

Ivan Ibsen, 84

Ivan Ibsen, 84, died at North Valley Hospital Extended Care on Sunday, July 28, 1996.

He was born in Dagmar, the fifth of eight children of Danish immigrants. He grew up in eastern Montana and began his working life at age 14 working at a variety of jobs.

In 1941, he married Kalispell native Darlene Johnson. They lived in Seattle until 1945, when they settled in Whitefish. He opened his own plumbing business in 1955. He earned his master plumbing license. His wife joined him working in the front office in 1960. Together they ran the shop until he retired in the late '70s.

He loved his family and friends and particularly enjoyed cooking a meal for guests. He was a hospitable man who enjoyed company, dancing



and parties at home. His grandchildren and great-grandchildren were very close to him and were an important part of his life.

He took pleasure in his garden and helping Darlene "put up" food and smoking the fish that generous fishermen dropped off.

He was a member of Christ Lutheran Church and the Moose Lodge.

He is survived by his loving wife of 55 years, Darlene; son Richard; daughter Doreen; granddaughters Lacey and Lise; grandsons Mitchell, Andrew and Aaron; five great-granddaughters; sister Irene Thorstensen; and several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at Christ Lutheran Church. The family requests donations to the charity of your choice.

Julia 'Judy' Inman, 71

Julia "Judy" Inman, 71, died Friday, Sept. 20, 1996, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

She was born March 15, 1925, in Sand Springs, Okla. She spent most of her life in Southern California where she worked as a nurse.

She loved being able to help in the healing and caring of people in need. Her unselfish generosity will be remembered by everyone who knew and loved her.

She was a very loving and caring mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Just to meet her was to become her friend. She will be great-



ly missed by her family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Marry Belle Hayes, and father, Aaron Joseph Hayes.

She is survived by son, William H. Inman, and his wife, Ruth, of Anchorage, Alaska; daughters, Marie Peeler and husband, Lowell, of Helena, Sybil Brown and family of Lakeside, Mary Ann Inman Smith and husband, Ralph, of Bigfork, and Katherine H. Inman and family of Kalispell; grandchildren, Denise Banschbach, Billy Inman, Russ Brown, Dan Inman, Tony Inman, Jennifer Brown and Tiffany Inman; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Memorial Services were held Sunday at her daughter's house in Bigfork. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Mabelle L. Irvin

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Mabelle L. Irvin, 100, of Whitefish died Sept. 30 at the Colonial Manor, where she had lived since April 1995.

Irvin was born March 17, 1896, in Minneapolis, Minn.

She grew up in Sabetha, Kansas, and attended high school in Topeka, Kansas.

She received a bachelor of arts degree in biology at Washburn University in Topeka, and a master of arts degree in psychology and guidance at the University of Kansas and University of Montana.

She married Clarence Irvin on June

4, 1921, and they had two sons, Gene and Richard.

She taught school for four years in Kansas, and for many years in Montana, including 18 years at Whitefish High School.

She also worked as a woman's counselor for civilian groups at Malmstrom Air Force Base in Great Falls in the 1940s, and later as a lookout in the Little Belt Mountains near Neihart, where she immersed herself in wildlife biology.

She was a member of the Methodist Church, P.E.O.,

Fortnightly, and Chi Lambda Theta. She was a voracious reader and a lifetime scholar. She enjoyed cooking, photography and playing bridge, and could name every plant in Glacier National Park.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1945 and her two sons, Gene in World War II, and Richard in 1954.

She is survived by three grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren.

No services are planned, per Irvin's request.

Anna Marie Isch

Mrs. Anna Marie Isch, 102, died in the Immanuel Lutheran Home on Sunday, Feb. 4.

She was born Jan. 29, 1894 at St. Charles, Ill., to Paul and Renta Marie Jensen.

Both her parents were from Denmark, and Anna was raised with two brothers and two sisters.

The family came to the Flathead Valley in 1907. Anna's father was a stone mason and a gardener in the Lake Blaine area. She attended Cayuse Prairie School.

On Nov. 23, 1916, she was married to Henry Isch in the Bethlehem Lutheran Church. They moved to Kalispell in 1960.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Henry, on Jan. 11, 1986; two sons, Harry Isch on July 21, 1988; and Burton Isch on July 18, 1989.

She is survived by a daughter, Jane Hughes of Missoula; five grandchildren, June and her husband, Stuart Hughes of Missoula; Rita and her husband, Dennis McKinney of East Sound, Wash.; Stephanie Isch of Seattle, Lori Isch of San Jose, Calif.; and Stacy Isch of Kalispell; two great-grandchildren, Nicole and Boon McKinney, both of East Sound, Wash.

Graveside services were held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery with Rev. Peter Ramseth, Immanuel Lutheran Home Chaplain, officiating.

Friends will meet at the cemetery for the services.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Immanuel Lutheran Home or to the charity of donor's choice. *KN*

1994 Myrtle Iverson, 97

Myrtle F. Iverson, 97, died Dec. 3, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

She was born Feb. 9, 1899, in Walum, N. D., to E. W. and Betsy Everson. She grew up on a farm near Walum with three brothers and five sisters. In 1918, she came west to Kalispell and worked for the J. C. Penny Co. She returned to North Dakota after contracting the 1918 Flu.

On June 10, 1921, she married E. W. "Ernie" Iverson. In 1922, they moved to Kalispell, where he worked at the Conrad National Bank. They joined the Bethlehem Lutheran Church. She was an active member of the choir, Ladies Aid and many church boards and committees.

She was the first volunteer worker at the Immanuel Lutheran Home, working with the ladies in the sewing room. She served in this capacity for more than 30 years and in that time their mission project sent about \$34,000 to the American Leprosy Mission.

Among her activities, she hosted the Tuesday prayer group in her home for many years. Her husband, Ernie, was the treasurer of the first



Immanuel Lutheran Home Board and had a guiding hand in its beginnings.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1968;

a son, Ellsworth "Sonny" in 1941 and daughter, Geraldine, in 1932.

She is survived by a son, Herbert Milton Iverson and his wife, Frances, and two granddaughters, Esther Marie and Grace Katherine, all of San Bernardino, Calif.; sister Helen Gilbertson, of Kalispell, and many nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Visitation is 1-4 p.m., today, and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday, and 9 a.m. to noon, Tuesday, at Johnson Mortuary. A funeral will be 2 p.m., Tuesday, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, followed by interment at Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

The family suggests memorials to the Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Immanuel Lutheran Home or the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association.