

William Eugene 'Gene' Vandevanter, 88

William Eugene "Gene" Vandevanter, 88, died Saturday, July 6, 1996, at Kalispell Regional Hospital.

He was born May 28, 1908, in Fargo, N.D., to Joseph and Myrtle Vandevanter. They homesteaded at Niarada. He attended Battle Butte School and Flathead High School.

He worked for ACM's Flathead Mine for 12 1/2 years. During that time he also worked for Alpine Fur Farm and trapped in the Swan one winter with his cousin Harold Prouty.

On Jan. 25, 1936, he married Ethel Leighty in Missoula. He and his brother, Russell, operated a fur farm from 1932 to 1953. In 1953, they along with Harold Prouty started the Trap Zoo.

In 1954, he and Russell started Vandevanter Meats.

He was an avid bowler for more



than 45 years. He loved to travel and to fish.

He and his wife traveled in their motor home to many area fishing lakes and, for a few years, to Salten Sea, Calif. They took many tours and traveled to Australia, New Zealand, Europe and South Africa as well as Alaska and Hawaii. They enjoyed showing their slides of their trips. He also enjoyed playing the stock market.

He is survived by his wife, Ethel, at home in Columbia Falls; a daughter, Sharon Brittenham, and her husband, Jim, of Columbia Falls; two grandsons, Patrick Brittenham of El Cajon, Calif., and Jody Brittenham of Columbia Falls; a brother, Russell Vandevanter, of Columbia Falls; and many other friends and relatives.

Visitation will be Wednesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Friday at Johnson Mortuary Chapel with Dr. David Kauffman of Whitefish Christian Church officiating. Burial will follow at Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Eugene B. VanArtsdale WP 9 May 96

Eugene B. Van Artsdale, 68, died May 5 at Brendan House in Kalispell. He was born Feb. 21, 1928 in Great Falls to Cecilia and Lee Van Artsdale. Van moved as a young child to Whitefish and attended schools there graduating from Whitefish High School in 1946. He then attended and graduated from Montana State University in 1950. In March of 1951, he enlisted in the U.S. Army where he served overseas in the Korean Conflict. After returning to the United States, Van attended college at the University of Montana where he received his masters degree in 1955.

Van married Kalispell native Luanne Burch in 1954. They moved to Libby where Van worked as both

the junior and senior high administrator for the Libby school system from 1955 until his retirement in 1983. Van spent all of his summers from 1955 through 1992 working in Glacier Park. He owned and operated Lake McDonald Boat Company at Apgar from 1968 until 1992.

Van and his wife Luanne owned a sporting goods store in Libby from 1974 until 1984. They moved to Bigfork in 1987 where they resided until his death. He skied Big Mountain before the ski runs were developed and continued his life-long love of skiing with a group of his Flathead friends who skied Big Mountain once a week. He was an avid golfer and

loved fly fishing.

Van was preceded in death by his parents and an infant son, David. He is survived by his wife, Luanne at the family home in Bigfork; son Mark and his wife Denise of Whitefish; daughters Carrie Wick and her husband, Dave of Whitefish, Gena Wilson and her husband Mitch of Tucson, Ariz.; sister Anna Lee Waldo and husband Bill of San Luis Obispo, Calif.; four grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

A gathering of friends and family will be held today, May 9, from 2 to 4 p.m., at the Outlaw Inn, in Colt Rooms 44 and 45. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is in charge of arrangements.

Margaret Van Dyke, 80

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Margaret B. Van Dyke, 80, of Kalispell, died at Kalispell Regional Hospital on Friday.

She was the widow of Benjamin Van Dyke. She is survived

by two sisters and a brother, and her sister-in-law, Ruby Nutter, of Kalispell.

No public services are planned. Cremation and arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Robert C. Van Sickle, 70

Robert C. Van Sickle, of Layton, Utah, died Friday, May 31, after a long battle with leukemia. 1996

He was born in Glendive on June 8, 1925. He attended the University of Montana and graduated in 1949 with a B.A. in psychology. He belonged to the Theta Chi fraternity at UM. He married Martha Staley on Nov. 24, 1949, in Missoula.

He is survived by his wife and their four children: Lawrence C. Van Sickle and his wife, Dale, of Austin, Texas; William S. Van Sickle, of Missoula; Mary E. Van Sickle Robnett and her husband, Bill, of Maple Valley, Wash. and Sally J. Van Sickle of Austin. Also surviving are two granddaughters; brothers David Van Sickle, of Hamilton, and James Van Sickle, of Worden.

In 1968, he retired from the Federal Civil Service after 37 years. He was district manager for the Social Security Administration in Ogden, Utah, from 1978-88.

He loved music and theater. He was president of the Ogden Symphony-Ballet Association in 1992-93 and served on the board of directors for several seasons. He was an active

member of the Ogden Opera Guild. He served as president of the Impossible Players community theater group in Pueblo, Colo., and performed in several community theater productions in Missoula and Pueblo.

In 1994, he was named a Melvin Jones Fellow of Lions International Foundation. He was an active Lion for 40 years, including several years as director of the Ogden Lions Club.

He was a member of the Community United Methodist Church of Ogden since 1985 and sang in Methodist choirs in Great Falls, Kalispell and Missoula.

He enjoyed cultivating prize-winning roses and will be fondly remembered by friends and family as a gourmet cook.

A funeral will be 11 a.m. Monday at the Community United Methodist Church in Ogden. Interment will be at Lindquist's Washington Heights Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions be made to the Ogden Symphony Ballet Association Foundation, the American Lung Association or the American Cancer Society.

1996 Norman Varieur

Norman J. Varieur died in a house fire in Newburyport, Mass., on May 30.

He was born Feb. 17, 1953, in Brookline, Mass. He grew up in West Newbury, Mass., and attended Pentucket Regional High School where he played football.

He lived in Newburyport for 20 years where he worked as a brick and stone mason around the seacoast area of Massachusetts.

He moved with Beverly Bowen from Massachusetts to Hungry Horse on June 21, 1990.

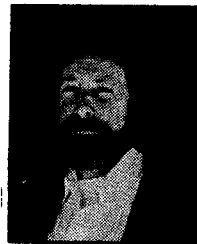
While he lived in Montana, he did mason work, sold fruit and huckleberries and also worked at the Log Cabin Bar and Cafe in Hungry Horse, where he was known as "Log Cabin Norman" by all his friends in the Canyon area.

His family still lives in the Massachusetts area. He is survived by children, Christina, Lisi and a son James Hildebrand, who lives in Columbus, Ohio.

His dog "Gunsmoke" still lives in the Canyon.

Memorial mass is 8:30 a.m. July 16 at St. Richard's Catholic Church in Columbia Falls.

Any donations can be made to the Canyon Q.R.U. HH



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George B. Vinson, 83

George B. Vinson, 83, of Big Arm, died May 9, 1996, at St. Joseph Hospital, following a brief illness.

He was born July 3, 1912, in Polson to Robert F. and Stella Bower Vinson. He was raised on the family ranch southwest of Big Arm. He attended school at Loon Lake and Polson.

He worked for the Bruns Horse Ranch in the Big Draw, as a packer for the Forest Service and at the Remount Station in Perma. He married Hazel Thompson on Sept. 5, 1935. He was an ironworker for several years on the West Coast.

In 1945, he and Hazel followed their hearts back to the Big Arm area and their own piece of heaven. His favorite place in this world was his ranch near Big Arm. They raised their family there along with cattle and some good horses. He had a keen eye for horseflesh and loved a good trade.

He continued to work iron during these years and was instrumental in starting the Ironworker's Local 598 in Kalispell. He also bought cattle for Butte Packing for several years. He loved rodeos and produced some amateur rodeos in the area.

He touched many lives in his journey with us. His friends and family were important to him, and he would be the first there to help in times of

trouble. George was also a gifted poet and brought much enjoyment to others through his writing.

He was preceded in death by his wife and brothers Robert and Herb and sisters Mary, Alice, Louise and Joan.

He is survived by his sons and their wives, Richard B. and Patricia Vinson and George R. and Ilene Vinson, all of Thompson Falls; daughter Joanie Jarrett, of Polson; brother John Vinson, of Ronan; sisters Pauline Daley, of Lakeside, Jean Sullivan, of Great Falls and Amy Nelson, of Lolo, plus several grandchildren and great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be 1-8 p.m., today and 9-11 a.m., Monday, at Mosley-Shrider Funeral Home in Polson.

Services will be at 2 p.m., Monday, at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 409 Fourth Ave. E., Polson, Pastor Dick Bahnson and Rev. Ron Pierce officiating. Pallbearers will be Don Cooper, Frank Emerson, Loren Evans, Pat Espinoza, Dick Nicol and Todd Sanders. Honorary pallbearers will be Bob Darlington, Dick Johnson, Bill Graham and Donny Garrison. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Polson.

Arrangements are by Mosley-Shrider Funeral Home, Polson.

Robert Milton Voss, 71

Robert Milton Voss, 71, died Wednesday, Oct. 23, 1996, at Nyack Flats.

He was born Jan. 15, 1925, in Havre, to Rudy and Etta Mastin Voss. As a young child, he lived north of Havre. The family moved to Nyack in 1936, where he lived until serving in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

While in the service, he spent two days afloat in the Pacific Ocean after his minesweeper was sunk. He joined the Navy in 1944 and was honorably discharged from the service in 1946.

In 1958, he moved to Alaska and homesteaded with the '59ers. He was a heavy-equipment operator and worked with the Alaska Highway Department.

He married Florence Maxwell in 1958. In 1972, they moved to Texas, where he worked with heavy equipment until his wife died. After her

death, he moved back to Montana to be near his family.

He fought a brave battle with cancer.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Rudy and Etta Voss; his wife, Florence; brothers, Glen Voss and Dale Thompson; and sister, Nona Grant.

He is survived by two sisters, Marion Morris of Lincoln and Ruth Dalimata of Nyack Flats; two brothers, Louis and his wife, Rena, of Nyack Flats, and Edwin Voss of Lake Bay, Wash.; and many nieces and nephews.

The family suggests memorials to WINGS, c/o Jennifer Schaffner, Kalispell Regional Hospital, 310 Sunnyside, Kalispell, MT 59901. No services are planned. Cremation has taken place. Arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

John Van Vliet Jr, 74

John "Sage" Harry Van Vliet Jr., the son of John Harry and Jennie Magdeline Vander Zyl Van Vliet Sr., was born on Sept. 9, 1921, in Pella, Iowa.

He attended Pella public schools and graduated from Pella High School in 1939. As a young boy he acquired the name of Sage.

On April 21, 1942, he and Kathryn D. Lautenbach were united in marriage in Pella. They had five children: Thomas Harry, Patricia Kay, Lois Ann, Elizabeth Jayne and Lori Ruth. At the time of their marriage, he lived on his parents' farm southeast of Pella, where they continued to live and he farmed for more than 50 years.

In 1993, they moved into Pella, where they made their residence at the Pella Manor. While actively farming, he still kept time for his family and enjoyed their activities. They spent time together water skiing, flying and camping.

He also gave much of his time to organizations. He was involved with the Iowa Renal Disease Association for 14 years and served on the boards of the Christian Benevolent Association, Pella Rotary Club, Red Rock Lake Association and the Pella Golf and Country Club.

He spent his retirement enjoying his hobbies of flying, golfing and operating his ham radio. For the past 16 years, he and his wife have spent winters in Mesa, Ariz.

Late Sunday evening, April 14, 1996, he died at the Pella Community Hospital at the age of 74 years, seven months and five days.

Those left to honor his life are his wife, Katy; their five children; 16 grandchildren; and ten great-grandchildren. They are: Tom and Kelly Van Vliet of Pella, Vicki and Mike Brown of Kansas City, Mo., Marty and Teresa Van Vliet of Pella, Jodi and Randi Vander Hart of New Sharon, Iowa, Addison Van Vliet, of Pella, Pat and Delmar Wichhart of Leighton, Iowa, Jeff and Rhonda Wichhart of Pella, Kim and Jeff Vander Molen of Pella, Barb and Jim Gosselink, of Leighton, Lois and Harv Vander Weide of Memphis, Tenn., Doug and Dawn Vander Weide of Des Moines, Iowa, Leanne and Ryan Vander Kamp, of Memphis, Tenn., E. Jayne and Ed Nelson of Whitefish, Alex Vandervoort of Missoula, Airen and Jerry Deats of Whitefish, Lori and Curtis Baugh, Alexis Baugh, Sage Baugh, Chandler Baugh, Landon Baugh and Savanna Baugh, all of Pella. Of his original family he leaves an older sister, Jean Hoogenakker of Des Moines, Iowa.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two older sisters; Ruth Lillard and Betty Van Corp; and a son-in-law, Paul Vandervoort.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Pella. He will be greatly missed by all.

Funeral services were held at First Baptist Church in Pella with Dr. Gary D. Smith officiating. Interment was in Oakwood Cemetery in Pella.

For those desiring memorials may be designated for the Cardiac Rehabilitation Program at the Pella Community Hospital in Pella, Iowa.

1996 Helen Marie Henriette Voight, 85

Helen Marie Henriette Voight, 85, died Wednesday, Nov. 6, as the result of a traffic accident.

She was born May 26, 1911, in Kenosha, Wisc., to Adolph and Marry Kellman. She attended schools in Kenosha.

She married William Thomas Voight in December, 1932. She was preceded in death by him in 1965.

She is survived by her daughter, Helen Diane MacNorius and her hus-

band, Jerry, of Kalispell; grandchildren Debrah Bergren, of Bigfork, and Brian MacNorius, of Butte; one great grandson Shawn MacNorius, of Bigfork; two great granddaughters, Mystie MacNorius and Lysie MacNorius, both of Kalispell.

A memorial service will be 11 a.m., Monday, at Johnson Mortuary Chapel, Pastor Marvin A. Northcutt of Epworth United Methodist Church officiating. Cremation has taken place.