

## Louis T. Fennelly, 80

Louis T. Fennelly, 80, died Tuesday, Oct. 8, 1996, at North Valley Hospital.

He was born Sept. 15, 1916, in Butte, to James and Mae Fennelly. He lived his younger years in Butte, graduating from Butte High School. He then attended the University of Montana in Missoula.

He enlisted in the Marine Corps and served overseas during World War II. He was released from the Marine Corps in 1945 at the rank of sergeant.

He married Audrey Boyken in 1948. They lived in San Francisco, where he worked as a sales representative for Spring Made Products for 25 years. His wife died Nov. 21, 1986. He moved back to Montana in 1988.

He had been living at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.

He was a member of the B.P.O.E. in Kalispell and belonged to several other citizens groups over the years.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his wife.

He is survived by three sons, Jim, Mike and Sean Fennelly; a daughter, Stacy Francis; four grandchildren, Louis Fennelly, Amy Fennelly, Jacqueline Fennelly and Sean Fennelly; brother and sister-in-law, Jack and Mary Boyken; and numerous Irish Fennelly cousins.

Memorial services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home with Fred Topp officiating. Cremation has already taken place.

## Clara Fewkes, 95

Clara Fewkes, 95, of Eureka, died Wednesday at Mountain View Manor in Eureka.

Survivors include a son, Donal Brock, Eureka and daughter Nada Lavoie, of Rexford.

Parish vigil and rosary will be 7 p.m. today at Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church.

Mass of Resurrection will be celebrated Monday at 11 a.m. at Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church, the Rev. Henry Steinhoff as celebrant. Interment will be at Tobacco Valley Cemetery. Arrangements are by Nelson and Vial Funeral Home.

## Vera Lee Hendrickson Fenske, 50

Vera Lee Hendrickson Fenske, 50, died from complications of diabetes on Wednesday, July 10, 1996, in Kalispell.

She was born Aug. 19, 1945, in Libby to James and Ruth Hendrickson. She attended schools in Libby, graduating from Libby High School in 1964.

After high school, she attended beauty school in Kalispell. She worked as a beautician for several years in Libby before moving to Kalispell in 1971. She continued working as a beautician in both Bigfork and out of her home in Kalispell.

She married John Fenske. They were later divorced.

She was a longtime member and supporter of the Faith Free Lutheran Church in Kalispell. She could always be counted on to help out with the many special projects the church would have. She was very religious and had a personal relationship with her Lord and Savior. She loved her Bible studies and was a member of her neighborhood Bible study group.

She was a member of the Home Demonstration Club. She loved to do ceramics and was a very good oil painter.

She was loved by many and will be missed by all.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

She is survived by her brothers, James Hendrickson of Grants Pass, Ore., and Edmond Hendrickson of Libby; two sisters, Dixie Wicka of Libby and Mary Albert of Kalispell; aunt Ann Neas of Rathdrum, Idaho; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Funeral services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. at Faith Free Lutheran Church with the Rev. Steve Snipstead officiating. Viewing will be held from 10 a.m. until the time of service. Burial will be at Libby City Cemetery at 3 p.m. Friday.

Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association or Flathead Hospice. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

## Alma Feurt, 99

Alma C. Feurt, 99, of Kalispell, died at Immanuel Lutheran Home on Thursday evening, June 20, 1996.

She was born in Kalispell on June 18, 1897, to Robert and Carrie Nordtome. She attended schools in Kalispell and moved to Spokane in 1920. She worked there for five years and then transferred to Portland, Ore., and was employed at Pacific Telephone as a supervisor until 1940. She was transferred to San Francisco during the war in the overseas department as supervisor, then chief operator until 1950, when her husband retired and they moved to Oroville, Calif. They owned acreage there and had a home built there.

She was married to Donald M. Feurt in Everett, Wash., in 1928 by the Rev. Elvigen, an old friend of many years. They lived in Oroville until Donald passed on in 1971. She stayed there until 1974, when she moved to

Montana where her relatives lived.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Mida Schmauch, Lena Phillips and three brothers, Clarence, Andy and Eddy Nordtome.

She is survived by two half-brothers, Clifford and Melford Nordtome, both of Kalispell, and numerous nieces and nephews.

She resided at Immanuel Lutheran Home for the last six years. She was a member of Epworth Methodist Church.

The family suggests memorials to the Immanuel Lutheran chair fund, 183 Crestline Ave., Kalispell, MT 59901. Memorial services will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday at Epworth Methodist Church with the Rev. Marvin Northcutt officiating. Cremation and arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary.

## Bill D. Finch, 62

Bill D. Finch, 62, of Kalispell, died at Kalispell Regional Hospital on Tuesday, Nov. 5, 1996, from complications of emphysema.

He was born Aug. 12, 1934, in Broken Bow, Neb., to Waineright and Katherine Finch. He was a graduate of Hot Springs High School.

He ranched in the Polson, Dixon and Hot Springs areas. He was also a truck driver and had traveled around the United States with his truck named "Odie." He served in the U.S.



Marine Corps from 1954 until 1962.

On March 4, 1961, he married Barbara Ogden in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, and is now survived by her at home in Kalispell.

He is also survived by four children, Dacia Finch, Brad Finch, Shawn Finch and Marti Jo Clouse, all of Kalispell; a brother, Bert Finch and his wife, Joanne, of Polson; four grandchildren, Cody and Brittney of Missoula and Brandon and Ty of Creston.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday at Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Burial will be at Conrad Memorial Cemetery where military graveside honors will be conducted by the United Flathead Veterans.

## Edward Gardner Fisher, 86

Edward Gardner Fisher, 86, of Kalispell, died at Community Medical Center in Missoula on Friday, Aug. 16, 1996.

He was born Aug. 11, 1910, near Victor, on what was then an extensive apple-growing project known as The Thousand Acre Ranch, to Roy Washburn and Mattie Gardner Fisher. He attended grade schools in Victor, Hamilton and Missoula.

After his father's death in 1924, the family moved to Missoula and a year later to Bozeman where he graduated from high school. He attended Montana State College in Bozeman graduating with a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering in June 1932.

His work as an engineer took him eventually from Montana to Anchorage, Alaska. While in Alaska, he met Eleanor Tierney. They were married Feb. 13, 1954, and remained happily married until her death in Kalispell on Jan. 26, 1993. He worked for the Federal Aviation Administration in Alaska for more than 30 years before retiring in 1970 as chief of the program management branch, airway facilities division. He then moved with his family to Kalispell.

He was skilled in carpentry and cabinetry as well as engineering and completed many projects in his workshop.

Following his wife's death, he became an enthusiastic participant in the Elderhostel programs for senior citizens. His curiosity knew no bounds. He and his brother, John, attended numerous programs in the United States and abroad. At the time of his death, he and his brother were

enrolled in Elderhostel programs in the coming months in Oregon, Antarctica and New Zealand.

He will be greatly missed by all of his family and friends. He was the source of extraordinarily wise and kindly counsel to all of them. His children, Nancy and Joe, will particularly miss their "Poppa" who, among many other things, instilled in them his lifelong love of reading.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife and a sister, Katherine Fisher.

Survivors include daughter Nancy Fisher of Stevensville; son Joe Fisher of Kalispell; sister Virginia Spangler of Great Falls; brother John Fisher of Bozeman; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial services were conducted at the Whitesitt Funeral Home in Stevensville. Memorials are asked to the American Cancer Society.

## Allie M. Fisher, 69

<sup>12 Oct 1996</sup>  
Allie M. Fisher, 69, died Saturday at the Libby Care Center.

Survivors include a son; a daughter, Sherry Beagle and husband, Bob, of Libby; a brother, Robert White, of Libby; five grandchildren, including Jackie Erickson and husband, Bob, of Kalispell, and Scott Beagle of Libby; and three great-grandchildren.

Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. Wednesday at Nelson & Vial Funeral Home. Graveside services will be held on Thursday at 2 p.m. at the City of Libby Cemetery with the Rev. Les Nelson officiating.

15 June 1996 MaryMargaret 'Marc' Fischer, 66

Last Saturday, Marc Fischer was at a place where she wanted to be. Under a clear Montana sky, she spent the day with a group of officials and riders at the finish line of an endurance race for horses. She was timing contestants as they reached the end of an arduous ride. She cherished the time spent around horses and with the friends who shared her enthusiasm. After the event, she headed to her home at Lakeside. Sometime during the evening, June 15, 1996, she died suddenly from a throat obstruction. She gallantly fought cancer for the past year.

MaryMargaret (a name she seldom used) was born Oct. 3, 1929, to Mr. and Mrs. W. Lawrence Mellor in Kansas City, Mo.

Following her mother, Dorothy's, dream when she was a child, her father married Jessie who assumed the role of devoted mother.

Without siblings, she chose her father for adventurous companionship. He owned a firm that manufactured tents (thousands for the military) and most importantly to her, provided the "Big Top" for Ringling Brothers circus. With a daughter in tow, he made frequent visits to the marvelous circus scene and she became acquainted with stars including the famous clown, Emmett Kelly, and noted animal trainers. She was even allowed to ride an elephant in a grand entry.

This experience had a lifelong effect, nurturing her talent for humor and devotion to an ongoing collection of animals. By this time the Fischers had acquired a barn, two Arabian horses and four colts. Marc, an accomplished pianist, joined the fledgling chamber music group and served with enthusiasm on the board of directors for the Jackson Hole Festival. Support for the orchestra was slim and expenses large but the group doggedly pursued its goal which eventually became the successful Grant Teton Music Festival. She could be counted on for active support in any worthwhile community endeavor.

In the spring of 1970, when the Jackson Hole News was in its formative stage, she was asked to join the staff as a writer. Her response, "I feel like a Dalmatian hearing the whistle on the firehouse blow." Soon she was editor of the News and a bit later, she

and Ed bought Ralph and Jeannine Gill's interest as co-owners. As partners, she and Virginia Huldekoper worked together smoothly, sharing their common interests.

She graduated from Grinnell College in Iowa with an interest in music and a major in journalism. In August 1950, she married Edward P. Fischer. They came to Jackson Hole in the mid-1950s, and opened a shop, the Paint Pony, which featured antiques and western memorabilia.

In 1962, they sold the business and Ed traveled throughout the West selling wool and yarn. They acquired a snug log cabin with acreage on Fall Creek Road. Never one to be idle, she followed her instinct to write. She enjoyed the friendly staff at the Jackson Hole Guide which included the venerable editor Floy Tonkin, Bill and Jean Kirol. It was a mellow situation. She enjoyed her duty as a reporter and with need to express her gift as a humorist started writing her column "Top Rail-ery." It all went well until the paper was sold and then she didn't last long at the job. Marc, with her insatiable curiosity, bloomed with her editorial tasks, covering subjects both light and serious. Her resurrected column, "Top Rail-ery," featured the humorous side of the mundane household events as well as entertaining commentary on all aspects of the local scene. She qualified well as Jackson Hole's court jester.

There was always space in the news for her regard for horse activities. She was involved to the hilt in the competitive trail rides which became popular and enthusiastically supported any horse event. After their days at the News were over, she and her husband moved to their farm near the shore of Flathead Lake to seriously engage in the Arabian horse business. She covered the Northwest, participating in shows, organizing and supporting equine events. She went on alone after her lifetime partner, Ed, died in 1994.

It was fitting that Marc Fischer, on the last day of her life, was in the environment she so valued.

Cremation has taken place. Her friends are planning on "roasting" her following the championship trail ride at nearby Proctor on Aug. 3. Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary.

## Christian Fladmark, 87

Christian Fladmark, 87, died Sept. 11, 1996, at Heritage Place, where he had been a resident for two years.

He was born April 17, 1909, to Syver and Bertha Steen Fladmark at Portland, N.D. He was of the Lutheran faith, attending services at Faith Free Lutheran Church. His early school years were spent in eastern Montana. When he was in high school, he came to Kalispell with his family and lived here since. He was a graduate of Flathead County High School.

After high school, he worked in Glacier National Park on the trail crews, then as a fire guard in several lookouts during the summers. In the fall, he worked many seasons for Christmas tree growers. He also worked many years, until his retirement, for the Associated Seed Growers of Montana and the Montana Forestry Association.

While working in Glacier National Park, he loved to take pictures, one of his many hobbies. He knew and loved all aspects of the park. He loved

to read historical and Western books, listen to classical music, skate, ski, fish, hike and travel in his later years when he was able. He was also in the dairy business for several years.

He never married.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Elmer, and a sister who died in infancy.

He is survived by two sisters, Borghild Buck and Freda Buck of Kalispell; a niece, Marie Carda of Kalispell; nephews Berl Buck of Columbia Falls, Clinton Buck of Sandpoint, Idaho, and Bruce Fladmark of Kalispell; several great-nieces and nephews, and many other relatives.

Visitation is today from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Johnson Mortuary chapel, Pastor Steve Snipstead officiating. Burial follows in C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

The family suggests memorials to the charity of the donor's choice.

## Robert 'Bob' Finley, 77

Robert "Bob" Finley, 77, of Kalispell, died unexpectedly early Monday morning, March 18, 1996, at Kalispell Regional Hospital.

He was born June 8, 1918, in Houghton, Mich., to Arthur and Elizabeth Finley.

He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps from 1941 to 1945 with the 366th Fighter Bomber Group in Europe.

After the war he married Marion Miles of Kalamazoo, Mich. They moved to the Flathead Valley where he became active in civic affairs such as the Jaycees, 4-H, Boy Scouts, and the Bigfork Masonic Lodge. After retiring from the Montana Highway Department, he served in the Mon-

tana House of Representatives.

He taught hunter safety and was involved in the production of many local civic theater presentations. He maintained an unwavering passion for big-game hunting, raising exotic birds and reciting Rudyard Kipling and Robert Service.

He is survived by his three sons, Jack of MacAllister, James of Kalispell and Jon of Wasilla, Alaska, and four grandchildren, Sean, Nova, Tara and Andrea.

A wake to remember and share stories will be at his home at 221 Spring Creek Drive, Kalispell, beginning at noon, Saturday. Cremation has taken place. Arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary.

## Nettie Hermine Armstrong Folden, 66

Nettie Hermine Armstrong Folden, 66, of Libby and formerly of Polson, Pablo and Ronan, died of cancer Friday, Aug. 9, 1996, at Kalispell Regional Hospital.

She was born Sept. 11, 1929, in Polson to Percy W. and Hermine Louise Armstrong. She grew up and attended schools in Pablo, Ronan and Polson, graduating from Polson High School in 1947. She graduated with a registered nursing degree from St. Patrick Hospital in Missoula in 1950. She was employed and licensed to practice nursing in Montana, Oregon and Washington. She retired in 1992. In 1993 she moved to Libby from Spokane.

She is especially remembered for the extraordinarily caring nature she brought to her profession, easing the suffering of others.

She married Delbert Folden in 1953 and he preceded her in death in 1973.

Surviving are daughters Kathleen Nyberg, and her husband, Harvey, of Kila, and Cheryl Kates and her husband, Robert, of San Diego, Calif.; grandsons Eric Marshall Nyberg, Charles Judd Nyberg, and Josh Kates and granddaughter Tera Kates; sister Carol Jeane Edwards, of Phenix City, Alabama; brothers Keith Armstrong of St. Ignatius and Arnie Armstrong of Ronan, and many nieces and nephews.

Visitation at Mosley-Shrider Funeral Home in Polson will be 1-8 p.m. today. A graveside service will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Lakeview Cemetery in Polson. Friends and family may meet before the service at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the hospice of the donor's choice.

## Madeline 'Maggie' Fly, 88

Madeline "Maggie" C. Fly, 88, a longtime Kalispell resident, died Wednesday, Jan. 3, 1996, at Immanuel Lutheran Home.

She was born Sept. 19, 1907, in Los Angeles, the oldest of three children of Sydney and Beta Cook. She married Elmer Fly, a carpenter, on Sept. 29, 1923. During the early years of their marriage, they lived in California, New York and Chicago. She worked in factories that made candy and potato chips. In 1944, they moved to Montana and bought a ranch near Whitefish that had no electricity or running water.

They raised six children, Albert Fly, of Spokane; Leola Trexler, of Conogo Park, Calif.; Janet Sproul, of Kalispell; Florence Wood, of Whitefish; Ellen McClellan, of Springfield, Va.; and Elmer Fly of Naselle, Wash.

She loved music and played the piano, organ and accordion. She entertained at the Bissell Community Hall. She sewed all of her girls' dress

es, collected spoons and salt and pepper shakers, and read western and romance novels. She was an avid football and baseball fan, following the exploits of the L.A. Dodgers. She was a member of the Bissell Homemakers Club. She enjoyed traveling, and had been to Hawaii twice and to the eastern seaboard.

In 1972, the Flys moved to Hot Springs. Elmer passed away in 1973 and she moved to the Elms Apartments in Kalispell in 1981 and to Immanuel Lutheran Home in 1994.

She had eight grandchildren and a growing number of great-grandchildren.

Visitation is noon to 8 p.m. Monday at Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish. A funeral will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral chapel, Rev. Peter Ramseth officiating. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Kalispell.

The family suggests memorials to the charity of the donor's choice.

## Martha 'Gussie' Fleming, 92

Martha "Gussie" Fleming, 92, died Jan. 24, 1996, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

She was born Feb. 23, 1903, in Ozark, Mo., to John and Mary Waldron. She was one of five children.

She graduated from Great Falls High School. After high school, she married Francis Fleming. They moved to Columbia Falls in the 1930s, where she worked at a soda fountain until her son, John, was born.

She was a member of the Royal Neighbors, a service organization,

for many years. She loved to cook and was an avid reader. When Francis retired, they spent time traveling by train to California, Oregon and Canada. She often visited her son and his family in California.

Francis died in 1968. She continued to live in Columbia Falls for several years after his death.

She is survived by her son in California. A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home, Rev. Peter Ramseth, chaplain of Immanuel Lutheran Home, officiating.

## Albert Fopp, 74

Albert Louis Fopp, 74, passed away Wednesday, Sept. 11, at home, surrounded by his family following a long, courageous battle with cancer.

He was born Dec. 28, 1921, in Somers, fourth son of Anton and Magdeline Fopp. He attended grade school in Somers and graduated from Flathead County High School in 1940. One of Albert's fondest memories was playing on Flathead High School's first state championship football team in 1939.

He entered the U.S. Army on July 24, 1942 and served as a demolition expert with the 592nd amphibious engineers in the South Pacific. His division was the only one in World War II to make continuous forward progress from Australia to Japan. After receiving numerous medals and awards, he was honorably discharged on Oct. 31, 1945. He was proud to have served his country.

After the war, he worked for Somers Lumber Co., the Mountain States Power Co. and for 32 years he worked for the Montana State Highway Department, retiring in June of 1983.

For 20 years he was one of Kalispell's favorite bartenders, entertaining patrons and friends at the Hacienda Bar.

He had a passion for life. He loved to hunt and fish. He was an accomplished bowler, winning many trophies. He was also a respected umpire of Babe Ruth and American Legion baseball, with a special affinity for umpiring lady's softball. In his later years, he spent many pleasant hours tending his productive garden and sharing the fruits of his labors with his friends and neighbors.



He was a member of the Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree and the AFL-CIO Executive Board.

On July 24, 1948, he married Angeline Markos and they made their home, raising four children, in Kalispell.

He was preceded in death by his brother, A.J. Fopp.

He is survived by his loving wife of 48 years; daughters Linda Lessard and Julie and her husband, Randy, Miller and grandsons Jason and Douglas; son Mark and his girlfriend Robin Silva, all of Kalispell; son Richard and his wife, Jennifer and grandson, Anthony, of Belgrade; brothers and sisters-in-law, Gene and Joan Fopp, Mike and Barbara Fopp, brother George Fopp; sisters-in-law Myrna Fopp, Christine Kincaid and Cleo Koch and many nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be 9 a.m., to 6 p.m., today, at Johnson Mortuary. A prayer service will be 7 p.m., today, at Johnson Mortuary Chapel, Deacon Fred Topp officiating.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 10 a.m., Monday, at St. Matthews Catholic Church, Father Carl Deitchman officiating, with burial to follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Honor guard will be by Knights of Columbus. Military rites will be conducted by the Flathead Valley Veterans. The family suggests memorials be made to the American Cancer Society, PO Box 1002, Kalispell.

## Viola Robinson Forbragd, 89

Viola Robinson Forbragd, 89, died Thursday, May 2, at Brendan House in Kalispell. 1996

She was born May 3, 1906, in Fairview, Kan., to Addie and Herman Mize. The family moved to Bigfork in 1906, when Viola was 6 months old.

In 1924, she married Oliver Robinson and they had two sons, Donald and John. Her husband, Oliver, passed away in 1950.

In 1955, she moved to Joplin, Mo., where she married Siguard Forbragd. After his death in 1971, she moved back to Kalispell. She lived there ever since.

She was also preceded in death by three brothers, Dallas, Lee and Clarence Mize, and one son, John Robinson, who passed away in 1994.



She is survived by son Donald Robinson and his wife, Lila, of Bigfork; daughter-in-law Lois Robinson, of Bigfork; granddaughters Jerrian Jones, Jewel Benjamin and Lisa Kel-

ly; sister Mabel Morton, of Bigfork; several great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Visitation is 1-4 p.m. today at Johnson Mortuary Chapel. A funeral will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Johnson Mortuary Chapel, Pastor Ron Pierce officiating. Burial will follow at Lonepine Cemetery at Bigfork.

## Mildred Ford, 90

Mildred Ford, 90, of Stevensville, died at North Valley Health Care Center in Stevensville on Monday, March 4, 1996.

She was born on Aug. 3, 1905, to Gordon E. and Alice Cunningham Barnum in Steamboat Springs, Colo.

The family moved to the Flathead area in 1910, where they were engaged in farming. She graduated from Flathead County High School in 1924. She met and married Ethan R. Ford of Bozeman in September 1927.

The couple lived in various towns in Montana including Sidney, Glendive, Hysham, Bozeman and Butte while her husband worked for the federal government and later the State Highway Department. She did volunteer work and was a long-time Girl Scout leader. The couple moved to Stevensville in 1975.

She was preceded in death by four brothers, Don, Frank, Harold and

Dick Barnum and her husband, Ethan, in 1985.

Survivors include a daughter, Barbara Joan, of Colorado Springs; two sons, Robert of Great Falls, and Richard of Walnut Creek, Calif.; six grandchildren, Jeanie Sizemore of Atascadero, Calif., John Ooley of Stevensville, Dan Ooley of Yakima, Wash., Terri Dwyer of Great Falls, Mike and Pat Ford of Rocklin, Calif.; and eight great-grandchildren, Jeremy, Timothy, and Heidi Sizemore of Atascadero, Kathryn, Mark and Michael Dwyer of Great Falls, and Jacob and Alexa Ooley of Yakima.

Visitation will be on Friday from 3-8 p.m. at the Whitesitt Funeral Home in Stevensville. Funeral services will be conducted at the funeral home on Saturday at 11 a.m. Cremation will follow the service and burial of the urn will be at Sunset Hills in Bozeman at a later date.



## Alma Lorraine Foster, 72

Alma Lorraine Foster, 72, of Whitefish, died Saturday, Dec. 7, 1996, at North Valley Hospital.

She was born March 26, 1924, in International Falls, Minn., to Christ and Caroline Forsberg Kjemperud.

She was raised on a farm outside of Little Fork, Minn., and attended a country school where she met her lifemate, Wally, in the seventh grade.

After graduating from high school she traveled to Santa Monica, Calif., and went to work at Douglas Aircraft as a riveter. On Dec. 22, 1942, Alma and Wally were married in Santa Monica and she continued to work there while Wally served in the armed services.

After the war, they moved to Whitefish where they raised three children. She was an avid golfer and a member of the The Hole In One Club at the Whitefish Lake Golf Course.

She loved their winter home in Lake Havasu City, Ariz., where they golfed and enjoyed the company of many close friends and family.

She is survived by her husband,



Wally, at their home in Whitefish; two sons and their wives, Dennis and Barbara Foster and Richard and Lynn, all of Whitefish; a daughter and her husband, Vicki and Douglas Badger, of Aurora, Colo; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Henry; two half-brothers, Peter and Alvin; a half-sister, Bertha; and a grandson, Ryan.

Funeral services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Christ Lutheran Church in Whitefish with the Rev. John Bent officiating. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery, under the direction of Austin Funeral Home. The family has suggested memorials to the North Valley Hospital Auxiliary.

## Francis 'Fritz' Allen Forester, 78

Francis "Fritz" Allen Forester, 78, died in his home on Oct. 19, 1996. He was a former Kalispell resident.

He was born March 24, 1918, the ninth child of Daisy Bell and Lester D. Forester in Lewistown. He married Myrtle Gunderson in 1937 in Cut Bank. They moved to Everett, Wash., where they raised six children, moving to Pasco, Wash., in 1963.

He was preceded in death by his son, Richard, who was killed in Vietnam, and also by one sister, Mabel, and five brothers, Claude, Wes, Dan, Cliff, and Bill.

He is survived by his wife, Myrtle, at their home in Pasco; daughters and sons-in law, Merna and Richard, Linda and Wayne, Martha and Jim, and Diane Jackson; son and daughter-in-law, Allen and Barbara; 15 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchild-

dren; two sisters, Florence Ruff of the lower valley near Kalispell, and Millie Hartman of Rollins, Montana, and numerous nephews and nieces.

He was an artist, wood carver and master carpenter. He made his living at being a pipefitter-welder. Above the talents he possessed, he will be remembered for his wonderful sense of humor, great wit, spirited opinions on political or any other subject, his love of life and family and the ability to bring a smile to your face no matter what his pain. You can be sure our Lord is saying, "Well done, good and faithful servant." He will be greatly missed but never forgotten.

A requiem mass was held at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Pasco on Oct. 23. A donation to the American Heart Association would be greatly appreciated by his family.

## Peter 'Pedro' Franqui, 54

Peter 'Pedro' Franqui, born Nov. 5, 1941, in the Bronx, New York, to Pedro and Maria Palermo Franqui, died of cancer on Feb. 2, 1996, at Brendan House.



He graduated from high school in Richmondville, N.Y., in 1959. He was active in track, especially cross-country, and basketball, but loved to play all sports.

In 1959, he married Esther Hayes. He was in the Navy from 1959 until his honorable discharge in 1962, at the rank of RM3.

He lived in Richmondville until 1972, when he moved to Somers. He later moved to Kalispell. He worked as a mason and machinist. In 1977, he worked for Anaconda Aluminum Company, later called the Columbia Falls Aluminum Co. He worked there until the time of his death.

He was an avid outdoorsman who loved to hunt with his family. He also loved racquetball and working out. He was a private pilot and really loved Western dancing with his

friends and family.

In 1986, he married Barbara Hurlbutt and is survived by her at home.

He was preceded in death by his father.

He is also survived by his mother, of Cabo Rojo, Puerto Rico; his children Mike and Jacque Franqui, of Phoenix, Ariz., Karen and Dave Elkan, of Richmondville, Kris and Christina Franqui, of St. Marys, Ga., Robert Franqui, of Richmondville; stepchildren Kathleen Hurlbutt and Rich Hurlbutt, both of Phoenix, Ariz., and Andrew Hurlbutt, living at home. He is also survived by his sisters and their husbands, Evelyn and Richard Colucci, Rose and Rick Graves, and Helen and John Litwin, and brother Bob Franqui and his wife, Nancy, all of Long Island, N.Y.; one sister and her husband, Lucy and Charles Gustitis, live in Kalispell. He is also survived by six grandchildren, several nieces and nephews and many loving friends he considered family.

A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Buffalo Hill Funeral Chapel. Instead of flowers, the family recommends tributes to the American Cancer Society or Brendan House.

## Ruth France, 82

Ruth France, of Columbia Falls, died at Kalispell Regional Hospital on Jan. 12, 1996.

She was born April 4, 1912, to Celia Virginia White Davis and David Wilbur Davis near Belgrade. She



attended various schools throughout Montana, graduating from Wilsall High School in 1929. She worked as a telephone operator in Wilsall. She married Earl Howard Carlson on Aug. 6, 1931, and lived in Missoula, where he died on May 3, 1943.

She supported her family of four by working various jobs around Missoula. In 1946 she began working at Gold Medal Dairies in Grantsdale, where she met Lincoln France. They married on June 18, 1947, and lived in Hamilton for 13 years. During that time, a son was born. In 1960, they moved to Missoula and built a home.

In 1965, they moved to Columbia Falls, and have lived there ever since.

She was a longtime member of Eastern Star and the North Valley Senior Citizens Center.

She was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Candace France, sister Nettie Jackson, of Columbia Falls, and sister Dorothy Chose, of Clyde Park.

She is survived by her husband, Lincoln E. France; daughters Patricia Kindsvogel, of West Linn, Ore., Carol Haid of Spokane; sons Allan H. Carlson, of Long Beach, Calif., Robert Carlson of Fair Oaks, Calif., and Larry France, of Kalispell; brother Elmer Davis, of Columbia Falls; 10 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Columbia Mortuary, Pastor Darrell Newby officiating. A reception will follow at the North Valley Senior Citizens Center in Columbia Falls. The family suggests memorials to the North Valley Senior Citizens Center of Columbia Falls.

## Herbert A. Foy, 68

Herbert A. Foy, 68, died June 30 at his home in Tacoma, Wash. 1996

He was born Nov. 9, 1927, in Kalispell to L.B. "Slim" Foy and Edna Hetzer Foy. He grew up in the Flathead Valley.

He spent most of his life in the Seattle-Tacoma area. He was a model technician for Boeing Aircraft for more than 30 years, retiring in 1993. He was a member of Clover Creek Bible Fellowship and served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

In September, 1987, he married Lois Cobb and is survived by her at the family home. He is also survived by a daughter, Wendy Boll and her

husband, Jake, of Bigfork; sons Stan Foy, and his wife, Liz, of Colorado, Blaine Cobb and his wife, Jackie, and Darren Cobb and his wife, Ronda, all of Washington and nine grandchildren.

Services were July 3 at Clover Creek Bible Fellowship, Spanaway, Wash.

## Gunnar LeRoy Franson, 78

Gunnar LeRoy Franson, 78, of Shelby, died Saturday, Aug. 10, 1996, at Toole County Hospital.

There will be a private family burial. A luncheon in his honor will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Oasis Bar in Shelby.

He was born Oct. 3, 1927, in Great Falls to Carl and Lila Bell Pyatt Franson. He grew up in Dutton, graduating from high school there.

He farmed on the family farm from

1942 until 1957. Soon after he moved to Shelby and worked at Larson's Clothing. He married Eileen Nordtone in 1968 and they later divorced.

He enjoyed playing cards and doing crosswords.

He is survived by two daughters, Brenda Rogers and husband, Wayne, and Cyndy Grinde and husband, Jerry, and grandson James Grinde, all of Shelby.

Whitted Funeral Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

## Lila 'Belle' Pyatt Franson, 91

Lila "Belle" Pyatt Franson, 91, died Tuesday, May 7, 1996, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

She was born Sept. 1, 1904, in Choteau, to Valdis M. and Lilabelle Pyatt. To this family was born three boys and Belle. She received her education in a one-room schoolhouse near Choteau and later the family moved to Great Falls where she graduated as salutatorian of her class from the old Paris Gibson High School in 1922. She then attended business school in Great Falls.

Shortly thereafter she met Carl August "Gunnar" Franson and they married in April of 1925. They moved to Dutton and farmed there for more than 50 years.

She enjoyed work on the farm, especially her tulips. To their marriage were born two children, Opal

Orene Harris of Kalispell and Gunnar LeRoy Franson of Shelby.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Gunnar, her parents, and three brothers.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Orene and Price Harris, of Kalispell and a son in Shelby; four grandchildren, Greg Harris and his wife, Jeanie, Tiena R. Harris of Kalispell, and two granddaughters in Shelby; and five great-grandchildren.

She was a great mother, grandmother and "great mama" and will be missed by all.

Private services will be held Friday at Johnson Mortuary. The body will then be forwarded to Croxford's and Sons Funeral Home in Great Falls where friends may call on Saturday from 1-2 p.m. Private family burial will be at Highland Cemetery in Great Falls.

## Crawford E. Friday, 75

Crawford E. Friday, 75, died at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls on Sunday, Sept. 29, 1996.

He was born on May 4, 1921, in Tatum, Texas, to Tom and Georgia Friday. He grew up and received his education in Tyler, Texas. He entered the U.S. Coast Guard in March 1941, and served in the Pacific during World War II and was honorably discharged in April 1946.

On July 19, 1955, he married Birdine Flood of Somers in Anchorage, Alaska.

He was a member of the IBEW for 37 years as a lineman. He retired in 1983.

He enjoyed the company of his friends, his family and his grandchild-

dren. He will be remembered for his great sense of humor and generosity to others. He will be missed by all of them.

He is survived by his wife, "Birdie," of the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls; two children from a previous marriage, daughter, Pat Money, and husband, Lannie, of Pilot Point, Texas, and son, Tom Friday, and wife, Kay, of Chattanooga, Tenn.; stepsons William E. Hawk and wife, Vicki, of Kalispell, Richard A. Hawk and wife, Duane, of Kalispell and Gene Hawk of Swan Lake; 14 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Cremation has taken place. At his request, no services are planned. Arrangements are under by Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

## Virgil E. Frazier

Virgil E. Frazier, 99, of Whitefish, died Sunday, May 5 at the Colonial Manor Nursing Home in Whitefish.

He was born July 4, 1896 to Mr. and Mrs. George Frazier in Illinois.

He was employed with the Great Lakes Steel Company for many years in Detroit, Mich.

He and his wife Clara moved from

California to Whitefish in 1962. For the past two years, he had resided at the Colonial Manor.

He enjoyed golfing, fishing and hunting.

He is now survived by his wife of 30 years, Clara, at their home in Whitefish; three grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; a brother and a

sister-in-law in Texas; and a sister in Illinois.

Cremation has taken place at the Hillside Crematory under the direction of the Austin Funeral Home. No services are planned. The family has requested that friends say a prayer for him.

## Clara "Patsy" Maria Frazier

Clara "Patsy" Maria Frazier, 90, a resident of Whitefish; died Nov. 9 at the North Valley Hospital Extended Care Center.

She was born Feb. 14, 1906, to Eugenia Erickson and Charles Arvidson in Hope, Idaho.

For many years, she was employed at a waitress. She and her

husband Virgil lived in Detroit, Mich., where he was employed with National Steel Co. They moved to Whitefish in 1962 and Clara was active in golf and bowling.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Virgil, on May 5, 1996; and three brothers: Harry, Rudy and Al Arvidson.

She is survived by two sisters: Victoria Walker of Columbia Falls and Ching Timmons of Whitefish; as well as a number of other relatives.

At her request, no services will be held. Cremation has taken place at the Hillside Crematory under the direction of the Austin Funeral Home.

## Neils R. Fulsang

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Neils R. Fulsang, a former Kalispell resident, died on April 14, at Overlake Hospital, in Bellevue, Wash., of heart and diabetic causes.

He used to live at 602 Blaine View Lane, Kalispell. He was a Burlington Northern account manager in Whitefish.

He retired in 1984.

Wildlife and landscape photography was one of his interests.

He was also involved in Boy Scouts, J.A., Key Club with youth, American Legion, Moose Lodge, Kiwanis, B.N. Employees Club, B.N. Vets Association and many church committees.

Survivors include his wife, Lois

Fulsang; sons Scott and Glen Fulsang and grandson Doug Fulsang, of Redmond, Wash.; daughter Lisa Fulsang-Mathews and her husband, Tom; grandchildren Melissa and Cameron Mathews of Woodinville, Wash., and Brenda Mathews of Lynnwood, Wash.; granddaughter Carrie Bailey, of North Dakota; grandson Tim Elston, of Kalispell; brother Larry Fulsang and his wife, Marian, of Chicago Heights, Ill.; brother-in-law Don and Dolores Dykman, of Orlando, Fla. and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was held at Kirkland Congregational United Church of Christ, in Kirkland, Wash. He was cremated.

## Verona M. Fredricks, 76

Verona M. Fredricks, 76, of Libby, died Friday, Dec. 6, 1996, at St. Johns Lutheran Hospital.

Survivors include a son, K. Wayne Fredricks, of Thief River Falls, Minn.; a daughter, Connie Wood, of Libby; seven grandchildren, Kim Pemberton Cavalari and her husband, Steve, of Spokane, Ken Pemberton and David C. Pemberton of Columbia Falls, Karen Wood Stickney and her husband, Bob, Caral Wood Hilliard and her husband, Jim, Gary Wood and his wife, Kathy, and Joe Wood and his wife, Colleen, all of

Libby; great-grandchildren, Sean Hilliard, Bryce Hilliard, Chance Hilliard, Jillian Wood, Gary Wood, Ryan Wood, Patrick Wood, Matthew Wood, Brent Wood, Jourdan Wood, Brenna Chvilicek, all of Libby, Angela Cavalari, Antonio Cavalari and Nicholas Cavalari, all of Spokane.

Visitation will be today until 8 p.m. at Nelson & Vial Funeral Home. Services will be Tuesday at 2:30 p.m. at Christ Lutheran Church. Local arrangements are by Nelson & Vial Funeral Home.

## Lotella 'Teddi' Fritz, 75

Lotella "Teddi" Fritz, 75, died Wednesday, Jan. 10, 1996, in Missoula.

She was born July 13, 1920, in Somers to Louis and Goldie Bernard.

She married Earl Fritz on Sept. 9, 1938, in Kalispell.

She held many offices in state and local dairy organizations. She was a 4-H leader, a previous Lady of the Valley, an FFA alumni, was on the Republican Central Committee and was involved in many, many local charities and events.



She was preceded in death by her husband in 1980 and a brother, Louis Jr.

She is survived by three sons, Raymond Fritz of Houston, Texas, Carter Fritz of Kalispell and Garey Fritz of Salem, Ore.; two sisters, Jeaneane Taylor of Lower Valley and Mary Kaufman of Kalispell; nine grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at Johnson Mortuary Chapel on Saturday at 2 p.m. with the Rev. Terry Forke of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church officiating. Burial will be at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Memorials may be made to Flathead FFA, Lutheran Hour or charity of choice.

## Mary Lou Fugleberg, 61

Mary Lou Fugleberg, 61, of Polson, died of pneumonia Sunday, Feb. 11, 1996, at Community Medical Center in Missoula.

She was born March 5, 1934, in Great Falls, to Ross and Bessie Ruth Erickson. She grew up in Lewistown and graduated from Fergus County High School.

She married Paul Fugleberg April 26, 1956, in Lewistown. They lived in Roundup; Canton, S.D.; and Bishop, Calif., before moving to Polson in 1959.

They were involved in ownership and management of the Flathead Courier and the Ronan Pioneer before selling the newspapers in 1980. She continued to work for the Courier and the Lake County Leader as a typesetter. She had also worked for the Lewistown Daily News and the Sioux Valley News in Canton.

She attended the First Presbyterian Church of Polson.

Surviving are husband, Paul; five children, Alan and his wife, Arnissa, of Polson, Ruth and her husband, Lance Hinthner, of Missoula, Mark and his wife, Teresa, of Colorado Springs, Colo., Laurie and her husband, Pat McHugh, of Missoula and Tom of Minneapolis; six grandchildren, Amelia "Amy," Alana and Austin Fugleberg of Polson, Andrea and Marcus Fugleberg of Colorado Springs and Matthew McHugh of Missoula; and a sister, Roberta Erickson, of Polson.

Preceding her in death were a son, Jimmy; her parents; and her brother, Paul.

A private family memorial service is planned.

The family suggests that memorials can take the form of contributions to The Arthritis Foundation, Rocky Mountain Chapter, 2280 S. Albion St., Denver, CO 80222-4906 and The First Presbyterian Church in Polson.

## Edna Frost, 92

Edna M. Frost, 92, a lifetime resident of the Tobacco Valley, died Wednesday, Feb. 7, 1996, at Mountain View Manor in Eureka.

Born Aug. 31, 1903, in Eureka, she was the daughter of Jake and Annie Greene. She attended the Black Lake School near Eureka and later attended Lincoln County High School.

She married Floyd Frost on April 4, 1923. They lived on the family farm on Sinclair Creek for a period of 40 years until moving to Rexford in 1971.

Her husband preceded her in death in 1976.

She moved to Eureka in 1981 and lived at Mountain View Manor since 1988. She was a longtime member of the Rebekah Lodge and held all offices in that organization.

She enjoyed the outdoors and was a bird lover, a devoted mother and grandmother. Her greatest joy was

her family.

She was also preceded in death by a grandson, Keith Purdy, in 1969.

Survivors include four daughters, Helen Riebe, of Kalispell, and Vivian Purdy, Jackie Holder and Bobbie Johnson, all of Eureka; four sons, Floyd Frost Jr., of Bozeman, Wayne Frost of Eureka, Kenneth Frost of Libby and Stan Frost of Three Forks; a sister, Opal Kearney, of Eureka; 27 grandchildren; 51 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be 5 to 9 p.m. today and until noon Saturday at Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Eureka. Services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. at the First Baptist Church with the Rev. David Hopper officiating. Interment will be in the Tobacco Valley Cemetery. The family suggests remembrances to Mountain View Manor, Eureka, MT 59917.