

Alfred John 'Fred' Pagano, 88

Alfred John "Fred" Pagano, 88, died on Friday, Oct. 4, 1996, at Heritage Place nursing home.

He was born May 3, 1908, in Bronx, N.Y., to Carmine and Antoinette Pagano. He was raised a Catholic and he and his brothers served as altar boys at the Catholic church. He was an excellent student in elementary school, Evander Childs High School and Fordham University.

He began working at age 9 as a caddy at a golf course to help supplement the family income. He was a very loyal son and brother and continued to provide for his parents and his brothers and sisters throughout their lives. He was an outstanding athlete, especially in baseball and golf.

While in high school and college he continued to work - first at Chase National Bank, then at a real-estate office and finally in his own fuel business. He began in the business as a secretary at Kearns Coal Corporation in the Bronx. In time, he became manager and finally bought the business in the mid-1940s and changed the name to Pagano Fuel Company.

He married Frances Black on May 6, 1932, at Immaculate Conception Church in the Bronx. They had one child, Joan.

When he was 50 years old, he sold his fuel company and he and his wife retired to Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. After 17 years there, they moved to Mesa, Ariz., and finally to Kalispell to be with their daughter and her family.

As a child, he began his lifelong interest in golf and he continued to play golf and kept improving until he reached his goal which was a scratch handicap. He played in numerous

championship tournaments on the East Coast and developed many lifelong friendships with those he played with. He was known for his meticulous hard-working nature. This made him a great success at his work and at his love, golf.

He will always be remembered and cherished as a very protective husband and father who provided the very best for his little family.

He was preceded in death by his parents and six siblings.

He is survived by his wife, Frances Pagano, of Kalispell; a daughter, Joan Salansky, of Lakeside; sister Fay Fitzgerald of Bronx; nephew Vincent Pagano of South Carolina; niece Winifred Wenzke of Florida; four grandchildren, Susan Chapman and Diane Craddock of Denver, Colo., and Mark Salansky and Marie Cannaday of Kalispell; and seven great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. at St. Matthew's Catholic Church with the Rev. Joe Pat Sullivan officiating. Urn burial will follow at Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary.

Theodore L. Paola, 89

Theodore L. Paola, 89, of Kalispell, died on Saturday, Sept. 14, 1996, at Brendan House.

He was born on Feb. 8, 1907, to Peter and Mary Paola in Kalispell. He received his education at Egan School.

As a young man he worked on the family farm east of Kalispell until entering the construction trade. One of his first jobs was working on the Going-to-the-Sun Road in Glacier National Park. He worked on many road and highway projects in Montana and adjoining states.

He was a charter and 50-year member of Operating Engineers Local #400, serving as recording secretary and president of the local at various times.

On Feb. 13, 1960, he married Ellen Olson in Phoenix, Ariz., with her daughter and family in attendance. Together they enjoyed fishing the streams and exploring the hills in Montana while following the construction trade. They taught their grandchildren, nieces and nephews hunting and fishing. He had a green thumb, and also enjoyed woodworking, hunting and fishing. Rummy



was a favorite game he enjoyed playing with friends.

He was an active member of Kalispell Eagles Lodge #234.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Ellen; a sister, Lena Haines; and stepson Chuck Olson.

Survivors include stepdaughter JoAnne Blake of Missoula; his grandchildren and their families, Danny and Vony Blake of Angers, France, Dudley and Alison Blake of Boise, Idaho, Mike and Carol Blake Fritz of Whittier, Calif., and Cindy Butler of Davenport, Fla.; brother John Paola and his wife, Jen, of Bigfork; three nieces and their husbands, Margaret and Ernie Engberg of Kalispell, Theora and Lauren Granmo of Kalispell, Shirley and Mark Schmidt of Whitefish; and eight great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Tuesday at 3 p.m. at the Johnson Mortuary chapel with Susan Bonin of The Shining Mountain Church of Kalispell officiating. Mark Schmidt and his mule-drawn hearse will transport him to the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery for interment. A reception will follow at 4:30 p.m. at the Eagle Lodge.

Friends may call at Johnson Mortuary for visitation until 6 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. until service time on Tuesday. Memorials are suggested to the Samaritan House in Kalispell.

1996 Glen 'Worry' Paulson, 79

Glen A. "Worry" Paulson, 79, died on Friday, Nov. 29, at his home in Bigfork.

He was born April 25, 1917, in Poplar, to Martin and Hilda Paulson. He received his early education in Havre and also attended Echo School and Bigfork High School. He worked on the West Coast during the war.

On Sept. 19, 1941, he married Florence Sullivan in Kalispell. He continued working construction as a carpenter, building homes in Ferndale and the Swan Valley. He later worked on clearing the reservoir for Hungry Horse Dam. He continued logging and road construction for many years and building homes around Bigfork.

He is survived by his wife, Florence, at the family home in Bigfork; son Gary Paulson and his wife, Linda, of Kalispell; grandsons Greg Paulson and his wife, Debbie, of Gardnerville, Nevada and Griff Paulson and his wife, Karen, of Kalispell; granddaughter Kerry Paulson, of Kalispell; great grandson, Glen Paulson, of Kalispell; brother Morgan Paulson, of Warwick, R. I., and sisters Helen McGuire, of Sequim, Wash., and Marion Rose, of Bozeman.

1996 Sydney Zoe Payne

Sydney Zoe Payne, stillborn daughter of Stacy and Andy Payne, of Columbia Falls, passed away Dec. 31, at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

Local survivors include her parents, her grandparents, Clyde and Cathy Houge, Thomas F. Payne, and Dean and Sue Hoyt, of Columbia Falls; great grandparents Joe and Sylvia Eastep and Art Houge, of California; uncle Jonathan Payne, of Columbia Falls; aunts Leah Houge, of Kalispell, Carli Houge, of Columbia Falls and Julie Hoyt and Jayme Hoyt, of Klamath Falls, Ore.

A funeral service will be 3 p.m., Tuesday, at the New Covenant Fellowship Church in Columbia Falls. Rev. Don Burleson will officiate. Burial will follow at Woodlawn Cemetery.

The family suggests in lieu of flowers that memorials be made to the Sydney Payne Memorial Fund, in care of Glacier Bank, PO Box 190, Columbia Falls, 59912. Arrangements are by Columbia Mortuary.

A funeral will be 2 p.m., Monday, at Johnson Mortuary Chapel, Pastor Ron Pierce, pastor of the Swan Chapel, officiating. Burial will follow at Lone Pine Cemetery, in Bigfork. The family suggests memorials to the Bigfork Quick Response Unit or the charity of the donor's choice. Arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary.

1996 Helen Lease Payne, 98

Helen Lease Payne, 98, of Kalispell, died at Kalispell Regional Hospital on Thursday, Aug. 1.

She was born Jan. 5, 1898, in Great Falls, to Newton and Nettie Lease. She was a graduate of Great Falls High School and the Montana State University. On June 20, 1920, she married Paul L. "Roy" Payne, in Great Falls.

The couple lived in Idaho and in Lewistown, as well as 20 years on Finley Point.

She was preceded in death by her husband on Nov. 22, 1990. In 1994, she moved to Kalispell.

She had been active in community affairs, having been a member of the Methodist Church, Order of the Eastern Star Chapter 10 of Great Falls, the Soroptimist Club, of Choteau and Idaho Falls. She organized the DeMolay Mother's Club in Idaho Falls in 1951 under the supervision of Hugh Sutherland of the Great Falls Masonic Lodge. She was a member of the



Montealto Club of Polson for 20 years and a member of the Home Demonstration Club of Great Falls, Choteau, Idaho Falls and Polson.

In June 1990, she received a diamond diploma from the

Montana State University as a 70-year graduate.

She is survived by sons Jack Payne, of Lewistown and Chandler, Ariz., and James Payne, of Lakeside; daughter Marilyn Lyles, of Salem, Ore.; sisters Alice Gonser, of St. Helena, Calif., Margaret Elliott, of Belmont, Calif., and Rachel Scott of Sonora, Calif.; 15 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

A private service was held at Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Burial will be at Highland Cemetery, Great Falls.

Donald G. Payton

WP 15 Aug 96

Donald Glen Payton, 66, of Reno, Nev., died Aug. 1 at Saint Mary's Regional Medical Center in Reno.



A native of Huntington Park, Calif.,

Payton was born Dec. 29, 1929, and had lived in Reno since 1960.

He was a retired Washoe County School District principal. He spent several years at Huffaker and Brown schools and retired from Florence Drake after eight years. He also taught school in Whitefish before moving to Reno.

Payton was a member of B.P.O. Elks Lodge, American Legion,

Retired Public Employees Association, and Retired Teachers Association. During the Korean War, he served in the Navy as a journalist for four years.

Payton graduated from high school in Eureka, Mont., and Carroll College in Helena. He also attended St. Edwards in Seattle, Western Montana College of Education in Dillon, and the University of Montana-Missoula. He received a master's degree in education from the University of Nevada, Reno.

He was preceded in death by his father, George S. Payton.

He is survived by his widow, Antoinette "Toni" in Reno; a son, Robert of Reno; a daughter, Tracy Robinson of Reno; his mother, Alenath Rich of Rexford; a brother

Richard and sister-in-law Marilou of Rexford; a sister Carolyn and brother-in-law Bruce Pfrimmer of Whitefish; a brother, Kenneth and sister-in-law Dolores, of Citrus Heights, Calif.; seven grandchildren, two great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Resurrection was celebrated Aug. 5 at St. Therese of the Little Flower Catholic Church in Reno.

The Walton Funeral Home in Reno directed Payton's cremation at the Sierra Crematory.

In keeping with his keen interest in the welfare and education of young people, a memorial has been established with the Assistant League-Operation School Bell, P.O. Box 7376, Reno, Nev. 89510. Project School Bell is a volunteer

Clara Mae Peeso

WP 3 Oct 96

Clara Mae Peeso, 70, of Whitefish died Sept. 25 at the North Valley Hospital in Whitefish of natural causes.

She was born Sept. 16, 1926, in Libby, the daughter of Frank and Naomi Ventling.

She worked at a prisoner of war camp in Washington during World War II. She was also a librarian in Whitefish for several years.

She loved to do cross stitch work, play bingo and do puzzles. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Norm Ventling; and her husband, Fred Peeso.

She is survived by two sons: Richard Peeso and his wife Elsie of Columbia Falls and Frederick Peeso and his wife Stephanie of Kalispell; a

sister, Peggy Richens of Butte; a granddaughter, Becky Peeso of Minnesota; and three step-grandchildren: Henry McCullough and his wife Elissa of Maryland, Carol McCullough of Columbia Falls, and Kelsy Lynn McCullough of Columbia Falls.

Arrangements and cremation are under the direction of Austin Funeral Home. No services are planned.

John F. 'Frank' Peck, 55

John F. "Frank" Peck, 55, died Monday, Jan. 15, 1996 at his home in Bigfork.

He was born June 21, 1940 in Waukon, Iowa to John and Lewine Peck. He moved with his family to Los Angeles, where he graduated from Dorsey High School.

He spent four years in the U.S. Coast Guard. He spent most of his life working construction. In 1986 he retired and he and his wife moved to Bigfork. They spent the last 10 years in the Swan Valley area.

He was a true outdoorsman. He loved to hunt, fish and go hiking in the mountains.

He is survived by his wife, Patty, at

the family home in Bigfork; daughters, Jennifer Peck and Samantha Peck, both of Bigfork; sons, Robbie, Jason and Sean Peck, all of Bigfork; a brother, Deroid Peck of Bigfork; a sister, Bonnie McBride, of Yorba Linda, Calif.; his mother, Lewine Peck, of Yucipa, Calif.; and two grandchildren, Taylor Peck and Merissa Peck, both of Bigfork.

Funeral mass will be at 2 p.m. Friday at St. Catherine's Catholic Church in Bigfork with the Rev. Richard H. Sodja officiating. Cremation will follow the services. Bigfork Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements and cremation.

Eleanor Buck Petrie, 86

Graveside services will be held Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Creston Cemetery for Eleanor Buck Petrie, 86. *8 Aug 1996*

She was born to Charles and Christine Buck on July 18, 1909, in Creston. She died March 22, 1996 at Gig Harbor, Wash.

She attended school at Creston and graduated from Flathead County High School in 1928.

After graduation, she moved to the West Coast and was employed with Pacific Telephone Co. from 1929 to 1960, living in Seattle and the San Francisco area. She held various clerical and secretarial jobs with the phone company.

On July 9, 1945, she married Richard S. Petrie at San Francisco, Calif. They were divorced July 8, 1956. There were no children. During the marriage, she traveled with her husband to South American, Indonesia and Asia on construction work.

In 1969, she received a bachelor of arts degree in social welfare from San Francisco State College. In 1970, she received her Oregon Teaching Certification from the University of Oregon, Eugene. From 1971 to 1974 she taught business education, general business, typing and shorthand at Tillamook High School in Oregon.

In the mid-1970s, she moved to North Bend, Ore., to be closer to her sister, Helen, in Bandon, Ore. While in North Bend, she sold real estate.

She was a resident of Olympic Alzheimer's Residence in Gig Harbor, Wash., from May, 1995 until she died.

Survivors include a sister, Florence Leach, of Kalispell and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, seven brothers, James, Foster, Philip, Howard, Charles, Paul and Glen; and two sisters, Helen Russell and Sarah Coverdell.

Minnie L. Pennecard, 70

Minnie L. Pennecard, 70, a long-time resident of Whitefish, died Monday, April 22, 1996, at North Valley Hospital.

She was born July 7, 1925, in Choteau, to Rudolph and Lena Brenner. She graduated from high school in Fairfield with the class of 1943.

On Nov. 6, 1946, she married Wayne Pennecard in Whitefish.

In Whitefish she was employed as a waitress at Art's Cafe, as a sales clerk at J.C. Penney, Slusher Bakery, and an Avon representative.

She loved camping, fishing, yardwork and gardening and spending time with friends and family. She did many hours of volunteer work, loved crafts and all sports activity. She was a devoted wife, grandmother and great-grandmother. She loved traveling in her motor home, pulling her favorite pink Volkswagen car.

She was a member of Royal Neighbors, Moose Lodge and Whitefish V.F.W. Auxiliary.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

She is survived by her husband,

Wayne, at home in Whitefish; one son, Dale (Sandy) Pennecard, of Boise, Idaho; a daughter, Gale (Jack) Munski, of Libby; grandchildren, Jeff (Ann) Pennecard, Jesse Munski, Michelle Munski, Angela (Jon) Morrison; four great-granddaughters and a great-grandson; three brothers, Otto Brenner of Fairfield, Walter Brenner of Deer Lodge and Louis Brenner of Silver Springs, Calif.; and numerous other relatives.

Funeral services will be Thursday, 11 a.m. at Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish with Dr. David V. Kauffman of Whitefish Christian Church officiating. Angela Morrison will do a special reading for her grandmother.

Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

The family has suggested memorials to the Whitefish Fire Department or Whitefish Food Bank or Whitefish Stumptown Historical Society.

Arnold Wayne 'Skinny' Petersen, 47

Arnold Wayne "Skinny" Petersen, 47, died at Kalispell Regional Hospital on Friday, June 28, 1996.

He was born May 3, 1949, in Devils Lake, N.D., to Arnold and Esther Petersen. He received his education there.

He moved to Whitefish in 1963. He worked as an iron worker in construction until 1982, when he became disabled due to kidney failure. The last couple of years he worked for Flathead Industries Thrift Store.

He enjoyed fixing bicycles, fishing and the outdoors. He would take time to visit with his many friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, Arnold Petersen, and both sets of grandparents.

He is survived by a son, Josh Petersen, of Whitefish; parents Esther and Henry Rahn of Columbia Falls; a brother, John, and Linda Petersen of Whitefish; two sisters, Suzi and Ralph Lamberson of Whitefish and Carolyn "DeDee" and Lanny Barton of Kalispell; nephews, Darin, Lonnie, John Lamberson and Brian Barton; nieces, Shannon Petersen, Erica Barton and Tara Lamberson; uncle, Calvin Petersen, of Mandan, N.D.; and aunts, Ione Pierce of Kenmare, N.D., and Jeannette Burdick of Devils Lake; and numerous other relatives.

Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday at Johnson Mortuary Chapel with Tom Cuffee officiating. Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery.

Clayton Francis Peterson, 70

Clayton Francis Peterson, 70, of Clyde Park and formerly of Kalispell, died at the Veteran's Hospital in Seattle on Saturday, Jan. 13, 1996.

He was born Dec. 29, 1925, at White-water, in Phillips County to Bern-

hard and Hannah Peterson. He was educated in Phillips County and spent a year in Mankato, Minn., with his aunt and uncle.

He served as a sergeant in the Army during World War II in the Aleutian Islands as a cook. He was honorably discharged after the war.

He farmed, worked in the woods, and also ran a dairy farm north of Kalispell before working for Equity



Supply in the creamery. He worked there until retiring in 1988.

He married Dorothy Jean Cloud on July 31, 1948. They had three children.

He was preceded in death by his wife and an infant daughter, Donna.

Survivors include his daughter Cathy Jean Bowlds and her husband, James, of Clyde Park; son Gordon, of Seattle; brothers Ben Peterson, of Great Falls and George Peterson of Glasgow; sisters Bernice Boyd and Helen Maughan, both of Ronan, and Jacklyn May, of Kalispell; three grandsons, Randy and Scott Bowlds, of Clyde Park and Christopher Dunbar, of Alaska; granddaughter Libby Bowlds, of Clyde Park and many nieces and nephews.

Military graveside service will be 11 a.m. Jan. 27, at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Friends will meet at the cemetery.

A. Wayne "Skinny" Peterson, 47

28 June 1996

A. Wayne "Skinny" Peterson, 47, died at Kalispell Regional Hospital on Friday.

Local survivors include his son, Josh, of Whitefish; mother and stepfather, Esther and Henry Rahn, of Columbia Falls; brother John Petersen and his wife, Linda, of Whitefish; sisters Suzi Lamberson and her husband, Ralph, of Whitefish and Carolyn Barton and her husband, Lanny, of Kalispell.

A funeral will be 3 p.m., Wednesday, at Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Burial will be at Fairview Cemetery.

Mary A. Peterson, 83

Mary A. Peterson, 83, of Kalispell, died at the Kalispell Regional Hospital on Saturday, May 4, 1996.

She was born Nov. 7, 1912, in Kellysville, W. Va., to Jonas and Elizabeth Clyburn.

She spent her early life in West Virginia and graduated from Oakvale High School.

In 1949, she came to Montana and married Hugh Peterson on Jan. 6, 1950, in Kalispell. She lived in

Kalispell ever since.

She was preceded in death by her husband on April 25, 1986, and is now survived by a son, Richard Fisher and a granddaughter, Tammy, of Cincinnati, Ohio; brother Ray Clyburn, in West Virginia, and many nieces and nephews.

A funeral will be 4 p.m. Tuesday at Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Burial will be at Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Herbert Peschel, 77

Herbert B. Peschel, 77, of Whitefish, died of heart problems Friday, Jan. 26, 1996, at St. Patrick Hospital in Missoula.

He was born July 23, 1918, in Butte to Bruno and Clare Peschel. He was raised and educated in Ronan.

As a young man, he moved to Whitefish and on April 2, 1942, was married to Helen E. Wells there.

He was self-employed in real estate and insurance sales for many years in Whitefish. He retired at age 62.

He was a member of the Whitefish Moose and Rotary clubs and just passed his 50th year as a Masonic Member in the Whitefish Lodge.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Helen, on Aug. 26, 1990.

He is survived by daughters Mary Graybeal, of Missoula, and Gretchen

Carrick, of Eagle River, Alaska; sons Harland Peschel, of Scottsdale, Ariz., and Dr. Herb Peschel, of Whitefish; four grandchildren, John and Regan Peschel, both of Whitefish, Kayle Graybeal, of Missoula, and Erin Carrick, of Eagle River, Alaska; along with several nieces and nephews, and friend Nadine Anderson, of Whitefish.

A funeral will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Austin Funeral Home, with Masonic Lodge No. 64 of Whitefish to give the Masonic Rites. Private burial will be at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Visitation at Austin Funeral home is 1-5 p.m. today.

The family suggests memorials to the new Whitefish Community Center.

Lucille Owen Petty

WP 19 Sep 96

Lucille Owen Petty, 91, of Ogden, Utah, and longtime summer resident of Whitefish, died Aug. 15 while visiting at the home of her daughter Louise in Twin Falls, Idaho.

She was born Oct. 6, 1904, to Lizzie Benson and Evan Owen Wells in Utah.

She married Harold Clark March 16, 1927.

The couple had two daughters: Elma Lucile (Darrell Ray) and Carolyn Jeanne (Robert Strong). They later divorced.

She married Dr. Russell Petty, father of Robert (Medalou), Ruth (Charles Wright), and JoAnne (G. Ray Smith) Dec. 23, 1937. These two families became one insepara-

ble family, with Louise (Robert Crowley), Richard O. (Joan), and Lorraine (James Pallo) soon adding to their joy.

The Petty family enjoyed their summer home on the west shore of Whitefish Lake from 1945 until the time came to sell their treasured "Shangri-La" during the summer of 1993. For many of their summers, Lucille could be found assisting Dr. Petty with his oral surgery practice until his retirement in 1963.

Diversified in her talents and interests, she was a member and president of the Utah State Dental Auxiliary, vice president of the National Dental Association, president of the Ogden Dental

Assistants Society.

An accomplished musician, she played and taught cello, was the cellist in a string quartet and a member of Sempre Music Society for many years.

All of her children are living. There are 48 grandchildren, 128 great-grandchildren and nine great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Russell, in 1968, and by five grandchildren.

Funeral services and interment were held in Ogden, Utah. The family has suggested Ogden City School Foundation, 1950 Monroe Boulevard, Ogden, Utah 84401, as a memorial to Lucille in lieu of flowers.

Jim Pfusch

WP 1 Aug 96

Jim Pfusch, 65, of Whitefish died July 23 at Kalispell Regional Hospital after experiencing a heart problem following hip replacement surgery.

He was born June 17, 1931 in Valley City, N.D. He moved to Montana to attend the University of Montana.

After graduating with a degree in forestry he entered the Air Force, becoming a pilot.

After completing Air Force service, he became an executive busi-



ness pilot for Plum Creek Timber, serving the company for many years as a pilot and in forest product sales.

He later joined Lion Mountain Inc. of Whitefish, where he became vice president for planning and execution as well as serving as the company's forester until his death.

He was an avid hunter, sportsman, deep water sailor and skier. A dedicated jazz musician, Pfusch was the original tuba player for The Big Mountain Dixieland Band. He toured with the group throughout the northwest, performing at jazz festivals. He and his sousaphone were well-known for the music they produced and other unique items that occasionally rolled out of the venerable instrument. As recently as three weeks ago, he

played a gig with the "Company Brass" at the Bigfork Inn.

In recent years, he took up winter residency at Cabo San Lucas, Mexico, returning to Whitefish in summer to work as a utility supervisor on Lion Mountain, where he continued to serve as the development's forester.

He is survived by a son, Dan Spalding, 33, of Spokane, Wash.; an aunt, Merle Hoster, of Whitefish and hundreds of friends who will never forget his music, his bodacious humor and riotous companionship.

A memorial gathering is planned to take place in a few weeks at a proposed Lion Mountain wildlife conservancy habitat he had been working on.

1996 Pauline M. Phelps, 94

Pauline M. Phelps, 94, of Missoula, passed away at the Riverside Health Care Center on Thursday, Dec. 26.

She was born Sept. 10, 1902, in Bal-cow, Mo., to Anna and O. F. Williams. As a young child, she and her family moved to Tacoma, Wash., where she was raised and educated. She married Scott Phelps in Tacoma on May 14, 1921.

The couple came to Montana in 1944, settling in Frenchtown. She worked for the Fuller Paint Co. in Missoula as an interior decorator. He worked as a carpenter, which led them to Stevensville. They moved to Kalispell, where they both worked as janitors at the high school for 15 years, until retiring.

The couple then moved to Lebanon, Ore., before returning to Montana in 1989. She particularly enjoyed her membership and activity in the Rebekah Lodge in Missoula

and Lebanon and also the Flathead Valley Cowbells, while living in Kalispell.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1991, as well a son, Jim, in 1946, and three brothers and a sister.

Her family includes daughters June Hackman, of Missoula, and Helene Emry and her husband, Jack, of Lebanon, Ore.; sister Laurel Swartz and her husband, Walt, of Cottage Grove, Ore.; six grandchildren, and many great grandchildren, several great-great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Cremation and services are by Squire Simmons & Carr Funeral Home. Graveside services will be this spring, details to be announced later. The family suggests memorials to the Missoula Cancer Association, 3005 Queen St., Missoula, 59801.

Stephen Scott Phillips, 40

Stephen Scott Phillips, 40, died at his home in Kalispell on Tuesday, May 28, 1996.

He was born Sept. 30, 1955, in Bozeman. He graduated from Flat-head County High School and attended Flathead Valley Community College and the University of Montana.

He was preceded in death by his father, C. Eugene Phillips of Kalispell.

Survivors include his mother,

Emily Fiihr of Arlington, Texas; a son, Aaron Phillips, and daughters Kimberly and Kamille Phillips of Kalispell; three sisters, Audrey Phillips of Washington, D.C., Cheryl Phillips of Detroit, and Heidi Swartz of Fort Worth, Texas; and two nephews, Trey and Landon Swartz.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Russell Peck officiating. Burial will be in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Ella Keith Phillips, 92

Ella Keith Phillips, 92, formerly of Kalispell, died Oct. 15, 1996, in Tucson, Ariz.

She was born in Finley, N. D., on Oct. 23, 1903, to John and May Keith. She attended Dakota Business College in Fargo from 1917 to 1920.

After college, she moved to Great Falls, where she worked and met her future husband, Leon Phillips; they married in 1928. They later had a daughter.

After moving to Kalispell they became involved in the automobile business.

She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, the Eastern Star, and Century Club; she was also a mother advisor to the Rainbow Girls. She enjoyed gardening at her home in Kalispell and received ribbons from the New England Gladiola Society.

She and her husband moved to Chico, Calif., in July 1951; he died

there five months later.

She moved to Minnesota in 1951 to be near her daughter, who was attending the University of Minnesota. She stayed there for many years and enjoyed time with her daughter and grandchildren.

She married Arthur E. L. Anderson of Minneapolis in 1973. She then moved to Tucson, where she resided for the rest of her life.

In addition to gardening, she enjoyed traveling and took many trips. She was also an avid game player and an excellent chess player.

She is survived by her daughter, Jerrie Lee Everson, of Oceanside, Calif.; five grandchildren; one great-grandson; two nieces and a nephew.

She was preceded in death by her mother, father, husband, and two sisters.

Interment at Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell was private.

Margaret D. Pierce *WP 10 Oct 96*

Margaret Donegan Pierce, 82, of Milwaukee, Wis., died Oct. 3 from complications of Alzheimer's disease and arthritis.

She was born May 7, 1914, to J.L. "Casey" and Carrie Jones in Kalispell.

She and her husband, Bill Donegan, managed several food stores. She spent 60 years of her life in Whitefish.

After the death of Bill Donegan, she married Harold Pierce in

Seattle and they moved to Milwaukee in 1986.

She was preceded in death by both husbands; two daughters: Julia and Patricia Moore; her brother, Robert Jones; and her grandson, Lee Larson, Jr.

She is survived by her daughter, Peggy Larson; four granddaughters: Patricia and Terri, both of Milwaukee, and Laurie of Boise, Idaho, and Marceyle of Glendale, Calif.; her sister, Helen Tate of

Whitefish; her sister-in-law, Janet Jones of Santee, Calif.; three grandsons, Terry and Mike of Arizona and Patrick Moore of Texas.

She is also survived by 13 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Services were held Oct. 5 at Forest Home Chapel in Milwaukee.

The family suggests any memorials in her name be sent to the Lutheran Home in Kalispell, Alzheimer's Wing.

1996 Harry O. Pihl, 93

Harry O. Pihl, 93, who lived at Columbia Falls Veterans Home, died there Thursday, Dec. 26.

He was born in Gudhjem, Denmark, on Bornholm Island in the Baltic Sea, to Hans and Petra Marie Pihl.

When he was 14, he went to sea and worked as a seaman until his was 18. He traveled to five continents. He returned to Denmark at age 18 and went into the Danish Army. He was selected into the Elite Kings Guard.

He came to the United States in 1928, working on a ranch near Wibaux. Later, he became a heavy equipment operator, working in the United States and overseas as a member of Local 370 Operating Engineers. He was very

proud to be a U.S. citizen and enlisted in the U.S. Army at age 38.

In 1954, he married Irvina Reetz, who preceded him in death in 1970. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge of Glendive.

He moved to Hungry Horse in 1977 and lived there until February of 1996. Then, he moved to the Veterans Home.

He was preceded in death by a sister in Denmark.

He is survived by a nephew, Billie D. Mende, of Oceanside, Calif.

Cremation has taken place. A service will be held later. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Marie H. Pinkerton, 98

Marie H. Pinkerton, 98, died at Immanuel Lutheran Home on Saturday, Aug. 3, 1996.

She was born March 11, 1898, in Dalonega Township, Wapello County, Iowa, to John G. and Sophia M. Krueger.

She married Lloyd V. Pinkerton and had one child, Lorine R. Tatman. They both preceded her in death, as well as eight brothers and a sister.

She lived most of her life in North Platte, Neb. She was very active in many groups, including her work in the Methodist Church, Order of the Eastern Star, Daughters of the Nile, Beuceant, Does, Lady Trainman, Extension Club and bridge club.

In September 1991, she moved to



Kalispell to make her home with her granddaughter, Connie Grachek, and husband Mike.

She is survived by her son-in-law, Victor K. Tatman, of Ralston, Neb.; granddaughters, Connie Grachek and husband, Mike, of Kalispell and Mary Ann Hopkins and husband, Phil of Kent, Wash.; sister, Louise Pinnell, of Lincoln, Neb.; five great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Friends may call at Johnson Mortuary for visitation from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday at Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Marvin Northcutt, pastor of the Epworth Methodist Church, officiating. The body will then be forwarded to Adams and Swanson Funeral Home in North Platte, Neb. Graveside services and burial will be held at 11 a.m. on Aug. 12 at Floral Lawn Cemetery in North Platte.

Bernice M. Polus, 90

17 Jan 1995
Bernice M. Polus, 90, of rural Olney died Wednesday at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

She is survived by her son, Ivan, of Olney.

A Christian wake service will be held Friday at 7 p.m. at Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish. A mass of the Christian burial will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. at St. Charles Catholic Church in Whitefish. Burial will follow at Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

Laurence Byrne Plummer, 73

Laurence Byrne Plummer, 73, former Somers resident, died Jan. 14, 1996, in Portland, Ore.

He was born Jan. 2, 1923, in Kalispell. His family lived on a farm in Creston where his father was the local postmaster for many years.

A veteran of the U.S. Navy, he was a manager for Ford Motor Co., and retired in 1979.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William F. and Laura B. Plummer and one brother, Ellison "Steve" Plummer.

He is survived by his wife, Gayle;

sons, Terry of Beaverton, Ore., and Craig of Gresham, Ore.; daughter, Trudy Harmon, of Portland; brothers, Ed of Williams Lake, B.C., Fred of Polson, Bill of Great Falls and Ted of Beaverton; sister, Bette DeYoung, of Olympia, Wash.; and five grandchildren.

Rosary and Mass of Christian burial was held Jan. 17 at St. John Fisher Catholic Church in Portland with the Rev. Wayne Forbes as celebrant. Burial was in Willamette National Cemetery.

Arrangements were by Sunnyside Little Chapel of the Chimes.

Janice Posnien, 49

Janice Posnien, 49, died Friday, July 5, 1996, in Ogden, Utah.

She was born Oct. 18, 1946, in Kemmerer, Wyo., to Lester and Virginia Brewer. She lived in several places in the West when she was growing up. She attended high school in Ashton, Idaho, then attended Western Montana College in Dillon.

She loved figuring things out from the time she was very young. She would rather play with trucks and cars, not dolls. If someone brought a piece of equipment around, she would figure out how it worked, then give it a try. She was very independent and proud of it.

She married Karl J. Posnien Dec. 23, 1969, in Rexburg, Idaho. They moved to the Flathead Valley in 1974. In 1992, she opened Copy Cats Etc., in

Bigfork and worked there ever since.

She loved the outdoors — anything outside was great with her. She loved to go camping, loved animals and most of all, loved to spend time with her family. She will be missed by all who knew her.

She is survived by her husband, Karl, at home in Bigfork; father and mother, Lester and Virginia Brewer, of Bigfork; brother, James Brewer, of Palmetto, Fla.; sister and her husband, Judy and John Wilson, of Sacramento, Calif.; sister-in-law, Rosemarie Messerli, of Boise, Idaho, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Viewing will be Tuesday from 4-8 p.m. at the Bigfork Funeral Home. Cremation will follow. Bigfork Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Felix Ray Porter WP 31 Oct 96

Felix Ray Porter, 63, of Kent, Wash., died Oct. 15 at home surrounded by loved ones.

He was born Oct. 7, 1933 to Robert and Lizzie Porter in Whitefish.

He served in the Korean war from 1953 to 1957.

He is survived by his wife Patricia and their son Robert of Indiana, Pa.; two grandchildren; one sister, June Curtis of Kingman, Ariz.; his mother and father-in-law, Roy and Gert Owen of Whitefish; and nine nieces and nephews.

Memorial services were held in Kent on Oct. 19. There will be a memorial service held in the spring at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

The family suggests memorial contributions be made to the Hospice of Seattle, Providence Hospital.

Alice G. Potter, 83

Alice G. Potter, 83, of Coram, passed away Friday evening, Nov. 22, 1996, at North Valley Extended Care in Whitefish.

She was born Aug. 17, 1913, in Minot, N.D., to Harry and Anna Davidson.

She married Leonard Potter on June 12, 1934, in Glasgow. They moved to Columbia Falls in 1940, and to Coram in 1943.

She worked as a cook for the Highland Cafe, Eddie's Cafe and for the West Glacier Cafe for many years.

She was a member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Spanish War Veterans for 62 years.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a brother, Roy Davidson, and her faithful companion, Arthur Struss on Nov. 4, 1986.

She is survived by three children, Allen and his wife, Marlene Potter, of Coram, Donna Arbuckle and her husband, Leo, of Coram, and Larry Potter and his friend, Guy Blair Jr., of Sun City, Calif.; two brothers, Elmer Davidson and his wife, Lou, of Everett, Wash., and Forrest Davidson of Minot; six grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A funeral service will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m., at Columbia Mortuary. The Rev. Thomas Gopp of Our Saviors Lutheran Church will officiate. Burial will follow at Woodlawn Cemetery. Visitation will be Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Columbia Mortuary.

The family has suggested memorials be made to the Canyon Q.R.U., P.O. Box 130383, Coram, MT 59913.

Kim Stott Potter, 63

Kim Stott Potter, 63, of Kalispell, died of cancer on Saturday, Dec. 14, 1996 at his home.

He was born on July 22, 1923, to Harry and Mildred Potter in Glendive. He attended Dawson County High School and, later, Browns Institute of Broadcasting in Minneapolis, Minn.

He was a retired Montana Air National Guardsman. He worked for KXGN radio station in Glendive, KFBB-TV of Great Falls and KOFI radio in Kalispell.

On Dec. 27, 1982, he married Marie Elizabeth Ralls in Kalispell. He worked for the employment service in Kalispell before working as a deputy sheriff for Flathead County sheriff's office for 21 years as disaster and emergency services coordinator, retiring in June.

In 1983, he was the recipient of the Montana Coordinator of the Year Award. He was founder of Flathead County Critical Incident Stress Debriefing Team, a flight EMT and service officer and navigator for ALERT for 15 years, co-founder of



Flathead Area Medical Emergency Council F.A.M.E., a member of state emergency medical activities, and Flathead County education coordinator for EMTs.

In 1995, he received a certified emergency manager degree.

Activities he enjoyed included hunting, fishing, hiking, camping, cross-country skiing, dancing, music and target shooting.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, Jack and Dick Potter, and an uncle, Mike Graves.

He is survived by his wife, Marie Potter, in Kalispell; three sons, Kent Potter of Laurel, Dirk Potter of Lawrence, Kan., and Ed Ralls of Bremerton, Wash.; five grandchildren, Jonathan, Daniel, Joshua, and Jared Potter, all of Lawrence, Chad Kale of Laurel; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. on Tuesday at Epworth United Methodist Church with the Rev. Paul Taylor officiating. Memorials are suggested to ALERT, 310 Sunnyview Lane, Kalispell, MT 59901, or FAME Council or to Hospice, 1280 Burns Way, Kalispell MT 59901. Cremation has taken place and arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

Vernon D. Powell, Jr., 64

Vernon D. Powell Jr., 64, died at his home in Kalispell on Tuesday, Jan. 16, 1996.

He was born Nov. 10, 1931, to Vernon and Eunice Powell Sr. in Florence. He graduated from Florence High School in 1949 and attended the University of Montana. He served in the Air Force for four years and was stationed in Japan for two of those years.

After he was discharged from the service, he worked as an entertainer. He was well known in Helena, Kalispell, Great Falls and Butte. He spent five years in Hot Springs, Ark., working as an entertainer in several

prominent hotels.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret, of Burien, Wash.; children, Susan, Valerie and Robert, all of California; sisters, Pauline George of Tucson, Ariz., and Vivian Powell of Polson; brother, Douglas Powell, of Missoula; and several nieces and nephews.

Private graveside services will be held later. Memorials may be made to the charity of choice. Arrangements and cremation under the direction of Johnson Mortuary.

Nancy Jane (Willcomb) Preston, 71

Nancy Jane (Willcomb) Preston, 71, of 10 Silver Leaf Drive in Kalispell, died of cancer on Monday, April 15, 1996.

Cremation has taken place under direction of Johnson Mortuary. A memorial service will be 10 a.m., Wednesday, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church, with burial of remains to follow at Conrad Memorial Cemetery. If desired, memorials may be made to the Flathead Hospice.

Born in Great Falls on May 24, 1924, she attended elementary school and high school in Great Falls until her junior year, when her family moved to Lewistown. She graduated from Lewistown High School in 1942 and attended Northern Montana College in Havre. During World War II, she joined the Navy, had basic training at Hunter College, N.Y., and served as a Yeoman First Class in Manhattan, N.Y.

On Feb. 4, 1946, she married John F. Preston in Arlington, Va. After their honeymoon they settled in Aurora, Colo., where their first two children were born. They returned to Virginia in 1949. Beginning in 1951, she followed her husband to Thailand, Taiwan, Turkey, as well as California, where their third child was born, and New Mexico. In 1977, she moved with her husband and

youngest son to Polson. In 1992 they moved to Kalispell. In February of this year, they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with their family.

As a young woman she studied dance and continued to love dancing throughout her life. She was an avid bowler and an active member of the Women's International Bowling Congress. She served as an officer of several leagues and as the president and secretary of the Polson WIBC for years. In years past she devoted many weekends to coaching junior bowlers. She will always be remembered for her sense of fun, her laughter and her kindness to everyone she knew.

She is survived by her husband, John, at the family home; daughter Vicki Preston and husband, Gregor Saveskie, of South Colby, Wash.; Vicki's daughters Bonnie Campbell, of San Francisco, Calif., and Leni Basile, of Killeen, Texas; son Steven and wife, Tori, and children Ben and Joe, of Kennewick, Wash.; son Matt Preston, of Seattle, Wash.; sisters Lillian M. Yeoman, of Polson, and Betty O'Rear, of Bremerton, Wash.; stepmother Betty Willcomb of Silverdale, Wash., and many nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death was sister Mabelle Haney, of Great Falls.

Charles 'Bud' Prindle, 70

Charles C. "Bud" Prindle, 70, died Saturday, Aug. 24, 1996, at Ft. St. John, British Columbia, Canada, while on a hunting trip.

He was born Oct. 3, 1925, in Minneapolis, to William and Genievie Prindle. He lived all of his younger years in the Minneapolis area, graduating from high school there.

At the age of 18, he enlisted in the Army. He served in the European campaign during World War II.

After getting out of the Army, he attended and graduated from the University of Minnesota.

He moved to Three Forks in 1951, and on Dec. 6, 1956, he married Marjorie Duncan in Great Falls.

He worked for General Motor Acceptance Corp. In 1967, he was transferred to Spokane where he was credit manager. He retired in 1984, and shortly thereafter moved to Lakeside.

He was an avid tennis player. He was known to play as many as five times a week if he could. He also loved the outdoors. Hunting, hiking, boating and fishing were only part of the things he loved to do outdoors. He

also loved to travel and had spent several winters in Yuma, Ariz.

He was a friend to many. He was the type of person everyone liked. He will be missed by all his family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his wife, Marge Prindle, of Lakeside; daughter, Valerie Bozzo, of Salinas, Calif., grandson, Anthony Peter Bozzo III, and granddaughter, Gina Marie Bozzo, both of Salinas; brother, William Day Prindle, of Gary, S.D.; and sister, Dorothy Johnson, of Prior Lake, Minn.

Funeral services will be held Friday at 1 p.m. at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home with the Rev. Marvin Northcutt of Epworth United Methodist Church officiating. Cremation will follow.

Frances Purcell, 79

Frances C. Purcell, 79, of Kalispell, formerly of Helena, died on Tuesday, Feb. 27, 1996, at Kalispell Regional Hospital.

She was born Nov. 18, 1916, at St. John's Hospital in Helena to Roy E. and Martha Chambers O'Mara. She attended Helena area schools and graduated from St. Vincent's Academy in 1936. Her class was the last to graduate under the name of St. Vincent's as the school was destroyed in the earthquakes of 1935.

She was employed by Fligelman's Department Store and the Federal Reserve Bank in Helena.

On July 4, 1942, she married Francis L. Purcell in Helena. They owned Purcell Grocery in Helena which they operated until 1970, at which time they moved to Bigfork where they owned and operated Elm Resort until retirement in 1979.

She was a member of the Legion of Mary and the Marysville Pioneers.

She enjoyed cooking, reading, gardening, bowling and spending time at her cabin.

She was a lifelong member of the Ronan Catholic Church and at the time of her death was a member of Risen Christ Catholic Church in Kalispell.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Francis, in 1989; a brother, William O'Mara; and a sister, Kathryn Madden.

She is survived by her four children, Patricia Purcell of Kalispell, Michael and his wife, Shirley, of Helena, Daniel and his wife, Pamela, of Bigfork and Maureen of Glendive; one sister, Margory McGlynn, of Kent, Wash.; five grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

A vigil will be held in Helena on Friday at 7 p.m. Funeral mass will be celebrated on Saturday at 10 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Helena. Burial will follow at Resurrection Cemetery. Memorial contributions are suggested to a charity of choice.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary in Kalispell and Hagler-Anderson Mortuary in Helena.

Andrea Nicole Purvis, 4 days

Andrea Nicole Purvis, 4 days old, entered into rest March 21 at the Deaconess Hospital in Great Falls. 1996

She is survived locally by her mother, Elisa Purvis, in Coram; father Anthony Haney, Columbia Falls; grandparents Sharon Hall, Coram, Sheryl Haney and Gordon Clark, Columbia Falls.

A graveside service will be 2 p.m., Wednesday, at Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls, Rev. Gordon Temple officiating. Arrangements are by Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

Harry J. Puryer, 82

Harry J. Puryer, 82, of St. Regis Falls, N.Y., died Friday, April 12, at the Adirondack Medical Center, of Saranac Lake, N.Y., after a long illness.

Local survivors include son Harry Jr. and his wife Linda, and son Marty and his wife, Sinda, of Kalispell; daughter Janice Ashley and her husband, Charles and daughter Susan Dalton, also of Kalispell.

A funeral will be Tuesday at the Free Methodist Church in St. Regis Falls, N.Y. Arrangements are by Anderson Funeral Home there.

Memorials may be made to the St. Regis Falls Volunteer Fire and Rescue Squad.