

## Robert W. Sage

Robert W. (Pappy) Sage, died on Jan. 4, 1996.

He was born on Jan. 22, 1916 in Butte, to Joseph E. and Mary Sage.

Mary died when he six and Joseph, a Butte police detective, was shot and killed when Pappy was nine or ten.

Pappy and his older brother, Joe, went into the orphanage in Twin Bridges and was there for three years and then adopted to work on a farm.

When he was thirteen he ran away by thumbing a ride from the Bitterroot to Missoula where he hopped a box car to Miles City. He wrangled horses for a farm family and attended school. Later, he broke horses and rodeoed in eastern Montana and Wyoming.

He fought four years in World War II. Pappy was a Cavalry scout (last horse division) in the 41st Division of the U.S. Army. He served in the Pacific Theatre and was awarded numerous medals and was wounded in action.

He married Hazel (Mammy) Baldwin on Feb. 11, 1946 and they moved to Missoula in 1948. He was a stone mason by trade.

He continued to break horses on their ranch at the end of Grant Creek Road. He was handy with a rope and a branding iron. Everyone called him to care for their sick or injured animals.

He was well known on the Wheeler ranch. Even though he worked hard and often, he still had time to help young people learn their way around a horse. He provided horses for chil-

dren who wanted to ride.

Pappy and Mammy moved to McMannamy Draw in Kalispell, in 1973 to be closer to their grandchildren.

Pappy built a few fireplaces in the valley and worked as a janitor at Helena Flats Grade School, where he gained many lasting friends.

He then worked at CFAC for two years before retiring to just horses, gardening and working on the place.

When his sight failed, he lived by the radio and telephone, and loved to listen to "Valley Speaks". He enjoyed arguing politics and liked to stay informed.

Pappy played guitar and mouth harp and sang old cowboy songs, but was best known for his great sense of humor. He was loved dearly and we will miss him and his quick wit. We find comfort knowing he's gone now to wrangle horses in the sky.

He is survived by his wife at the family home; daughter, Bonny Ogle and her husband Lynn; grandchildren Mick and Justin Ogle and Rachel Flagg and their families, all of Kalispell; brother Joe of San Diego and his family; stepdaughter Noretta Spurlock; sister-in-law Catherine Cooper, both in Butte; granddaughter Rose Crowe and her family in Sunburst; four great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

There will be a service and memorial reception at 7 p.m. on Jan. 13, at Stillwater Grange on West Reserve in Kalispell. Rev. Paul Taylor is officiating. *KN*

## Merl Elroy Sagen, 64

Merl Elroy Sagen, 64, died at his home in Whitefish on Sunday morning, March 17, 1996.

He was born April 4, 1931, in Columbia Falls, to Thorben and Clara Sagen. He attended rural schools and Whitefish schools.

He farmed at Whitefish until 1967 when he was employed as a carman for the Burlington Railroad until 1981. He then returned to farming until retiring due to ill health.

He is survived by his wife, Phyllis Galloway, of Whitefish; a son, Merl "Allen" Sagen, of Whitefish; two

stepchildren, Mrs. Coleman (Karen) McClintic of Kalispell and Paul Galloway of Whitefish; two brothers, Robert I. Sagen of Whitefish and Kermit "Swede" Sagen of Kalispell; a sister, Twila Delbom, of Columbia Falls; and two stepgrandchildren, Kelsey and Michael.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday at Johnson Mortuary Chapel with Dr. David Kauffman officiating. Burial will be at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Friends may call at Johnson Mortuary for visitation until 6 p.m. on Tuesday.

## Amanda B. Sakariason, 59

Amanda B. Sakariason, 59, died Friday, March 29, 1996, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

She was born April 18, 1936, in Enumclaw, Wash., to August and Selma Mattson. She spent most of her younger years in Washington.

She married Wayne S. Sakariason in 1965 in Bonners Ferry, Idaho. They made their home in Kalispell ever since.

She loved to garden. Anything that was outdoors she loved. One of her favorite hobbies was collecting and restoring antiques.

She will be remembered most for the fact she always took care of everyone else. She loved people and especially loved taking care of her family.

She was preceded in death by her

parents, August and Selma Mattson.

She is survived by her husband, Wayne, at home in Kalispell; one son and his wife, Terry and Joy Sakariason, of Kalispell; a daughter, Sheri Sakariason, of Kalispell; a sister, Vera Prosser, of Montgomery, Ala.; a grandson, Dakota Sakariason, of Kalispell; and two nephews, James and William Prosser of Montgomery.

As per her request, private family services were held today at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home with the Rev. Marvin Northcutt officiating. Interment will be at Conrad Cemetery. The family requests donations to Hospice Home Options, 1297 Burns Way, Kalispell, MT. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

## Steven U. Salano, 22

Steven U. Salano, 22, of Kalispell, died Wednesday of injuries received in a car accident *24 Mar 1996*.

He is survived by his wife, Pat; son, Christopher; daughters Susan and Bryanna; his mother and a sister.

A memorial service will be 10:30 a.m., Monday, at the Johnson Mortuary Chapel.

Services and burial will be at Santa Cruz, Calif.

Quinn Jared Sande, 21, died Oct. 14, 1996, in Kalispell.

He was born Dec. 16, 1974, in Fargo, N.D., to Curtis and Susan Sande. He moved with his family to Montana in 1977. He attended Edgerton School, Kalispell Junior High School, and graduated from Flathead High School in 1993. He also attended Flathead Valley Community College. He was an American Field Service exchange student to Iceland in 1993-94.

He was an accomplished musician. He played trumpet in bands and orchestra in school as well as solo work. He was a member of the Don Lawrence Orchestra. He also played guitar. He loved all music. His artistic talent produced wonderful sketches of wildlife. He was serving on the Board of Flathead Wildlife, Inc.

He proudly worked with Rocky Mountain Outfitter while in high school; with Sam Bibler many springs, summer and falls; and with Dale Jorgenson's trail crew on Swan Lake Ranger District of Flathead National Forest for three summers. Most recently, he guided and boated with Glacier Wilderness Guides/Montana Raft Co. He was employed at Montana Log Homes.

He was known and loved for many

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qualities — his endless ability to make you laugh, his extensive musical and artistic talent, his amazing speed and efficiency in the mountains and the ways he could make a person love the surroundings they were in, especially Montana.

He was an amazing product of the land he lived in. He loved the outdoors and every aspect of it — fishing, hunting with bow and with gun, hiking, mountain climbing, rock climbing, back-country skiing, kayaking, rafting, and bicycling. Camping every season had its special anticipation.

He was preceded in death by his father, Curt, and his maternal grandmother.

He is survived by his mother, Susan Sande, of Kalispell; brothers, Guy Sande of Rosamond, Calif., Eric of San Pedro, Calif., Nathan and his wife, Heather, of Anchorage, Alaska; nephew, Haakon Sande, of Anchorage; grandfather, Alfred Thingvold, of Barton, N.D.; grandparents Martin and Alma Sande of St. John, N.D.; 19 aunts and uncles; 27 cousins; and a circle of superb and loyal friends.

The family suggests memorials to Lamplighter House, 1740 Hwy 93 S., Kalispell, MT 59903-0004. Memorial services will be Saturday at 1:30 p.m. in Lawrence Park with the Rev. Gary Cockrell of Northridge Lutheran Church officiating. Arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

## Hilma Marie Sasse, 78

Hilma Marie Sasse, 78, died Monday, Sept. 23, 1996, in Missoula.

She was born Dec. 3, 1917, in Gackle, N.D., to Axel and Alma Uskoski. She was raised in Hockinson, Wash., and spent most of her life in Washington. She has lived in Kalispell since 1984.

On Nov. 9, 1958, she married Harry C. Sasse in Vancouver, Wash.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a brother and a sister.

She is survived by her husband, Harry, in Kalispell; two sons, Willis Sasse and his wife, Teri, of Kalispell and Edgar Sasse and his wife Rita, of Gaines, Mich.; six stepchildren, Helen Christiansen of Vancouver, Wash., Bob Sasse of Yacolt, Wash., Al Sasse of Altus, Okla., Don Sasse of Kennewick, Wash., Janet Richards of Vancouver, Wash., Evie Wilen of Cougar, Wash.; four brothers, Alvin Uskoski of Portland,

Ore., Everett Uskoski of Bigfork, Rubeen Uskoski of Vancouver, Frank Uskoski of Kalispell; two sisters, Helen Uskoski of Longview, Wash., and Evelyn Divine of Kelso, Wash.; three stepbrothers; four stepsisters; numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren; and many other relatives.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorials to the Old Apostolic Lutheran Church, 215 Blacktail Road, Lakeside, MT 59922.

Visitation will be today until 8 p.m. and Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. on Thursday at the Old Apostolic Lutheran Church. After the service she will be sent to Lane Funeral Home in Battleground, Wash. Services and burial will be Sept. 30 in Bethel Cemetery, Brush Prairie, Wash. Local arrangements are under by Johnson Mortuary.

## Ralph Savage, 70

Ralph J. Savage, 70, died of cancer Saturday, April 6, 1996, at Kalispell Regional Hospital.

He was born Feb. 3, 1926, in Great Falls, to Frank and Stella Shea Savage. He was raised in Neihart and graduated from Great Falls High School in 1943. While in high school, he was active in skiing and was on the 1942 high school ski team that competed in the American Legion Championships in Sun Valley, Idaho.

In December 1944, he enlisted in the United States Merchant Marines and served aboard ships in the Pacific Ocean. In May of 1945, he enlisted in the United States Army and served with an occupation troop in Germany.

After his discharge from the service in November of 1946, he attended the University of Montana. He then worked on construction in Flathead County. His work included working on the construction of the Hungry Horse Dam and the building of the Columbia Falls Aluminum Plant. From 1955 to 1979

he worked as a construction engineer in Great Falls and then in Seattle.

In 1957, he married Sidney Parker in Great Falls. They were later divorced. He helped raise four stepchildren and three foster children.

After his retirement in 1973, he moved back to Kalispell and worked as a volunteer for School District #5. He directed a group in exercising at the Big Sky Manor for several years. He was also an RSVP volunteer.

He was preceded in death by his brothers, Frank, Jr. in 1981 and Gene in 1995.

He is survived by brothers, George of Deming, Wash., and Dick of Kalispell. He is also survived by nine nephews and nieces and one grandnephew.

Memorial services will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. at St. Matthew's Catholic Church in Kalispell. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is in charge of arrangements.

## Pauline Clary 'Polly' Schellinger, 63

Pauline Clary "Polly" Schellinger, 63, of Whitefish and North Valley Extended Care, died Tuesday, September 10, 1996, after several years of battling Huntington's Disease.

She was born October 6, 1932, in Lewistown, the youngest child of Granville and Molly Clary.

Some of her greatest joys in life included spending time with her grandchildren and staying in touch with a great multitude of dear friends. She also loved to travel, which she did much of, both in the United States and abroad. On several occasions she traveled with her special companions Norma, Deletha, and Helen.

Along with her husband, Cliff, Polly was one of the first to organize a drive to collect gifts for needy children at Christmas. She also enjoyed dancing and playing bridge.

She provided a loving home not only for her own children but also for many nieces, nephews, and friends of her children who had no place else to go.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Jean Rada and Marie Cooper,

and two brothers, Kenny and Dale Clary.

Survivors include her husband, Cliff; two daughters, Shelley Dolan of Billings and Kristi Schellinger; two sons, Al and his wife, Sandy, and Randy and his wife, Kathy, all of Whitefish; and one adopted son, Klaus Arpia of Finland. She is also survived by her most recent and loving companion, Wilma Search, and many other close relatives and friends.

She was a wife, mother, grandma, friend. We thank her for touching our lives. She was so special and so loved, and will watch over all of us always until we meet again.

A wake service will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at St. Charles Catholic Church with Rev. Charles Roman officiating. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Kalispell.

Memorials can be made in Polly's name to the Huntington's Disease Research Foundation, c/o Valley Bank Box 48, Kalispell, MT 59901.

## Matt Scherer, 83

Matt Scherer, 83, of Kalispell, died at the Veterans Hospital in Ft. Harrison on Friday, Dec. 13.

He was a retired rancher.

Private family burial will be at Demersville Cemetery. Arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary.

## David Schmauch, 40

Kalispell native David Jeffries Schmauch, 40, died Monday when his home in Phoenix, Ariz., burned.

Local survivors include his grandmother, Frances Madler, of Kalispell, and a cousin, James Schmauch, of Kalispell.

His ashes are being sent to Kalispell for a private service.

## Muriel 'Missy' Schilman, 51

Muriel Ileen "Missy" Schilman, 51, of Kalispell, died of pneumonia at North Valley Hospital on Friday, January 5, 1996.

She was born May 14, 1944, to Harold and Kitty Lemmer. She graduated from high school in Bemidji, Minn., and worked as a cook for the state of Minnesota at an institution in Anoka. She married Ted Schilman in Bemidji on July 14, 1966.

A short time later they moved to Kalispell, where she received her nurse's aide training. She was a nurse in private homes for several years before returning to being a cook. She worked in several local restaurants.



She was a member of the VFW Auxiliary. She was a wonderful mother who was loved by all. She had a heart of gold. She took in needy people and loved everyone. She will be sorely missed by her family and friends.

Survivors include her husband, Ted, at the family home; children Amanda Knox, Rose Schilman and George Schilman, all of Kalispell; her mother in Bemidji; sisters Linda Lemmer, Nicki Lemmer and Buttons Thiele, all of Minnesota; grandchildren Baron Schilman, Ritchie Baier, Tesla Baier, Colin Knox and Corina Knox; and other relatives.

A funeral will be at 4 p.m. Tuesday at Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Visitation is 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday at the mortuary. Cremation will follow the services.

## Frances C. Schmidt, 87

Frances C. Schmidt, 87, a long-time resident of Whitefish, died Sunday, Sept. 1, 1996, at her home in Whitefish.

She was born Oct. 27, 1908, in Oliver County, N.D., to Anton and Carolina Kraft Hoerner.

She was raised in North Dakota. On June 8, 1933, she married George Schmidt in Glendive. They moved to the Flathead Valley in 1937.

In her younger years, she worked summers at the Van Aken Gardens and for several years was employed at the Reeve's Restaurant in Whitefish.

She was a member of St. Charles Catholic Church in Whitefish for many years.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Vera "Toots" Pagel, in

1985, and her husband, George, on Dec. 30, 1993.

She is survived by her son, Raymond, and his wife, Darlene Schmidt, of Whitefish; four sisters, Ida Weiland of Whitefish; Helen Brinkerhoff, Rose Binns and Regina Weiland, all of Columbia Falls; six grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and numerous other relatives.

Christian wake services will be today at 7 p.m. at Austin Funeral Home with the Rev. Charles Roman officiating. Funeral mass will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. at St. Charles Catholic Church with the Rev. Charles Strom as celebrant. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Kalispell.

Memorials may be made to St. Charles Catholic Church.

## Helen May Schroeder, 80

Helen May Schroeder, 80, died Wednesday at her home in Trego.

Survivors include her daughter, Lora Lee Johnson, and her husband, Tom, of Trego; two grandsons, and two granddaughters who will miss her greatly as will her three great-grandchildren, a sister, her well-loved sister-in-law, and many much-loved nieces and nephews.

Private family services are Saturday at 3 p.m. at Nelson & Vial Funeral Home Chapel in Eureka with Dr. David Kaufman officiating. Interment to follow at Tobacco Valley Cemetery.

## Leo 'Butch' Edward Anthony Schulte, 52

Leo "Butch" Edward Anthony Schulte, 52, a former Columbia Falls resident and Clarkston, Wash., resident died while working near Chester, Calif., on Monday, Oct. 7, 1996.

He was born Feb. 15, 1944, in Dallas, Ore., to Leo and Edith Schulte. He attended schools in Columbia Falls.

In 1960, he started working for B&F Excavating Co. in Columbia Falls as a heavy-equipment operator. He worked for B&F until 1973. He also worked at various other jobs in the Northwest, Texas, and Alaska. Locally he was involved in the flood of 1964 in the Flathead. He also worked on construction of Libby Dam.

He was highly respected by his fellow workers and never considered any man a stranger. He was remembered by all as a man who would give you the shirt off his back.

During the past few years, he was an instructor at the Union School for Operating Engineers near Spokane. He was working on a dam at Lake



Almanor near Chester, Calif.

On Dec. 21, 1974, he married Dorothy Sizemore at Couer d'Alene, and the couple made their home in Clarkston, Wash.

He enjoyed working on and restoring old vehicles and had many awards for them. His restored vehicles will be used as the hearse and limousines for the pallbearers in his funeral service.

He was preceded in death by his father, Leo Schulte in 1971, and by a sister, Elaine Marie Schulte in 1941.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy, at the family home in Clarkston; three stepsons, Kevin Brown and Vince Brown, both of Clarkston and Kelly Brown of Graham, Wash.; his mother, Edith Mason, of Columbia Falls; a brother, William S. Schulte, of Taiwan; two sisters, Sherry Martindale and Carole Bell, both of Columbia Falls; and by many other family and friends.

A Christian wake service will be at 7 p.m. Sunday at Columbia Mortuary. A mass of the Christian burial will be at 11 a.m. Monday, at St. Richard's Catholic Church in Columbia Falls. Memorials can be made to the Western States Operating Engineers Institute of Training, PO Box 210, Spangle, WA 99031

## Kenneth Allan Schultz, 55

Kenneth Allan Schultz, 55, beloved husband and father, left to be with our Lord Friday, Jan. 5, 1996, at Kalispell Regional Hospital after a brief illness.

He leaves behind his wife, Bette, at home; his sons, John of Whitefish and Gerry and his wife, Brigitte, of Barstow, Calif.

He was born in Los Angeles on Oct. 11, 1940. As a son of a pastor, he moved extensively in his youth. He served in the Air Force from the fall of 1959 through 1963 when he became employed by Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif. It was while he was here that he met his future wife, Bette. This was the era when NASA was first photographing the moon via lunar orbiter.

Both sons were born after the couple escaped the big city, moved to Lompoc, Calif., were married in 1967 and worked at Vandenberg A.F.B.

In 1971 they returned to where Bette grew up in the Flathead Valley. This afforded their sons a healthy environment in which to grow.

Willing to take any work to support his family, he began as a gas station attendant. He endeavored to better himself by learning the small logging operation, constructing metal farm buildings and by working on the Alaskan pipeline to attain his knowledge as a mechanic.

The level of his integrity and quality of his work gained him the respect of his peers. His heavy equipment repair service had continued to grow.

He will be remembered and missed by his family and friends. He was a faithful husband and encouraging father who shared his time and energy.

In addition, he is survived by his mother, Catherine Quenzer, of Seattle; brothers, Al, Richard and Don; and sisters, Ruth Seth and Esther Bartsch; and extended family members.

A memorial service will be held at Johnson Mortuary Tuesday at 1 p.m. A time of nourishment and fellowship will follow at First Baptist Church of Bigfork, 6933 Montana 35.

## Charles Seely, 69

Charles G. Seely, 69, formerly of East Glacier, died Friday at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls, where he has resided since 1990.

He was born June 13, 1926, in Hinsdale to Guy H. and Eleanor Seely.

He is survived by his wife, Irene, of Plentywood, a brother, and two sons.

No services are planned. Burial of the cremains will be at a later date in Hinsdale. Cremation and arrangement are by Columbia Mortuary.

## Julia B. Sebrowsky, 76

Julia B. Sebrowsky, 76, of Whitefish, died Monday, Jan. 15, 1996, at the Colonial Manor Nursing Home in Whitefish.

She was born Julia Molesky on Feb. 3, 1919, in Nanty Glo, Pa., the daughter of immigrant Lithuanian coal miners.

She moved to Detroit. In August, 1945, she married Marion Sebrowsky. They recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

She worked for a Cadillac dealership in the Detroit area for many years and after her retirement, moved with her husband to Whitefish to be near her two sons, living south of Whitefish since 1985.

She was an active golfer and

bowler and was a member of St. Charles Catholic Church. She was active in a Christian women's lunch group.

She is survived by her husband, Marion, at home in Whitefish; two sons, Ken Sebrowsky of Whitefish and Greg Sebrowsky of Kalispell; brothers, George of Texas and John of Detroit; and a sister, Martha, also of Detroit.

A Christian wake service will be held Wednesday at 6 p.m. at Austin Funeral Home. A Mass of the Christian burial will be held on Thursday at 10 a.m. at St. Charles Catholic Church. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Kalispell.

## Jack Stark Seymour, 75

Jack Stark Seymour, 75, of Columbia Falls, died on Sunday, Dec. 29, 1996, at his home in peace and surrounded with the love of his wife, children and grandchildren. He had been coping with heart disease for 16 years but was diagnosed with thyroid cancer just 11 months ago. He was courageous and determined until the end.

He was the only child of Philip and Stella Seymour. He was born in Tacoma, Wash., on May 20, 1921. He was raised and educated in Browns Point in Tacoma.

He entered the U.S. Coast Guard in December, 1941. After the war he returned home and became a watchmaker, working at Gunderson's Jewelry. He eventually opened his own business, Seymour Electro Plating of Tacoma, which he operated for 18 years. He was a major subcontractor for Boeing airplane company.

He met Naedene Belle Foss on Oct. 5, 1948. He instantly knew she was his soulmate and four hours later asked for her hand in marriage. They were married on March 20, 1949, in Portland, and returned to Browns Point to raise a family.

In 1971, the family moved to Glendale, Calif., where they began a new adventure as hotel managers for Hotel Investors. They managed hotels in Reno, Nev.; Stockton, Calif.; Indian Wells, Calif.; Modesto, Calif.; and Portland. They retired to Tacoma in 1988. After a few years of traveling in their RV, they moved to Columbia Falls to be near their son, Phil.

He was an artist in woodworking. His speciality was beautiful hand-made fish nets. He designed and built four homes. His many hobbies included golfing, camping, hunting, traveling, fly tying, fishing, woodworking and guns. He was a lifetime member of the National Rifle Association.

He was an avid hunter and fisherman. His passion for the outdoors was evident in his love of Montana. He was proud to call himself a Montanan even though he only lived here 3 1/2 years. He felt he was finally home and at peace with our father, the holy spirit. He was a proud family man.

He is survived by his wife at their home in Columbia Falls; son Phillip A. and his wife, Patrice, and their children, Trand K. and Chance P., all of Whitefish; daughter Shelley and her husband, Clancy Brazil, and their children, Forest A. and Holly M., all of San Mateo, Calif.; son David B. and his wife, Johanne, and their children, Hannah A. and Jack A., all of Santa Rosa, Calif.

Services will be today at 2 p.m. at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Columbia Falls with the Rev. Tom Gopp officiating. Cremation has taken place at Hillside Crematory.

The family suggests memorials to Youth Smoking Prevention Education, c/o Community Health, 210 Sunyview Lane, Kalispell, MT 59901, or to Hospice Loss and Grief Outreach, 1280 Burns Way #3, Kalispell, MT 59901.

## David Selke, 68

David L. Selke, 68, formerly of Kalispell, died Thursday, Sept. 5, at the Libby Care Center.

He was born Jan. 29, 1928, in Kalispell, to Peter and Bertha Selke; he was raised in the Flathead Valley and attended Kalispell schools.

He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War and returned to the Flathead after his honorable discharge. He worked in road maintenance for the Forest Service for many years, until he was disabled 10 years ago. He came to Libby in 1995, where he lived since.

He was a member of the VFW Post 2252, Kalispell.

Survivors include his son, David Selke, of Libby and Kenneth Selke, of Kalispell; eight grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Visitation is 1-8 p.m., Monday, at Nelson and Vial Funeral Home. Military graveside services will be 1 p.m., Tuesday, at Conrad Memorial Cemetery, Kalispell.

## Dorris Mae Shaw, 97

Dorris Mae Shaw, 97, of Kalispell, died at Brendan House in Kalispell on Wednesday, Nov. 20, 1996.

She was born April 2, 1899. She attended Kalispell schools and on July 12, 1933, she married Charlie S. Shaw in Kalispell.

She was a devoted wife and spent her life caring for her husband, daughter and grandchildren.

She enjoyed spinning on her spinning wheel, gardening and life in general. She will be greatly missed.

She was a lifelong member of Epworth Methodist Church and a member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Geraldine Marie Shaw, in 1977, and her husband, Charlie, in

1988.

She is survived by her granddaughter, Marnie Spaulding; her grandson, Michael Dean Walrath, his wife, Pamela, and their son, Michael Dean Walrath Jr., all of Portland, Ore.; and nieces, Charlotte Crum of Washougal, Wash., and Monty Gorton of Portland, and their families.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at Epworth Methodist Church with the Rev. Marvin Northcutt officiating. Burial will be at Glacier Memorial Gardens. The family suggests memorials be made to the Children Ministries of Epworth Methodist Church.

## Arthur Shelden, 90

Arthur Shelden, 90, a longtime Lincoln County legislator, died Thursday at St. John Lutheran Hospital in Libby. *15 Aug 1996*

He was born in Flaxton, N.D., to William Arthur and Frances Herter Shelden on Oct. 31, 1905. He attended high school in Canada and came to Montana in 1926 with his family, residing in the Belgrade area. He received a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering from Montana State University in 1931. He later worked in the Civilian Conservation Corps.

He married Ruth Osborne in 1934 in Bozeman. He was employed by the U.S. Forest Service in Missoula, Coram and Columbia Falls before moving to Troy in 1937. He was employed by the J. Neils Lumber Company as a scaler in the logging department. The family moved to Libby in 1941 where he continued his employment with the J. Neils Lumber Company. Later he worked at the St. Regis Paper Company in the presto log plant and then at the company powerhouse as an electrical engineer until his retirement in 1970.

Preceding his retirement, he served three terms as legislator in the Montana House of Representatives and following his retirement he served an additional six terms in the House, the latest term being in 1981.

He served six terms in the Montana House of Representatives, the last in 1981. An avid outdoorsman, he served as chairman of the House Natural Resources Committee.

An active promoter and builder of the Libby area, he was active in numerous community affairs. He served on the board of Libby School District 4 and was past chairman of the Lincoln County Library Board. He also was a member and past president of Lumber & Sawmill Local 2581; the Lincoln County Democratic Central Committee; the Kootenai Valley Grange; the Kootenai Valley Bird Watchers; and the Libby Rod & Gun Club.

Survivors include his wife at the family home in Libby; four sons, Bill Shelden of Englewood, Colo., Richard Shelden of Roanoke, Va., Robert Shelden of Kendall Park, N.J., and Kenneth Shelden of Alameda, Calif.; brother Herbert Shelden of Great Falls; sister Fern Eblen of Belgrade; 12 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be Sunday from 1-8 p.m. at Nelson & Vial Funeral Home. Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at the funeral home chapel with the Rev. David Hansen officiating. Memorials may be made to the Lincoln County Library Foundation, 220 West 6th Street, Libby, MT 59923.

## *30 Jan 1996* Ernie L. Shawhan, 85

Ernie L. Shawhan, 85, of Great Falls, died Saturday at Deaconess Hospital in Great Falls.

He went to high school in Grassrange.

He worked in the early 1930s in construction on U.S. 2 near Libby and Troy. He was also a U.S. government aircraft inspector during World War II at the Army Air Corps in Great Falls.

He married Viola G. Bessey Aug. 24, 1935 in Bonners Ferry, Idaho. She died in 1993.

He owned an auto repair business and Dodge dealership in Kalispell and Columbia Falls and worked as service manager for the Ford dealership in Kalispell until retiring.

He was active in Elks, Moose and Eagles clubs his entire life.



## Edward J. Shelton Jr., 65

Dr. Edward J. Shelton, Jr., retired Lt. Col., died Friday, Nov. 1, 1996, at his home in Kalispell. He was 65.



He was a retired military radiologist. He was born in Conrad on Feb. 27, 1931, to Edward J. and Florence N. Shelton, both of whom were Montana natives.

He was a native of Butte, where he spent his formative years. He married Gloria Swanson in 1957 in Missoula. They had three children.

He served as an officer and medic in the Korean War after his graduation in pre-med from Montana State University. He graduated from medical school at Kansas City College of Osteopathy and Surgery. After an internship in Detroit, he practiced in Grosse Pointe and St. Claire Shores, Mich., until he was again called into the service of his country in Vietnam as a flight surgeon.

He married Pam Fisher of St. Ignatius in Butte in 1971. They had two children.

He became a radiologist while still in the military, graduating from Temple University Medical Center in 1980. After eight years he returned to Montana and retired in Lakeside.

He loved this country and had an exciting and fulfilling career in the U.S. military. He served in all three branches. While in the Air Force, he served as a flight surgeon and medi-

cal officer. While in the Navy, Cmdr. Shelton served as a flight surgeon and in the Army, served as a radiologist. His final assignments were in Bremerhaven, Germany, as chief of personnel, Ft. Ord, Calif., as chief of diagnostic medicine, and Ft. Eustis at Newport News, Va., as chief of diagnostic medicine.

He enjoyed golfing, skiing and boating. He was a member of the Moose Lodge, Fraternal Order of Eagles, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Montana State University Alumni Association, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Lions Club, Association of Military Surgeons, Association of Air Medical Examiners and the Montana Osteopathic Association.

He is survived by his wife, Pam, and daughters Kim and Melissa at home in Kalispell; son, James Shelton, and two daughters, Laurie Shelton and Dena Dodge, all of Denver; a brother, Charles Shelton, and wife, Patty, of Kalispell; six grandchildren; Uncle Bill and Aunt Betty Mitchell, of Lakeside; Aunt Lillian and Uncle Don Collins of Seattle; and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were to be at 1:30 p.m. today at Lakeside Chapel with the Rev. J. Torrance Harvey officiating. Burial will be at Conrad Memorial Cemetery with military honors.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Lady of the Rockies at Butte, the Lakeside Chapel or the Lakeside Quick Response Unit.

Johnson Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

## John Shelton, 91

John G., Shelton, 91, died Feb. 4, 1996, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

He was born Aug. 11, 1904, in Dent County, Mo., to Calvin and Delia Shelton. In 1920 he moved to Havre.

He married Marie Larson on May 3, 1935, in Chester. He was a welder for the Great Northern Railroad in Havre and at Mare Island Shipyard in California. He was a school bus driver for Kalispell School District #5 for 29 years.

He loved to hunt, fish, play baseball, camp and travel. He especially loved his family and friends and was a special friend to all. He was a member of a Christian church.

He was preceded in death by his

brother, Ted, and an infant son, Glen.

He is survived by his wife, Marie; son Dr. Joel Shelton and wife, Maybelle, of Oroville, Calif.; granddaughter Sophie Shelton; one great-granddaughter; niece Geralene Maness of Newalla, Okla.; nephew Kenneth Shelton of Newalla; and many other relatives in Havre, Missouri and Canada.

Friends may call at the Johnson Mortuary until 6 p.m. today and 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. Thursday for visitation. Services will be Friday at 10:30 a.m. at Johnson Mortuary with the Rev. Wayne Pris officiating. Burial will be in C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

### 3 Aug 1994 Daniel L. Sherman, 39

Daniel L. Sherman, 39, of Coram, died Saturday morning from injuries from a pedestrian-vehicle accident.

He was born Sept. 26, 1956, in Clarkston, Wash., to William E. and Lala I. Sherman. He was raised and educated in Clarkston.

He liked to travel, fish and hunt.

He was preceded in death by his father.

He is survived by his mother, Lala "Gene" Schultz, of Coram; five brothers, Robert Sherman and James Boyd, both of Coram, Randy Sherman and Harold Sherman, both of Spokane, and Bill Sherman of Portland, Ore.; and two sisters, Barbara Sherman of Clarkston and Laura Sherman of Reno, Nev.

Cremation has taken place. The family will hold a private service at a later date. Columbia Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

### 1994 William Allen Sheumaker, 32

William Allen Sheumaker, 32, died in Kalispell, on Thursday, April 11.

He was born March 30, 1964, in Harbor City, Calif., son of Benjamin L. and Shirley Sheumaker. His grandparents, Ella Palmer and William Sheumaker, were born in eastern Montana and were later residents of Pablo. His grandmother, Edith Cornelison, was born in Somers and raised in Kalispell.

He was a graduate of high school in Redondo, Calif. He then did auto parts work for a time and was employed with the Continental Airlines and the Driessen Airlines.

In 1985, he married Shawn Sleva in Redondo Beach, Calif. They were later divorced. In 1994, he came to Kalispell and worked at Semitool Inc. at the time of his death.

He is survived by his parents in Clovis, Calif.; children Danielle and

David Sheumaker, of Kingston, Tenn.; sisters Jerrie Anderson, of Holualoa, Hawaii, and Joyce Osborne, of Santa Maria, Calif.; aunt Doris Moody, of Anchorage; uncles Willis Sheumaker, of Kalispell, Larry Sheumaker, of Pablo, James Sheumaker, of Ronan and Arnold Coleman, of Bonita, Calif., plus many other relatives.

A funeral will be 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the Johnson Mortuary Chapel, Rev. Daniel Lambert, pastor of Easthaven Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be at Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

### 1996 Jennie Hope Shipman, 89

Jennie Hope Shipman, 89, died at the Immanuel Lutheran Home, Thursday, April 4.

She was born June 10, 1906, at Trossacks, Saskatchewan, the third of seven children of Elmer and Mattie Shipman. Her father, a school teacher, was a pioneer in the Canadian territory. The children worked hard and played hard, including milking, threshing and shocking grain. Pom-pom-pull-away and tag were favorite games.

One sister, Elsie, died in the flu outbreak of 1918. Jennie was very ill with the measles the following year. In 1926, her father gave up farming and returned to Iowa.

In 1935, Jennie and her parents moved to her brother Merle's farm at St. Ignatius. In 1945, she became a housekeeper at Washington State Tuberculosis Hospital in Tacoma, Wash. That year she also became a naturalized U.S. citizen. She retired from the TB hospital in 1969. Her interests included mending, embroi-

dery and reading.

In 1984, she moved to Kalispell to be near her sister and brother-in-law, Evelyn and Milo Naylor. She moved to the Immanuel Lutheran Home on March 2, 1987, from her Gateway West apartment. On June 7, 1991, she went to live with the Naylor's. She returned to the Immanuel Lutheran Home on Jan. 7, 1994.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Elmer and Mattie Shipman, brothers Cyril and Merle and sisters Elsie Shipman, Susie Gaught and Evelyn Naylor.

She is survived by a sister, Faye Ohden, of Harcourt, Iowa, two nephews and three nieces.

A graveside service will be 2 p.m., Tuesday, in the Glacier Memorial Gardens with Rev. Terry Vanheyningen, pastor of Central Christian Church, officiating. Friends will meet at the cemetery for the services. Visitation is 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday, and 9 a.m. to noon, Tuesday, at Johnson Mortuary.

## Lucy Simpson, 77

Lucy Simpson, 77, died Monday, Feb. 26, 1996, at Marcus Daly Memorial Hospital in Hamilton.

She was born on Sept. 14, 1918, to Willard and Francis Brown. Her place of birth was in Browning on the Blackfoot Indian Reservation in the cabin of Chief Wades-in-the-Water. Her childhood was spent in Whitefish and she also lived in several Montana towns in her life, including Great Falls, Kalispell and Choteau.

Her dear husband was Walter Bodeen. She loved picking huckleberries, canning and various homemaking arts.

Her first and greatest love was for her children. She and Walter had 13 children they cherished so.

In 1961, Walter passed away. Later she moved to Anaconda where she wed Raymond Simpson and they lovingly cared for the children together.

She was also preceded in death by her husband, Raymond, and her daughter, Cynthia Messmer.

She is survived by sons, Ronald of Portland, Ore., Russell and his wife, Ellen, of Bath, Maine, Roy of Corvallis, Wesley and his wife, Bernice, of Columbia Falls, Ray and his wife, Bobbie, of Victor, and Rodney and his wife, Linda, of Grantsdale, Ore.; daughters, Sandra Brown and her husband, Eric, of Anchorage, Alaska, Rose Malloy of Corvallis, Trudy Foltz and her husband, Ronald, of Missoula, Ruby Jackson and her husband, Clyde, of Victor, Ruth Marvin and her husband, Jeff, of Hamilton, and Robyn Conner and her husband, Bernie, of Butte; 32 grandchildren; and 27 great-grandchildren.

She is also survived by two brothers, Chester Brown and his wife, Wilma, and George Brown and his wife, JoAnn; two sisters, Martha Morris and her husband, Al, and Ethel Camden and her husband, Earl; and by many more loving friends and

relatives; all of whom are going to miss her terribly.

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

The graveside service will be at Glacier Memorial Gardens in Kalispell on Thursday at 3:30 p.m. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Garden City Funeral Home and Crematory in Missoula.

## Raymond Shupert, 78

Raymond Shupert, 78, of Whitefish, died Thursday at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish. *29-Feb-1996*

He was born Jan. 26, 1918, in Havre. When he was 1, his family moved to Whitefish, where he completed his education. At an early age he helped Charley Hudson, an early trapper, trap on the North Fork of the Flathead River. In 1934, he was employed with the Great Northern Railway with the track crew, later as a laborer at the Whitefish roundhouse. After he was qualified as a machinist, he worked on steam locomotives until about 1955. Then he was a machinist on diesel locomotives. In 1958, he was promoted to the assistant roundhouse foreman until his retirement in 1975.

In addition to working for Great Northern, he operated a ranch west of Whitefish and did numerous odd jobs, including hauling slabs and gravel, to provide for his family.

He liked to hunt, camp, fish, farm, trap, cook, play cards and be with his family and friends. He also liked

working on machinery, housekeeping and his animals.

He was a member of the B.N. Veterans Association and the American Railway Supervisors Association.

On March 12, 1938, he married Cora E. Dewar. She passed away on Aug. 27, 1995, in Whitefish. He was also preceded in death by a son, Jesse R. Shupert, in 1985, two brothers, Glen and Ernest, and sisters Kate Bowers and June Nevers.

He is survived by a daughter Rose and her husband Bill Staats, of Columbia Falls; sons Butch and Joe at the family home in Whitefish, Don and his wife, Penny, and John and his wife, Bonnie, both of Kalispell; his daughter-in-law Vickie Shupert and his dog, Grizzly; eight grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren, plus many nieces and nephews.

A funeral will be 10 a.m., Monday, at the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish, Dr. David V. Kauffman of the Whitefish Christian Church officiating. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens in Kalispell.

## 1996 David Simonson, 50

David Jules Simonson, 50, of Bigfork, died on Friday, Sept. 27, of injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

He was born Feb. 11, 1946, in Missoula, to Harvey and Anna Simonson. He received his early schooling in Bigfork. Later, he moved to San Diego and graduated from high school there.

On Nov. 5, 1965, he entered the U.S. Air Force and served in Vietnam. He received his honorable discharge on Nov. 4, 1971. He then returned to Bigfork, where he, his son, David Dwayne, and father worked in the construction business.

He was an avid sailor and member of the North Flathead Yacht Club. He was a man who gave everything in life. He greeted each day with joy and appreciation. The most important thing in his life was his family and friends.

His wife, Sue, and children, Jess, Dwayne, Susan and grandchildren will always love and cherish him. For those of us fortunate enough to be touched by this man, whether as

friend or family, we all share his strong spirit and generous heart. We know he will be there for us who loved him. He will greet us with each new sunrise.

He is survived by his wife, Sue, at home; children, Jessica Adams and her husband, Gary Jacob, of San Diego, Calif., David Dwayne Simonson and his wife, Julie, of Kalispell and Susan Jo Ann Simonson, of Columbia Falls; parents Harvey Simonson, of Bigfork and Anna Seery, of Kalispell; sisters Jackie Noice and husband, Marshall, of Kalispell and Jo Ann Rens of Garden Grove, Calif.; brother Dana Roy Simonson, of Seattle; grandchildren, Gary Junior, Kayla Elizabeth and Tyler David, numerous aunts and uncles and 11 nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, at Johnson Mortuary. Cremation will follow the service.

A gathering of friends and family will be held at the family home at 185 Terrace Hill, Bigfork, following the services.

## Grace Florence Skaggs WP 2 May 96

Grace Florence Skaggs, 85, beloved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, died quietly April 27 at St. John's Lutheran Home in Billings. She was born March 30, 1911 in Livingston.

She was a graduate of Livingston High School and Billings Business College. She married Howard Skaggs on July 5, 1931 in Livingston. They lived most of their lives in Montana. Her life centered around children,

not only her own, but those she cared for over many years. Among her loves were cooking, sewing and flowers.

Survivors include daughters, Pat Nile and her husband Ramon of Forsyth, Montana; Sue Ellen Goosey and her husband Erin of Whitefish; her sons, Jerold Skaggs and his wife Anita of Somerset, N.J. and Robert Skaggs and his wife Sharon of Billings. One sister, Ruth Zorn of Great Falls; 11 grandchildren and 21

great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by the love of her life, her husband of 50 years, Howard; daughter-in-law LaVonne Skaggs and great-grandchild Josiah Nile.

Funeral services were held in Bozeman. Interment will be at Sunset Hills Cemetery. Memorials may be made to St. John's Lutheran Home, 3940 Rimrock Road, Billings 59102.

## Clifford D. Slater, 73

Clifford D. Slater, 73, died Wednesday, Dec. 4, 1996, at the Veterans Memorial Hospital in Seattle after a short illness.

He was born in Creston to John C. and Ella Slater. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

He and his wife, Erma Pearson, of Ronan, were married 52 years. They lived at Echo Lake, where he was a stone mason and built many fireplaces in the Bigfork and Kalispell areas.

They moved to Alaska in 1969 and joined other members of the family in Juneau.

In 1973, they bought a restaurant and service station at 33 Mile in Haines, Alaska, where they have

lived to this date.

He will be remembered for his talent in music, playing his guitar and singing western songs, playing the piano with a rhythm unique to him.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Les and Cal.

He is survived by his wife, Erma, at Haines; his son, Mike and wife, Sally, of Haines; two grandchildren; two brothers, George of Spokane and Roger of Sacramento; two sisters in Missoula, Margaret Stone and Arlene Barnard; nieces; nephews; cousins; and a host of wonderful friends.

Memorial services will be held in Haines. His wife's address is P.O. Box 546, Haines, AK 99827.

## Beverly Slayton, 59

Beverly Slayton, 59, of Aptos, Calif., died Sept. 12, 1996, at Dominican Hospital in Santa Cruz, Calif.

A memorial service was held Sept. 16 in California.

She was born in Kalispell on Sept. 5, 1937, to Dale and Erlise Phillips. She graduated from Flathead High School in 1955.

She attended college for two years at the University of Montana and Eastern Washington University at Cheney, Wash., near Spokane. She then worked for five years as a stewardess for United Airlines.

She was a member of Women Care, the Santa Cruz Kennel Club, and the

German Short Hair Dog Club of America. Her hobby was raising, showing and judging dogs.

She is survived by her husband of 32 years, Richard K. Slayton, of Aptos; a son, Derek, of Sacramento, Calif.; a sister, Shirley Tutvedt, of Kalispell; a nephew, Bruce Tutvedt, of Kalispell; nieces, Sarah McClure of Walla Walla, Wash., and Andora Needleman of Montville, N.J.; and an aunt, Joyce Phillips Rayfield, of Newport News, Va.

The family asks memorials be sent to Beverly's cancer support group, Women Care, P.O. Box 944, Santa Cruz, CA 95061.

## Erwin Slethaug, 82

Erwin M. Slethaug, 82, died on Saturday, Oct. 5, 1996, at his home in Kalispell.

He was born on March 29, 1914, to Engbret and Margaret Slethaug in Creston. On June 5, 1937, he married Bernice Sherman in Kalispell.

He worked for Safeway Grocery for more than 40 years — 17 as manager in Malta, Polson, Kalispell and Great Falls.

He was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church and Rollins Community Club.

He was an avid gardener, fisherman, hunter and hiker. He loved the woods and outdoors.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Margaret and Engbret; a sis-



ter, Helma; a brother, Gordon; a son-in-law, Don Knutson; and a grandson, Joseph Knutson.

He is survived by his wife, Bernice Slethaug, at home in Kalispell; three daughters, Barbara Slethaug of Kalispell, Billie and Steve Moksnes of Whitewater, Wis., and Joanne Knutson of Great Falls; a brother, Olander and Florence Slethaug, of Kalispell; two sisters, Olive and Joe Tencich of Tacoma, Wash., and Gordyce and George Durocher of Seattle; five grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. on Wednesday at Bethlehem Lutheran Church with the Rev. Rick Nelson officiating. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. Tuesday at Johnson Mortuary.

Memorials are suggested to Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 603 Main Street, Kalispell, MT 59901.

## Harry H. Smith, 97

Harry H. Smith, 97, died Tuesday, Nov. 5, 1996, in Kalispell.

He was born Jan. 20, 1899, in Lee County, Iowa, to Fred and Mary Smith. He was raised in Missouri, Oklahoma, Kansas and Colorado. He was a farm and ranch hand for many years.

He married Marie Wersal in Billings on Sept. 9, 1924. They lived in Montana, Idaho, Washington and Arizona. They had two daughters, Marie and Ruth.

He became a mechanic, both automotive and diesel. For many years, he worked for Rice Truck Line as a diesel mechanic and later ran his own shop. He retired in 1964 from a service station in Great Falls and became a small-engine mechanic. They moved to Kalispell in 1969, and he worked for Mini Motors until August 1984. He retired as a member of the Machinist Local 1046 in Great Falls.

He was a Boy Scout leader and an

explorer advisor in Great Falls.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Marie, in 1991, and a daughter, Marie Shepard, in 1957.

He is survived by daughter Ruth Braden of Great Falls; two grandsons, Richard Shepard of Helena, and Gray Braden of California; a granddaughter, Karen Thompson, of Forest Hill, Calif.; seven great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

Cremation has taken place. A graveside service and urn burial will be on Saturday at 1 p.m. at Conrad Memorial Cemetery with Deacon Fred Topp officiating. Arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

## Joseph 'Joe' L. Smith, 45

Joseph "Joe" L. Smith, 45, of Kalispell, died Oct. 31, 1996 in Stockton, Calif., while on vacation.

He received his education at Chico High School in Chico, Calif., and Delta College. He was in the Navy from Feb. 1969 to April 1970.

He was self-employed and spent his last eight years living in Kalispell.

He was baptized in the Zion Lutheran Church in Ashton, Idaho.

He was happiest outdoors, hunting or fishing. He was in tune with nature. He enjoyed sharing this love and teaching it to his children. He knew how the creatures of the outdoors thought which made him an extremely successful sportsman. He always caught the biggest, the most, and bagged the trophy buck and, ah, the culinary magic he performed always melted our palate.

When you think of him, gregariousness comes to mind simultaneously. He was the first one to stop and help someone in need. His laughter contagious, his love so warming, his touch so calming. He will be sorely missed in this life. Thank you for leaving us with so many memories preserved in your photographic works. We love you.

He is survived by his estranged wife, Penny Howard, of Tacoma, Wash.; daughter, Dusty Howard, of Sardegna, Italy; son, Mason Smith, of Tacoma; brothers Mark Smith of Stockton and Randy Smith of Lodi, Calif.; sisters Lonnie Simpson and Elizabeth Schulz of Arnold, Calif.; and his parents, Nadene Sauer of Stockton and Leslie Smith.

Private family services were to be held today.

## Joe W. Smith, 77

Joe W. Smith, 77, of Columbia Falls, died Friday, July 26, 1996, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

He was born April 11, 1919, at the family farm between Fort Peck and Nashua, to Charles J. Smith and Sarah Mitchell Smith.

He married Irene Friskey on April 24, 1937, in Wolf Point. Together, they farmed and he worked on construction of Fort Peck Dam in the 1930s.

During World War II, he worked at Hanford and Bremerton, Wash. After the war, he moved the family to Columbia Falls, where he worked on construction of Hungry Horse Dam. He owned and operated the Sportsman Club bar and the M & M Bar in Martin City.

In the late 1950s, they moved back to the family farm and operated the Nashua Bar. They continued farming until retiring in Columbia Falls in 1977. He spent his retirement between the farm and Columbia Falls.

He enjoyed dealing cards, but his biggest enjoyment was hunting and fishing with his son and grandchildren.

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

He is survived by three children: son Richard G. Smith of Columbia Falls, and daughters Sylvia and her husband, Clarence Stugelmeyer, of Conrad, and Mary Ann and her husband, Duane Francis, of Columbia Falls; eight grandchildren, Evonne Smith-Wells of Missoula, Robin Rieger of Bozeman, Jay Stugelmeyer of Evanston, Wyo., Dan Smith of Phoenix, Ariz., Janet Stugelmeyer of Missoula, Darryl Smith of Crooked River Ranch, Oregon, Doug Francis of Tamarac, Fla., Jodi Stugelmeyer of Billings; a sister, Florence Trebas, of Columbia Falls; and 10 great-grandchildren.

A funeral service was held at the funeral home chapel. Burial followed at Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

## Lelah Smith, 91

Lelah Pearl Smith, 91, died Feb. 14, 1996, at Immanuel Lutheran Home.

She was born Nov. 26, 1904, in Dexter, Texas, the youngest of nine children. She was raised by her father, Andrew Dees, a barber, and her grandmother who shared parenting responsibilities after her mother's untimely death.

She graduated from the eighth grade and in her mid-teens moved to California and Nevada in search of work. She held many jobs prior to her long career with the U.S. Postal Service, from which she retired.

She was in retail sales both as an employee and as a store owner, and had traveled extensively throughout the United States and Western Hemisphere.

Her hobbies included reading, flower gardening, outdoor activities and sporting events of all kinds. She also enjoyed shopping, especially for beautiful clothing which she delighted in wearing.

She was affiliated with the Methodist Church. She lived in the Flathead Valley for over five years and moved from her home with her niece and family on Lake Blaine to Immanuel on Aug. 28, 1995.

She is survived by a daughter, Genie Perkins, of Malikoff, Texas; granddaughter, Gail Touchstone, and grandson, Rusty Spiedel, both of Lancaster, Calif.; nephews, Noel Dees of

Rosamond, Calif., and Jack Dees of San Diego, Calif.; special niece, Sue Juan Webb, and friend, Archie Lorentzen of Kalispell; and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held in Rosamond at later. Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary.

*4 July 1996* **C. Philip Smith, 89**

C. Philip Smith, 89, was born May 21, 1907, in the Flathead to Humphrey II and Mary Smith. His parents homesteaded on the Flathead River near Kalispell on what is now called Conrad Drive. He lost his parents when he was 7 and was raised primarily by his brother, William A. Smith, who preceded him in death in 1969.

He graduated from Flathead County High School and attended Montana State University in Bozeman where he and his teammates attained national recognition for their long-distance track team.

In 1943, he joined the armed services as a Navy Seabee. He served throughout the Pacific during World War II and was among the first Americans to bear witness to the devastation in Nagasaki in September of 1945.

After his tour in the service, he returned to the Kalispell homestead where he contentedly ranched and farmed for 45 years.

In 1990, he retired to the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls

where he remained until his death on Wednesday, July 3, 1996.

He was "Uncy Flip" to numerous nieces and nephews, great-nieces and nephews and great-great-nieces and nephews not to mention quite a number of neighbor kids who thought of his hayloft as their personal playground where they were always welcome.

He was preceded in death by his brothers, William "Bill," Humphrey and Richard; and sisters, Kathleen "Kitty" and Eileen.

He is survived by nieces, Dolly Lincoln of Kalispell, Lorraine Mahoney of Yakima, Wash., Patty Levenseller of Tacoma, Wash., Wilma Jordan of Port Orchard, Wash., and Isabel (Ben) Davis of Montreal, Canada; and nephew, Humphrey, of Port Orchard; many great and great-great-nephews and nieces including Bill Lincoln of Lakeside and Bob, Bobby and Tanis Lincoln of Somers.

Military graveside services will be Tuesday at 1 p.m. at Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

### **Rex Smith, 74**

Rex E. Smith, 74, died at Kalispell Regional Hospital Sunday. *11 Feb 1996*

Survivors include his wife, Beryl, of Libby; two daughters, Diane Troyer and husband, Ivan, of Libby, and Susan Halter and husband, Bud, of Kalispell; a sister; four brothers; three grandsons; one granddaughter, Tammy Hoveland, and great-grandchild-

dren, Kyle and Tony Hoveland, of Kalispell; a cousin; mother-in-law, Ada Weston, of Kalispell; brother-in-law; three sisters-in-law, including Marjorie Giermann and Iris Carroll of Kalispell; and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be Thursday at 1 p.m. at Nelson & Vial Funeral Home Chapel.