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H.R. 'Dick' Eacock Jr., 79

H.R. "Dick" Eacock Jr., 79, of Kalispell, died Tuesday, June 15, 1993, of congestive heart failure at Brendan House.

He was born Sept. 30, 1913, to H.R. and Florence Eacock Sr. at Milwaukee, Wis. He graduated from the high school in Oilmont, Mont., and later served four years in the United States Army.

In October 1944, he married Mavis Glespey. They lived in Cut Bank where he worked for the Union Oil Company for 30 years. He retired in 1975, and three years later moved to Kalispell where he has since made his home.

He joined the First Presbyterian Church, where he acquired many friends and acquaintances. Dick loved and enjoyed his family and his many friends and neighbors in the

Meadow Manor Trailer Court where he and his wife resided.

He was preceded in death by his parents and an older brother, Charles.

He is survived by his wife, Mavis; two daughters, Gayle Wiedbusch of East Helena and Carol Mason of Cairo, Egypt; a sister, Esther Barker of Anchorage, Alaska; and a brother, George of Houston, Texas; four grandsons; and a great-grandson and numerous nieces and nephews.

Private inurnment will be Friday at 1 p.m. at Glacier Memorial Gardens with public memorial services at the First Presbyterian Church at 2 p.m. with the Rev. Larry Gaylord officiating.

Contributions may be made to First Presbyterian Church, the Brendan House or Hospice.

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Joseph C. Eason

Joseph C. Eason, 80, a long time resident of Whitefish died Wednesday, June 30, 1993 at the North Valley Hospital.

He was born July 4, 1912 at Odessa, Washington the son of William Joseph and Grace May Eason. He received his schooling at Mill City, Oregon.

At the age of 20, Joe took up permanent residence in the Whitefish area. In 1935 he married Marjorie I. Comstock. He served a carpentry apprenticeship under his grandfather and for 22 years was an independent carpenter in the Flathead Valley.

In 1954 he was employed by the city of Whitefish as a patrolman and served for 18 1/2 years as the Chief of Police in Whitefish. He retired in 1974.

He was an active member of the carpenters union and the City/County Planning Board.

Joe took time out of his carpentry career and family duties to serve in the U.S. Army from 1945-1946 and served as a basic training instructor.

Joe was baptized in Mill City, Oregon and was a member of the 1st Baptist Church of Whitefish.

Joe was preceded in death by an infant son, Michael C. and 3 brothers; Charles, Cecil, and Irvin.

He is survived by his wife, Marjorie at the family home. The had been married 57 years. A daughter, Meri Sue at the family home; 3 sons; William in Kalispell; John in Seattle; and Tom in Whitefish. 2 brothers; Richard and Henry in Portland, Oregon. Grandchildren: Lauri, Holly, and Bob at Albany, Oregon; Cara in Seattle; Andrea in Spokane; and David and Angela in Whitefish. 10 great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was held at the 1st Baptist Church in Whitefish on Saturday, July 10, 1993.

Arrangements were under the direction of the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish.

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Dee Edmisson

Dee Edmisson, age 64, loving wife of Bill R. Edmisson died March 3, 1993 in Whitefish of natural causes.

Dee has been employed by O'Keefe & Co. in Whitefish for the past five years. She was an avid water color painter and occasionally taught arts and crafts. She enjoyed Duplicate Bridge and was a Life Master. Dee was a director of the Whitefish Chamber of Commerce and a past President of the Women's Club.

Dee is survived by her husband Bill R. Edmisson of Rollins, Montana, and a sister Judy Smith of Lenexa, Kansas, five sons, Mr. & Mrs. Michael J. Edmisson & family of Newport News, Virginia, Mr. & Mrs. Bill D. Edmisson and family of Denver, Colorado, Mr. & Mrs. John D. Edmisson and family of Colorado Springs, Colorado, Randy Edmisson of Oxnard, California, Byrne A. Edmisson of Virginia Beach, Virginia. Dee was a grandmother to five grandchildren, Tammy, Paul, Jenny Dee, Amy, Tiffany.

Funeral services were Tuesday, March 9, 1993 at 10:00 AM at the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish. Burial was Tuesday March 9, 1993 at 4:00 PM at the Crown Hill Cemetery in Cut Bank, Montana under the direction of Austin Funeral Home of Whitefish.

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Donna L. Eddy, 60

Donna L. Eddy, 60, of Libby, died Sunday at St. John Lutheran Hospital in Libby of heart failure. *5 Dec 1993*

Survivors include two daughters, Sabrina Graves and Vickie Dutton, both of Libby; a son, Thon Edwards of Deer Lodge; a brother, Orville Nelson of Libby; and three grandchildren.

Friends may call at Vial Funeral Home in Libby from 2-8 p.m. on Wednesday and until noon Thursday.

Services will be Thursday at 3 p.m. at City of Libby Cemetery.

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Frances Edmister, 84

Frances Edmister, 84, Bigfork, died Monday, May 31, 1993, at Brendan House.

She was born Aug. 21, 1908 in Spokane, to Frank and Minnie Fisher Sullivan. Her father was an engineer on the Great Northern Railroad, so she spent her early years in Whitefish and Essex.

Frances attended high school at St. Matthew's School in Kalispell, later graduating from Cheney Business College.

Frances married Ronald (Todd) Edmister and they lived in Martinez,

Calif., for many years. She was a parole officer for the state of California.

She enjoyed traveling and visited many parts of the world.

Frances was preceded in death by her husband and a sister, Patricia Tanquary. She left no surviving relatives.

Cremation and private interment have been held at Whitefish Cemetery.

Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory, formerly Weatherford Funeral Home.

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Donald F. Egeland, 70

Donald F. Egeland, 70, of Libby, died of an apparent heart attack Thursday at his home in Libby.

Survivors include an aunt and several cousins.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. at Vial Funeral Home in Libby with the Rev. Denny Sheffield officiating. Burial will be Monday at Mountain View Cemetery in Livingston.

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Donald M. Edwards, 84

Donald M. Edwards, 84, a former Creston resident, died Feb. 26 at a Boise, Idaho, care center.

He was born and raised in Idaho, and later moved to Creston, where he worked at the Creston sawmill before returning to Idaho.

He served in the U.S. Air Force

from 1942-1945.

He was preceded in death by his wife, M. Elizabeth Zimmerman, in 1992.

Survivors include a sister and a sister-in-law, Dorothy Edwards of Libby.

Services were held recently in Idaho.

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Mildred M. Eickert

Mildred M. Eickert, 93, of Kalispell, died in the Brendan House on Friday, Nov. 26, 1993, of natural causes. She was born Jan. 31, 1900 in Tomah, Wis. to Robert and Eva Toombs. In 1907 she moved with her family to Montana where she received her education in Roundup and Harlowton. The couple resided in Harlowton until September, 1934, when they moved to Kalispell where they farmed until 1952. Mildred had worked for Boeing Aircraft during World War II. She was preceded in death by her husband; one daughter; a grandson; two sisters and four brothers.

Survivors include her two sons, Robert Eickert of Kalispell and Richard Eickert of Goleta, Calif.; 12 grandchildren; 16 great grandchildren; two great great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held Tuesday in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with Rev. Darold Reiner of Trinity Lutheran Church officiating. Burial was in the Trinity Lutheran Cemetery. The family suggest memorials may be made to the Trinity Lutheran Day Care Center, Kalispell or the Brendan House, Kalispell.

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James G. Edwards, 72

James G. Edwards, 72, died Tuesday, Aug. 17, 1993, at his home in Evergreen.

He was born April 23, 1921, to George G. and Theresa M. Lee Edwards at the family home in Columbia Falls. James grew up in Columbia Falls, attending Bad Rock grade school and Columbia Falls High School.

James enlisted in the United States Marine Corps on Dec. 31, 1941. He was honorably discharged on Oct. 5, 1945.

James married Muriel Stahlberg and they made their home here in the Flathead Valley.

He is survived by his wife, Muriel, at the family home in Evergreen; four sons, Vern Edwards of Kalispell, Mark and Tom Edwards of Richfield, Wash., and Jim Edwards of Palmdale, Calif.; two daughters, Pat Holmquist of Kalispell and Pam Mallery of Las Vegas, Nev.; 15 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be Friday from noon to 5 p.m. at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. at Evergreen Alliance Church. Burial will be in Glacier Memorial Gardens.

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Mrs. Betty Adeline Ekholt

Mrs. Betty Adeline Ekholt, 64, of Kalispell died in the Brendan House on Wednesday, July 28, of natural causes.

She was born July 15, 1929, in Somers, MT a daughter of Gerald and Ann (Stenwick) Drake. She received her education in the Flathead schools having graduated from Flathead County High School. On December 8, 1950 she was married to Clarence Ekholt in Kalispell. Betty especially enjoyed her gardening, crocheting and embroidering before her stroke several years ago. She was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents. Survivors include her husband, Clarence at the family home in Kalispell; two daughters, Toberta Cline of Forsythe, MT and Eva Kaiser of Kalispell; on son, Bill Ekholt of Kalispell; one sister, Evelyn Woolard of Kalspell; four grandchildren, Bill Williams of Great Falls, Mary and Lane Kaiser both of Kalispell, and Lendelyn Ekholt of the Philippines; one great grandson, Donny Kaiser of Kalispell; and numerous nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday at the Trinity Lutheran Church with Rev. Darold Reiner officiating. Burial will be in the Glacier Memorial Gardens. Arrangements are under the direction of the Johnson Mortuary.

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Martha Turnquist Eldred

LIBBY ^{June 1993} Martha Turnquist Eldred, 87, a longtime Libby resident, died Wednesday at the Libby Care Center of natural causes.

Services will be 1 p.m. Wednesday at the Vial Funeral Home.

Eldred was born in Sandarne, Sweden, on June 26, 1905. The family moved to Minneapolis.

In 1932 she married A.F. "Pete" Eldred, a timber cruiser, and settled in Northome, Minn., where she lived until 1966, when she moved to Libby to live with her daughter. Her husband died in 1965.

She enjoyed travel between her children's homes. She was a member of St. John Lutheran Church, VFW Auxiliary, the Senior Citizens group and Libby Dam Good Sam Club.

Survivors are a daughter, Priscilla Pollman of Libby; a son, Harold Eldred of Mahtomedi, Minn.; brother Walter Turnquist of Elmo, Utah; three grandsons and three great-grandchildren. #7-

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Audrey Elsbernd

Audrey Elsbernd, 64, formerly of Ray, North Dakota, died late Tuesday evening, March 2, 1993, at the Bethel Lutheran Home at Williston. Her funeral service was Saturday morning, March 6, 1993, at 11:00 am in the Rohde Funeral Home Chapel at Tioga, North Dakota. Rev. Stephen Odegaard will officiate and interment was in the Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery at Kalispell, Montana on Tuesday March 9, 1993, at 2:00 pm with the Rev. Steve Snipstead of Faith Lutheran Church officiating.

Audrey Rice was born December 28, 1928, to Rudolph and Gudrun (Troen) Rice in Mountrail County, North Dakota. She was reared on the family farm in White Earth Township of Mountrail County east of Tioga. She was baptized and confirmed in the Norman Lutheran Church and attended local schools. She worked at various jobs in Tioga.

On August 19, 1957, she was united in marriage to Duane "Duke" Elsbernd at Crosby, North Dakota. They made their home at Crosby. Mr. Elsbernd preceded his wife in death on November 15, 1966.

Audrey moved to Ray, where she worked at various jobs mostly as a waitress. She became a resident of the Tioga Community Nursing Home in January 1992 until moving to the Bethel Lutheran Home at Williston last September.

Audrey is survived by one son, Gregory Lidstrom of Columbia Falls, Montana, seven sisters and one brother, Irene Enger of Kalispell, Montana, Ruby Enger of White Earth, North Dakota, Helen Miscampbell of Whitefish, Montana, Ina Herriges and Rudolph "Rudy" Rice both of Kalispell, Janet Lane of Somerset, Kentucky, Geri Gilmond and Connie Mitchell both of Kalispell. Numerous nieces and nephews, great-nieces and great nephews also survive. In addition to her husband Audrey was preceded in death by her parents, one sister, Lorraine Lidstrom, two nephews and two great-nieces.

Audrey Elsbernd died late Tuesday evening, March 2, 1993, at the Bethel Lutheran Home in Williston, North Dakota, at the age of 64 years, 2 months and 3 days.

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Royal Ellis, 75

Royal Ellis, 75, a longtime resident of Tobacco Valley, died Saturday, April 24, 1993, at his residence in Fortine.

He was born June 10, 1917, in Eureka, to William and Eva Ellis. He was raised and educated in the Tobacco Valley, and for a brief period the family had resided in Spokane before returning to the Eureka area.

He married Barbara C. Vukonich on Sept. 24, 1943, at Kalispell.

He served with the United States Army during World War II. Following his honorable discharge, he returned to north Lincoln County, where he and his wife resided for many years at the family residence on Graves Creek.

He had been a longtime employee

of the United States Forest Service until retiring several years ago. He was an excellent outdoorsman and had been a hunter, trapper and fisherman for most of his life.

His wife Barbara preceded him in death in 1983.

He is survived by a son, John Ellis, of Pittsburg, Calif.; and several nieces and nephews.

Friends may call at Vial Funeral Home in Eureka from 1-9 p.m. today.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Tobacco Valley Cemetery with the Rev. David Hopper officiating. Military honors will be rendered by the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6786.

Memorials may be made to Fortine Volunteer Fire Department.

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George "Michael" Emmert

Mr. George "Michael" Emmert, 74, died at his home in Kalispell on Sunday, January 24, 1993.

He was born February 22, 1918, at home in the Lower Valley (Kalispell) to Michael and Elva Emmert. He attended Hodgson School from age 5 to 12, graduating from the 8th grade there. He then attended Flathead High School while also working on the family farm, finally graduating in the class of 1937.

On January 16, 1943, he married Kathryn Keefe.

Mr. Emmert's main object and hobby was farming and the machinery business. From 1959 to 1972, he lived in Great Falls, returning to the farm North of Kalispell.

He was a member of the Eagles Lodge in Great Falls and also in Kalispell. He was also a member of the N.R.A.

He was preceded in death by his oldest child, William "Bill" Emmert in 1967, and is now survived by his wife, Kathryn, at home; his children, Celia M. Emmert of Great Falls, and her daughter, Michelle Morgan in CA; Kay Weinhand of Great Falls, and her son, Chase Michael; Kathy Hedeem, her husband, John, and daughter, Danielle, of Tehachapi, CA; Sharon Emmert Dahl, her husband, Hal, and children, Katie Lynn and Neil Michael of North San Juan, CA; a sister, Edith and her family of Pendleton, OR; a brother, Leonard, and his family of Kalispell; several nieces, nephews, cousins, and a special cousin, Dick Riedel, who does the present day farming for Mike.

Memorial services were held at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with Rev. Ron Pierce, pastor of the Swan Chapel officiating. The family suggests memorials be made to the American Lung Association, 825 Helena Ave., Helena, MT 59601, or to the charity of donor's choice. Cremation and arrangement were under the direction of the Johnson Mortuary.

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Muzetta J. England

Muzetta J. England, 88, a resident of Whitefish, died Monday, June 7, at the Colonial Manor of natural causes. She was born July 4, 1904 in Township of Hemlock, Michigan a daughter of Charles and Olive Ann (Badgero) Mead. Muzetta was the youngest of five children.

She had lived in Oregon, California, Washington and had moved to Whitefish in 1919 where she has made her home since. She was married to Omar R. England on September 22, 1922 in Kalispell and he preceded her in death on August 21, 1967 in Whitefish. She was also preceded in death by a son Jesse Omar England in 1958 and a foster son George Webber in 1992. Surviving members of the family include two daughters Lora Jean Johnson and Merle Mae Voigt both of Whitefish. One son Glenn Earl England of Wenatchee, Washington. She is also survived by 16 grandchildren, 25 great grandchildren and 9 great-great grandchildren. Funeral services were held at the Austin Funeral Home on Thursday, June 10. Burial followed in the Whitefish Cemetery.

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Michael Steven Espinoza, 20

Michael Steven Espinoza, 20, died Saturday, Aug. 7, 1993, as the result of injuries received in a single-vehicle accident near Eureka.

He was born April 24, 1973, in Los Angeles, Calif., to Steven and Juana Espinoza. He spent the earlier part of his childhood in the Los Angeles area until coming to Eureka with his family in 1983.

He attended Eureka schools, graduating from Lincoln County High School in 1991. While in high school, he was active in athletics, especially football and wrestling. He was named to the 1990-91 all-state football team in both offense and defense, and he played in the East-West Shrine Game in 1991.

He attended Jamestown College, Jamestown, N.D., before returning to Eureka.

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Richard "Rick" Eshom 1993

Richard "Rick" Eshom, 41, of Kalispell, died in the Kalispell Regional Hospital on Wednesday, Oct. 6, of respiratory failure. He was born June 23, 1952, in Castro Valley, Calif., son of Russell and Beryl Eshom. He received his education in California having graduated from Castro Valley High School in 1970. He attended the Academy of Art in San Francisco, Chico State University, where he was a disc jockey, and also the Feather River Junior College. He lived in Owens Valley, Calif. from 1975 until 1979 when he moved to the Yellowstone National Park where he worked at the Old Faithful Inn, and also worked as the food and beverage manager. On Sept. 12, 1987 he married Marie Heitman in Red Bluff, Calif. He was working for Fun Beverage in Kalispell as Wine Manager. He was an avid fly fisherman, loved the outdoors, cooking, music and art.

He was preceded in death by his father, Russell Lewis Eshom. Survivors include his wife, Marie and son, Tanner of the family home; his mother, Beryl Eshom of Livermore, Calif.; two sisters and their husbands, Judy Eshom of Sacramento, Calif. and Laura Cook of Loma Rica, Calif; several nieces and nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins. Memorial services were held Monday in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel, with private inurnment set at a later date. The family suggest memorials may be made to the Tanner Eshom Trust Fund, c/o Bank West in Kalispell.

He is survived by his parents, Steve and Juana Espinoza at the family home in Eureka; a brother, John Espinoza of Eureka; his grandfather, Carlos Espinoza, also of Eureka; also his grandmother, Elia Martinez of Los Angeles and grandparents, Ruth and Jess Escobar, also of Los Angeles.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Malia Espinoza, in 1976.

A rosary service will be tonight at 7:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church. Graveside services will be Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. at Tobacco Valley Cemetery with the Rev. Michael Chilton officiating.

Arrangements are under the direction of Vial Funeral Home in Eureka.

Memorials may be made in care of the Lions Den Athletic Memorial Fund, c/o Box 742, Eureka 59917.

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Evelyn Evenson, 72

Evelyn Evenson, 72, of Libby, died Sunday at her home of cancer.

She is survived by her husband, Harris of Libby; a daughter, Carmen Smith of Ventura, Calif.; three sons, Daniel of Gridley, Calif.; Timothy of Biggs, Calif.; and Gary of Newark, Calif.; two sisters; eight grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 2-9 p.m. Wednesday at Vial Funeral Home. Services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. at Vial Funeral Home with the Rev. Dennis Andersen officiating. Burial will be in City of Libby Cemetery.

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Mildred Siebel Evenson

Mrs. Mildred Siebel Evenson, 88, of Kalispell, died at the home of her daughter in Bigfork on Tuesday morning, February 23, of natural causes.

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She was born March 19, 1904 in Chicago, IL, a daughter of G.J. and Isabel Siebel. In 1906 she moved with her family to Great Falls, MT where Mr. Siebel opened the Great Falls Brewery. She received her education in Great Falls.

In 1922 she was married to John Bargo and in 1933 was divorced.

She did practical nursing in Great Falls until 1944 when she moved to Kalispell. She continued nursing and also worked at the Temple Tea Room for many years.

In 1951 she was married to Al Evenson in Kalispell.

She was a member of the St. Matthew's Council of Women and the VFW Auxiliary.

She is survived by her daughter, Maxine Kidwell of Bigfork; two sons, John W. Bargo of St. Paul, MN, and Richard G. Bargo of Benicia, CA; one sister, Sophronia Johnson of Kalispell; six grandchildren; six great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

Christian Wake services were held at 7 p.m. on Thursday in St. Catherine's Catholic Church in Bigfork. Mass of the Christian Burial was held at 10 a.m. on Friday in St. Catherine's Catholic Church with the Father Robert Hartman as celebrant. Burial was in the Glacier Memorial Gardens. Arrangements were under the direction of the Johnson Mortuary.

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Arthur Warren Evert

Arthur Warren Evert, 65, a resident of the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls and former resident of Shelby, died in the North Valley Hospital Sunday Sept. 5, 1999

He was born Oct. 4, 1927, in Havre, a son of Warren and Blanche Evert. He was raised on a farm north of Havre. He served in the U.S. Army from Jan. 4, 1946 until receiving his honorable discharge on July 4, 1947. On March 4, 1949, he married Viola M. Kenny. They farmed north of Havre for 10 years before moving to Havre where Mr. Evert worked for the Don Finley Service Station for several years. He then worked for Torgersons of Ethridge and the Toole County Road Shop as a mechanic until retiring in 1982 due to ill health. He has resided at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls for the past 10 months.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Viola; a sister, Benita and his father. He is now survived by his children, Carolyn Hargrove and family, Marilyn Dunk and family and David Evert all of Kalispell, Sharilyn Mitchell and family of Shelby, Diana Schubert and family of Red Lodge, Darrel Evert of Great Falls and Michael Evert of Livingston; his mother, Blanche Evert of Libby, a sister, Lillian Johnston of Libby; a brother, Earl Evert of Kalispell; eleven grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 2 P.M. on Friday in the Holland-Bonine Funeral Home in Havre.