends may call at Johnsons Mortuary for visitation until 8 p.m. on Thursday and from 9 a.m. until noon on Friday.

DI

Beth L. Bruckner, 73

Beth L. Bruckner, 73, a former resident of Whitefish died unexpectedly at her home in Seattle, Wash., on April 12.

1992
Beth was born in Whitefish in 1919, a daughter of William and Clara Decker. Beth was raised in Whitefish and graduated from Whitefish High School with the class of 1937.

She then attended Eastern Washington University in Cheney, Wash.

After spending several years in Spokane, Wash., she returned to Whitefish to raise her two children, Cherith Bruckner of Madison, Wis., and Garreth Bruckner of Los Gatos, Calif.

Beth worked as a timekeeper for the Great Northern and then Burlington Northern Railroad from

1955 until retirement 30 years later. She had moved to Seattle with her job in 1972, and spent her retirement years in Seattle close to her brother, Clinton Decker, who preceded her in death in 1988.

Beth is survived by her two children; a granddaughter, Beth in Los Gatos; and her brother, Clyde Decker of Kalispell.

Beth has returned home to be near her mother and father, William and Clara Decker.

Graveside services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. at Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Austin Funeral Home of Whitefish. The Rev. C. Fred Crowe of Kalispell will officiate.

If so desired, the family has suggested memorials to the local hospital in her name.

DI

Paul L. Brunner, 85

Paul L. Brunner, 85, a resident of rural Olney, died Sept. 4 at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

1992
He is survived by a number of relatives locally.

Christian Wake services will be Wednesday at 7 p.m. at Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish. Mass will be Thursday at 10 a.m. at St. Charles Catholic Church in Whitefish. Burial will be made in Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Kalispell.

DI

Arthur W. 'Buck' Buckley, 83

Arthur W. "Buck" Buckley, 83, of Lakeside, died at Brendan House Wednesday after a short illness.

Buck, as he was known to all his friends, was born in Harlem, Mont., on Nov. 13, 1908.

He was the second son of Phil and Theresa Buckley in a family of five boys and two girls.

He attended what is now Montana State University in Bozeman and was very active in student government and service and social organizations.

In his senior year, he was selected as a member of Septemviri, a group of seven students chosen for their service to the college.

He was also active in Pi Delta, Newman Club, the Amigo, and the student-faculty committee.

He graduated as an electrical engineer in 1932.

After graduation, he worked on construction of the Fort Peck Dam, where he met his wife, the former Marian Wahl, who was employed on the project as a nurse.

After completion of the dam, he worked as an engineer in Oregon, Texas, Indiana, Illinois, and California. While in California, he formed and operated his own elec-

trical contracting business, which did much of the electrical lighting on the early California freeways and shopping malls.

He and his wife retired to Lakeside in 1974.

He was active in the Coast Guard Auxiliary, the Lions Club, the Men's Fellowship Club of Lakeside and St. Ann's Catholic Church in Somers, where he often served as lector at Sunday Mass.

He is survived by his wife, Marian, of Lakeside; a brother, Emmett of Missoula; a sister, Helen of Coleville, Wash.; five children, Philip, Arthur, David, and Stephen Buckley, and Cheryl Sanderson; and six grandchildren.

Rosary will be held at 7 p.m. today at St. Ann's Catholic Church. Memorial Mass will be Monday at 10 a.m. at the church, with the Rev. Fr. Robert Hartman as celebrant.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Lakeside Quick Response Unit, the Lions Club of Lakeside, or to St. Ann's Catholic Church.

Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary.

DI

Paul Leo Brunner

Paul Leo Brunner, age 84, a longtime Olney resident passed away Friday, Sept. 4, at the North Valley Hospital in Whitefish. Paul was a logger in the area for many years. He was born in Boyd, Wis. on Nov. 13, 1907 a son of Joseph & Mary Brunner. He operated a dairy farm in Wis. until he moved to Olney in 1937.

He is survived by six sisters, Anna Erickson of Whitefish, Julia Neisius of Owen, Wis., Mrs. Herman (Barbara) Nelson of Arlee, Mont., Elizabeth Olson of Owen, Jean Johnson of Chippewa Falls, Wis., Mrs. Ted (Martha) Finley of Hamilton, Mont. He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother and three sisters.

Christian Wake services were held on Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the Austin Funeral Home. Mass was recited on Thursday at 10 a.m. at the St. Charles Catholic Church in Whitefish with the Fr. Charles Roman as Celebrant. Burial will be made in the Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Kalispell.

DI

Eddice Teresa Brundage, 83

Eddice Teresa Brundage, 83, Bigfork, died Jan. 25 of natural causes at Brendan House in Kalispell.

She was born Jan. 2, 1909, at Lincoln, Neb., the daughter of Edward and Elenor Lindsay. She was raised and graduated from high school in Lincoln.

During World War II, she enlisted in the Womens Army Corps (WAC). She met her future husband, Bruce Brundage, while they were both stationed in Okinawa following the war.

Bruce and Teresa were married in 1952, in Las Vegas, Nev., and they made their home in Los

Angeles, Calif., until retiring to Bigfork in the early 1980s.

She was preceded in death by her husband on Dec. 22, 1990, and by her parents, brothers, Phil and J. Lyman Lindsay, and an infant sister.

Surviving are three nephews, Walle W. Lindsay of Kalispell, and Reggie and Myke Lindsay, both of Billings, and a number of other relatives and friends.

Public services are not planned at this time. Weatherford Funeral Home & Crematory is in charge of arrangements.

Memorial contributions are suggested to Brendan House, 350 Conway Drive, Kalispell.

DI

1992 Dorothy Fay Brynie, 77

Dorothy Fay Brynie, 77, Bigfork, died July 19 of natural causes at Lake View Care Center in Bigfork.

She was born March 11, 1915, at Lander, Wyo., to Elsie Willsmeyer Scholts and Earl Scholts. Her early education was at the Shoshone Indian School. After moving to Butte at age 10, she attended Whittier Elementary School and Butte High School. She then moved to the Mammoth Mine on the South Boulder River, where she met and married Lloyd Brynie.

Her husband was a miner in Butte for many years, and the couple later ran a cherry orchard in Woods Bay near Bigfork prior to his death in 1967.

Dorothy was Past Worthy Matron of Flathead Lake Chapter 128 of the Order of the Eastern Star, and a

member of Community United Methodist Church in Bigfork. She had resided at the Lake View Care Center since 1983.

She is survived by her son, Lloyd of R.A.F. Lakenheath, England; two grandchildren, Tammy Brynie of Andover, Mass., and Kevin Brynie of Oakland, Calif.; and a great-granddaughter, Caeden Brynie of Andover.

Graveside memorial services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Lone Pine Cemetery in Bigfork, with the Rev. Steve Garnaas-Holmes, pastor of Community United Methodist Church, officiating. Arrangements and cremation are under the direction of Bigfork Funeral Home.

The family suggests memorial contributions to the Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch Foundation, P.O. Box 80607, Billings, 59106-0807.

DI

Emmanuel Buck, 91

Emmanuel H. Buck, 91, of Kalispell, died at Kalispell Regional Hospital Dec. 17, 1992.

He is survived by his wife, Lucille, at home; his daughter, Sharol Birks, of Hungry Horse; three grandsons, two great-grandchildren and several other relatives.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be announced later by Johnson Mortuary.

DI

Floyd Buck, 82

1992
Floyd Buck, 82, of Spokane, died July 12 in Spokane.

He was born in Creston.

Survivors include his wife at their home in Spokane; three children; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren; three brothers, including Berland Russell of Kalispell; and five sisters, including Grace Hellen of Bigfork and Ardath Hanson of Kalispell.

DI

1992 Gene Davis Buck, 49

Gene Davis Buck, 49, died Oct. 1 in Portland, Ore.

He was born March 27, 1943, in Kalispell and graduated from Flathead County High School in 1961. He earned his bachelors degree in drama from the University of Montana in 1968, was awarded the McKnight Fellowship in Design and earned a master of fine arts degree in theater design from the University of Minnesota.

In 1973, Gene became the resident designer for the Minneapolis Children's Theatre Company, considered by many as the best children's theater in the nation. He retained his association with the company until 1985, and was involved in putting together sets for 40 productions.

Together with Bill Dabson, a long-time Portland-area theater director, he co-founded S.R.O., the professional theater in residence at Portland Civic Theater in 1973. He continued to serve as guest director and designer through 1989.

Mr. Buck was the scene and costume designer for the Oregon Children's Theater Company from 1988 until 1991. He was also the costume

designer for the Great American Children's Theater Company, a national touring group based in Milwaukee, during those same years.

Since 1989, he had been a float designer for the Portland Rose Festival, winning several sweepstakes awards for his Grand Floral Parade creations.

In 1982, Mr. Buck's designs for a production of "Alice in Wonderland" at the Minneapolis Children's Theater were featured on the cover of "The Smithsonian" magazine.

Besides his work in Portland and Minneapolis, he designed for the American Conservatory Theater (ACT) in San Francisco, theaters in Tucson, Arizona, and Seattle, and in the early 70s, designed shows for two seasons of the Bigfork Summer Theater.

Survivors include his parents, Emmanuel and Lucille Buck of Kalispell; his sister, Sharol Birks of Hungry Horse; and three nephews, Daniel, Davis and Douglas Birks.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial services will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. at Fairview Cemetery Chapel.

1992 Grace M. Bulla, 87

Grace M. Bulla, 87, Kalispell, died in Heritage House on April 18.

She was born Oct. 6, 1904, in Noble, Ill., a daughter of Fred and Elmira Nelson.

She had received her education in Illinois and on Jan. 24, 1924, was married to William Bulla in Decatur, Ill.

The couple had lived there until 1946, when they came to Kalispell where they have since resided.

Mrs. Bulla had done sewing in a garment factory while living in Illinois and since coming to Kalispell had been employed at the Woolworth store for many years until her retirement in 1961.

She was of the Baptist faith.

She is now survived by her husband, William, at home; one daughter, Helen Buck of Creston; two grandchildren, Jan Jimeno of Libby and Michael D. Buck of Kalispell; four great-grandchildren, Russell Jimeno and his wife, Michelle, of Colorado Springs, Colo.; Andy Jimeno of Bozeman; Tanis Buck of Libby, and Michael J. Buck Jr. of Morganfield, Ky.

Funeral services will be held at 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday in Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Ronald Youde, pastor of the Central Bible Church officiating. Burial will be in Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Eddy Burns, 64

Eddy Burns, 64, Troy, died of an apparent heart attack May 26 at St. John Lutheran Hospital in Libby.

He is survived by his wife, Ada, of Troy; two sons, including Dan Burns of Libby; four daughters, including Pat Henrickson of Libby and Ida Williamson of Troy; a sister; 21 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 1-9 p.m. today and until noon on Friday at Vial Funeral Home in Libby. Services will be Friday at 2 p.m.

at Milnor Lake Cemetery.