

## 1991 Robert J. Smith

Robert J. "Bob" Smith, a lifelong Columbia Falls resident, died June 17 at the age of 81. His death came after two months of complications following a stroke.

He was born on Aug. 17, 1914, to A.N. and Lottie Smith. He was educated in the Columbia Falls school system and graduated with the class of 1932.

Following school, he married Lucille M. Galbraith in Polson in 1935. He worked for a time hauling ties to the Great Falls area. To make his trips efficient, he and his brother Tom developed a truck with a flat fuel tank so ties could be carried to Great Falls and fuel oil returned to Columbia Falls.



Robert Smith

The brothers owned and operated Smith Brothers Fuel and the service station on Nucleus Avenue for many years. It was eventually sold to Donald Anderson, who operated it until his death.

Smith and his brother then built and operated the Glacier Lanes Bowling Alley in Columbia Falls. This was a family business that all members worked for, including Lucille. He and Lucille spent their later years traveling south in the winter and pursuing activities like camping. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1985. Lucille preceded him in death in 1988.

Never one to sit idle, he continued working at Superior Lumber in Columbia Falls during his retirement. During the past four years, he has enjoyed the company of a very dear friend, Violet Bousman of Columbia Falls.

He was very community minded and did volunteer work in local government. He served many years as a volunteer fireman and ambulance driver.

Until illness kept him away, he could be seen at nearly all the basketball games in Columbia Falls.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife Lucille, and three brothers, Tom, Walt and Vern. Survivors include many nieces and nephews: Dick and Lorraine Stotts, Michael and Carrie Stotts, Thomas and Sally Smith and Dan Anderson of Kalispell; Roy and Elaine Countryman and Bernie Crow of Columbia Falls; Jack and Donna Christofferson, Polson; Jim and Adeline Stotts, Nevada; Lyle Galbraith, Seattle; Sandra Smith, Arizona; Chuck and Marscell Logan, Iowa; and sisters-in-law, Alleene Stotts of Kalispell and Myrtle Galbraith of Hamilton.

Graveside services were held at Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls Friday, June 21, with Reverend Darrell Newby officiating. Cremation will precede services. Memorials may be made to the Columbia Falls High School Endowment Fund. HH

## 1996 Steven Gene Smith, 38

The Lord took Steven Gene Smith, on Dec. 5, to where he is no longer in pain and can walk as he wishes.

He was born Feb. 9, 1958, in Rapid City, S. D., to Bobbie and Linda Smith. The family moved to Kalispell in 1963, where he started school. After four years, the family moved to Bigfork and lived there since. He attended Bigfork schools.

He worked for the Dockstader's, cultivating their Christmas trees for many years. He also worked as a logger for many years until he was stricken with multiple sclerosis. He also worked at the Creston Sheep Ranch.

He loved the outdoors — hunting, fishing and camping.

He married Marlana Eastman on Aug. 2, 1981. From that marriage they had a daughter, Lindsay Rebecca Smith, who he loved and adored very much. They were divorced in June 1983.

He was preceded in death by his

father, Bobbie G. Smith, in July, 1991.

He is survived by his mother, Linda, at the family home; his brother, Leon, also at Echo Lake; daughter, Lindsay, who lives at Valley, Wash.; uncles Thomas Valdez, of Gillette, Wyo., Larry Smith, of Kalispell, Wayne Smith, of Tacoma, Wash., Charles Jordan, of Bigfork; aunts Joanne Morris, of Rapid City, S.D.; Leone Sharp of Florence, Oreg.; Doris Sharp of Rapid City, S.D.; S. D., Polly Valdez, of Gillette, Wyo., Beverly Metz, of Culbert, Ok., Brande Morgan, of Kalispell; great aunts Lorraine Griffin, of Keystone, S. D., Elsie Holwell, of Osage, Wyo. and many cousins.

Visitation will be 1-4 p.m., today and 9 a.m. to noon, Monday at Johnson Mortuary. A funeral will be 1 p.m., Monday, at Johnson Mortuary Chapel, Pastor Ed Hanson of Columbia Bible Baptist Church officiating. Burial will follow at Lonepine Cemetery in Bigfork.

### Timothy Allen Smith, infant

*5 m au 1996*  
Timothy Allen Smith, infant son of Rhonda and Mark Smith of Seeley Lake, died Sunday of complications during birth at Community Medical Center in Missoula.

Survivors include his parents; a brother and a sister; grandparents, including Myra and Dale Heindel of Kalispell; great-grandparents, including Violet and Myron Freese and Elma Lansear, all of Kalispell; six uncles and several other relatives.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Glacier Memorial Gardens in Kalispell with the Rev. Patrick Pierce officiating.

Arrangements are under the direction of Sunset Memorial Funeral Home in Missoula.

### *1996* William A. Smithson, 70

William A. Smithson, 70, formerly of Eureka, died Tuesday, Dec. 10, at his home at Seeley Lake.

He was born Sept. 15, 1926, at Eureka to Robert and Hazel Smithson. He was raised and educated in the Tobacco Valley.

He served with the Army in World War II and in the Korean War. He was a highly decorated combat veteran.

He returned to Montana and lived near Seeley Lake for the past several years.

Survivors include a son, William, of Ottawa, Mich.; brother Jerome Smithson, of Coos Bay, Ore.; sister Margaret Titchbourne, of Eureka.

He was preceded in death by sisters Helen Kamfe, Doris Olson, Hazel McMerdo, and Florence Stoken.

A military graveside service will be 1 p.m., Monday, at the Tobacco Valley Cemetery in Eureka. Arrangements are by Nelson and Vial Funeral Home.

### H. Devore 'Doc'

*18 Feb 1996*  
Smiley 87

H. Devore "Doc" Smiley, 87, died Sunday at his home on Sophie Lake in Eureka.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Evelyn Banks Smiley.

Survivors include a son and

daughter-in-law, a sister and his present wife, Patricia Best Smiley of Eureka.

Services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. at the Baptist Church in Eureka with the Rev. David Hopper officiating. Arrangements are by Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Eureka.

## Eleanor Sneddon

Eleanor D. Sneddon, of Whitefish, died on Tuesday, Jan. 2, 1996, at her winter home in Kailua, Hawaii.

In September, 1942, she married Robert A. Sneddon.

She was an avid golfer and belonged to many golf associations. While living in Kentucky in the 1970s, she was an active member of the Henderson Park planning board and the Women's Golf Association.

She played championship golf and worked to rate golf courses all over Montana. In the 1980s and 1990s, she worked as an active board member of the Whitefish golf course. She was ecstatic to make two holes-in-one in her lifetime.



She also enjoyed downhill skiing and was a master bridge player. Her passion for gardening provided stunning beauty for all who visited her flower gardens.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Leah McLean, two half-sisters and two granddaughters, Vickie and Catie.

Survivors include her husband, of Whitefish; sons Bruce A. Sneddon, of Missoula, and Mark R. Sneddon of Dallas, Texas; grandchildren Robie, Charles and Joshua Sneddon.

She will be missed by all her friends and family.

Private services were held. Private interment will be in Columbia Falls.

The family suggests memorial offerings to Shodair Children's Hospital in Helena or The American Cancer Society. Please, no flowers.

Arrangements are by Ordenstein's Hawaiian Memorial Park Mortuary.

## Robert Sneddon

WP 1 Aug 96

Robert Sneddon, 74, a third generation Anaconda employee and former manager of the Columbia Falls aluminum plant, died Saturday at his home in Whitefish of natural causes.



Anaconda reduction works followed by two years with the company in Chile, and in 1954 back to Montana and the Columbia Falls plant not yet in production. He was assistant mechanical superintendent.

His grandfather, Robert M. Sneddon, was an emigrant from Scotland, became a coal miner on Anaconda property in southwestern Wyoming. His father, William, retired as chief clerk at Anaconda's Great Falls plant.

Sneddon started at the plant when it was the Anaconda Aluminum Company and remained there after it became ARCO Aluminum. In 1966, Sneddon moved to Kentucky to serve as the first manager of the new Sebree aluminum plant. He returned to Columbia Falls in 1978, taking over for Ed Woster as plant manager, a position he held until 1985 when Jerome Broussard and Brack Duker purchased the plant from ARCO and created the Columbia Falls Aluminum Co.

Sneddon retired shortly thereafter.

He was chairman of the District 6 school board during construction in 1959 of the new \$1.7 million Columbia Falls High School. He also was chairman of the North Valley Hospital board, a past president of Whitefish Rotary, and former director of Winter Sports Inc., operators of The Big Mountain.

He was preceded in death by his wife Eleanor, who passed away in January, and two granddaughters. In recent years, they had wintered in Hawaii, returning to Whitefish for the summers. Surviving are two sons, Mark of Dallas, Texas and Bruce of Missoula; and three grandsons, Robbie and Charles, of Missoula, and Joshua of Dallas, Texas; and two brothers.

Funeral arrangements are being handled by the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish. Private family services are planned.

The family suggests memorials to the Shodair Children's Hospital in Helena.

He and Eleanor Dribble were married at Berkeley, Calif. That same year he went into the Army. Following military service, he enrolled at Montana State University and earned an industrial engineering degree.

Employment with the Anaconda Company started in 1950 at the

## Tiffany Ann 'Tuffy' Snell, 15

Tiffany Ann "Tuffy" Snell, 15, was killed in a vehicle accident on Saturday, Oct. 5, 1996.

She was born Oct. 18, 1980, in Kalispell, to Robert and Sharon Snell. She had attended Cayuse Prairie School, home-schooled for a year and was attending Flathead High School as a sophomore.

She was proudly raised on her family's farm where she helped drive truck during harvest, delivered lunches and kept everyone's spirits up. She was cherished by everyone.

Never shy, she could be found conversing with young or old. One of her favorite spots was Cisko's where she would have coffee with her dad and his friends.

She loved children. Babysitting was one of her favorite jobs and she would make any excuse to take care of her younger cousins.

One of her many talents was her



love of modeling. A highlight of her teen-age years was being trophy queen at Raceway Park, and competing in the West Coast Miss Junior America Pageant in Orange, Calif., in August.

She will be remembered by all who knew her as a loving and caring person who always was smiling. She had a very strong spirit, and was loved by everyone who ever met her. She has left behind many adoring friends and relatives whose lives she touched. We will all remember her with love.

She was preceded in death by her grandfather, James Snell.

She is survived by her parents, Robert and Sharon Snell; her sister, Lynette Snell; her brother, Jacob Snell; her maternal grandparents, George and Mary Hubbard; her paternal grandparents, Vic and Betty Bjornrud; aunts, uncles, cousins; and many many friends.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Christian Center Assembly of God Church in Kalispell. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

## Kenneth A. Spaulding

Kenneth A. Spaulding died April 18, 1996, in Kalispell.

A memorial service will be Friday at 2 p.m. at Christ Church Episcopal with the Rev. Russell

Peck officiating.

Private urn burial will follow at Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is in charge of arrangements and cremation.

## Goldie Spence, 67

Goldie Spence, 67, of Seeley Lake, died Thursday, Oct. 17, 1996, at St. Patrick Hospital in Missoula after an extended bout with cancer.

She was born Sept. 3, 1929, in Kalispell, to Dan and Bessie Kauffman. She received her education in Flathead Valley schools.

She married Harry Spence in 1955 in Kalispell and they resided in Seeley Lake until his death in 1975.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harry; her parents; three brothers; and a sister.

She is survived by her longtime

dear companion, Warren Cork; a son, Daniel Spence, of Ketchikan, Alaska; a daughter, Nancy Spence, of Kalispell; grandson, Troy Spence, of Seeley Lake; a granddaughter, Tawny Spence, of Seeley Lake; a brother, Rollan Kauffman, of Kalispell; two sisters, Ruby Mohn of Hamilton and Betty Eacker of Kalispell; and many nieces, nephews and wonderful friends.

Cremation has taken place. There will be a memorial service Saturday at the Many Lakes Presbyterian Church in Seeley Lake at 1 p.m.

## Mildred M. Sommer, 78

Memorial services for Mildred M. Sommer, 78, of Sidney, formerly of Kalispell, will be at 1 p.m. on Saturday at the Assembly of God Church with the Rev. Robert Ross officiating. According to her wishes, she will be cremated under the direction of Fulkerson Funeral Home of Sidney.

The longtime Kalispell resident left us to be with her Lord. She left us from her home in Sidney on Friday, Jan. 19, 1996, with family and hospice members attending her.

She relocated to Sidney in April of 1995 for medical reasons. She died after a 18-month bout with cancer.

She was born on Aug. 24, 1917, in Boyd to Max and Mary (Anderson) Proetel.

She was a loving and caring mother who had love in her heart for

everyone. She will be missed by everyone who knew her. She attended the Assembly of God Church and bible study. She enjoyed crocheting, embroidery, family and friends, baking, candy making, and doing things for others and was a great listener.

Surviving her are three sons, Larry Proetel of California, William J. Sommer of Billings and Fred Sommer of Kalispell; two daughters, Mrs. Harold (Shirley) Gilbertson of Poplar and Mrs. Richard (Dorathea) Hoverson of Jordan; a brother, Donald Proetel, of Polson; 11 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and an aunt and uncle.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, William J. Sommer, a baby daughter, Alice, two great-grandsons, a brother, and a sister.

## M. James Sorte, 65

Former District Judge M. James Sorte, 65, died Friday, Aug. 2, at Mountain Valley Hospice House after a brief and courageous battle with cancer.

He was born Feb. 22, 1931, in Plentywood, son of Marvin and Bernice Sorte. He grew up in Scobey. After graduating from high school there, he served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War. He then returned to Montana, graduating from the University of Montana Law School in 1960.

He married Anne Brown in 1968 in Great Falls. In 1969, he was appointed judge of the 15th Judicial District. He served the people of that district while living in Wolf Point until he retired in 1994. He and his wife moved to Missoula in September 1995.

During his time on the bench, he served as president of Montana Trial

Judges, on the Board of Crime Control, Montana Legal Services Board and was chairman of the Judicial Nomination Commission for many years.

He is survived by his wife, in Missoula; daughter Eliza Anne, of Kalispell; brothers Curtis, of South Beach, Ore.; Donald and Gerald, both of Olympia, Wash.; five nieces; three nephews and 15 grandnieces and grandnephews.

Cremation has taken place. At the family's request, no services will be held at this time. A memorial service at the Montana Supreme Court will take place later. The family suggests memorials to the Mountain Valley Hospice House in Missoula or the UM Law School Foundation. Arrangements are by Garden City Funeral Home and Crematory in Missoula.

## 1996 John Evans Sowerwine, 44

John Evans Sowerwine, 44, is presumed dead from a boat accident on March 12, off the coast of northern California.

He was born Jan. 2, 1952, in Kalispell, where he grew up. He married his high-school sweetheart, Pamela Schmid, in Kalispell on Sept. 8, 1973.

He completed his bachelor of science with honors from the University of California-Irvine in June 1974, and earned a master of science degree in fisheries biology from Humboldt State University in 1977.

He began fishing out of the port of Trinidad, Calif., in 1978 on his much loved boat, the Ocean Gypsy. He fished for salmon, rockfish and crab and thoroughly enjoyed the life of a fisherman.

He always worked hard and enjoyed the adventure and the excitement of trying to learn more with every fishing trip. He especially enjoyed watching the migration of the gray whales each year. He died

doing something he loved almost as much as he loved his family and many friends.

He is survived by his wife, Pam, and his sons, Jim, 13, and Bill, almost 10, at the family home in McKinleyville, Calif.; his mother, Alice G. Sowerwine, of Kalispell; his siblings and their spouses, David and Haydi Sowerwine of Kathmandu, Nepal, Patricia and Charles J. Issel of Lexington, Ky., and Hank and Laura Sowerwine of Longview, Wash.; three nephews and three nieces; and his ex-sister-in-law, Heide Vriesenga, of Wahiawa, Hawaii.

He was preceded in death by his father, Owen Evans Sowerwine.

He had an abundance of friends and will be missed. A scattering of flowers was held Sunday at Trinidad Bay. Memorial services will be held at a later date.

Letters may be sent to Alice Sowerwine, c/o First Presbyterian Church in Kalispell.

## Roy William Stahl, 86

Roy William Stahl died on Saturday, Aug. 10, 1996.

He was born April 13, 1910, in Fergus Falls, Minn. He was the youngest son of William and Margaret Stahl. In 1914, he moved with his family to the Huntley Project.

After completing, with honors, Billings Business College, he sold John Deere tractors in Huntley. He and his brothers owned and operated Billings Auto Wrecking for 20 years.

In 1958, he purchased Birch Glen cottages on Swan Lake and operated them for 11 years before he retired.

He was Citizen of the Year in Swan Lake in 1979. He helped many friends in the community, was devoted to helping care for his son, Dave, while Dave lived at Lake View Care Center.

He was always busy. He built his home at Birch Glen, helped convert the bar into the Swan Chapel, was a quiet and gentle man who enjoyed people, good food, music, hunting, fishing, dancing and gardening.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Margaret; son, David; brothers Henry and Lester; and sister, Ruth.

He is survived by his daughter, Sharon M. Hunter, grandchildren, Jamie Hunter Davenport and David Hunter, and great-grandsons, Bill and Tom Davenport, all of Sugarland, Texas; nephew and nieces, Ron, Karol and Hannah Scott of Manhattan, Mont., Doug Hegland of Whitefish and Skip Hegland of Lethbridge, Canada.

Memorials may be made to Lake View Care Center, Bigfork, MT 59911. Open memorial services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday at Lake View Care Center. Rose Ottosen will give the memorial service. Bigfork Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

## Kenneth Spaulding

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Kenneth A. Spaulding, 82, died April 18, at his home in Kalispell.

He was born April 26, 1913, in Choteau, to Thomas and Willie Spaulding.

He worked for many years as an English professor.

Memorial services will be held at a later date. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory are in charge of arrangements.

### Mildred E. Staples, 91

*9 July 1996*  
Mildred E. Staples, 91, died Tuesday at Brendan House.

She was born on Feb. 22, 1905.

She spent most of her life as a homemaker. In May of 1988, she

entered Brendan House.

She is survived by a nephew in Minneapolis.

Funeral services are pending. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is in charge of arrangements and cremation.

### George Richard 'Bud' Stebbins, 79

George Richard "Bud" Stebbins, 79, died Nov. 20, 1996, at Eisenhower Memorial Hospital in Rancho Mirage, Calif., after a year-long battle with cancer.

He was born Nov. 13, 1917, to George R. and Pearl Mack Stebbins on the family farm in Creston. He rode his pony to Egan School for grades one through eight, graduated from Flathead High School in 1936, and attended Northwest Business College in Spokane.

In 1951, he married Florence Miller, also of Kalispell, and left Montana once again for Alaska.

The summer of 1941, he was employed at the U.S. Naval Base in Kodiak, Alaska. He later worked with Chugach Power in Anchorage, Alaska, until retirement. He was a real-estate agent in Anchorage for many years.

In 1983, he and his wife settled in Homer, Alaska, leaving only during the coldest winter months for the

desert of Southern California. He enjoyed the good fishing and beauty of Homer and loved his home on the bluff overlooking the bay.

He was a lifetime member of the Elks Club, and a longtime member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

He is survived by his wife, Florence M. Stebbins, and son, Steve Drew, of Homer; daughters, Kathi Fike of Palmer, Alaska, Aleta Rein of Wasilla, Alaska, and Lesa Klancher of Grapevine, Texas; six grandchildren; a brother, L.M. "Jiggs" Stebbins, of Kalispell; and a sister, Millie O'Neill, of San Luis Obispo, Calif.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Virginia Wise.

A memorial was held on Nov. 23, when his friends and family across the country celebrated his full life. His ashes will be interred this spring at Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell.

### Michael Steele *WP 5 Dec 96*

Michael Steele, 55, of Whitefish, died Nov. 30 in Whitefish.

He was born June 26, 1941, in Boston, Mass. He had worked as a mechanical checker for the Lockheed Aircraft Company.

He is survived by a daughter,

Andrea Steele-Hocking, and a grandson, Phillip Hocking, both of Mead, Wash.

No local services are planned. Memorial services will be at a later time in Santa Cruz, Calif. Austin Funeral Home is in charge of local arrangements.

## George C. Steel, 80

George C. Steel, 80, died Friday, July 5, 1996, at Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.

He was born Aug. 4, 1915, in Laurens, Iowa, to Frank and Mary Steel. When he was young, he moved with his family to Minnesota. He enlisted in the Army on Nov. 24, 1940. During World War II, he spent time as a German prisoner-of-war. He was also wounded, and received the Purple Heart.

When he was discharged from the Army on Oct. 10, 1945, he returned to Minnesota. He married his wife, Iva, on Sept. 13, 1949. He lived in Kellogg, Idaho, and worked for the Bunker Hill Mine for more than 24 years. He enjoyed mining and was very good at his profession.

He loved hot cars and enjoyed traveling. He said he liked to fish, but only after a rain storm. That always seemed to be the most productive time for him.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 40 years, Iva.

He is survived by sisters Alice Rand, of Nevis, Minn., Gwen Roth, of Bend, Ore., Mary Plumely, of Park Rapids, Minn., Mavis DeMars, of Bigfork, Dorothy Stewart, of Modesto, Calif., and Phyllis Roth, of Myrtle Point, Ore.; brothers Lloyd Steel, of

Grand Rapids, Minn., and Cyril Steel, of Bovey, Minn., and many nieces and nephews.

Burial will be 1 p.m. Tuesday at Coeur d'Alene Memorial Park in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, with Rev. Howard Jones officiating. Post Falls American Legion will provide military honors. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

## Carson Sterling, 78

Carson D. Sterling, 78, died Tuesday, June 4, 1996, from complications of open-heart surgery.

He was born Aug. 15, 1917, in Gap, Pa., to Martha and Carson Sterling.

He traveled as a young man, meeting Kathryn Haughland in Bricelyn, Minn. They married on May 19, 1941. The family, two sons and a daughter, continued to travel through Minnesota, South Dakota, Wyoming, Colorado, and finally retired in Kalispell in 1980.

He worked in construction at missile sites. He also was self-employed as a carpenter.

He is survived by his wife,

Kathryn, at home in Kalispell; two sons, Carson D. Sterling III of Scottsdale, Ariz., and Milton J. "Guy" Sterling of Tacoma, Wash.; a daughter, Susan L. Martinez, of Chandler, Ariz.; a sister, Bernice Wayne, and her husband, Ed, of West Reading, Pa.; six grandchildren, Terry Sterling, Kevin Sterling, Jim, Tim, and Robert Sterling, and Kristen Marion; and six great-grandchildren, Tyler and Beau Sterling, Brandon and Sean Sterling, and Samantha and Lindsey Marion.

Memorial services will be today at 7 p.m. at Moose Lodge No. 1922, at 2158 U.S. 2 East, Kalispell.

## Charles Stevens, 67

Charles C. Stevens, 67, died of heart disease at his home in Kalispell on Thursday, Jan. 25, 1996.

He was born Feb. 19, 1928, in Kila to Charles and Martha Stevens. He received his education in the Swan Lake, Somers and Lakeside schools.

He was self-employed most of his life, working in logging, woods work, carpentry and operating several small businesses.

On Aug. 12, 1946, he married Helen Anderson in Polson.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Lewis and Elgie, and a sister, Grace.

He is survived by his wife at the family home; son Chuck Stevens and

his wife, Cindy, of Charleston, S.C., and granddaughter Holly, of Malvern, Ark.; great-granddaughters Samantha Stevens and Amanda Fite; brothers Lloyd Stevens, of Kalispell, Neil and Douglas Stevens, both of Lakeside, Glen Stevens, of Bigfork, and Bob Stevens, of Columbia Falls; plus a number of nieces and nephews.

A funeral will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Trinity Lutheran Church, Rev. Darold Reiner officiating. Burial will be at Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Visitation is 1-4 p.m. today at Johnson Mortuary.

The family suggests memorials to the Lakeside Quick Response Unit.



## Frances Stevens, 84

Frances E. Stevens, 84, died Saturday, April 13, 1996 in Spokane, Wash.

She was born July 3, 1911, in Bristol, S.D., to Christopher J. and Minnie Thennis.

She married Alvie Stevens on May 22, 1937, in Chester. He preceded her in death in 1976.

They operated an egg business for many years.

She was a member of Crystal Creek Ladies Club and St. Richard's Catholic Church.

In 1990, she moved to Spokane to

be near her daughter.

She is survived by her daughter, Kathryn Kaley, of Spokane; a sister, Delores Sauby, of Shelby; seven grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

A rosary will be recited today at 7 p.m. at Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. Mass of the Christian burial will be Friday at 10 a.m. at St. Richard's Catholic Church in Columbia Falls. Burial will follow in Woodlawn Cemetery. Visitation will be today until 8 p.m. at Columbia Mortuary.

## 17 Oct Karen Joan Stevenson, 55 1996

Karen Joan Stevenson, 55, of Essex, formerly of Kevin, died of cancer Thursday at her home.

She was born in Shelby and grew up in Cut Bank.

She married Richard Stevenson in Shelby in 1968. She was a housewife. They moved to Essex four years ago.

She was a member of Toole County Search and Rescue and the Disabled Veterans Auxiliary.

She is survived by her husband, Richard, of Essex, and three sons.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Whitted Funeral Chapel in Shelby with burial in the Mountain View Cemetery.

## Donald James Still, 86

Donald James Still, 86, died Friday, Jan. 5, 1996, at Heritage Place in Kallispell.

He was born July 16, 1909, to Caroline Bayrd and Guy E. Still, the fourth generation of his family born in Woodstock, Ill. He graduated from Woodstock High School in 1927 and the University of Wisconsin in 1931. He attended the Wisconsin Graduate School of Banking after being hired as cashier at the State Bank of Woodstock in 1938.

He married Helen Metzler, an English teacher at Woodstock High, in 1937.

He was named president of the State Bank, now Harris Bank Woodstock, in 1964, and was chairman of the board in 1973. Throughout his career he served on the town planning commission, the school board, the hospital board and as Dorr Township trustee.

He was treasurer of the First United Methodist Church and sang tenor in the choir. He performed in Orson Welles' Shakespeare productions at Woodstock Opera

House and was instrumental in the historic preservation of that building and the city square. He was named Woodstock Lions Club Citizen of the Year in 1990. He continued to work in the bank until 1994, when he and his wife moved to the Flathead Valley to be closer to family.

He was preceded in death by his son, Donald James Still Jr., and his brother, Professor Bayrd Still, of New York City.

He is survived by his wife, Helen, of Heritage Place; his daughter, Cas Still, son-in-law, Andy Baxter, grandchildren, Caroline Bayrd Still-Baxter and Donald Andrew Still-Baxter, all of Yellow Bay; his nephew, Frank Nash, of Connecticut; and his many friends at Heritage Place and in Woodstock.

There will be a memorial service in Woodstock on Jan. 20. Memorials may be sent to The Woodstock Opera House or the First United Methodist Church Woodstock. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

## Helen Still, 86

Helen Metzler Still, 86, died Friday, Feb. 16, 1996, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

She was born Nov. 17, 1909, to Helen Higgins and Franklin T. Metzler in Colorado Springs, Colo. After the death of her mother two years later, she was raised by her aunt and uncle, Sadie and Ralph Riggs, in Winchester, Ill.

She graduated from MacMurry College in 1931 and became a greatly admired English teacher at the high school in Woodstock, Ill.

She married Donald James Still in 1937, and began her 57-year career as his partner. She was active in the First Methodist Church Women's Circle, ran the snack bar for the women's auxiliary for Memorial Hospital and was a life member of

Friends of the Library.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Ginge Beattie and Harriet Nash of Colorado; a brother, Dick Riggs, of Winchester; her son, Dee Still of Woodstock; and her husband, Don.

She is survived by her daughter, Cas Still, son-in-law, Andy Baxter and grandchildren, Caroline Still-Baxter and Andrew Still-Baxter, all of Yellow Bay; her nephew, Frank Nash of Connecticut; her brother, Jim Riggs of Washington; and her many friends at Heritage Place and in Woodstock.

After a private service she will be buried in Woodstock. Memorials may be sent to the Woodstock Public Library. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements and cremation.

## Grace E. Stinger

WP 26 Jun 96

Grace E. Stinger, 89, of Whitefish, died Tuesday, June 11 at the North Valley Hospital.

She was born Nov. 27, 1906 to John L. and Ella Mae Brown in Muskegon, Mich.

She was married to Harold H. Stinger on Dec. 21, 1927 in Sidney, Mont. They moved to Whitefish in 1943.

She was a longtime member of the Moose Lodge, Golden Agers and Royal Neighbors.

She was preceded in death by her husband Harold on Oct. 2, 1971; her son, Dale; and two grandchildren: Jay and Tina.

She is survived by eight daughters: Ella Hill of Kalispell, Doris La Voy of Havre, Carolyn McConville of Whitefish, Joanne Brousseau of Eureka, Madonna Barber of Yellow Bay, Marcia Hunnewell of Whitefish, Cheryl Rounds of Yellow Bay, and Carla Corbally of Stanford; 24 grandchildren; 24 great-

grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were June 14 at the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish with Dr. David V. Kauffman of the Whitefish Christian Church officiating. Burial followed in the Whitefish Cemetery.

The family has suggested memorials to the North Valley Hospital Extended Care Center.

## Adrian C. Strauss

WP 11 Jul 96

Adrian C. Strauss, 19, of Whitefish died Monday, July 1 after an auto accident.

He was born May 13, 1977 to Robert Mike and Marta Strauss in Anchorage, Alaska.

The family moved to Palmer, Alaska, in 1987 and to Whitefish in 1993, his junior year in high school. He graduated with the Whitefish Class of 1995.

He was awarded a number of varsity football and track scholarships to Western Montana State. He turned down scholarships offered at Western to attend the University of Montana this fall, with the intent of

playing football. He planned on majoring in business and his goal was to own a car dealership in Whitefish.

He was employed by the Swan Lake Ranger District fighting wildfires in Arizona and New Mexico.

He enjoyed fishing, hunting, driving his car and skiing. He had been on the ski patrol in Dillon, Mont. He also enjoyed spending time with his friends and family, often referring to his sister and her friends as their "Protector of Lost Souls."

He is survived by his father, Robert Mike, and his sister Kim,

both of Whitefish.

A memorial service was held Sunday, July 7 at the Whitefish High School gym, with the Rev. Don McNeely of the Church of the Rockies officiating.

Cremation has taken place under the direction of the Austin Funeral Home.

His ashes will be spread across Pioneer Peak in Palmer, Alaska, where his mother's ashes were scattered.

The family has suggested memorials to Whitefish High School varsity football program, or the charity of the donor's choice.

## Loretta A. Strash, 56

Loretta A. Strash, 56, passed away Monday Dec. 23, 1996, at Kalispell Regional Hospital, following a courageous 10-year battle with cancer.

She was born Sept. 28, 1940, in Egg Harbor, N.J., to Rudy and Catherine Meith. She lived and attended schools in both Egg Harbor and Newark, N.J.

She married Raymond Strash in Mays Landing, N.J., in 1974. They moved to the Flathead Valley in 1978.

She worked for 18 1/2 years at Kmart in Kalispell in the cafeteria and, until it closed, the deli department. She was the assistant manager at the time of the closing of the deli. She worked as a cashier at Wal-Mart for the past six months.

She loved her family dearly; spoiling



ing them was one of her favorite things to do. When they lived in New Jersey, she loved going out on the family boat. She also loved to watch birds and take care of small animals. She loved flowers; she had them both in the house and outside in the yard.

She was a very loving and caring person. She will be missed by all who knew her.

She was preceded in death by her father.

She is survived by her husband, Ray Strash, of Kalispell; a son, William Strash, of Kennewick, Wash.; a daughter and her husband, Sherry and Kris Woll, of Kalispell; two grandsons, Adam and Nathan Strash of Kennewick; and her mother, Catherine Meith, of Kalispell.

Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home with the Rev. Ron Pierce of Swan Chapel officiating. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is in charge of arrangements.

## Ann E. Stricklin, 70

Ann E. Stricklin, 70, of Billings, died Monday, Oct. 7, 1996, a family tragedy beyond belief and comprehension.

She was born in Green Bay, Wis., on April 3, 1926. Her father was commonly known as the strongest man in Green Bay and she too, was known for her strong character.

She moved to Billings in 1954. She loved Billings and the people who lived there. She was a no-nonsense, straight-forward, typical Montanan who preferred Billings and her friends over any place in the world.

She is survived by her beloved husband of more than 42 years, Robert

Stricklin; her four sons, Victor W. Anderson of Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, Chuck Anderson and Mike Stricklin, both of Lakeside, and Pat Stricklin of Billings; her sister, Marge Smit, of Green Bay; and her 10 grandchildren, Vic Jr. of Arlington, Texas, Sarah of Bozeman, Joe, Cassie and Rachel of Lakeside and Paula, Ryan, Whitney, Kyle and Austin, all of Billings.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at Michelotti, Sawyers & Nordquist funeral home, with entombment in the Terrace Gardens Mausoleum. Memorials may be sent to the charity of one's choice.

## Marjorie St. Peter, 72

Marjorie M. St. Peter, 72, died May 27 at Kalispell Regional Hospital. 1996

She is survived by three children, including Mike St. Peter of Eureka, two sisters, Peg Hibbert and Maxine Purdy, both of Eureka, nine grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren.

Services will be Saturday at Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church in Eureka. Interment will follow at Tobacco Valley Cemetery. Arrangements are by Nelson & Vial Funeral Home.

## 1996 Sherman Strife, 95

Sherman Schulyer Strife, 95, was taken to his Lord's bosom, Wednesday, Nov. 20.

He was a 26-year resident of Bigfork. He was the last in his generation of this hearty pioneering family. He was the youngest of seven children born to Emanuel and Magdalina Streiff. (The spelling "Strife" was adopted when his father moved to Montana.)

He was born Jan. 2, 1901, in Red Lodge. He was raised by two sisters, Mary and Alma, as his mother passed away shortly after his birth. His father moved the family to the Bitterroot in 1908.

Sherman left Montana as a young man, making his home in Los Angeles. He worked 40 years for the Standard Oil Company, retiring in 1964.

In 1967, he married Patricia John-

ston. They lived in Riverside, Calif., until moving to Bigfork in 1970.

He belonged to the Riverside B.P.O.E. Lodge No. 643. They were members of the Community United Methodist Church in Bigfork.

He was well known for his wonderful sense of humor and his hearty laughter. He was a considerate neighbor, true friend, loving man and loving husband.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia, of Bigfork, and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be 2 p.m., Dec. 2, at Community United Methodist in Bigfork, Rev. Bob Lamphier officiating. A private family memorial service will be early spring at Victor Cemetery, where his ashes will be buried in the family plot.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

## 1996 Lawrence Joseph Stoetzel, 76

Lawrence Joseph Stoetzel, 76, of Bigfork, died in the Kalispell Regional Hospital on Monday, July 29.

He was born Oct. 29, 1919, in St. Rose, Minn. to Henry and Theresa Stoetzel. He received his education in Douglas County, Minn., and did farm work until entering the U.S. Army Engineers, where he served four years.

In 1946, he moved to Conrad and worked on ranches for 12 years before establishing the Rocky Mountain Ready Mix cement business. He operated that for 20 years.

In 1981, he retired and moved to Bigfork, where he lived ever since.

He was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars in Conrad.

He was preceded in death by five sisters and two brothers.

On Jan. 7, 1947, he married Marcela Quinn in Alexandria, Minn. and is now survived by her at the home in Bigfork. He is also survived by six children, Bonnie Jennings, of Bigfork, Ray Stoetzel, of Conrad, Diane Siefken, of Fort Collins, Colo., Judy Townsend, of Denver, and Darlene Miller and Marlene Fischer, both of Conrad; sisters Clara Rutten, of Osakis, Minn. and Frances Forster of Parkers Prairie, Minn.; 12 grandchildren and one great-grandson, several nieces, nephews and other relatives.

A memorial service will be 11 a.m., Monday, at St. Catherine's Catholic Church in Bigfork. Memorial services will also be 11 a.m., Wednesday, at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Conrad. Arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary.

## Ellen Stout

Ellen Stout, age 79, passed away Sunday, Jan. 28, 1996 at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

She was born June 24, 1916 in Cibilo, Tex.

Ellen and her husband, Richard, moved to Kalispell in May of 1980. She worked for several years as a beautician. When she was younger, she was the Texas state tennis champion. She loved to go camping, and one of her favorite places was the

Big Creek Campground.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and one brother, Milton Werner. She is survived by her husband, Richard Stout, at the family home in Kalispell, and one son, Werner Lee Stout of Kent, Wash. No public services are planned and Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is in charge of cremation and arrangements.

## Floyd Stowe, 64

Floyd Albert Stowe, 64, died at his home on Tuesday, March 26, 1996.

He was born May 19, 1931, in Coeur d'Alene, to Floyd and Edith Stowe.

He married Winona Ellis on Oct. 8, 1983, in Kalispell.

He loved country music, was a member of the Idaho National Guard and was a lifelong truck driver and heavy equipment operator. He was employed by Lee Distributing.

He was preceded in death by his

parents and a daughter.

He is survived by his wife, Winona, of Kalispell; daughter, Vickey Schrock of Coeur d'Alene; son, Floyd A. Stowe and wife, Cindy, of Wills Point, Texas; three granddaughters, Janel, Denise and Melissa; one great-granddaughter, Dusty Lynn; and a sister, Ann Jordan.

Memorial services will be on Saturday at 10 a.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Cremation and arrangements are under by Johnson Mortuary.

## Adrian C. Strauss, 19

Adrian C. Strauss, 19, of Whitefish, died Monday, July 1, 1996, as the result of an auto accident.

He was born May 13, 1977, in Anchorage, Alaska, to Robert Mike and Marta Strauss. The family moved to Palmer, Alaska, in 1987 and to Whitefish in 1993, his junior year in high school. He graduated from Whitefish High School in 1995.

He was awarded a number of varsity football and track scholarships to the University of Montana, Dillon (Western). He turned down scholarships offered at Western to attend the University of Montana (Missoula) this fall with the intent of playing football. He planned to major in business and his goal was to own his own car dealership in Whitefish.

He was employed by the Swan Lake Ranger District, fighting wildfires in Arizona and New Mexico.

He enjoyed fishing, hunting, driving his car and skiing. He had been on the ski patrol in Dillon. He also enjoyed spending time with his friends and family, often referring to his sister and her friends as their "Protector of Lost Souls."

He is survived by his father, Robert Mike Strauss, and his sister, Kim, both of Whitefish.

A memorial service will be Sunday at 2 p.m., at the Whitefish High School gym with the Rev. Don McNeely of the Church of the Rockies officiating. Cremation has taken place under the direction of Austin Funeral Home. His ashes will be spread across Pioneer Peak in Palmer where his mother's ashes were scattered.

The family has suggested memorials to Whitefish High School varsity football program or the charity of the donor's choice.

## Ella L. Stashak, 78

Ella L. Stashak, 78, died Friday, July 5, 1996, at Lake View Care Center in Bigfork.

She was born Jan. 7, 1918, in Bound Brook, N.J., to Leslie and Wesley Bergen. She grew up in Bound Brook.

In 1936, she married James E. Stashak. She spent most of her life in New Jersey, moving to the Flathead Valley in 1994.

She loved people and spent a lot of

time as a volunteer in her church. For several years she was a leader in the Girl Scouts.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James, in 1983.

She is survived by her daughter, Ella Kieltyka, of Bigfork.

A private family service will be held. Burial will be next to her husband in Bound Brook.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

## James 'Jimmie' Werner Sutton, 46

James "Jimmie" Werner Sutton, died in Missoula on July 19, 1996, at age 46.

He was born Dec. 31, 1949, in Ann Arbor, Mich., to Joseph Lee Sutton and Jean Elizabeth Harkness. In his early years, the family lived overseas for long periods for his father's work, primarily in Bangkok, and also Tokyo and Manila. They returned to the United States when his three younger siblings were born and in times of political unrest. The family moved to Bloomington, Ind., where his father taught at Indiana University and eventually became its 13th president.

He finished his childhood education in Bloomington and attended college at Oxford and Arizona State University. He returned to Bloomington and lived there until 1981, when he married Mary Ann Reesé and moved to Missoula. In 1984, he moved to Kalispell, returning to Missoula in 1994.

He had a deep appreciation and love of fine arts, particularly Asian textiles, carpets and ceramics, which he collected as a hobby and sometimes his occupation. He was a skilled photographer who always had a darkroom and was sometimes employed in that field. In later years, he developed a love for flower gardening and stamp collecting.

He was an archaeologist by training and had the nickname Hawkeye for his ability to locate primitive sites and artifacts. He worked on sites in England, Guatemala, the Midwest and Southeast, the Montana High Line, Missouri Breaks and Williston Basin and the North and South Forks of the Flathead River. He located many archaeological sites in Glacier National Park and at Hungry Horse Reservoir, one of which he named after his daughter.

He was always a devoted husband and loving father. He was a true child of the '60s, and a part of him never lost that basic innocence. He was a Buddhist, a faith he held deeply, and although he never tamed the demons, he left this lifetime in peace. The doors he opened and the cycles broken are the greatest legacy he left his siblings and descendants. He had a brilliant mind and taught those near

him many things of the world and beyond. He was a pirate who belonged in another place and time.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Ann, of Missoula; a son, Brennan Joseph Golightly Sutton, 18, of Bloomington, Ind.; daughter Molly Elizabeth, 10, and son Ryder Lee, 7, both of Missoula. Also surviving are his brothers Geoffrey, of Missoula and David, of Portland, Ore.; sister Abigail of Bloomington, and three nieces in Great Falls and Portland.

## 1996 Edith Strey, 82

Edith G. Strey, 82, of Hungry Horse, died Saturday, Nov. 23, at her home.

She was born March 15, 1914, in Glendive, to George and Cora Turlock.

Local survivors include her husband, Harold, of Hungry Horse; son Butch Strey and his wife, Connie, of Martin City; daughters Loretta and her husband, Oscar Buller, of Kalispell, and Elsie Schulz, of Coram.

A funeral will be 2 p.m., Tuesday, at Columbia Mortuary, Rev. Rick Buzzell of Hungry Horse Chapel officiating. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Viewing will be 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday at the Columbia Mortuary.

## Josephine 'Josie' Stubbs, 85

Josephine "Josie" Frances Stubbs, 85, died April 1, 1996, at Kalispell Regional Hospital.

She was born Feb. 3, 1911, in Gascoyne, N.D., to Joseph and Katherine Tabaka.

She married Stanley Szymanowski on Sept. 29, 1928, in South Dakota. They moved to Kalispell in 1941. He later passed away. She married Charles Stubbs on Dec. 11, 1960, in Kalispell.

Her early career was spent raising four children. She later worked as a retail sales clerk at Woolworth's, B&B and Equity.

She enjoyed sewing, crafts, quilting, crocheting and playing bingo, but most of all she enjoyed her family. She was a member of the Central Christian Church, the Eagles Auxil-



iary and the Royal Neighbors.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Stan Szymanowski, in 1960; her brothers and sisters; her son, Jack Szymanowski, in 1989; and her second husband, Charles Stubbs, in 1993.

She is survived by daughters Adelaide Cook of Recife, Brazil, Janet Baden and husband, Gary, of Malta, Judy Chittim of Kalispell; daughter-in-law, Eunice Szymanowski of Spokane; daughter Gloria Wolf and husband, Roy; sons Royden Stubbs and wife, Maxine, and Faye Stubbs; 15 grandchildren; and 22 great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be today and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Friday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Funeral services will be Friday at 3 p.m. at the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Terry Vanheyningen of Central Christian Church officiating. Burial will follow in Glacier Memorial Gardens.

## Ruth Swenson, 85

Ruth E. Swenson, 85, died Tuesday, Jan. 2, 1996, in Whitefish.

She was a loving, caring mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

She was born Sept. 1, 1910 in Superior, Wisc., to William and Josephine Culliton. She moved to Kalispell in 1925 and graduated from Flathead County High School.

She and her husband owned Happy's Inn between Kalispell and Libby for many years. She enjoyed the outdoors, hunting and fishing with her husband and family. She was a great fan of football and basketball.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Everett Swenson.

She is survived by two sisters, Marion Carlson of Seattle and Win Guerin of Superior; three sons, Stuart of Whitefish, Don of Missoula and Robin of Billings; eight grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at St. Matthew's Catholic Church in Kalispell. A reception will follow at 632 6th St. E. in Kalispell and all are invited. Arrangements and cremation are under the direction of Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish.

The family suggests that memorials be sent to the Frank Little Memorial Trophy Case, c/o Dr. Tom Little, 303 Salish Court, Kalispell, MT 59901.

## John 'Jim' Williams Symonds, 83

John "Jim" Williams Symonds, 83, died at Brendan House on Sunday, April 14, 1996, following a lengthy illness.

He was born Oct. 23, 1912, in Three Forks, to John T. and Lillian Symonds. He was raised in Miles City and was a graduate of Montana State College in Bozeman in 1936 with a degree in mechanical engineering and where he was a member of the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity.

On Aug. 5, 1937, he married Elizabeth Barringer.

He was equipment superintendent for Peter Kiewit Sons Co. until retiring in 1971 in Omaha, Neb. While working for the Kiewit company, he worked throughout the United States, Canada, Venezuela, Greenland and Germany.

Upon retiring, he and his wife moved to their cherry orchard south of Bigfork on Flathead Lake.

He was a consulting engineer and translator for Dragadosy Construc-

ciones of Madrid, Spain, from 1972 until 1990.

He was a member of the Bigfork Development Co. and was active in the Bigfork Art and Cultural Center. He was also a member of the ALERT board of Kalispell.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a son, John B. Symonds.

He is survived by his wife, Betty, of Kalispell; his children, Anne Larkin and her husband, Dale, of Littleton, Colo.; Susan Keene and her husband, Robert, of Billings; and James W. "Jim" Symonds and his wife, Sue, of Decorah, Iowa; four granddaughters; a sister, Virginia Rae Olson, of Seattle; and seven nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be held at 4 p.m. on Tuesday at Christ Church Episcopal. The family suggests memorials be made to ALERT, Brendan House or the charity of donor's choice. Cremation and arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary.

## Jerry M. Syth, 60

Jerry M. Syth, 60, a longtime area businessman, died Friday, Jan. 12, 1996, of a gunshot wound at Fortine.

He was born in Kalispell on June 1, 1935, to Harold and Lucy Syth. He was raised in the Flathead Valley attending Batavia School west of Kalispell. He worked as a sawyer and, later, in construction working on the Flathead Tunnel during the Libby Dam Project.

He married Noreen K. Moen in 1964.

They built Jerry's Saloon in Fortine, later expanding it to include a steakhouse and convention hall which he and his wife operated for the past 30 years. They later added the Executive Par 3 Meadow Creek Golf Course and RV Park on the adjoining land. He most recently had been the founder and builder of Syth Business Park in Kalispell.

He was very active in numerous business and area community affairs. In 1964, he served as a state good-will representative aboard the state bicentennial train to Washington, D.C. He had served on the board of the Montana Tavern Owners Asso-

ciation and had served as president of Can-Am Search & Rescue. He had been a member of the 10 Lakes Snowmobile Club, the Fortine Fire Department and assisted in bringing Channel 5 coverage to the local area.

He was preceded in death by his parents as well as brothers, Marlin and Wayne.

Survivors include his wife of 31 years, Noreen, at the family home in Fortine; his children, John Syth, Kim Buchholtz and Rick Syth, all of Kalispell, and Sherry Olsen of Spokane; his stepfather, Fred Cusick, of Kalispell; a sister, Lois Krause, of Bigfork; a brother, Leon Syth of Kalispell; seven grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Friends may call from 2-8 p.m. today and until noon Tuesday at Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Eureka. Services will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. at First Baptist Church in Eureka with the Rev. David Hopper officiating. Memorials may be made to the 10 Lakes Snowmobile Club, Box 404, Eureka, MT 59917 or the Can-Am Search & Rescue, Box 47, Eureka, MT 59917.