

Nancy Biby, 61

Nancy L. Biby, 61, died of breast cancer Feb. 1, 1996, at her home in Kalispell.

She was born July 12, 1934, in St. Paul, Minn., to Joseph and Anna Barnd. She graduated from St. Joseph's Academy in St. Paul. Five years later, she came to Montana to work at the East Glacier Lodge at Glacier National Park.

In 1957, she married Dean Biby. In 1964 she moved to Kalispell from Cut Bank and lived here ever since.

She worked for PTI Communications until her retirement several years ago. She always looked forward to seeing her tulips bloom in spring and liked nothing more than a river float trip near the park or on the Swan River. Her enthusiasm for life and her sense of humor will be missed by her family and many friends.

She was an active member of St. Matthew's Parish and was a hospital



volunteer.

She was preceded in death by her parents and former husband, Dean Biby.

She is survived by sons Joseph Biby and wife, Anne, of Bigfork and Jeff Biby and wife, Helene, of New York, N.Y.; daughters Angela Nelson and husband, Fred, of Federal Way, Wash.; Lisa Baltrusch and husband, Tod, of Fairbanks, Alaska, Sheila Fuselier and husband, Randy, of Castle Rock, Colo.; and sisters Patricia Barnd and Rosemary Barnd, both of St. Paul, Minn.

A Christian Wake will be at 7:30 p.m. today at Johnson's Mortuary Chapel. A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Monday at St. Matthew's Catholic Church, Father Robert Noonan officiating, followed by burial in the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

The family suggests memorials to Flathead Hospice, 1280 Burns Way, Kalispell, or the Flathead Association of Catholic Education, c/o St. Matthew's Catholic Church, Box 8862, Kalispell, or the charity of the donor's choice.

Valborg 'Vallie' Biery, 93

Valborg "Vallie" M. Stene Biery, 93, died Wednesday, Feb. 28, 1996, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

She was born on Nov. 22, 1902, in Ottertail County, Minn. Her parents were farmers and had nine children, Vallie being the youngest.

When her father died in 1908, her mother moved to town with the four youngest daughters and ran a boarding house and restaurant.

She graduated from Henning High School in 1919 and briefly attended Moorhead Normal School and Duluth Teachers College earning a teachers certificate at age 16.

She taught for 10 years in rural

schools of Minnesota and for three years in Montana.

On Nov. 10, 1929, she married Dorvin Biery, a carpenter. They moved to Ronan in 1930.

She worked as a cook at Flathead High School and at summer Bible camps.

She was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church where she taught Sunday school and served for two years as president of the Ladies Aid.

She traveled many times to Minnesota, Hawaii in 1979 and camped across the United States in 1982. She enjoyed needlework and volunteer work for the Red Cross, garden clubs and women's clubs.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Dorvin, in 1968.

She is survived by two sons, Ken Biery of Lewiston, Idaho, and John Biery of Gig Harbor, Wash.; one daughter, Kathryn Hoyer, of Olympia, Wash.; 11 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Bethlehem Lutheran Bible Camp, Immanuel Lutheran Home or a charity of donor's choice.

Funeral services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. at Bethlehem Lutheran Church with the Rev. Rick Nelson officiating. Burial will follow in Glacier Memorial Gardens. Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary.

1996 Ozro Black, 72

Ozro Black, 72, of Dillon, died Wednesday, March 20, at Barrett Memorial Hospital of a massive stroke.

He was born Sept. 25, 1923, at Red Bird, Ark., to James Jackson and Frances Kiser Black. He grew up in Montgomery County, Ark., and graduated from high school in Norman, Ark.

In 1943 he entered the U.S. Navy, seeing active duty in the Pacific with a Seabee unit. Following the war, he went to Moscow, Idaho, where he enrolled in the forestry program at the University of Idaho.

The next four summers he worked as a U.S. Forest Service smoke-jumper in Missoula. He then worked as an auto mechanic for eight years and also in the logging industry. He was subsequently employed by the Forest Service, retiring in 1983 after 25 years of service.

On Aug. 12, 1950, he married Eloise Storkson at Kalispell.

He had many years of volunteer work with the Boy Scouts in Whitefish, serving as scoutmaster, member of the Eagle Board of Review, and was a recipient of the Silver Beaver Award. He was a longtime member of the Happy Valley Missionary Baptist

Church in Whitefish, where he was ordained a deacon.

After retiring in 1983, he spent eight winters working as a volunteer at the Bogg Springs Baptist Camp in Arkansas and on church building projects during the summer. He lived in Dillon since 1991. He enjoyed gardening, hunting and fishing.

He was preceded in death by an infant brother, Osco, and an infant granddaughter, Anika.

He is survived by his wife, Eloise; daughters Marcia Bryant, of Nome, Alaska, and Karen Evans, of Lewiston, Idaho; son James Black, of Lewiston, Idaho; granddaughters Julia and Jamiee Black, grandsons Kevin Black and Stephan Cheitanchi, all of Lewiston, Idaho.

He is also survived by brothers Otto Black, of Hanesville, La., Otho Black, of Smithfield, Penn. and Argus Black, of Dillon; sisters Occo Sims, of Shreveport, La., and Eunice McCammon, of Monticello, Ark., plus many nieces and nephews.

A funeral service will be 2 p.m. Monday, at the Brundage Funeral Home in Dillon. Interment will be at the Mountain View Cemetery in Dillon.

Robert 'Bob' Blair, 74

Robert Thomas "Bob" Blair, 74, died Saturday, March 16, 1996, at Lake View Care Center in Bigfork.

He was born March 27, 1921, in Brooklyn, N.Y., to Ira and Vernae Blair. When he was 6 months old, they moved to Los Angeles.

He married Erolyn Bushong on Dec. 26, 1948, in Los Angeles. He lived in California until he retired to Somers in 1980.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his wife, Erolyn Blair, at home in Somers; three sons and their wives, Mike and Susan of Somers, and Joe and Kelly, and Steve and Christine, all of Bigfork; a sister, Jean Morrell, of Lake Forrest, Calif.; six grandchildren; and several nieces and a nephew, Steve Chenard of Bigfork.

Cremation has taken place and a private family service is planned for a later date. Bigfork Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

1996 Dec 1996 Clyde D. Booth, 79

Clyde D. Booth, 79, died at the Lake View Care Center on Thursday.

The body has been forwarded to Green Acres Memorial Park and Mortuary in California, where services will be later this week. Arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary.

Leah Blake, 87

Leah Violet Blake, 87, died Aug. 23, 1996, in Kalispell.

She was born Feb. 24, 1909, in Sidney to Orra J. and Estella Buell Kemmis. She moved to Kalispell in 1920 and attended Flathead County High School.

She married Morris E. Blake in 1929. Four sons were born of this marriage: Larry, of Mesa, Ariz.; Robert, of Whitefish; Gregory of Hungry Horse. A son, Dudley, preceded her in death.

She moved to Seattle in 1956 and returned to Kalispell in 1992. She lived at Heritage Place until her death.

She was a former Montana State Parent Teachers Association president, a 50-year member of Adah

Chapter of Eastern Star, a member of Terzah Temple of the Daughters of the Nile and United Methodist Women. She was founder of Teen Town and a representative of the Florence Crittenden Home. She was active in Toastmistress Club.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1929.

She is survived by her three sons and their families; 12 grandchildren and 25 great grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to Epworth United Methodist Church.

A memorial service will be 10 a.m., Saturday, at Epworth Methodist Church, Rev. Marvin A. Northcutt officiating. Arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary.

Ethel B. Borgen, 76

Ethel B. Borgen, 76, of Kalispell, died at Kalispell Regional Hospital on Monday, May 6, 1996.

She was born June 18, 1919, in Bowbells, N.D., to Cary and Ora Mahoney. After graduating from high school in 1936, she and her family moved to Kalispell where she worked for two years at Woolworth's. She then pursued a career in cosmetology by graduating from the Los Angeles Beauty College.

Upon her return to Kalispell she eventually purchased Helen's Beauty Cabin and operated it for many years.

On March 23, 1944, she married Ted Borgen at Bethlehem Lutheran Church and was deeply devoted to him throughout her life. They began farming north of Kalispell and continued this work until he died in 1986. It was a joy to see them working side by side every harvest season, truly enjoying this labor of love called farming.

She was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church since moving to Kalispell and was always active in choir, as well as other church activities. Her beautiful voice was treasured by any who heard her sing.

In earlier years she was an avid



golfer and won many tournaments. She was also the first woman to shoot a hole-in-one at Buffalo Hills Golf Course. Her love for card games continued throughout her life with years of playing bridge, pinochle and gin whenever the opportunity arose. It was spending time with family and friends, however, that always came first in her life.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ted Borgen; her father, Cary Mahoney; her mother, Ora Rivard; and her brother, Robert Mahoney.

Her surviving relatives include Mable McPoland and Olga Price of Seattle, Dagna Shaw of Spokane, Florence Borgen of Kalispell, Norman Borgen and his wife, Florence, of Columbia Falls, and numerous nieces and nephews and their families.

Memories of her joyous and loving spirit will be treasured forever by the many family and friends she leaves here on earth.

Funeral services will be at 4 p.m. on Saturday in Bethlehem Lutheran Church with the Rev. Rick Nelson officiating. Burial will be in Conrad Memorial Cemetery with a reception for friends and family following at Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

The family suggests memorials to the Bethlehem Lutheran Church music department or to the charity of donor's choice. Arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary.

1996 Clifford Raymond Bolles, 78

Clifford Raymond Bolles, 78, died Thursday, Nov. 7, at North Valley Hospital.

He was born July 15, 1918, in Los Angeles, Calif., to Walter and Anna Kissinger. He was named Walter Raymond Kissinger. Cliff was orphaned when he was a baby and was raised by foster parents.

He married Jane M. Sloan on May 25, 1946. They lived in Los Angeles and Glendora, Calif. They had two children, John and Dian.

He owned Azusa Towel and Uniform Supply Co. in Azusa, Calif. He and Jane moved to the Sloan family homestead in West Glacier in 1968. He went to work for the National Park Service. He retired in November, 1983.

He is survived by his wife at the family home; a brother John Knight, of Las Vegas; son John Bolles and



wife, Elizabeth, of West Glacier; daughter Dian Cox, of Kalispell; grandchildren Matthew, Clifford, Hannah Cox, Michelle Kitch, Carla, John, Emily, Myra and Michael Bolles.

Rosary will be 7 p.m., today, at

Columbia Mortuary.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 11 a.m., Monday, at St. Richards Catholic Church, Columbia Falls, Joe Pat Sullivan, celebrant. Burial will be at the Catholic cemetery in Columbia Falls.

Memorials may be made to the Jim Byrd fund, St. Richards Parish, or Samaritan House in Kalispell.

1996 John H. Bothe, 45

Prominent attorney, John H. Bothe, 45, died on Nov. 1, 1996.

He opened the law firm of Bothe & Lauridsen in Columbia Falls in 1980. He ran it until 1994 when he retired to Florida.

He is survived by his wife, Darlene

Bothe, and his two children, Joe Bothe, 12, and Jake Bothe, 10, who reside in California.

Per his request, there will be no memorial service. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the American Cancer Society.

Orval Bothman

Orval J. Bothman died Sunday at St. John Lutheran Hospital.

Survivors include his wife, Marge, of Libby; a son, Rocky J., and his wife, Georgia, of Libby; two daughters; his mother, Rose Bothman of Libby; two brothers, including Louis J. Bothman Jr. of Libby; eight grandchildren including Stacey, Kelley, Tyler and Erin Bothman of Libby; and nephews, nieces and other relatives.

Visitation will be from 2-8 p.m. today at Nelson & Vial Funeral Home. Services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. at Faith Bible Church with graveside services to follow at the City of Libby Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Libby Volunteer Ambulance, Box 777, Libby, MT 59923.

Woody Bowen, 80

Woodrow F. "Woody" Bowen, 80, a resident of the Kootenai Valley for the past 80 years, died Friday, April 5, 1996, at Libby Care Center. He was born at Bonners Ferry, Idaho, on June 23, 1915, the son of Floyd and Dolly Bowen. He came to Libby shortly thereafter. He was raised in Libby and attended Libby public schools. He worked on the family dairy farm and delivered milk as a young man.

Beginning in 1934, he spent many years with J. Neils Lumber Co. and as a private logging contractor. He also worked a number of years in Alaska as an equipment operator. He married Mildred "Toots" Lyon on July 16, 1933. In 1983 they celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. She preceded him in death this year. He was also preceded in death by a brother, Delbert, and a sister, Jenny. He enjoyed his many years of working in the woods, fishing the high lakes, hunting, and picnics with his family. In later years, he also enjoyed working on numerous mining claims.

Survivors include a son, Gary Bowen, Libby; three daughters, Donna Christiansen and Shirley Collier, both of Libby; and Nancy Morris of Graham, Wash.; 14 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren.

Visitation was Tuesday, April 9, 1996, and Wednesday, April 10, 1996, at Nelson & Vial Funeral Home. Services were Wednesday, April 10, 1996, at city of Libby cemetery, with Rev. Derf Bergman officiating. Memorials may be made to St. John's Lutheran Hospital or Libby Volunteer Ambulance. Libby

Edgar Glen 'Ed' Box, 72

Ed Box died in Bigfork on Wednesday, Dec. 4, 1996.

He was born in Clarksburg, Mo., on Dec. 27, 1923, to James Andrew Earl Box and Eunice Bryl Cobb Box.

He is survived by his loving wife of 51 years, Florine

Verdell McBride "Patrick" Box in their home in Bigfork and his younger brother, Leroy N. Box of Hobbs, N.M.

Ed and Patrick were friends in junior high school, dated throughout high school, and have enjoyed their life together for 61 years.

He was raised and attended high school in Albuquerque, N.M. He graduated from high school in 1941. Following his graduation he worked for his father in the construction business on various military projects in California. He enlisted in the Army in 1942. He earned his parachute wings in Sept., 1942, and served in Company E, 507th Parachute Infantry, 82nd Airborne in Europe. He was promoted to sergeant in Jan., 1943, staff sergeant and platoon sergeant in March, 1943, and to first sergeant in Dec., 1943. He received a "battle field commission" to second lieutenant in March, 1945, for his leadership in combat. He commanded a parachute infantry platoon. He was given command of various units under combat at Normandy Beach; La Bonneville, France; Houffalize, Belgium; Dasburg, Germany; and other locations during the Normandy, Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central European Campaigns. He was honorably discharged in 1945.



He married Patrick at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., on April 13, 1945. They returned to Hobbs where he was in the construction business with J. E. Box & Son Construction Company, building homes and military projects at Hobbs and White Sands N.M., until the aviation bug bit him in 1951. He soloed in a Piper Cub on Jan 25, 1951. He was employed by the Cutter Aviation Company from 1951 until 1959. He attained the position of sales manager. He then went to work with Combs Aviation Company and, based in Boise, Idaho, was sales manager for Idaho, Utah, and Montana. In 1961 he went to work for Steve Stranahan and ran the aviation division of Champion Spark Plugs in Toledo, Ohio. In 1962 he and Steve Stranahan purchased a Beech Aircraft franchise in San Antonio and

formed Tex-Sun Beechcraft. As president of this company he expanded it to eventually operate 12 Beechcraft dealerships throughout Texas. Beechcraft officials described the Tex-Sun operation as "one of the most professional and aggressive retail aviation centers in the world."

In 1972 Ed and his new partner, Don Cody, formed Chaparral Company and purchased Tex-Sun Beechcraft. The partners were named Beech Aircraft Corp. "Team of the Year" for 1978. Their 1978 sales of \$25.9 million were top seller in Beech Aircraft's worldwide franchise organization. In 1983 Ed sold his interest in Chaparral to his partner and retired from the aviation industry. He and his wife have maintained a home in Bigfork since his retirement, as well as homes in Texas and Arizona.

He was awarded the Combat Infantryman's Badge with Bronze Star, the Presidential Citation, The Purple Heart, The American Theater Ribbon, the European Theater Ribbon with four Bronze Stars and Bronze Arrowhead, the World War II Victory Medal and the Good Conduct Medal.

He was a member of the Elks Club in Hobbs and was a member of the Quiet Birdmen Organization.

He was active in the promotion of civic projects in the Bigfork community. He was instrumental in the formation of the Bigfork Rod & Gun Club. He and Patrick formed and originally funded the Bigfork Community Trust. He had a lifelong love of the outdoors, hunting, fishing and golf. He was a people person and loved the company of his friends.

A memorial service will be at the New Life Alliance Church, 125 Swan Highway, at 3 p.m. on Saturday with the Rev. Ron Pierce officiating. Donations in lieu of flowers can be made to the Bigfork Community Trust at the Flathead Bank of Bigfork. Bigfork Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Eva Brabender, 59

Eva M. Brabender, 59, died of cancer at her home in Kalispell on Wednesday, Oct. 2, 1996.



She was born Dec. 3, 1936, in Kalispell, to Marlin and Alice Ream. She went to school in Bigfork.

She and Jack Brabender were married in Couer d'Alene, Idaho, on March 22, 1955.

She cooked in many different cafes in the valley and in Alaska. She enjoyed fishing, gardening, bowling and doing home demonstrations.

She was preceded in death by her father, Marlin Ream Sr., and her son, Kim Brabender.

She is survived by her husband, Jack, at home; daughter, Barbara

Hunt, of Kalispell; three sons, Bill Brabender of Tacoma, Wash., Dale Brabender of Las Vegas, and Willis Brabender of Anchorage, Alaska; mother, Alice Ream, of Bigfork; sister, Leona Udall, of Great Falls; two brothers, Marlin Ream of Fairbanks, Alaska, and Allen Ream of Columbia Falls; four grandchildren, Niki Kreider of Kalispell, Jackie Brabender and B.J. Brabender, both of Tacoma, and Bailey Brabender of Seattle; and many other relatives.

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

Visitation will be Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday from 1-4 p.m. Funeral services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at the New Life Alliance Church in Bigfork with the Rev. Ron Pierce officiating.

Arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary.

Daniel G. Bradshaw, 27

4 Oct 1996
Daniel G. Bradshaw, 27, of Missoula, formerly of Libby, died Friday in Missoula.

Survivors include two sons; his parents, Ron and Mary Bradshaw, of Libby; a brother; a sister, Laurie Thomson, of Kalispell; three nephews; a niece; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. at Nelson & Vial Funeral Chapel in Libby with the Rev. J.E. Jacobson officiating. Interment will be at Milnor Lake Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Achievements Inc., 101 Mineral Avenue, Libby, MT 59923.

Anna Mae Brakefield, 71

6 Oct 1996
Anna Mae Brakefield, 71, died Sunday in Kalispell.

She was born Oct. 29, 1924, in

Helena, Ark., to John and Anna Carter. She married John T. Brakefield on Aug. 22, 1943, in Memphis, Tenn. He preceded her in death.

She is survived by three sons, including John Brakefield and his wife, Susan, of Kalispell; 12 grandchildren, including Justin

Louise Harris Storey Brogan, 83

Louise Harris Storey Brogan died in Prescott, Ariz., on Thursday, March 21, 1996.

She was born July 17, 1912, in Kalispell to Locius "Doc" and Eleanor Harris. She graduated from Flathead County High School in 1932 and attended Washington State University.

She married Burl Storey in 1933 and they raised their children in Kalispell. Burl died in 1973, and she later married Webb Brogan. They lived for several years in Lakeside and then moved to Borrego Springs, Calif.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Burl; her second husband, Webb; her sons, Sidney Storey and William Storey; and a sister, Mildred.

She is survived by her daughter, Suzanne, and her husband, Dick



Armstrong, of Prescott, Ariz.; sister Bernice and husband, Hank Teigen, of Kalispell; stepson Pat Brogan and his wife, Marie, of Wilsall; stepdaughter Bonnie Swandal of Las Vegas; seven grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews including Rosemary Woodland and Christine Schroeder, of Kalispell.

She will be remembered for her gentle, generous nature and for her gift to speak well of anyone she met or knew. She was devoutly religious and her love of God carried her through the hard times in her life. She was very talented as a singer and pianist and she enjoyed painting. She will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her. She devoted her life to her family and was a wonderful mother and grandmother.

The funeral services will be held on Tuesday at 1 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary with burial to follow at Conrad Cemetery. Memorials in lieu of flowers are suggested to Central Christian Church, Box 9, Kalispell, 59903.

and Marcy of Kalispell; and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services are scheduled for 11 a.m. on Oct. 17 at Swan Law Funeral Home in Colorado Springs, Colo., with burial at 1 p.m. in the Fort Logan National Cemetery in Denver, Colo.

Raymond S. Brensinger Sr., 61

Raymond S. Brensinger Sr., 61, of Yuma, Ariz., died in San Diego, Calif., on Sept. 26, 1996, while awaiting a heart transplant.

He is survived by wife, Shirley; sons, Raymond Jr. of Minersville, Pa., and Greg of Schuylkill Haven, Pa.; daughter, Louise McLean, of Kalispell; stepson, Lowell Hoffman, of Pine Grove, Pa.; grandchildren Marsha, Amanda and Tonya Brensinger of Schuylkill Haven, Cory and Jason McLean of Kalispell;

brothers Bill Brensinger of Kalispell and Ed Deitzel of Harrisburg, Pa.; and sisters, Grace Brick of Minersville, Pa., Mae Stutzman of Kaska, Pa., and Catherine Whalen of Schuylkill Haven.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. on Oct. 11 at First Christian Church, 221 E. 22nd Place, Yuma.

The family requests donations be made to Sharp Heart Transplant Program, 7901 Frost St., San Diego, CA 92123, in lieu of flowers.

Bernie Breitenstein, 31 Michelle Breitenstein, 4

B.J. Breitenstein, 3

26 Oct 1996
Bernie Breitenstein, 31, his daughter Michelle, 4, and son B.J., 3, died early Saturday of injuries from a structure fire in their home.

Bernie was born in Libby to Don and Anna Breitenstein. He attended the Libby public school system, graduating from Billings Senior High. He enjoyed cars, hunting and the outdoors.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a cousin.

Survivors include his wife, Jennifer Elliott, of Libby; three sons, Andrew, Benjamin and Cody Elliott, all of Libby; four brothers; three sisters, including

DeeAnna Holmes and her husband, Jack, of Kalispell; a brother-in-law; two nieces; two nephews; and numerous uncles, aunts, and cousins.

Michelle was born Nov. 4, 1991, and B.J. was born Oct. 9, 1993. Their parents were Bernie and Becky Breitenstein of Libby.

Survivors include their mother, Becky VanCuren, of Libby; stepmother, Jennifer Elliott, of Libby; three brothers, Andrew, Benjamin and Cody Elliott, all of Libby; grandparents Art and Ruby Willett and Grace and Gordon Mills, all of Libby; two uncles; and numerous uncles, aunts and cousins.

Services will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. at Nelson & Vial Funeral Home. Interment will be at Milnor Lake Cemetery.

26 Dec 1996 Donal G. Brock, 72

Donal G. Brock, 72, died Thursday, at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

He was born to Guy and Clara Brock on May 22, 1924, at Kalispell. He was raised and educated on the West Kootenai, near Rexford, and graduated from Lincoln County High School in Eureka in 1942.

He served in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II, in the South Pacific.

He returned to north Lincoln County, where he worked for the J. Neils Lumber Co. and, later, the St. Regis Paper Co., as logging foreman out of the company's Rexford shop. He retired due to a disability.

He and his wife operated Don's Gun Shop and Omie's This 'n' That in Eureka until the time of his death. He was a member of the Veterans of

Foreign Wars Post 6786.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Naomi, in 1976.

He is survived by his wife, Omie, of Eureka; son Harry Brock, of Tonah, Nevada; daughter Chris Croucher, of Glendive; step-daughter Ginger Lehr, of Coos Bay, Ore.; sister Nada Lavoie, of Rexford, and seven grandchildren.

Visitation is 1-8 p.m., today, and until noon Monday at Nelson and Vial Funeral Home in Eureka. A service will be 2 p.m., Monday, at First Baptist Church, Rev. David Hopper officiating. Interment will be at Tobacco Valley Cemetery, with military honors by VFW. Memorials may be made to the Mountain View Manor, in Eureka, or the charity of the donor's choice.

Chelsea L. Britton, 1

Chelsea L. Britton, 17 months, died Sunday, Sept. 22, 1996, at her home in Kalispell.

She was born April 28, 1995, in Tacoma, Wash., to Craig and Corrina Britton.

She is survived by her mother, Corrina Smith, of Kalispell; three sisters, Crysta, Cassandra, and

Cheyene Britton of Kalispell; her grandparents, Roxanne Jones of Kalispell, Richard Hoffman of Kalispell, and Gary Smith of Arizona; and numerous other relatives.

A private memorial service was held Monday at 1 p.m. for family and close friends.

George Wyman Brooks, 76

George Wyman Brooks, 76, a former Kalispell resident, died June 14, 1996, in a nursing home in Great Falls.

He was born Oct. 27, 1919, in Ambrose, N.D. He moved to Kalispell with his parents and sisters when he was a young boy. He graduated from Flathead County High School in 1938.

He worked with his father building houses.

In 1940, he married Clarice May Kaidwig in Whitefish. They moved to Seattle, where he was employed with Grinnell during the war. In 1945, they returned to Kalispell where he built his own home. He was employed at Stockton Motors in Kalispell until moving his family to Great Falls in 1960. He was employed at Robinson

Motors and Rice Motors. He received many awards for salesmanship during his career in the automotive business. The last 12 years of his career were served in the lease department of City Chevrolet, retiring in 1980. He worked briefly at the Rainbow Hotel as a parking lot attendant.

He is survived by his wife, Clarice May Brooks, of Great Falls; daughter, Georgene Rooney, of Great Falls; son, Wyman F. Brooks, of Billings; sisters, Sylvia Sustello and Vera Brandewie, both of Bigfork, and Shirley Brown of Kalispell; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

At his request there were no services held. Memorials are suggested to Peace Hospice, 125 NW Bypass, Great Falls, MT 59403.

Donna Brand, 91

Donna Brand, 91, died at Immanuel Lutheran Home this morning. *9 Dec 1996*

She was born in Anaconda.

She is survived by four children, including Evelyn Grant and her husband, Jim, of Columbia Falls; 14 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral mass will be celebrated at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Anaconda with burial at the Anaconda Cemetery. Arrangements are by Longfellow Funeral Home in Anaconda.

Robert W. Brooks Sr., 73

After a severe, short-term illness, Robert W. Brooks Sr., 73, left this world on the morning of Friday, Nov. 1, 1996, to join his beloved Heavenly Father.



Robert, fondly known as Bob, was born in Wibaux on June 4, 1923, to James Lester Brooks and Clara Margaret Olson. During his youth he lived in Ronan and Glasgow. He graduated from Glasgow High School in 1941. He then served his country as a member of the 63rd Infantry Division in Europe. Upon the evening of his return to Glasgow after World War II, he met the love of his life, Delsie D. Funk. After a whirlwind courtship, they married on June 9, 1946, in Ronan. The young marrieds immediately settled in the Flathead Valley and began to raise their family. They, along with their family, joyously celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary this past summer.

As a young family man, he held various jobs, including construction work at Hungry Horse Dam, until 1949, when he returned to military service and was stationed at Ft. Bliss in El Paso, Texas. Upon completing his 3 1/2-year tour of duty with the army, he began work as a civilian for the Department of the Army at the White Sands Missile Range near El Paso. He was determined to become an electrical engineer and attended school while working at White Sands. He worked as an electrical engineer until his retirement from White Sands Missile Range in 1974. While in El Paso, he was a valued member of his community and church and had many friends.

In 1975, he and his wife moved to Colorado Springs to be near their children and build their retirement home. During his time in Colorado Springs, he again developed a valued group of friends and was a faithful contributor to the community and his church.

During his time away from the Flathead Valley, there was always an underlying urge to return home. This feeling was shared by his wife, his two eldest children, Lynda and Jenifer, both of whom were born in Kalispell, and his other children who learned to love this area during yearly summer vacations in the Flathead. In 1984, after much planning, he and his wife, along with four of their five children and families, moved back to the Flathead Valley where they established homes and began to build their separate lives in the peace and beauty of this exceptional valley.

He found his greatest job and fulfillment in being a faithful servant of God; in being a true student of God's word; in being a loving husband, father and grandfather; in being a true brother and friend; in being a reliable provider for his family; in his associations with the Church of the Nazarene; and more recently, in his ministry through The Gideons International and in his helping beautify and make useful the family acreage near Creston. His family can give him no greater tribute than to repeat God's words, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant. ..."

He had a keen, analytical mind, and he was full of quiet dignity, integrity and humor. He believed man was given two ears and one mouth and should listen twice as much as he should speak. His children and grandchildren are proud of their heritage through this good man and wish always to emulate him. His family fully realizes with his passing the words of the Apostle Paul as they apply to Robert Brooks: "The time has come for me to leave this life. I have fought the good fight. I have finished the race. I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day."

He was preceded in death by his father, mother and two sisters, Ethel Christensen and Betty McGhan.

He is survived by a large and loving family, his wife, Delsie Funk Brooks of Kalispell; a daughter and her husband Lynda and Galen Huffman, of Kalispell; a daughter and her husband and children, Jenifer and Morris Huffman, and triplets Ryan, Erin and Megan Huffman, all of Kalispell and Kyle Huffman, a senior at Seattle Pacific University; a daughter and her husband and children, Stephanie and Bryan Goldizen and Cirby and Kris Goldizen of Kalispell; a son and his wife and son, Robert W. Brooks Jr. and Belinda and son Nigel of Portland, Ore.; and a son and his wife, Randall and Lupita Brooks of Devil's Tower, Wyo. He is also survived by three sisters, Virginia Bell and Nadine Gleason, both of Hungry Horse, and Katherine Johnson of Lafayette, Tenn.; and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

The family suggests memorials be made to The Gideons International for the purchase of Bibles.

A celebration of his life will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at the First Church of the Nazarene in Kalispell with the Rev. Ross Lougheed officiating. Burial will be at Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Visitation will be at Johnson Mortuary until 6 p.m. today. Child care will be provided at the church.

21 Mar 1996 Heming Brosten, 74

Heming Brosten, 74, died Thursday at his home in Swan Lake.

He was born Nov. 1, 1921, in Sandnes, Norway, and came to the United States with his family at age 11.

He received his early education in Norway, later attending and graduating from Flathead County High School in 1941.

He married Benida Skiftun on Sept. 14, 1943, in Ashland, Ore. He was a veteran of World War II, serving with the Ninth Air Force, 336th Bomber Group, in Europe. He received honorable discharge from the Air Force in 1946.

He worked for Pacific Power and Light and the Northwest Telephone Co. He retired from the telephone company in 1978, after 30 years of service.

He was active in his church, his community and in youth sports and activities. He greatly enjoyed his children and grandchildren.

He was a member of Sons of Norway and Eidsvold Lutheran Church in Somers.

He was preceded in death by broth-



ers Pete and Henry, sister Aashield and another sister in Norway.

He is survived by his wife, Benida, at the family home; son Terry and his wife, Nancy, of Swan Lake; daughter Nancy Lester and her husband, Bill, of Bigfork; grandchildren Scott Brosten and his wife, Stephanie, of Winslow, Wash.; Shaunda Lester and Michael Lester, of Bigfork.

Visitation is 1-4 p.m. today and 9 a.m. to noon on Monday at Johnson Mortuary. A memorial service will be 3:30 p.m., Monday, at Eidsvold Lutheran Church in Somers. Rev. Wayne Pris officiating. Private family burial will be in Glacier Memorial Gardens.

The family suggests memorials to the Eidsvold Lutheran Church, 5935 U.S. 93 S., Somers, or the Bigfork QRU, Bigfork, or the Swan Lake Volunteer Fire Department in Swan Lake.

Elizabeth 'Betty' Brown, 91

Elizabeth "Betty" Brockel Brown, 91, died Jan. 12, 1996, at North Valley Extended Care in Whitefish.

She was born July 2, 1904, in Petersdahl, Russia, as the oldest of eight children. When she was 5 her family emigrated to the U.S. and settled first in North Dakota for six years and then to a dryland farm north of Forsyth.

Accustomed to long hours of hard labor on the farm and having experience cooking for the family and farm hands, she began her food service career at the age of 14 at a restaurant in Forsyth. She then worked for many years in various places as a cook and waitress including the Baxter Hotel in Bozeman and Livingston and at Yellowstone National Park.

In 1953 she moved to Whitefish with her husband, Henry Brown, to operate the food service on Big Mountain. Later they moved to the Whitefish Golf Club as caretakers and food service operators and then on to the Hanging Tree Restaurant in the Cadillac Hotel for several years before opening their own "Browns Country Kitchen" in their home on West Second Street in Whitefish. She also did extensive and elaborate catering for weddings and parties

well into her eighties. She was especially known for her fried chicken and huckleberry pie.

She had a green thumb and loved her flowers and garden. She grew many beautiful and unusual plants, flowers and vegetables, both indoors and out. She also raised Siamese cats for a time. Most of all she loved cooking good food for people to enjoy and serving them in grand style. She knew as much about cooking and serving as many trained chefs.

She was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary, V.F.W. Auxiliary, Order of the Eastern Star, Soroptimists, and the Moose Club.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Henry, in 1979, four brothers and a sister, Emily Lincoln.

She is survived by two sons, Kenneth Davenport of McCleod and Robert Damon of Vancouver, Wash.; a daughter, Marlene Granberg, of Bellevue, Wash.; a brother, Lee Brockel, of Whitefish; a sister, Barbara Simon, of Forsyth; eight grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish. Burial will follow at the Whitefish Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the donor's choice.

Billy Brothers, 70

Billy H. Brothers, 70, a resident of Kalispell since 1965, passed away of cancer at his home on Sunday, June 23, 1996.

He was born Nov. 5, 1925, in Strawn, Texas, to Harve and Loraine Brothers, who are both deceased. He graduated from Strawn High School in 1943, and enlisted in the Navy. He served as an air crewman in the PBMs in Corpus Christi, Texas, San Diego, Calif., and Shang Hai, China, during World War II. He was honorably discharged at Long Beach, Calif., in 1946.

He returned to Strawn and worked for Strawn Merchandise and attended Ranger Junior College for two years. He went to work on the pipeline industry throughout the southern and western United States.

On June 29, 1954, he married Roxanne Vacura in Plains and this union was blessed with nine children.

Billy Brothers was able to write the above before his death. The following information is provided by the family.

After working as an operating engineer in the pipeline industry, he moved with his family to Plains in 1958. He then went to work for Diehl Lumber Co. While he lived in Plains he became very active in the Democratic Party, serving as chairman of the Sanders County Democratic Party.

In 1965, he moved with his wife and children to Kalispell and began to work for the Montana Carpenters District Council of Lumber and Sawmill Workers. He continued his involvement with the Democratic Party in Flathead County. In 1967, he was named executive secretary to the district council. He continued to work as western council vice president and Inland Empire area representative for the union for 23 1/2 years. He retired in 1988. He was known for his integrity and dedication to the workers in the lumber and sawmill industry. He strived to pass these values on to his children.

He created many memories with his family. Together they enjoyed fishing, rodeos, gardening, and the

love of his horses and the outdoors. He was always ready to challenge anyone to a game of gin rummy, cribbage and dominoes. He attended most of the local high school football and basketball games and had the pleasure of following the University of Montana Grizzlies to their 1995 national championship.

He passed away peacefully and gracefully at home after a courageous battle with cancer.

He is survived by his wife, Roxanne; nine children, Ann Johnson and husband, Tom, of Puyallup, Wash., David and wife, Kelly, of Kalispell, Renee Rountree and husband, Charles, of Biloxi, Miss., Patricia Marquardt and husband, Darwin, of Kalispell, Andy and wife, Kristie, of Boulder City, Nev., Tina Brothers and husband, Todd Tillinger, of Kansas City, Mo., Ron and wife, Liezl, of Kalispell, Joe of Missoula, and Marsha Milliken and husband, Patrick, of Kalispell; 15 grandchildren, Nathan, Stephanie, Emily and Ashley Johnson, Kitt, Kayla and Seth Brothers, Stacia, Marissa, Trisha, Alex and Nicholas Rountree, Chad and Tucker Marquardt, and Chloe Milliken.

He is also survived by two brothers, Bob and wife, Gena, of Dallas, Texas, and Jim and wife, Katherine, of Burleson, Texas, and numerous nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

In lieu of flowers, he asked that donations be made to Flathead Hospice, 1280 Burns Way, Kalispell, MT 59902.

A vigil service will be held at Johnson Mortuary Chapel today at 7:30 p.m. The 7:15 a.m. Mass on Wednesday at St. Matthew's Church will be said in his honor.

Funeral services will be held at Johnson Mortuary Chapel on Wednesday at 10 a.m. Cremation will follow.

Esther Brown, 86

Esther E. Brown, 86, former Kalispell resident, died Monday, May 27, 1996, at Sunset Manor Nursing Home in Brush, Colo.

She was born Jan. 30, 1910, in Carlinville, Ill., to Henry and Pearl Smith.

She married Howard Brown on Nov., 1934, in Plentywood. They owned and operated Brown's Frosty Restaurant in Kalispell and St. Regis. She lived at Sunset Manor since 1991.

Survivors include a son, a daughter, Kathy James of Kalispell, six grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, a sister, two brothers and her parents.

Memorial services will be at a later date. Inurnment will be in Plentywood. Friends may make memorial gifts to the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Association, 825 E. Speer Blvd., Suite 1, Denver, CO 80218, or to their local Alzheimer's disease chapter.

Helen S. Brown, 67

Helen S. Brown, of Las Vegas, died at home of cancer on June 1, 1996.

She was born on September 30, 1928, in Duluth, Minn., to James B. Strouth and Bertha Olson.

She married John A. Brown on July 4, 1946, in Kalispell. After raising five children, she received her associate degree in social work from Southwestern College in San Diego, Calif. Her husband, a civil engineer for Bechtel Corp., was transferred frequently, allowing people from all over the country to benefit from her compassion and service in numerous organizations. Following the couple's transfer to Las Vegas in 1982, she earned a certificate from University of Nevada-Las Vegas, and became a substitute teacher for the Clark County School District.

Volunteer work was a major part of her life, and she spent many hours working for Lutheran Social Ministries, Sen. Harry Reed's Las Vegas office, Southern Nevada Veterans Hospital, and feeding the homeless in

the parks.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 46 years, John.

She is survived by her mother, Bertha Strouth, and brother, Jay Strouth, both of Las Vegas; daughter, Kathyrine Brown, of Alameda, Calif.; son and daughter-in-law, Michael Sr. and Beatrice Brown, of Columbia, S.C.; daughter and son-in-law, Shelley and Fred Palestis, of Moreno Valley, Calif.; son, Ralph J. Brown, of Las Vegas; and daughter and son-in-law, Jacquelyne and Douglas Leany, of Indio, Calif. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Michael Brown Jr.; Tori Merckle; Grant and Amy Lowther; Danny Lee Brown; and Brian, Chad, and Cynthia Leany. She has one great-granddaughter, Mariah Merckle.

A celebration-of-life service was held in Las Vegas. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be sent to Lutheran Social Ministries, Southern Nevada Veterans' Hospital, or Clark County Library.

Lois Brown, 83

4 May 1996
Lois I. Brown, 83, a resident of the Kootenai Valley for the past 74 years, died Monday at the Libby Care Center.

Survivors include her husband of 59 years, Clarence, at the family home in Libby, two sons, four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be 3-8 p.m. Friday and until noon Saturday at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home. Services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. at Christ Lutheran Church with the Rev. Les Nelson officiating. OES graveside rites will follow at the City of Libby Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Christ Lutheran Church or to the Libby Care Center.

Robert 'Rob' Brown, 42

Robert "Rob" Brown, 42, of Whitefish, died following a vehicle accident near Eureka on Sunday, July 28, 1996.

He was born Feb. 14, 1954, in Whitefish, to Glen and Betty Brown. He was raised and attended schools in Whitefish and graduated from Whitefish High School in 1972. He attended the University of Montana for five years.

He had worked at the Whitefish city golf course in equipment maintenance and various jobs. He started and was a charter member of the Corvette Club. He had traveled extensively through Europe the last five years. He was a Viking for many years in the winter carnival. He also farmed on the family ranch near Whitefish.

He never married but is survived

by his girlfriend, Carol Bergstrom, in Whitefish.

He was preceded in death by his father, Glen Brown, in 1988, and by his grandparents.

He is survived by his mother, Betty Brown, of Whitefish; brother Dr. Richard Brown of Whitefish; sister Gail Phillips of Columbia Falls; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Austin Funeral Home with the Rev. David V. Kauffman officiating. Burial will follow at the Whitefish Cemetery.

The family suggests that in lieu of flowers memorials be made to the Whitefish Jr. Rifle Club, c/o Marge Svec, 4575 Whitefish Stage Road, Whitefish, MT 59937 or to a memorial of your choice.

Billie Marie Brownback WP 19 Sep 76

Billie Marie Brownback, 84, of Whitefish died at North Valley Hospital on Sept. 13 of natural causes.

She was born May 10, 1912, to Maude and William Flick in Colorado.

After moving to California, she met and married John Brownback on June 8, 1944, in Butte.

The couple followed construction work until settling in Columbia Falls

in 1956. They moved to live with their daughter, Flo, in Whitefish in 1988.

She was preceded in death by her husband John in April 1989.

She is survived by her daughter, Flo (Kip) Williams in Whitefish; two granddaughters and their families: Tammy, Bill, Ben and John Woody, and Shanee, Scott and Bree Landon; two grandsons and their families: Wes, Shelly and Olivia Williams, and

Troy, Carrie and Conner Williams; a sister, Mildred Lott of Port Orchard, Wash.; and a nephew and niece, Bill and Kathy Lott of Port Orchard.

Graveside services were held at Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish.

The family suggests memorials be sent to Whitefish Soroptomist Scholarship Fund.

1996 Cecilia Brunett, 86

Cecilia G. Brunett, 86, the mother of Most Rev. Alex J. Brunett, of Helena, died Oct. 31, at her daughter's home in Livonia, Mich.

She was born in Detroit, on Oct. 2, 1910. She was a beloved wife of 63 years, a homemaker and master crafter and the mother of 14 children.

She is survived by 13 of her children: Raymond Brunett, of Southfield, Mich.; Bishop Brunett, of Helena; Sister Rita Brunett, O.P., of Adrian, Mich.; John F. Brunett, of Prescott Valley, Ariz.; Michael Brunett, of Ypilanti, Mich.; Rose Bezzi, of DeForest, Wisc.; William Brunett, of Lake Orion, Mich.; Jean C. Dawson, of Southgate, Mich.; E. Mary Jennings, of Portola, Calif.; Paul G. Brunett, of Phoenix, Ariz.; Ruth A. Brunett; Grace A. Kassa, of Canton, Mich.; Margaret M. Duffie, of

Rochester Hills, Mich.

She is also survived by a sister, Edna Peters, of St. Clair Shores, Mich.; 43 grandchildren and 52 great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her late husband, Raymond, in 1993 and by a daughter, Anne, who died Oct. 5 in California.

A vigil service is scheduled 7 p.m., today, at Woods Funeral Home in Livonia. Bishop Brunett will celebrate the funeral mass for his mother at 10:30 a.m., Monday, at St. Adrian Parish, Livonia.

The family suggests donations to the Dominican Life Center, 1257 Siena Heights Dr., Adrian, Mich., 49221 or Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh Road, Livonia, Mich., 48154.

1996 Gregory R. Buck, 42

Gregory R. Buck, 42, of Hillman, Mich., died at Alpina, Mich., on May 19.

He was born on Nov. 27, 1953, in Kalispell to Katherine Buck. He was educated in Kalispell, graduating from Flathead High School.

On March 8, 1986, he married Brenda Rea in Las Vegas. He was a resi-

dent of Kalispell until moving to Michigan in 1986.

Since January, he had worked as a salesman for Banker's Life and Casualty Insurance. He was a member of the Calvary Episcopal Church, where he was music director and organist. He was also past president of the Hillman Jaycees.

He is survived by his wife, Brenda, and daughter Grace Angela Buck at home; mother Katherine Buck, of Kalispell; brother Steve Buck, of Chicago; sisters Judy Buck, of Missoula, and Patti Sevier, of Kalispell. He was preceded in death by a brother, Denny.

Services were held in Michigan.

Katherine A. Buck, 86

Katherine A. Buck, 86, died Saturday, Sept. 14, 1996, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

She was born July 15, 1910, to Albert and Margaret Reimer in Kalispell. She received her education at Cayuse Prairie School, St. Matthew's School and graduated from Flathead County High School in 1928.

She was a lifelong member of St. Matthew's Church and was active in Girl and Boy Scouts, Council of Catholic Women, and Quilt Club.

She will be remembered for her many years of sewing and drapery making in Kalispell. She retired from working at the KM china department at age 70.

On June 5, 1928, she married Lloyd A. Buck in Kalispell, where they raised their five children. She devoted her life to her family, sewing prom dresses, wedding gowns and baby quilts. You could always find her at home working on some new craft idea, maybe a doll, stuffed animal or new Christmas ornament. Whatever it was, it became a gift to one of her family, a handmade treasure to be passed on to children and grandchildren not yet born.

She dried our tears and rejoiced in our triumphs, and was always there for us. And, no matter how much we



loved her, she loved us more. This amazing woman taught us by her example to trust in God, stand together as a family and to be strong in the face of our heartaches. She taught us to love. Even in her death she left us one last gift. She left us each other.

She was preceded in death by her husband Lloyd in 1988; two sons, Dennis in 1975, and Greg in 1996; and her parents.

She is survived by son Steve and his wife, Rose, of Arlington Heights, Ill.; daughters Judy Balas of Missoula, Patty Sevier and her husband, Parker, of Kalispell; daughters-in-law Brenda Buck of Hillman, Mich., and Connie Brown of Kalispell; brother Harry Reimer of Creston; sisters Luella Smith of Homer, Alaska, and Margeann Young of Walnut Creek, Calif.; 14 grandchildren and their families; 18 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be Thursday from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Johnson Mortuary chapel. Vigil services will be at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday at the chapel. Mass of the Christian burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. on Friday at St. Matthew's Catholic Church with the Rev. Carl Deitchman as celebrant. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Those who wish may contribute memorials to St. Matthew's Catholic School Tuition Fund, 602 Main St., Kalispell, MT 59901.

William W. Bulla, 91

William W. Bulla, 91, died at Lake View Care Center on Friday, March 15, 1996.

He was born Aug. 14, 1904, in Decatur, Ill. He spent his early life and received his education in Illinois.

On Jan. 24, 1924, he married Grace Mae Nelson in Decatur. He worked for the Bakelite Factory in Decatur and was manager of Gephart Motor Supply in Peoria, Ill. In his early years he was a carpenter with his father.

In 1946, the couple came to Kalispell where he was employed with Montana Builders and worked on construction of Kerr Dam. He was also employed in the hardware department of Montgomery Wards and had operated his own janitorial business for many years prior to his

retirement.

He was a member of the Eagles Lodge.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Grace, on April 18, 1992.

He is survived by his daughter, Mrs. Milton (Helen) Buck of Creston; two grandchildren, Michael Buck of Billings and Jane Jimeno of Libby; a brother, Jim Bulla, of Sacramento, Calif.; two sisters, Anna Jean Bailey of Tucson, Ariz., and Mary Briscoe of Decatur; four great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Friends will meet at the cemetery for services. Friends may call at Johnson Mortuary for visitation until 6 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Tuesday.

Jeanne Elizabeth Bungay, 83

Jeanne Elizabeth Bungay, 83, died July 14, 1996, in Kalispell.

She was born on March 26, 1913, in Spokane to Ray and Edna Price. She grew up in Spokane, graduated from high school there and in 1936 graduated from Washington State University at Pullman, Wash., with a bachelor of arts degree in English and a particular interest in dance.

After graduation, she conducted her own school of dance for several years, teaching both ballet and ballroom.

On Aug. 31, 1939, she and Willard Bungay were married, and in 1953 they moved to Kalispell where they have lived ever since.

She was a floral designer at Woodland Floral, a lifelong member of the Christian Science Church and a 50-year member of P.E.O. She has been

a member of Kappa Alpha Theta since her college days.

She served as the flower person for the First Church of Christ Science in Kalispell for many years and also assisted in running the reading room.

She and her husband were avid Lawrence Welk fans. They loved to travel, especially to Hawaii.

She is survived by her husband, Willard, of Kalispell; two sons, Bruce Bungay of Kalispell and Richard Bungay of Seattle; six grandsons; and a beautiful one-year-old great-granddaughter, Kennedy, the first girl in four generations.

A memorial service will be at the Johnson Mortuary Chapel on Saturday at 11 a.m. with Chuck Bissonette officiating. Urn burial will be at a later date.

Dale Keith Bunzey, 44

Dale Keith Bunzey, 44, died Tuesday, July 2, 1996.

He was born Aug. 15, 1951, in Binghamton, N.Y., to Carlton and Laura Bunzey. He worked as a heavy equipment operator, and only recently returned from Guam, where he had worked for a year.

He was an avid outdoorsman; he loved to hunt and fish and had spent some time as a guide. He will be missed by all who knew him.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by two brothers,

Bruce Bunzey of Berthoud, Colo., and Jim Bunzey of Erie, Colo.; one niece, Kimberly O'Brien of Longmont, Colo.; and one great-niece, Shelby O'Brien, of Longmont.

Visitation will be today from 3-7 p.m. at Bigfork Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday at Swan Chapel in Swan Lake with the Rev. Ron Pierce officiating. Burial will follow at Lone Pine Cemetery in Bigfork.

Bigfork Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Diane L. Burgess WP 17 Oct 96

Diane L. Burgess, 41, a resident of Seattle, Wash., and formerly of Whitefish died Sept. 28 in Seattle.

She was born May 21, 1955, to Vernon M. and Eleanor Burgess in Alexandria, Minn.

She moved to Montana with her parents when she was four months old. She received her education in Whitefish schools and was a graduate of Eastern Montana College.

She taught in the Kalispell School District for 13 years. During this time she spent a year working for the University of Virginia in the medical library in Charlottesville, Va. She had been employed by Houghton Mifflin Publishing Company as a research consultant the past several years, working out of Salt Lake City and then Seattle for the past four years.

She is survived by her father, Vernon Burgess of Whitefish; her brother, Jay V. Burgess of Kalispell; and two nephews, Kyle and Kory Burgess, both of Kalispell.

Memorial services were held Oct. 16 at the Christ Lutheran Church in Whitefish with Pastor Jon Bent officiating. Cremation has taken place.

Albert C. Burk, 81

Albert C. Burk, 81, of Olney, died Saturday, July 13, 1996, at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

He was born Feb. 3, 1915, in Maywood, Ind., to Gilbert and Lena Talbot Burk. When he was 5, his family moved to Montana and lived in several towns.

He spent most of his life in the Flathead Valley working in construction, logging, as a welder during World War II and as a carpenter.

He loved to fish and hunt and be outdoors.

He was preceded in death by a brother and a son.

On Dec. 20, 1947, he married to Vera J. Taylor in Kalispell and is sur-

vived by her at their home in Olney.

He is also survived by a son, Stan, of Whitefish; a daughter, Patsy Anderson, of Chinook; three grandsons; one granddaughter; three brothers, Gib and Bill, both of Olney, and Jim of Helena; three sisters, Betty Overby of Libby, Clara Graves of Eureka and Mona Hanson of Whitefish; and numerous other relatives.

Funeral services will be Tuesday at 1 p.m. at Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish with Dr. David Kauffman of Whitefish Christian Church officiating. Burial will follow in the Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Kalispell.

Evelyn V. Burrell, 84

Evelyn V. Burrell, 84, a longtime resident of Libby, died Saturday, Nov. 9, 1996, at her home.

Survivors include a son, Louis Burrell, of Libby; two brothers, Wilbur Cole of Libby and Bert Cole of Troy; a sister, Sybil Falk, of Chatteroy, Wash.; five grandchildren, Donald Burrell, Chris Burrell, and Margi Carr, all of Libby, Lynn Fowler of Spokane, and Deke Burrell of Bailey, Colo.; 15 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchil-

dren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Louis Burrell; a son, Harry Cole Burrell; two brothers, Carl and Floyd Cole; and a sister, Lula Mae Carmen.

Services will be Thursday at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Libby at 2 p.m. Visitation will be today until 8 p.m. at Nelson and Vial Funeral Home in Libby. Interment will be at the Troy Cemetery.

Bernadine Burtsfield, 82

Bernadine I. Burtsfield, 82, died Monday, July 29, 1996, at her home in Kalispell.

She was born Jan. 29, 1914, in Armington, Ill., to Reu and Mona Carr. On Aug. 23, 1936, she married Charles Burtsfield in Creston.

She liked being out in the woods. She lived in mill camps with her husband. She worked for the Flathead Dairy Association testing milk and worked in the cherry warehouse culling cherries.

She enjoyed gardening and taking care of her home. She was a member of the Flathead Senior Citizens and a member of Central Christian Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles, on Aug. 25, 1980.

She is survived by her daughter, Doreen Davis, of Greenacres, Wash.;

two sons, Clayton Burtsfield and his wife, Belva, of Missoula and Lloyd Burtsfield and his wife, Diane, of Tacoma, Wash.; five sisters, Maurine Johnson, Mary Leighty, Ruth Jones and Dorothy Clapper, all of Kalispell, and Helen Cascaden of Great Falls; seven grandchildren, Terri Lynn McKinnis, Brent C. Burtsfield, Andy C. Burtsfield, Kristeen Davis, Cory Davis, Brian Burtsfield, and Wade Burtsfield; and a great-grandchild, Amber Lynn McKinnis.

She will be missed by all of her family. Visitation will be at Johnson Mortuary Chapel until 6 p.m. today. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Central Christian Church with the Rev. Dan Dixon officiating. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Lucille Buscher, 80

Lucille E. Buscher, 80, died Jan. 28, 1996, in Sandy, Ore.

She was born Nov. 26, 1915, to George and Louise Eklund in Somers. She attended school there and graduated from Flathead County High School in 1933.

With her husband, Dale, she moved to Portland, Ore., in 1961, then to Sandy in 1968. He preceded her in

death in 1976.

Survivors are her daughter, Marlene Feldman of Sandy; two granddaughters; a great-grandson; and three brothers, Dallas and Bert Eklund of Kalispell and George Eklund of Phoenix, Ariz.

Burial was in Forest Lawn Cemetery in Gresham, Ore.

Eugene Buti, 73

Eugene Buti, 73, of Libby, died Monday, July 15, 1996.

He was born Dec. 3, 1922, in Ural, Mont., to Dick and Bruna Benedetti Buti.

Survivors include his wife, Thea, of Libby; three sons, including Dick and his wife, Linda, and Paul and his wife, Vicki, all of Libby; four daughters; a sister; and 18 grandchildren.

Visitation will be 1-7 p.m. today at Nelson & Vial Funeral Home. Parish vigil services will be this evening at 7 p.m. at the funeral home chapel. Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated Thursday at 1 p.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church with the Rev. Ray Hannigan as celebrant. Interment with military honors will follow in the City of Libby Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Libby volunteer ambulance.

Ruby Alice Butters, 94

34 Sept 1996
Ruby Alice Butters, 94, died Sunday at Lakeview Care Center in Bigfork.

She was born in Knoxville, Tenn., to Samuel and Mary Bowling.

She was a resident of Lake View Care Center for the last four years.

Burial will be at McCarty Woodhaven Memorial Gardens in Claxton, Tenn. Local arrangements are by Bigfork Funeral Home.

Charles 'Chuck' Byers, 79

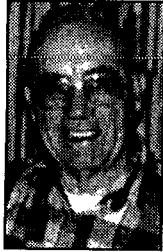
Charles L. "Chuck" Byers, 79, died May 28, 1996, at the family home.

He was born Sept. 14, 1916, to Fred and Rosa Byers. He attended schools in Kalispell and graduated from Flathead High School in 1936.

He married Lois Kirkpatrick on April 27, 1940. They moved to Seattle shortly after they were married. He took a job in the shipyards as an electrician during World War II. He joined the electrical union and stayed with the electrical trade for 50 years.

After the war, they returned to Kalispell and lived there ever since. He was the business agent for Local 768 from 1950 through 1956. In 1956, he went to work as an electrician for Anaconda Aluminum plant. He retired from the aluminum plant in 1984.

He spent his retirement years at his home on Bitterroot Lake and his winters in the land of sunshine in the Yuma, Ariz., area. He loved hunting and fishing and cutting wood for his home on Bitterroot Lake. His great-



est enjoyment was spending time with his grandchildren. He loved watching his grandsons, Chuck and Rick, water ski and motocross race. He took pride in all the boys did. He was also very proud of his two granddaughters, Rita, who showed horses, and Tina, who became a dental hygienist.

He was preceded in death by four sisters and a brother.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Lois; two daughters, Terry Richardson and her husband, Jim, and Cheryl Pierce and her husband, Dale; four grandchildren, Chuck Pierce, Rita Sanders and her husband, Scott, Rick Carlson and Tina Carlson; two great-grandsons, Kyle Pierce and Zachery Sanders; one brother, Clarence Byers and his wife, Virginia; and several nieces and nephews.

Viewing will be at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home on Thursday from 1 to 7:30 p.m., when a Christian wake service will be held. A Mass of the Christian Burial will be celebrated Friday at 2 p.m. at St. Matthew's Catholic Church. Graveside services will follow at C.E. Conrad Cemetery. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Donations may be made to the donor's choice.

Marjorie 'Peg' Byrne, 73

Marjorie "Peg" Cecelia Byrne, 73, died Friday, Sept. 20, 1996, in Kalispell.

She was born in Woodhaven, on Long Island, N. Y., on Jan. 24, 1923, to John and Mabel Byrne. Her father was involved in banking and sales.

When she was 13, the family moved to New Jersey. Peg graduated from High School in 1940 and from Baptist Bible Seminary in Johnson City, N. Y., in 1944.

Following her graduation, she began her work in the Bible Club Movement with children in the area between Buffalo and Rochester, N. Y. In 1949 she moved to Montana to continue her work.

After the death of her only brother in 1950 and her father in 1952, her mother joined her in establishing

and running children's Bible Clubs from Martin City to St. Ignatius. They worked together for the Lord for more than 25 years. Her mother died in Somers in December, 1976.

She worked on the staff of Big Sky Bible Camp in Bigfork for many years and was a member of Central Bible Church. She has seen most of the United States in her travels. She moved to the Lutheran Home on Feb. 13, 1993.

She has no known immediate survivors, but has many cousins and other relatives in New Jersey.

Visitation will be 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. today at Johnson Mortuary. The funeral will be 2 p.m., Monday, at Central Bible Church, Pastor Ron Youde officiating. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens.