

William Henry Kane

Mr. William Henry Kane, 91, died in San Diego, CA on Monday, January 25, 1993

"Bill" was born to William Kane Sr. and Mary Lyons Kane on December 26, 1901, in Clayville, N.Y. Following his graduation from high school he joined the U.S. Navy.

During his 34 years in the Navy, he traveled all over the world. He had served on the early "S" boats; the Eagle Boats; the Henry Ford Chasers and the K-Boats. In 1937 he commissioned the USS Vincennes which was later sunk. He spent World War II entirely in the Pacific Theatre. After the War he spent time as the navy recruiter in Springfield, Mass. and Washington, D.C.

In 1950, LT. Kane took command of the Classified Personnel School in San Diego where he remained until his retirement in 1953. Always busy, he then worked at Loomis Armored Transport in San Diego as vault supervisor. He was involved with the Submarine Vets; the Power Squadron and the Retired Officers Association.

He was married to Anna Devaney in Boston in 1934, and was preceded in death by her in August 1980. He was also preceded in death by two brothers.

He is now survived by his special friend, Kathleen Everett, of San Diego; his son, William Kane III of San Diego, CA; his daughter, Anne Troups and her husband, Ray, of Kalispell; a sister, Margaret Fallon in New York; six grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; a sister-in-law, Kate Kane in White Boro, N.Y. and a number of nieces and nephews.

Christian wake services were held at 7 p.m. on Friday in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Graveside services were held at 12 noon on Saturday in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery where military honors were conducted by the United Veterans Organization. Arrangements were under the direction of the Johnson Mortuary.

Lori Lynn Kaber, 31

Lori Lynn Kaber, 31, died of pneumonia at her home in Seattle on Thursday, July 22, 1993.

She was born July 1, 1962, in Whitefish, to Larry and Charlotte Kaber. She attended local schools and was a graduate of Flathead High School in 1980. She attended the University of Montana, where she graduated in 1986. She was a member of Delta Gamma Sorority.

She was of the Lutheran faith and was a member and was active in Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

She worked in Yakima, Wash., for two years before moving to Seattle about four years ago. She was employed as an accountant/bookkeeper for Huling Brothers Auto Service at the time of her death. She was also active with the multiple sclerosis association in Seattle.

She is survived by her parents, Larry and Charlotte Kaber, of Kalispell; her sister, Debra Pawlack of Valparaiso, Ind.; her grandparents, Charles and Lois Carlson, of Kent, Wash.; a niece, Teaque Pawlack, of Valparaiso; and several aunts, uncles, and other relatives.

Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. Monday at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, with the Rev. H. Peder Waldum and the Rev. Dick Bahnson officiating. Cremation will follow.

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

The family suggests memorials be made the Multiple Sclerosis Society, 600 Central Plaza, Suite 1, Great Falls, 59401.

Kim O. Kaleikilo, 76

Kim O. Kaleikilo, 76, Kalispell, died Monday, Oct. 4, 1993, at Brendan House.

He was born Aug. 23, 1917, in Honolulu, Hawaii, to Kimona and Mary Kaleikilo.

Kim was an avid golfer and had started golfing at the age of 9. He belonged to many golf clubs in Montana and California.

He was a retired landscaper.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, David and Bill.

Kim is survived by his wife, Beverly, at the family home in Kalispell; one son, Russell "Rusty" of Port

Huron, Mich.; two daughters, Mrs. Earl (Cecilia) Case of New London, Ohio, and Mrs. Richard (Gaylene) Briggs of Kalispell; six grandchildren, Reba, Lani, Robert, Scott, Brandy and Britney; seven great-grandchildren, Ilima, Kimona, Amanda, Manoa, Davina, Robbie and Kamaile; one sister, Mabel Kelii of New Jersey; and many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

Private services will take place at a later date in Hawaii.

Cremation and arrangements are with Buffalo Hill Funeral Home & Crematory.

Bernice Kates, 70

Bernice Kates, 70, of Troy, died of respiratory failure Tuesday at St. John Lutheran Hospital in Libby. *19 June 1993*

She is survived by her husband, Marvin, of Troy; five daughters, including Wilma Countryman, Lottie Ring, and Gloria Hosea, all of Troy and Judy Porter of Libby; a son; four brothers, including Cecil and Bill Foote of Troy and Joe Foote of Libby; two sisters, including Virginia Kier of Troy; 18 grandchildren and 30 great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 7-9 p.m. today and until noon on Friday at Vial Funeral Home.

Services will be Friday at 2 p.m. at Three Lakes Community Bible Church. Burial will be in Milnor Lake Cemetery.

Annie J. Keller, 95

Annie J. Keller, 95, formerly of Kalispell, died in Libby Care Center on Sunday, Nov. 21, 1993.

She was born Oct. 17, 1898, in Kalispell to Rudolph and Katey Burkhardt.

She and her husband, Michael, were life-long residents of the Kalispell areas. Following his death in 1986, she moved to Libby.

Survivors include her son and

daughter-in-law, Gerald and June Keller, of Libby; a grandson, Michael Keller and his wife, Nancy, of Libby; five great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday at Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Michael O'Neill of St. Matthew's Catholic Church officiating. Burial will be at Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Annie Effie Lae Kemp, 70

Annie Effie Lae Kemp, 70, died on Thursday at her home in Elmo. *17 June 1993*

Survivors include her husband, Kenneth Kemp, of Elmo.

A memorial service is sched-

uled 1 p.m., Saturday, June 26, at Mosley-Shrider Funeral Home in Polson. Rev. Dewey Obinchain and Marvin Lockwood, officiating. Inurnment will be in Lakeview Cemetery in Polson.

LaVerna 'Vernie' Kassner, 73

LaVerna "Vernie" Kassner, 73, formerly of Kalispell, died in Glendive on March 10, 1993.

She was born Dec. 12, 1919, in Kellogg, Idaho, to Fred and Lottie Yungk. She was raised and educated in Idaho and moved to Jordan, Mont., as a young girl.

On April 6, 1935, she married Clifford H. Kassner in Fort Peck. They lived there and in Circle during the 1930s and 1940s. In 1951, they moved to Savage, Mont., where they resided until moving to Kalispell in 1962. They moved to Deming, N.M., in 1980.

Her husband preceded her in death in 1986. In 1992, she moved to Glendive.

She loved her children and grandchildren. Her hobbies included crocheting, flower gardening, and making toys for all her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She also enjoyed painting and artwork. She devoted her entire life to her family.

Hilda Tiegen Kavanagh, 93

Hilda Tiegen Kavanagh, 93, a longtime resident of Kalispell, died at Colonial Manor in Whitefish on Tuesday, March 30, 1993.

She and her twin sister, Mary Everts, were born July 29, 1899, in Glenwood City, Wis., to John and Martha Tiegen. She graduated from Shelby High School in 1918, and following graduation, attended business college in Minneapolis, Minn.

She taught at a country school in North Dakota and then worked at the state Capitol in Bismark until her marriage to Cecil T. Kavanagh on Nov. 22, 1919. In 1922, they moved to Shelby where they resided until locating in Kalispell in 1944, when they published the Flathead Monitor.

A special interest of Hilda's was duplicate contract bridge, and she

achieved life master status in 1967. Making intricate embroidered linen items, fishing and huckleberrying were her other interests.

She was preceded in death by her husband, three sisters, four brothers, and two grandchildren.

Survivors include 10 children, Percy and Everett Kassner of Glendive, Janice Kassner and Barbara Real of Missoula, Charles Kassner of Columbia Falls, Rose Lauckner of Kalispell, Bonnie Olson of Vida, Mont., Alice Merritt of Alamogordo, N.M., Richard Kassner of Portland, Ore., and Don Kassner of Jacksonville, Fla.; 34 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and a number of other relatives.

Graveside services will be held Saturday at 3 p.m. at Glacier Memorial Gardens with the Rev. Dick Bishop of Christian Center Assembly of God officiating.

Friends will meet at Johnson Mortuary before going to the cemetery. Friends may call at the mortuary for visitation from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday.

Graveside services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Friday at Conrad Memorial Cemetery with the Rev. John Bent, pastor of Christ Lutheran Church officiating. Friends will meet at the cemetery for the services.

The family suggests memorials be made to Flathead Hospice, 1280 Burns Way, Kalispell.

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Cornelius "Kas" Kastelein

Cornelius "Kas" Kastelein, age 61, a resident of Whitefish passed away Sunday, April 11, 1993, at the Holy Family Hospital in Spokane, Washington of heart failure. Kas was born July 6, 1931 in Patterson, New Jersey a son of Kris and Sadie Kastelein. He received his B.S. degree from the Newark State Teachers College in Newark, New Jersey and later a B.S. degree in Meteorology from the Naval Post-Graduate School in Monterey, California. Kas retired from the U.S. Navy in 1975 after 21 years of service as a Commissioned Navy Pilot.

In 1975, he moved to Whitefish where he was employed as a Contractor in home building. In Whitefish, he was a member of the American Legion Post #108 and the Order of Moose. He was married to Joyce Halliday on December 21, 1954 in Ridgewood, New Jersey and is now survived by her at their home in Whitefish.

Other members of the family include 2 sons Chris Alan Kastelein and his wife Mary Jane and their daughter Rachel of Duncanville, Texas, Ronald John Kastelein and his wife Brenda and their children Jason, Jennifer, Kyle all of Spokane, Washington. One daughter Linda Joyce Hahn and her husband Randall and their children Heather and Hillary all of Spokane, Washington. His mother Sadie (Peter) Dross of Goshen, New York. One brother Simon Kastelein and his wife Joyce and their children Wayne, Ken, Gary, Judy Mohnack of Nedford Lake, New Jersey.

Funeral services were Friday, April 16, 1993 at 1:30 P.M. at the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish with Members of the United Veterans Council of the Flathead Valley officiating. Burial followed in the C.E. Conrad with Military Graveside Rites by the United Veterans Council. Casketbearers were members of the Whitefish American Legion Post #108.

Joseph Jerome Keister, 73

Joseph Jerome Keister, 73, a resident of rural Whitefish, died Monday, Nov. 8, 1993, at his home on Beaver Lake Road.

He was born July 31, 1920, in Rugby, N.D., to Howard and Katherine Keister. The oldest of nine children, he left home at the age of 16 to join the C.C.C.

In 1944, he married Arlean G. Peterson in Valley City, N.D., and they moved to Portland, Ore., where he was employed in the shipyards.

Joe moved his family to Whitefish in 1947 and was employed by the Great Northern Railroad for 32 years.

He was a member of the Christ Lutheran Church, Flathead Pioneer Auto Club, and the Moose Lodge. His hobbies included restoring antique autos, fishing and entertaining his family and friends with banjo, fiddle

or mandolin music.

Surviving family members include his wife, Arlean of 49 years; two daughters, Karen and her husband, Charles Bronson, and Caroline and her husband, Bill Vlachos, all of Whitefish; sons, Kenneth and his wife, Dorothy, of McMinnville, Ore., Howard and his wife, Tracie, and Joseph Jr. and his wife, Tammy, all of Whitefish; eight grandchildren; three brothers; five sisters; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be Thursday at 10 a.m. at Christ Lutheran Church in Whitefish with the Rev. John Bent officiating. Burial will follow in Whitefish Cemetery with the Rev. John Bent officiating. Burial will follow in Whitefish Cemetery.

Visitation will be today at Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish from 1-8 p.m.

Margaret L. Soderstrom Kelly, 77

Margaret L. Soderstrom Kelly, 77, of Kalispell, died in Brendan House in Kalispell on Saturday, Oct. 23, 1993.

She was born Feb. 16, 1916, in Camas Prairie, to Carl and Ida Soderstrom. As a young girl she moved with her family to Kalispell, where she attended school.

On Dec. 21, 1934, she married Maurice L. Kelly in Kalispell and was preceded in death by him on Nov. 13, 1982.

Margaret's kindness, gentleness, courage and positive attitude were an inspiration to all who knew her. She enjoyed homemaking, flowers, gardening and traveling. She loved her family and friends. Her greatest source of joy was her grandchildren, whom she advised, supported and loved unconditionally.

Margaret was loved dearly and will be missed by all who knew her.

She is now survived by her daughter, Karen and her husband, Jerry L.



Slack, of Kalispell; her son, Jerry L. Kelly and his wife, Barbara, of Seattle, Wash.; grandsons, Dr. Shawn Slack and his wife, Anne, of Seattle, and Chad Slack of Santa Barbara, Calif.; grandsons, Curt and Joe Kelly of Kalispell and granddaughter, Jill Kelly of Spokane, Wash., and their mother, Carla Kelly of Kalispell; two sisters, Mildred Frach and Gladys Koford and her husband, Vic, and two brothers, Clarence Soderstrom and his wife, Alice, and Bud Soderstrom and his wife, Lucille, all of Kalispell.

She is also survived by Arlene Vinje and Cliff Vinje, Bernice and Merle Cook, Fern Lee, Patsy Whitney, Chuck and Marian Kelly; and many nieces, nephews and friends.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday in Epworth United Methodist Church with the Rev. Marvin Northcutt officiating. Burial will be in Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

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

The family suggests memorials be made to the Meals on Wheels Program, 721 Fifth Ave. E., Kalispell.

Marland R. 'Duke' Kelly, 75

Marland R. "Duke" Kelly, 75, died of cancer at his home in Kalispell on Thursday, May 6, 1993.

He was born March 24, 1918, in Reeder, N.D., to Ray John and Mary Ann Kelly. He was educated in North Dakota.

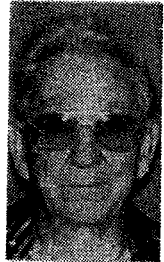
In 1931, he moved with his family to Montana, where they settled in the Patrick Creek area of the Flathead Valley.

In 1939, he married Bernice M. Koegler in Kalispell.

In the early 1930s, Mr. Kelley worked on many WPA and Forest Service projects, including time spent in the Glacier Park and Spotted Bear areas.

He worked primarily as a teamster and heavy equipment operator. He worked for Libby Zonolite Mine, the city of Kalispell, Hungry Horse Dam, Columbia Falls Aluminum Plant, Noxon Rapids Dam, Pacific Power and Light, Harp Line Construction, Helphrey Motor Freight, Libby Dam, railroad relocation. He also drove logging trucks and worked in the woods and saw mills.

In 1971, he retired and began working with his wife, Bernice, as a carrier



for the Daily Inter Lake on the route she serviced since 1951. They retired from the route in 1981.

Mr. Kelly was a member of the Eagles Lodge, where he enjoyed dancing and meeting old friends. He also loved hunting, fishing, and baseball with his sons and grandsons.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Bernice, in 1991; a brother, Maurice Lee; and three sisters, Charlette, Iris, and Irene.

He is survived by two sons, Ray W. Kelly and his wife, Nancy, of Huntington Beach, Calif. and Patrick G. Kelly and his wife, Merry, of Kalispell; three grandsons, Sean, Michael and James, all of Kalispell; a brother, Charles Kelly of Kalispell; four sisters, Arlene Vinje of Kalispell, Patsy M. Whitney and Bernice Cooke, both of Portland, Ore., and Fern Lee of Hamilton; and many nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday at Conrad Memorial Cemetery, with the Rev. Father Michael O'Neill of St. Matthew's Church officiating. Friends will meet at the cemetery for services.

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

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Lyle M. Kennedy, 78

Lyle M. Kennedy, 78, Columbia Falls, died Thursday morning at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

He worked on road construction as a heavy equipment operator until he became disabled in 1968.

He is preceded in death by his parents; a brother; and two grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife, Elma of Columbia Falls; four children, Wayne Kennedy, Ronald Kennedy and Judy Davis of Columbia Falls and Larry Kennedy of Alaska; nine grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. at North Valley Alliance Church in Whitefish.

Arrangements and cremation are by Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

Jeff Kiichli, 88

Jeff Kiichli, 88, died Monday, Aug. 2, 1993, in Kalispell.

He was born Jan. 25, 1905, in Ashland, Wisc., to Hale A. and Ann Jeffrey Kiichli. He attended the University of Wisconsin and Seattle Radio School.

In 1927, he designed and built broadcasting station KGHL in Billings, and was chief engineer there until 1940. There, in 1935, he built the highest self-supported half-wave radiator antenna in the United States. In 1956, he actively designed and supervised construction and installation of KGHL-TV. During this period, he also developed and managed a 300-acre irrigated farm and a 36,000-acre cattle ranch, and built Lebo Lake near Twodot, Mont.

In 1959, after the death of his first wife, Irene, he joined Page Communi-

cations Engineers, Inc., where he served as project manager in installations in Morocco, Turkey, and Liberia. Thereafter, he joined the Voice of America as project engineer. His projects included the "bamboo curtain" project in Thailand.

After retiring from the Voice of America in 1974, he returned to Montana, residing in Kalispell.

He was an active fisherman, hunter, and trap shooter, competing often and winning many trophies, including at the Grand American in Ohio. He is survived by a son, Henry Hale Kiichli, of Oldenburg, Germany; and three grandchildren from his daughter, Kathleen.

Cremation and private services have taken place. Arrangements are by Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory.

Ruth 'Norene' Kimbro, 81

Ruth "Norene" Kimbro, 81, of Kalispell, died in Immanuel Lutheran Home on Tuesday evening, Sept. 21, 1993.

She was born Nov. 9, 1911, in Tulsa, Okla., to Clarence and Bessie Bentley. She attended schools in Tulsa.

On Dec. 20, 1931, she was married to Jess Kimbro, who was in the trucking and service station business at the time. In 1934, the family moved to California, where Norene lived until she moved to Kalispell in 1989.

When the children were grown she worked as a supervisor for Libby Foods. Jess retired from the Holly Sugar Company and the Kimbros became "gypsies" traveling throughout the United States and Mexico in their camper trailer. They also traveled a great deal with their children during the early years of marriage.

Jess died in 1989 and Norene then

moved to the Flathead Valley with her daughter and son-in-law.

Norene has always enjoyed crocheting, dancing, and reading. She had attended Christian Center Church in Kalispell.

She was also preceded in death by her son, Kenneth.

She is survived by her daughter, Bobbie Burleson of Kalispell; two sons, Glenn Kimbro of Shingle Springs, Calif., and Jim Kimbro of Sacramento, Calif.; nine grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be held in the Floral Memorial Park in Selma, Calif., on Monday.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary.

Glen Ira King, 84

Glen Ira King, 84, of Kalispell, died at Heritage Place on Thursday, March 25, 1993.

He was born July 6, 1908, in Rushville, Neb., to James and Sadie Mae King. As a young child, he came to Kalispell with his family, where he received his education.

On June 10, 1928, he married Bernice Elwood in Polson. He was a butcher/meat cutter and owned the meat market at Jacobson Foods and also owned and operated Kings Market, now known as Whithey's. Glen also worked in the sheriff's department as a deputy and belonged to the sheriff's posse for many years.

He was an avid fisherman and loved to hunt.

He was preceded in death by his wife in 1989.

Survivors include his two daughters, Betty June Root of Kalispell and Glenice King Crockett of Spokane, Wash.; four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; three half sisters and two half brothers.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday at Johnson Mortuary Chapel with Deacon Wesley Vert officiating. Burial will be in Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Friends may call for visitation at Johnson Mortuary from noon until 6 p.m. today.

The family suggests memorials may be made to Heritage Place, 171 Heritage Way, Kalispell.

'Elma' Kirbyson, 83

Lydia "Elma" Kirbyson, 83, of Polson, died Tuesday at Brendan House of natural causes.

She is preceded in death by both her husbands; one daughter, Ruth; and a sister, Ethel.

She is survived by a son, Donald Jacobson of Whitefish; a daughter, Vera Kleinbrock of Seattle; 14 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; a brother; and a sister.

A private family graveside service will be today at Lakeview Cemetery. A memorial service will be Friday at 2 p.m. at her graveside at Lakeview Cemetery.

Arrangements are by Mosley-Shrider Funeral Home in Polson.

Beverly Kirk, 59

Beverly Drollinger Kirk, 59, longtime resident of Kalispell, died Thursday, Dec. 30, 1993, after a long bout with pulmonary lung disease. She died in the Deaconess Hospital in Spokane.



She was born in Britton, S.D., to Clayton and Lena Olson Dye. She was her mother's only daughter but a loving sister to four brothers. She was raised and educated in Kalispell, where she met and married Wesley Burl Drollinger, her husband of 21 years. They had seven children, including two sets of twins.

After her husband died, she married Ed Kirk in 1977. They had a happy life together. They now raise 10 children and 12 grandchildren.

She enjoyed family and friends and doing for others.

Preceding her in death were her brothers, Dennis Owen Dye and

David Roger Dye, and sons Wade Burl Drollinger and Marlow Juston Drollinger.

She is survived by her husband of 17 years at the family home; brothers LaVern Dye of Sidney and William Dye of Kalispell; sons Randy Scott Drollinger of Hamilton, Monte Wesley Drollinger of Seattle, Ashley Clay Drollinger of Rheinmain Germany and Brian Neil Drollinger of Kalispell; daughter Allison Moshetti of Kalispell; step-children Lynda Kirk Anderson of Billings, Michael Dale Kirk of Las Vegas, James Arthur Kirk of Castlerock, Colo.; 11 grandsons; one granddaughter; and numerous cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

A funeral service will be at 2 p.m. on Tuesday in the Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Burial will be in Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Friends may call at Johnson Mortuary until 6 p.m. Monday for visitation.

The family suggests memorials to the Bethlehem Lutheran Church (elevator fund only).

Chester W. 'Chick' Klein, 79

Chester W. "Chick" Klein, 79, of Columbia Falls, died Thursday, Aug. 26, 1993, at Brendan House.

He was born June 29, 1914, in Rolfe, Iowa, to Earl and Cynthia Klein. He was raised and educated in Iowa and Minnesota.

He served in the Navy during World War II.

He married Roberta M. Grove on Aug. 12, 1934. They moved to Columbia Falls in 1969 from Fort Dodge, Iowa.

He enjoyed playing the fiddle with his brothers and restoring old cars.

He was preceded in death by his father, four brothers, and two children.

He is survived by his wife, Roberta, of Columbia Falls; his mother, Cynthia Klein, of Ronan; five children, Grace Beeke of Colorado Springs, Colo., Beverly Kunik of

Kalispell, Rick Klein and Chester (Butch) Klein of Columbia Falls and Sandra Eddy of Stanwood, Wash.; seven brothers and sisters, Arthur Klein of Fort Dodge, Iowa, Lyle Klein and Charles Klein of Polson, Doris Mosher of Rinard, Iowa, Darrell Klein and Earl Klein Jr. of Spokane, and Karen Graybell of California; 10 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

A funeral service will be Monday at 1 p.m. at Columbia Falls. The Rev. Darrell Newby of the Assembly of God Church will officiate. Burial with military graveside honors will follow in Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

Visitation will be today from 1-5 p.m. at Columbia Mortuary.

The family suggests memorials may be made to the Comfort Center at Brendan House.

Franklin C. Kirkpatrick, 79

Franklin C. Kirkpatrick, longtime Flathead Valley resident, died May 15, 1993, at Mease Countryside Hospital in Clearwater, Fla., after a long illness.

He was born March 6, 1914, in Middleport, N.Y. He served in the U.S. Army from 1941-1946 during World War II.

On Dec. 25, 1941, he married Lorna Blackmore. They lived in the Flathead Valley from 1946-1981.

He was an active leader in Boy Scouts in the Evergreen area and

loved to garden.

He was preceded in death by his wife in 1980. In 1981, he moved to Seven Springs, Fla., and married Phyllis McWilliams.

He is survived by a daughter, Kathryn Kirkpatrick, of San Francisco; a son and daughter-in-law, Stewart and Janice Kirkpatrick, of Butte; two grandchildren, Siobhan and Kathryn; his wife, Phyllis McWilliams Kirkpatrick, of Seven Springs, Fla.; and a stepson, Frank McWilliams, of Tampa, Fla.

Earl Newell Klingler, 80

Earl Newell Klingler, 80, of Kalispell, died at his home on Saturday, March 20, 1993.

He was born May 30, 1912, in Rexburg, Idaho, to Frederick and Luna Mae Spaulding Klingler.

On May 23, 1945, he married Irene Robinson of Columbia Falls. They were married in the Cardston, Alberta Temple of the Latter-day Saints Church.

He was engaged in farming and worked at Gambles before being employed at the Klingler Lumber Co., where he spent the majority of his working career.

He was a very active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He served in many positions in the church including branch president, counselor in the district presidency,



stake high counselor, Sunday school teacher for many years, and finally, as patriarch to the Kalispell Stake.

He was preceded in death by two stepmothers; a brother; five sisters; and a half brother and half sister.

Survivors include his wife, Irene, of Kalispell; two sons, Steven E. Klingler and his wife, Yolanda, and Kenneth D. Klingler and his wife, Janis, all of Mesa, Ariz.; three daughters, Mrs. Paul (Karin) Jordan of Orem, Utah, Mrs. Jerry (Marilyn) Hamblin of Clearfield, Utah, and Mrs. Michael (Jeannie) Johnson of Bountiful, Utah; 21 grandchildren and a great-grandchild; a step-sister, Eunice Barker, of Kalispell; and numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Burial will be at Fairview Cemetery.

Friends may call at Johnson Mortuary for visitation from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. on Tuesday.

Pauline Kloock, 94

Pauline Kloock, 94, of Kalispell, died at Immanuel Lutheran Home Tuesday, Dec. 21, 1993.

She was born Feb. 24, 1899, in Germany to Adolph and Marriana Altman. On Oct. 22, 1921, she married Walter Kloock in Germany. In 1928 they came to the United States, landing on Ellis Island on her 29th birthday.

They came directly to Somers, where he worked at the Somers Lumber Co. until its closing. They farmed north of Somers where Levensoods and Lee Marine are located. In 1954 they moved to Kalispell, where he worked for Superior Building Co. in Columbia Falls and she worked at the Flathead County High School cafeteria.

Following the death of her husband in 1981, she moved to Immanuel Lutheran Home.

She was a lifelong member of Trin-

ity Lutheran Church and was very active in its functions.

She was preceded in death by six brothers and five sisters.

Survivors include two sons, Erwin and his wife, Joyce, of Bigfork, and Arnold and his wife, Dawn, of Florida; numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

A funeral service is scheduled Monday at 2 p.m. in the Trinity Lutheran Church with Rev. Darold Reiner officiating. Burial will be in Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary.

J. Adelaide Kling

J. Adelaide Kling¹⁹⁹³ died Friday, Oct. 29, at Lake View Care Center in Bigfork. She was born Nov. 4, 1907 in Jersey City, N.J. on April 23, 1938, she married Arthur H. Kling. He died on Sept. 27, 1983.

She is survived by her son Dick and his wife Carolyn of Bigfork; grandchildren, Amy of Dunedin, Fla., Bryan of Bigfork, and Lisa of Largo, Fla., two great-grandchildren, Jessica and Brandon of Dunedin; and a step-granddaughter, Heather Happel, of Bigfork. She is also survived by her sister-in-law, Elsie Dorbandt of Rutherford, N.J., a niece, Grace Westphal of Painted Post, N.Y.; and her nephew David Dorbandt, of Rutherford. Cremation has taken place.

Kay Mary Knopp, 39

Kay Mary Knopp, 39, of Sterling, Alaska, died in Soldotna, Alaska, on Sunday, Nov. 21, 1993, following a lengthy illness with diabetes.

She was born Sept. 1, 1954, in Bismarck, N.D., to Lee and Geraldine Gorder. She moved with her family in July, 1966 to Kalispell, where she attended school.

In July 1981, she married Gary A. Knopp. The couple moved to Anchorage, Alaska, in September of that year and then to Sterling in January of 1982.

Kay enjoyed being active, playing volleyball, swimming, dancing and

attending the high school football games. Her main focus was on her home and raising her two sons.

Survivors include her husband, Gary, of Sterling; two sons, Christopher and Michael, also of Sterling; her mother and father, Lee and Geraldine Gorder, of Kalispell; two brothers, Thomas Gorder of Soldotna and Richard Gorder of Kalispell; two sisters, Susan Reimer of Ketchikan, Alaska, and Lynn Sprinkle of Kalispell; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday at Easthaven Baptist Church, with the Rev. Daniel Lambert officiating. Cremation will take place following the service.

Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary.



Earl Knipprath, 54

Earl Knipprath, 54, died Tuesday at his home in Libby, apparently of a heart attack *30 Nov 1993*

Survivors include his sisters Wilma Shearer and Donna McCully, both of Libby.

A service is scheduled at 1 p.m. Monday at the Libby city cemetery, with military honors provided by the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Arrangements are by Vial Funeral Home.

21 Dec Freda Koehler, 79 *1993*

Freda Koehler, 79, a former resident of Libby, died Monday of natural causes at a Bonners Ferry, Idaho, hospital.

She is survived by a son, Ross Koehler of Libby; three daughters, Jean Morton, Kathy McLeish and Carol Kelley, all of Bonners Ferry; two brothers; three sisters; and numerous

grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 2-8 p.m. today at Vial Funeral Home.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints with Elder Albert Eldridge conducting. Burial will be in City of Libby Cemetery.

Laurie M. Kollmar, 51

Laurie M. Kollmar, 51, a long-time Kalispell resident, died Sunday, June 20, 1993, after a long illness at home.

She is survived by her daughter, Kelly Denny, of Polson, and son, Miles Kollmar, of Albuquerque, N.M.; her mother, Velma Heyne, of Polson; and four sisters, Carolyn Thorpe and Harriett Fehlberg of

Kalispell, Judy Stanbrook of Grants Pass, Ore., and Kani Ellenwood of Polson.

Laurie had three grandchildren, Danielle, Sarah, and Troy Denny, in addition to several nieces and nephews.

Laurie requested that no services be held.

Alma Elena Kraft, 97

Alma Elena Kraft, 97, died in Immanuel Lutheran Home of Kalispell on Tuesday morning, Oct. 5, 1993.

She was born Oct. 2, 1896, in Goose Lake, Iowa, to Christian and Caroline Nommensen. She had lived in Goose Lake and in Britton, S.D., for several years before moving with her family to the Flathead in October of 1910. The family had owned and operated a farm on Spring Creek.



On Nov. 2, 1916, Alma was married to Walter A. Kraft. They continued to live in Kalispell, where Mr. Kraft was employed by the Kalispell Mercantile Company for 40 years.

They were both active members of Trinity Lutheran Church. Alma showed her love for God by serving others. She was chairman of the Trinity Thimble Club for 39 years and a mem-

ber of the Ladies Aid and L.W.M.L.

She loved to walk and often called on the sick, needy or others just to have a friendly visit. She enjoyed sewing, embroidery work and playing pinochle. She has been a resident of the Immanuel Lutheran Home since September 1980.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Walter, on Nov. 13, 1965; by her five brothers; and her son, Herbert Kraft.

She is now survived by her two sons, Albert Kraft of Helena and Paul Kraft of Kalispell; two daughters, Ruth Tyler of Moore and Helen Jans of Kalispell; 11 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday in Trinity Lutheran Church with the Rev. Darold Reiner officiating. Burial will be in Trinity Lutheran Church.

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

The family suggests memorials be made to the Trinity Lutheran Church; Immanuel Lutheran Home; or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Herbert A. Kraft, 75

Herbert A. Kraft, 75, was a victim of homicide in California on Feb. 17, 1993.

A memorial service was held in Banning, Calif., on Feb. 24, at Grace Lutheran Church and burial was at Riverside National Cemetery.

Kraft was born Sept. 26, 1917, and raised by Walter and Alma Kraft. In Feb. 1941, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and was a veteran of the attack on Pearl Harbor. He married Ruby Barnett in 1950 and they lived in Banning for the past 40 years.

He is survived by his wife; daughter Gretchen Mellon and two grandchildren of Poulsbo, Wash.; his moth-

er, of Immanuel Lutheran Home; sister Helen Jans and brother Paul Kraft, both of Kalispell; sister Ruth Tyler of Moore; brother Albert Kraft of Helena; and other relatives.

The family suggests memorial contributions be sent to Grace Lutheran Church, 727 N. 10th St., Banning, Calif., 92220.

Harvey Krebs, 40

Harvey Krebs, 40, died Sunday evening as the result of injuries received in a motorcycle accident near Elmira, Idaho.

Survivors include his wife, Jane Trujillo of Spokane; stepchildren; his mother, Luella Krebs of Libby; two brothers, including Martin of Libby; two sisters, including Leona Krebs of Libby; his grandmother, Tressa Kovar of Troy; and two grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 1-8 p.m. Saturday at Vial Funeral Home.

Services will be Sunday at 4:30 p.m. at Vial Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Charles Couch and the Rev. Charles Simmons officiating. Cremation will follow the services with inurnment and burial in the City of Libby Cemetery.

Steve J. Kralik, 83

Steve J. Kralik, 83, formerly of Springdale, Penn., died Saturday morning at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish of congestive heart failure.

He moved to the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls in July of 1992.

He was preceded in death by a sister and two brothers.

He is survived by two brothers. Arrangements are by Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. No services are planned at this time.

24 Jan **Othilda Kreiter, 85** 1993

Othilda Kreiter, 85, died at Heritage Place Sunday.

Survivors include her daughter, Judy Gillig, of Kila.

The body has been forwarded to Hertz Funeral Home in

McClusky, N.D., where services and burial are planned for Friday.

Local arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary.

Erma Krogstad, 77

Erma Frances Grosswiler Krogstad, 77, died in Mesa, Ariz., on Wednesday, Nov. 17, 1993.

She was born Jan. 23, 1916, to F.X. and Alvina Grosswiler, early settlers of the Flathead. She attended Springcreek School northwest of Kalispell and graduated from Flathead High School in 1934.

On April 3, 1947, she married Orton Krogstad. They farmed in the Flathead and wintered in Arizona. Orton died April 9, 1976. Erma was also preceded in death by brothers, August and Ralph, and sisters Louise Nommenssen, Edna Blanchert and Doris Anderson.

She is survived by her sister Grace Chriswell, of Spokane, and brothers Carl and Paul Grosswiler, both of Kalispell, and George Grosswiler, of Cincinnati, Ohio. Her many nieces, nephews and their children have loving memories of Erma.

A funeral service is scheduled at 2 p.m. Monday in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with Rev. Darold Reiner, pastor of the Trinity Lutheran Church, officiating.

Burial will be in Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Friends may call at the Johnson Mortuary 1-4 p.m. today and 9 a.m. to noon on Monday.

Driver killed in truck-train crash

10 Feb 1993
A Thompson Falls man was killed when his empty logging truck collided with a Burlington Northern freight train on Wolf Creek Road north of Thompson Lakes Wednesday morning.

Peter J. Kovarik, 43, was pronounced dead at the scene after being extricated from his truck by Lincoln County Sheriff's Office deputies, according to Montana Highway Patrol Sgt. Steve Apgar. The ALERT helicopter crew administered CPR but could not revive Kovarik.

The accident happened at Milepost 10 on Wolf Creek Road at the Redemption railroad crossing. BN spokesman Gus Melonas and authorities at the scene said Kovarik drove past warning signs and through a stop sign.

His rig was struck by a four-engine westbound freight train traveling 44 mph. The impact of the 83-car, 9,045-ton train pushed Kovarik's truck 2,540 feet, trapping him inside.

Train traffic was halted until about 3 p.m., when the wreckage was cut away from the engine.

Railroad and law enforcement officials are continuing their investigation of the fatality.

The accident was between Libby Dam and Star Meadows and north of Pleasant Valley.

Dr. John A. Kurta, 71

Dr. John A. Kurta, 71, dentist and longtime resident of Columbia Falls, died at his home in Columbia Falls on Thursday, June 17, 1993.

He was born Jan. 27, 1922, in Tracey to Anthony and Johanna Mary Kurta. He was raised and educated in Sand Coulee. He then attended the College of Great Falls and graduated with a bachelor of science degree in chemistry. He attended dental school at Marquette University in Milwaukee and graduated in 1955.

He married Virginia Elizabeth Malone in 1945 at Alameda, Calif. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

He came to Columbia Falls in 1955 and practiced dentistry for the past 38 years. He was a member of St. Richards Catholic Church in Columbia Falls, the Knights of Columbus, Lions Club, Elks Club, and as a member of the airport board was

active in building the new terminal at Glacier Park International Airport.

Kurta enjoyed playing golf, skiing, painting, hunting and activities with his family.

He was preceded in death by his wife in 1970 and a sister, Mary Pounders, in 1978.

He is survived by a daughter, Kathleen Proulx in Colorado Springs, Colo.; two sons, Tony Kurta in Norfolk, Va., and John Kurta in Divide, Colo.; three grandsons and two granddaughters.

Visitation will be from 1-8 p.m. today at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. A Mass of the Christian Burial will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at St. Richards Catholic Church in Columbia Falls with Rev. Patrick McGurk as celebrant. Burial will follow at St. Richards Catholic Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

The family has suggested memorials to St. Richards Catholic Church.

Hartvig 'Hardy' J. Kyhl, 86

Hartvig "Hardy" J. Kyhl, 86, of Lakeside, died Thursday, April 1, 1993, at Immanuel Lutheran Home.

He was born Nov. 24, 1906, in Dyke, Iowa, to Chris and Johanna Kyhl. He was the third of four children. When Hardy was quite small, the family moved to a farm between Britt and Crystal Lake, Iowa. He went to grade school and high school at Crystal Lake.

On Oct. 9, 1933, he married Dorothy Richardson from Britt. He was a charter member of the Britt Rotary Club. Hardy and Dorothy farmed with his father until his father's death.

In 1942, they moved to Montana. The Kyhls raised two daughters, Kay, who died in 1971, and Judy, Mrs. Terry Anderson, of Kalispell.

In the early 1940s they owned and operated a bar and supper club in Colstrip. In 1947, they moved to Billings.

Hardy bought 40 acres on the bench, ran cattle and subdivided the

property. He and Dorothy purchased "The Beacon Club," the largest supper club in Montana. It seated 600 people. Hardy felt that part of their success was a result of the personal hospitality he and Dorothy showed to their patrons. Much of his life satisfaction came from being able to produce a successful business.

In 1957, the Kyhls traded the Beacon Club for a 36-section cattle ranch in Miles City. They provided employment and work experience for boys from the state school in Miles City. Some of these young men lived with the Kyhls in their home.

For a few years, Hardy worked in real estate in Billings. In 1963, he and Dorothy moved to Lakeside. They chose this community because of the Lakeside Chapel. They bought and sold property and operated Peaceful Bay Apartments.

Hardy took care of Dorothy at

home for over 10 years after she had a stroke. In 1988, Dorothy moved to Immanuel Lutheran Home and Hardy moved to Buffalo Hill Terrace. He joined Dorothy at Immanuel Lutheran Home in 1989.

He was preceded in death by his wife; his daughter, Kay; his grandson, Rex Martinson; a brother, Emil; and a sister, Freda.

Surviving family members include his daughter, Judy, and her husband, Terry Anderson, of Kalispell; grandchildren, Kyla, Izzi and Jodi Anderson, of Kalispell, Darcy Halls of Bozeman and Dane Dahle of White Sands, N.M.; and three great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be held Saturday at 1 p.m. at Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Arrangements are by Weatherford Funeral Home & Crematory.

The family suggests memorial contributions to Immanuel Lutheran Home, 185 Crestline, Kalispell.