

Elfrieda M. Ruppelius Faber, 87

Elfrieda M. Ruppelius Faber, 87, died Dec. 4, 1999, in Walnut Creek, Calif.

She was born June 20, 1912, in Olathe, Kan., where she lived 50 years before residing in the Oakland, Calif., area, then 25 years in Kalispell, and Apache Junction, Ariz., alternately.

Her first husband, Floyd A. Ruppelius, a lifetime resident and owner of Ruppelius Funeral Home and Ruppelius Furniture and Hardware in Olathe, died in 1959. Her second husband, Hendrik O. Faber died in 1991.

She was a graduate of Olathe High School, Kansas University School of Nursing and took specialized training at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore. As a surgical nurse, she practiced in Gardner Hospital and in other Johnson County Hospitals for many years as well as in California until her retirement in 1968.

In Olathe, she was a Olathe Girl Scout commissioner, civic leader and member of the United Methodist Church. She traveled extensively

throughout the world.

Survivors include three of her children, Floy Blair of Walnut Creek, Deen Ruppelius of Wagoner, Okla., and Mary Graul of Baltimore, Md. Her youngest son, David Ruppelius, died in 1993, and is survived by his wife, Gail Ruppelius of Spokane. Others include 11 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren; her brother, A. Turner Meyers of Overland Park, Kan.; a half brother, L.A. Meyers of Houston, Texas; numerous nieces, nephews and many friends.

Visitation will be Friday evening, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at W.L. Frye & Son Funeral Home in Olathe. A celebration of her life will be held at 2:30 p.m., Saturday at Grace United Methodist Church, followed by interment at Olathe Cemetery.

The family suggests contributions in her memory be sent to Grace United Methodist Church, 11485 S. Ridgeview, Olathe, KS 66061, or to the Nursing Scholarship Fund, University of Kansas Nurses Alumni Association, 3901 Rainbow Boulevard, Kansas City, KS 66160.

Barbara Fairchild, 96

Barbara Fairchild, 96, of Whitefish, died Friday, Feb. 12, at Colonial Manor in Whitefish. 1999

She was born Dec. 4, 1902, at Keuterville, Idaho, to Herman and Anna Uhlenkott. She was raised and educated in Ferdinand, Idaho.

She married Cecil Fairchild on April 11, 1931, in Seattle. They resided at British Columbia and Washington state where they managed sheep ranches. They later resided at Polson where they managed the Polson Sheep Company. The moved to Trego, where they operated the Trego Store and Post Office for many years until retiring and moving to Whitefish.

Her husband preceded her in death in 1981.

Survivors include two sisters, Frances Weber of Spokane, and Georgine Finlayson of Seattle; a brother, Bernard Uhlenkott of Lewiston, Idaho; a sister-in-law, Elma Uhlenkott of Spokane; and several nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Austin Funeral Home. Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated Wednesday at 10 a.m. at St. Charles Catholic Church with the Rev. Charles Strom as celebrant. Interment services will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Arthur Henry Fehrenkamp, 91

Arthur Henry Fehrenkamp, 91, of Bozeman, died Dec. 17, 1999.

Survivors include a sister, Lillian Hinkley of Kalispell.

Cremation will take place at Dahl Crematory. Graveside memo-

rial service and interment of ashes to take place next summer.

Memorials may be made in his name to the Shrine Hospital for Children, P.O. Box 2472, Spokane, WA 99210-2472.

Martin F. Feldman, 74

Martin F. Feldman, 74, of Brush, Colo., died Wednesday, Feb. 3, 1999, at the Eben Ezer Lutheran Care Center in Brush.

He was born Dec. 5, 1924, in Balta, N.D., to Joseph and Christine Feldman.

On May 10, 1948, in Harvey, N.D., he married Alda Mae Vitt. She died Aug. 1, 1968.

On Dec. 3, 1974, he married Edith McLaughlin in Lethbridge, Alberta. She died Feb. 4, 1980.

During his life he served in the Army during World War II and he worked as an auto mechanic in Sidney. He installed mobile homes in Kalispell, and worked in the parks and recreation department in

Columbia Falls, until his retirement. In 1992, he moved to Colorado to be closer to his family.

Survivors include three daughters, Norine Smith of Greeley, Colo., Beverly Atkinson of Lewistown, and Linda Carlson, of Fort Morgan, Colo.; six grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wives, Alda Mae in 1968, and Edith in 1974; four brothers; three sisters; and his parents.

A memorial service was held. Inurnment will take place at a later date at the Fairview Cemetery in Fairview.

Arrangements were entrusted to the Heer Mortuary and Crematory, 222 Cameron Street, in Brush.

Marion Floyd Fenster, 86

Marion Floyd Fenster, 86, died Aug. 11, 1999, at the Brendan House.

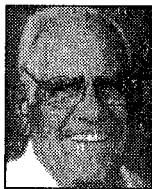
He was born on a farm in Hampton, Neb., to Louise Paul Fenster and Emma Jane Moist Fenster. He was the fifth of seven children. He graduated from Arcadia High School in Arcadia, Neb.

In 1937, he moved to southern California. He joined the Los Angeles Fire Department in 1946, and retired in 1966.

He was an accomplished carpenter and built many homes.

He married Barbara Steffens in 1940, she died in January of 1980. He then married Lillian Cockrell on Sept. 21, 1981.

He was an avid golfer. He had a great time with his friends out on the golf course. He also enjoyed helping his grandchildren with their golfing and loved their gopher hunting expe-



ditions. He was dearly loved by his stepchildren Ron, Dennis, Vicki, Cheryl, Debra, their spouses and kids.

He is survived by his wife, Lillian; his stepchildren, Ron and his friend, Cindy, Dennis and wife, Jan, Vicki and husband, Doug, Cheryl and husband, Doug, and Debi and husband, Rick. He was a loving grandfather to Rodney, Michelle, Amber, Kelsey, Mckeag, Walker, Cooper, Spencer and Lillian. He is also survived by his sister, Evelyn W. Khite and husband, Tom; and nephews, Glen, Buck, and Harold Jones.

Visitation will be held one hour prior to the funeral service in the chapel at Northridge Lutheran Church. Funeral services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. at Northridge Lutheran Church, with the Rev. Dan Heskett of Northridge Lutheran Church officiating.

Arrangements and cremation are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Avery W. Ferguson, 89

Avery W. Ferguson, 89, died May 8, 1999, at his home in Hot Springs, cared for by his children.

He was born Sept. 26, 1909, in Evanston, Wyo., son of Eldon Ferguson and Hazel

Therme Ferguson McCune. Eldest of five children, he had one sister and three brothers, Tony Ferguson, Louise Ferguson Dinsdale, Clarence Ferguson and Mickey McCune, all of whom preceded him in death.

He married Margaret C. Vaught Jenkins in Townsend, in 1936. Their life together took them to sheep ranching in the Pryor Mountains, the Blue Moon Cafe in Big Sandy, ranch and timber interests near Marion, Avery's Cafe in Kalispell and eventually Glacier National Park. His wife died in 1971.

Since his retirement from the National Park Service as trails foreman, he lived and enjoyed his outdoor hobbies in Oak Harbor, Wash., and various places in the greater Flathead.



He was active as a member of the Back Country Horseman of the Flathead. He led many pack trips into wilderness areas for family and friends. He was an associate member of the NW Montana Accordion Association and a longtime fan of the Old Time Fiddlers.

He is survived by two sons; three daughters and their spouses, Bob and Betty Jenkins and Toni and Floyd LaBrant of Kalispell, Carrie and Paul Steman of Bremerton, Wash., Beverly and Bill Hoffman of Sacramento, Calif., and Neal and Cheryl Ferguson of Lakewood, Wash.; 14 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren, and 10 great-great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary and Crematory. Funeral services will be held at 1:30 p.m. Thursday in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel in Kalispell. Burial will follow in Glacier Memorial Gardens.

The family prefers memorials to Hospice of Sanders County, P.O. Box 1934, Thompson Falls, MT 59873, or to the hospice/charity organization of choice.

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Math E. Finberg, 73

Math E. Finberg, 73, was born Aug. 17, 1926, to Christ O. and Minnie Torgrimson Finberg in McIntosh, Minn. He received his education and graduated from Bemidji High School in Bemidji, Minn.



After graduation, he enlisted in the service and served in the Army in the Philippines and Japan as a sergeant from 1944-1946. Upon discharge, he attended Bemidji Business College for two years.

In 1948, he moved to Columbia Falls where his parents had transferred and his father worked for D.C. Dunham at Plum Creek Lumber Co. He accepted a job in the accounting office there.

After a year, he returned to Bemidji, where he met and married Norma Jane Nipp on Aug. 5, 1950, in St. Paul, Minn. There, his daughter, Cheryl, was born.

In the spring of 1952, with everything he owned in his car, he packed up his wife and daughter and moved back to Columbia Falls, where he started bartending for several taverns. That year, another child, Chris, was born. As a second income, he started building structures in Glacier National Park.

Another son, Craig, was born in 1957 and a daughter, Cathy, in 1958. It was in 1962 that he first leased the Columbia Bar. His son, Cary, was born in 1965. Also that year, he went into partnership with Norma Blades to purchase the Columbia Bar. He bought out Norma Blades in 1971 and continued to work at the bar. Even on the morning of his passing, he was at work, having his coffee, joking, laughing and visiting with his regular customers.

He was a charter member of the Eagles, a life member of the VFW and Cooties, and supported the Montana

Tavern Association.

He had a sister, Avis Aldrich, who preceded his death, along with their parents.

He is survived by his companion, Verna "Cookie" Green, and the newest addition to his family, his Sheltie dog, Cynders, whom he spoiled and was with him when died; his former wife, Norma, and their five children, spouses and six grandchildren: Cheryl and Dave Rice, grandsons Shane in Spokane and Brandon in college in New Mexico; Chris and Cathy Finberg and grandchildren Camie in Billings and Christopher in college in Miles City; Cary and Angie Finberg and granddaughters Ciera and Cydney, all in Columbia Falls; Craig Finberg and Tammy Krause in Dillon and Cathy Finberg in San Francisco.

He is also survived by several nieces and nephews.

He will be greatly missed by all those who knew what a generous, caring individual he was, and for his famous one-liners, like "What would I be if I wasn't Norwegian? Ashamed!" and his rare sense of humor, like the first year he took up golf and got a hole-in-one and said, "Well, you just need to know how to read the greens."

He always said he wanted to go fast and to go out in style, which he did, since he passed away right before the biggest celebration for the new millennium, New Year's Eve day, Dec. 31, 1999.

Math, we love you and will miss you always.

Visitation will be today from 1-8 p.m. at Columbia Mortuary. Services will be held Tuesday at St. Richard's Catholic Church in Columbia Falls at 2 p.m., with the Rev. Ray Davis officiating. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Cemetery, with military graveside rites, in Kalispell. Afterwards, friends and family will gather at the Columbia Bar and Cafe.

Memorials may be made to the Wildcat Endowment Fund. 1-1-3-2000

Anita Minjares Fine, 81

Anita Minjares Fine, 81, died in a house fire during the early morning hours of Friday, July 23, 1999, in Somers.

She was born July 26, 1917, in Dona Ana, N.M., to Tereso and Paz Esparza Minjares. She was raised in Dona Ana, where she was baptized in Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in 1922. She traveled with her family to Sidney by train in 1923, to work the sugar beet fields.

She grew up and worked in Sidney as a field worker for Holly Sugar, and later as a caterer for the LaLonde Hotel and as a clerk for Ben Franklin and JC Penney until 1965. Afterwards, she moved to Bell, Calif., to help her brother, Joe, manage a restaurant.

In 1970 she moved to Somers to open the Vista Linda restaurant and motel while her brother sold the business in California. She met Percival Fine at a Lion's Club dinner and married him on March 25, 1972.

She was an active member of St. Ann's Church in Somers, and enjoyed gardening, needlework, and traveling. She was especially proud of her grand-

children and great-grandchildren.

She is joined in death by her husband, Percival Fine who perished in the fire with her.

She is now survived by her daughter, Carmen Travis and husband, Lloyd, of Lakeside; one brother, Joe Minjares of Sedona, Ariz.; one sister, Guadalupe Rodriguez of La Mirada, Calif.; and her four grandsons, Michael Travis of Anchorage, Alaska, Steve Travis of Loveland, Colo., Gregory Travis of Boise, Idaho, and Lloyd Jeffery Travis of Pleasanton, Calif., and their families; and a close friend, Manuel Arceo.

A rosary will be recited Thursday at 7 p.m. at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Somers. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Friday at 11 a.m., also at St. Ann's Catholic Church. A private committal service will be held at a later date.

The family suggests donations be made to the QRU in Somers or St. Ann's Catholic Church, Somers, MT 59932.

Arrangements and cremation are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Lawrence J. Fishbaugh, 80

Lawrence J. Fishbaugh, 80, died Saturday, Feb. 13, 1999, at Lakeview Care Center in Bigfork, after a long and brave battle with Parkinson's disease.



He was born Feb. 27, 1918, in Carter, to Dwight Julius and Lavera Craig Fishbaugh.

On June 8, 1941, he married Dorothy Peterson in Bigfork. Shortly thereafter he joined the Construction Battalion of the Navy and served for two years in the Asiatic Pacific during World War II.

He founded and operated Fishbaugh Construction Co. for 29 years.

In his free time he enjoyed fishing, golfing, and hunting.

He was an active member of the Bigfork community, including involvement in the following: past master of Bigfork Masonic Lodge #150, director of Flathead Bank, Bigfork United Methodist Church,

Bigfork Volunteer Fire Department, Bigfork School Board, Bigfork Chamber of Commerce, the Algeria Temple, and Flathead Shrine Club.

He was preceded in death by his twin brother, Clarence Fishbaugh, in 1996, and is now survived by his wife, Dorothy of Bigfork; two daughters, Wanda Benning of Germany, and Lisa Fishbaugh of Seattle; one granddaughter and one grandson of Germany; and one brother, Raymond Berg of Colorado.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, at the United Methodist Church in Bigfork.

The family suggests memorials to the American Parkinson's Disease Association, c/o University of Washington, PO Box 356465, Seattle, WA 98195; the United Methodist Church of Bigfork, Bigfork, MT 59911; or the Dr. Southwick Memorial Masonic Fund.

Cremation and arrangements are by the Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Marilyn J. Fix, 71

Marilyn J. Fix, 71, died at her home in Whitefish, on June 19, 1999.

She was born June 10, 1928, in Springfield, Ill., to Paul and Ethel Murphy. She received her education at Sacred Heart Academy.

After graduating she married Victor Wilson and had six children. While living in Springfield, she worked at Laketown Elementary with the handicapped, a position she talked about throughout her life.

She later married her high school sweetheart, James L. Fix. They moved to Pekin, Ill., where she continued to live for many years.

In Pekin, she worked in retail and loved it. She was adored and treasured and loved by her co-workers, customers and friends. She was a real people person.

Her greatest joys were her children and grandchildren as well as the great-grandchildren. She always had a story to tell and loved to talk about each one of us. She had many memories and enjoyed sharing them with us all. Due to health problems, she moved to Montana where her daughter lives.

She was preceded in death by her



oldest daughter, Maryanne, who died as an infant; her beloved husband, Jim; and her parents.

She is survived by her son, Bob Wilson and his wife, Linda, of Rochester, Ill.; four daughters, Sandra Schmidt of Pekin, Vicki Treat and husband, Terry, of Kalispell, Barbara Graham and her husband, Rodger, of Gainesville, Mo., Cindy Huber and her husband, Scott, of Two Rivers, Wis.; 12 grandchildren, Bobby, Lisa, Amy, Nicole, Shawn, Jamie, Jay, Derek, Lakota, Rachel, Joseph, and Cassey; three great-grandchildren, Cassie, Alisha and Cassey; five stepchildren, Rita Porter and husband, Harold, of Morton, Ill., Jim Jr. and wife, Nora, of Henry, Ill., Betty Shanahan of Magnolia, Texas, Mary Pullium and husband, Larry, of Creve Coeur, Ill., and Margaret Fix of Champaign, Ill.; eight grandchildren, Eric, Cherise, Jeff, Matt, Jennifer, Michael, Danielle, and Cody; one great-grandchild, Joshua; two brothers, Paul Murphy of Moline, Ill., and George and his wife, Ginny, of Springfield, Ill.; along with one nephew and several nieces.

Mass will be Thursday at 11 a.m. at St. Charles Church in Whitefish, with the Rev. Charles Storm officiating. All are invited to attend. Burial will be in Pekin.

Virgil Franklin Fizer, 88

Virgil Franklin Fizer, 88, died on Saturday, Feb. 20, 1999, in Kalispell. He was called home to the Lord.

He was born Oct. 20, 1910, to Turner J. and Jessie Fizer in rural Missouri. He graduated from a rural Missouri high school and Kansas City Business College.

He married Kathryn Evelyn Shikles in 1932. He was a farmer, drove a school bus and was a 4-H leader for many years.

In 1960, he and his family moved to Grand Junction, Colo., where he worked for a maintenance business until he retired.

After the death of his wife of 50 years, he moved to Kalispell to be with family.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother, and two sisters.

He enjoyed reading and music, his

daily walks and his family.

He is survived by his daughters and sons-in-law, Pamela Jeanne and Gene Garner of Rexford and Virginia Kay and John Lucas of Albuquerque, N.M.; four grandsons and their wives, Frank and Teresa Garner of Kalispell, Paul and Mary Garner of Missoula, John and Laurel Garner of Denver, Colo., and Michael Carroll of Valdosta, Ga.; two granddaughters, Katrina Lucas of Boston, Mass., and Sheri Lucas of New York City, N.Y.; and four great-grandchildren.

Per his wishes funeral service and burial were at Orchard Mesa Cemetery in Grand Junction, Colo.

Memorials may be made to Make a Wish Foundation and may be sent in care of Mrs. Gene Garner, P.O. Box 1, Rexford, MT 59930.

Frederick James Flad Jr., 64

Frederick James Flad Jr., 64, died April 23, 1999, in Coram.

He was born in Elmira, N.Y., on Jan. 6, 1935, to Frederick and Emma Flad Sr. He was raised in Bakersfield, Calif.

After finishing college, majoring in industrial arts teaching, he served eight years in the U.S. Army as a military intelligence specialist.

He moved to Sandpoint in 1969, and worked at various mechanic and auto body shops in the area. He moved around a bit and returned to Bakersfield, and cared for his elderly parents. He returned to the North-

west in 1995, and made his home in Coram.

He loved to hunt, work on his old truck and, most of all, enjoyed fishing.

He is survived by his daughter, Jennifer Flad; grandchildren, Chad and Kimberly Weeks of Sagle, Idaho; one brother and sister-in-law, Jack and Janene Flad of Fresno, Calif.; one niece and several nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Per his request there will be no services. Memorials can be sent in care of Jennifer Flad, P.O. Box 936, Sagle, ID 83860.

Adelle B. Forbis, 77

Adelle B. Forbis, 77, died Dec. 16, 1999, in Spokane.

She was born Dec. 2, 1922, in Kalispell, to LaVaughn and Betty Ann Beaman.

She attended Missoula grade and high schools and graduated with a business administration degree from the University of Montana in 1944. She later received a second degree in occupational therapy from the University of Virginia.

After World War II, she used her knowledge of this field working in the Missoula public grade school system and then Community Hospital in Missoula. In 1977, she moved to Valdez, Alaska, and worked as an occupational therapist until her retirement in 1986. She returned to Montana in 1988, and lived in Bigfork until her death.

She married John Forbis on Nov. 2, 1948. They had three children,

John Bradley, Richard H. and Marnie Kay Forbis, all born in Missoula. The couple later divorced in 1972.

She is survived by her children; an older brother Dallas W. "Bill" Beaman and a younger sister, Betty Ann Malcolm, both of Missoula; nine nieces and five nephews; her son Rich's wife, Jennifer, and two granddaughters, Madeline and MacKenzie Forbis.

Cremation has taken place. At her request, private services will be held at a later date. She wanted her ashes scattered over Flathead Lake's east shore where she spent many of her happiest years at her parent's home near Yellow Bay.

She will be remembered by everyone as a kind, generous, happy, loving and giving person.

Memorials can be made to your local Humane Society.

Karl Harris Fowler, 78

Karl Harris Fowler, 78, died Tuesday, June 29, 1999, in Sheridan, Wyo.

He was born Jan. 21, 1921, in Huntington, Utah, to Jessie and Joseph Eben Fowler. He was one of six children.

He is survived by his wife, Josephine Fowler, of Sheridan; a daughter, Sherry Schoneman and her husband, David, of Sheridan; a sister, Joyce Hart of San Lorenzo, Calif.; three grandchildren, Kevin Schoneman of Alaska, Kimberly Douse of Broomfield, Colo., and Kristopher Schoneman of Erie, Colo.; and six great-grandchildren, Lindsey, Danielle and Nicholas Douse and Carla Bjordahl, Kara and Kaylin Schoneman, all of the Denver area.

He was married to Betty Heaton in 1940 in Jensen, Utah.

He served in World War II in the Philippines, where he was wounded in action in the Battle of Luzon on the Val Verde Trail on Feb. 23, 1945, and then was transferred to Fitzsimmons Army Hospital in Denver. He received the Purple Heart, the Asiatic Pacific Service medal and the Philippine Liberation Service medal, with a bronze star.

He returned to the Jensen area and worked in his father-in-law's general store and for the C.D. Smith Co. of Grand Junction as a chemist.

He divorced in 1948 and moved to the Denver area, where he worked as a pharmacist at St. Luke's Hospital; there he met and married Josephine F. Fowler.

He worked for Western Chemical as a salesman and then as a consultant for W.R. Grace Co. They remained in the Denver area until moving in 1975 to Kalispell, where he worked at a sales representative for Brenco Co. and Navico Corporation out of St. Louis, Mo.

In his spare time he loved to fish and enjoyed his garden, which gave him much pride and satisfaction.

They remained in Montana until 1996, when they moved to Sheridan to be close to their daughter and son-in-law. He was a resident at Sugarland Ridge until his health deteriorated and he was admitted to the Veterans Nursing Care Unit in April 1998, where he was cared for by many loving and caring people.

Graveside services were held today at Black Hills National Cemetery in Sturgis, S.D.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Karl H. Fowler Memorial Fund, c/o First Interstate Bank. Contributions will be sent to the Veterans Nursing Care Unit.

Arrangements are by Cremation or Funeral Gallery of Billings.

Brenda Sue Burcham Fox, 46, of Coram, died Dec. 29, 1999.

"Who can find a virtuous woman for her price is far above rubies." Proverbs 31:10. We found her and God gave her to us! Brenda was the Proverbs 31 woman that God speaks about. Read the passage and you will know my wife.

She was born May 28, 1953, to Cecil and Ruth Burcham in Robinson, Ill. She was raised and educated in the Robinson area. Upon graduating from high school, she attended MidSouth Bible College in Memphis, Tenn. It was there that we met and fell in love in 1972. For me it was love at first sight but it took a while to convince her. She became my (Tod Fox) wife on Dec. 28, 1974, in Trimble Bible Church in Trimble, Ill.

While we were dating, we applied separately to serve with Village Missions, a part of Stonecroft Ministries in Kansas City, Mo. Six months after we were married, the mission got in touch with us and sent us to pastor Canyon Community Church in Coram. We arrived in August 1975. We were both 21 years old, scared kids 2,000 miles away from family, but we were warmly welcomed by this great community and our new church family.

People would think that she was my "help meet," according to God's word, but I think I was her helper. She was the strength and backbone of our ministry together. She was behind me and supportive in every way. She was my administrator and organizer. She made me look good. Underneath me, she was the foundation and underneath her, God was our firm foundation.

She was professional in every way, accomplishing everything to perfection. She was organized and carried out details. She was an expert and talented musician, both a pianist and organist. She loved music and to play was her ministry and the opening up of her soul. She had played piano for several school functions and played for the Missoula Children's Theater at Canyon Elementary School.

She served the church in so many areas. She was the Sunday school superintendent and the head of the music department. She taught as well as organized the programs for Sunday school and junior church for many years.

She was an excellent typist and was very knowledgeable in computer skills. It is impossible to list all that she has done with her God-given gifts, talents, and abilities.

As our children were getting



older, she began working part time. She worked for Ted and Chris Nichols at Adventure Motor Sports in Columbia Falls, for about five years as the office manager and title clerk.

She then worked part-time for Penco Adventure in Columbia Falls. She began to do temporary work at North Valley Hospital and they wanted her to work full-time, but her schedule was too full.

Most recently she went to work part-time in Kalispell Regional Medical Center for PROHS Staffing and the human resource department.

She transferred to another department to work as a secretary for John Hyslip in risk management. Soon she became involved with the payroll and time cards and many new projects followed. The hospital was undergoing change so she was placed under new administration. She absolutely loved working with her former boss, John Hyslip, and her new bosses, Don Williams and Karen Lee.

She took great joy in taking on projects. She loved to please others in everything she did and the thanks they gave provided her with even more motivation. KRMC also asked her to work full-time and although she thrived on work, she declined so that she could spend time with her family and continue her work in the ministry.

Time and space do not allow for me to even begin to write about the wife and mother she has been to me and my three daughters. Our girls were her life and she loved them along with our son-in-law Josh Amstutz.

We were facing an empty nest and she could not stand it. I have failed to be the husband I should have been to her, but she has not failed in any way. Look at her example and follow her life as she has followed the Lord Jesus Christ.

She was to me a perfect example of God's love, forgiveness, grace and mercy. The day before she died was our 25th anniversary and I said to her, "I will spend the rest of my life loving you as God directs me in His Word. I will strive to be to you all that you have been to me."

Brenda, I love you and we all love you! You are now in the presence of our loving God.

We will serve God until He comes or calls us to Himself through the veil of death. Even so come Lord Jesus.

She is survived by her husband, Tod Fox of Coram; her three daughters, Lisa, Amy and Tanya; her parents, Cecil and Ruth Burcham; her sisters, Sherri Smith and family, and Judy Cheney and family.

Memorials can be made to the Christian College Scholarship Fund at Canyon Community Church in Coram

Robert T. Fox, 82

Robert T. Fox, 82, died Tuesday, Aug. 31, 1999, at his home near Columbia Falls.

He was born July 14, 1917, in Jamestown, N.D., the youngest of seven children. The family moved to Billings in 1920.

He was an outstanding athlete and excelled at all sports. His older brother, Dick, quarterbacked the 1930 Montana Grizzlies.

He enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1941, and rose to the rank of sergeant major. He served in World War II, the Korean Conflict and Vietnam. He retired with 30 years of service.

He was well-known by Presidents

Roosevelt, Truman and Eisenhower. He accompanied Eisenhower to Korea in 1952, on the president-elect's fact-finding tour.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Alice, in 1990.

He is survived by three sons, Edward and James of Kalispell and Terrance of Columbia Falls; a daughter, Suzanne Fox of Kalispell; and nine grandchildren.

He will be dearly missed by all who knew him.

A private family memorial service will be held at a later date.

Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is in charge of local arrangements.

1999 Roger Fredenberg, 66

Roger Fredenberg, 66, died at his home in Kalispell, on March 11 after an 11-year battle with lung cancer.

He was born Oct. 5, 1932, the 15th of 16 children of Anson and Ruth

Fredenberg. His mother died when he was 8 years old and his older sisters helped raise him on the family farm north of Kalispell. He attended rural schools and graduated from Flathead High School in the class of 1950. There he met the love of his life, LaVerne Bruyer, and they were married May 12, 1954.

He served in the U. S. Navy, touring the Pacific during the Korean War aboard the U.S.S. Rogers visiting Japan and Hawaii.

They returned to Kalispell, upon his Navy discharge in 1954, and raised five children. He was employed for over 25 years by Montana Power Company, first as a dispatcher and then as a gas serviceman. He missed many a hot meal to help folks in need get their pilot lights lit during winter storms.

He was active in St. Matthews Catholic Church his entire adult life, serving a term on the church school board.

He was born into a family of musicians and learned to play the violin, performing at his first dance as a teenager. He picked the banjo and mandolin and fiddled along with the Fredenberg family band for over 50 years at Grange halls and the Senior Center. For the past 10 years he regularly shared his music with friends and residents of care centers throughout the valley and was active in the Montana State Old Time Fiddlers Association and the Northwest



Montana Accordion Association.

He was stricken by cancer at the age of 55, and forced to retire from his job, but through sheer willpower, prayer and positive attitude he was able to survive another 11 years so he could enjoy watching his 14 grandchildren grow up. They enjoyed many wonderful moments together up at "the cabin" near Olney.

He was preceded in death by his parents; older brothers Walt, Harley, and Bob; and sisters Edith VanAlstine and Vivian Barnes.

Brothers Orville, Wendell, Dale, Duane, Leslie, and Orin; and sisters Evelyn Gregg, Doris Barkley, Miriam Mack, and Carol Patterson survive him along with many dear in-laws, nieces and nephews.

He is survived in Kalispell by his wife of nearly 45 years, LaVerne, and oldest son Mark, his wife Susie, and children, Amanda, Sara, and Carter, second son Wade, his wife Linda, and children, Brian and Kurt, and daughter Jovita Kottraba, her husband Lonny, and their girls, Lindsay, Krista, and Kelsey, third son Kevin, his wife Judy, and children, Kate and Paul live in Missoula, and fourth son, Ben, his wife Patti, and children David, Samuel, Molly, and Noah are in Great Falls.

A vigil service will be held at 7 p.m. Sunday at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. A memorial mass will be held at 2 p.m. Monday at St. Matthew's Catholic Church with the Rev. Kevin O'Neill officiating.

The family suggest memorials be made to Wings, a cancer support group, 310 Sunnyview Lane, Kalispell, MT 59901 or St. Matthew's Catholic church.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory in charge of arrangements.

Wendell Ward Fredenberg, 76

Wendell Ward Fredenberg, 76, died on Friday, Nov. 5, 1999, at his home in Kalispell.

He was born on March 16, 1923, in Kalispell, to Anson George and Ruth Hazel Crandall Fredenberg. He was the ninth born of 16 children.

He was raised in Kalispell, and graduated from Flathead County High School in 1941.

He joined the U.S. Navy in February of 1943. He got his boot camp training at Camp Farragut, Idaho, then went to fire control school near Seattle. He served on the USS Haggard and the USS Providance. He was honorably discharged on April 2, 1946.

On May 11, 1942, he went to work for the Great Northern Railroad as a station clerk in Troy. He retired on Dec. 31, 1981, as a railroad sales manager. After 39 years on the road, he came to live and work on the home place.

One of his most enjoyable talents was music. He enjoyed square dancing and was a member of the Montana State Oldtime Fiddlers and The Northwestern Accordion Association. He was one of the original members of the Fredenberg Family Band.



He truly loved to play the banjo, and will always be remembered for his unique style. He had a strong sense of family loyalty and love.

He was a member of the Lions Club.

He will be truly missed by his five surviving brothers and four sisters, numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Walt, Harley, Bob and Roger; and sisters, Edith Van Alstine and Vivian Barnes.

He is survived by brothers, Orville, Dale, Duane, Leslie and Orin; sisters, Evelyn Gregg, Doris Barkley, Miriam Mack and Carol Patterson; and numerous other relatives.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home with Robert L. Van Alstine officiating. The ashes will be buried at Glacier Memorial Gardens following the services.

The family requests memorials be given in his name to either the Whitefish High School and Community Memorial Scholarship fund in care of the First Interstate Bank in Whitefish, or the Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch Foundation, P.O. Box 80807, Billings, MT 59108.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Jestine Agnes Fredericks, 92

Jestine Agnes Fredericks, 92, died Tuesday, Aug. 17, 1999, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

She was born Nov. 2, 1906, in Wexford, Mich., to Frank and Martha Woodhouse Plaisted. In 1915, she moved with her family to the Hysbam area in eastern Montana.

On Dec. 31, 1924, she married Alvin Fredericks. They spent the early years of their marriage living in different areas of eastern Montana. In 1936, they moved to Kila, then to Kalispell in 1940. She worked at the cherry warehouse and Christmas tree yards for many years.

Her house was Grand Central Station — just the way she loved it. She was always there with a smile and full pot of coffee for family, friends and neighbors. She loved being outdoors — you could always find her working in her flower beds and garden.

She was preceded in death by an infant daughter; her husband, Alvin, in 1964; her oldest son, Ray, in February of 1999; her son-in-law, Jim Mathiason, in 1966; and her four siblings.

She is now survived by her son, Vern Fredericks and his wife, Dorothy, and her daughter, Florence Mathiason, all of Kila; a sister-in-law, Eleanor Plaisted of Kalispell and daughter-in-law, Rayola Fredericks, both of Kalispell; 13 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and many nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

Funeral services will be Saturday at 1 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel, with burial to follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be today from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Raymond 'Ray' Fredericks, 68

Raymond "Ray" Fredericks, 68, of Kalispell, died Friday, Feb. 26, 1999, at Sacred Heart Hospital in Spokane.

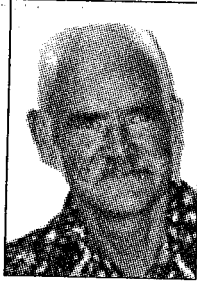
He was born in Hardin, Sept. 23, 1930, the son of Alvin and Jistine Fredericks.

In 1936, he moved to the Flathead Valley, where he grew up in Kila.

When he was 16, he went to work for the Great Northern Railway, in Essex. During which time he joined the National Guard and spent 23 years in active duty.

He married Rayola Harman on Oct. 8, 1964, in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

After several heart attacks, he was medically retired in 1971, at which



time he moved to West Valley. On Aug. 8, 1990, he received a heart transplant.

He was preceded in death by his father in 1964.

He is survived by his wife, Rayola, at the family home; their seven children and their families, Frances Pidino of Kalispell, Ron Fredericks of South Carolina, Bob Fredericks of Kalispell, Vickie Fuselier of Colorado, Roy Mills of Germany, Lavonda Poor and Tina Avery, both of Kalispell; 17 grandchildren and one great-grandchild; his mother Jistine of Kalispell; his brother, Vern Fredericks of Kila; and his sister, Florence Mathiason, also of Kila.

He lived life to the fullest and will be greatly missed by friends and family.

Memorial services will be held at 1 p.m. on March 27, at the LDS Church of Whitefish, on U.S. 93.

Frank Freeman, 62

Frank Freeman, 62, died Monday, April 12, 1999, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

He was born March 6, 1937, in Kalispell, to Frank B. and Hope I. Kimes Freeman. He attended school in Kila, and graduated from Flathead High School.

He worked in the woods in his younger years and worked for Kalispell Pole and Timber. He also worked for Semitool before retiring due to ill health.

He met and married Faye Managhan on Feb. 19, 1957, in Billings.

Among his interests were wood-working, fishing, and hunting. He also enjoyed building grandfather clocks, which he passed on to his children.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister in infancy.

He is survived by his wife, Faye, of Kalispell; three daughters, Barbara Ekholm and husband, Mike, Donna Wood and husband, Garry, all of Monroe, Wash., and Connie Moore and husband, Eddie, of Fairbanks, Alaska; one son, Glen Freeman and wife, Karie, of Havre; a sister, Carol Kinsley and husband, Pat, of Fairbanks, Alaska; eight grandchildren and numerous other relatives.

Funeral services will be Friday at Johnson Mortuary Chapel at 2 p.m. with burial to follow at Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Timothy Thomas 'Tim' Freeman, 43

Timothy Thomas "Tim" Freeman, 43, a longtime Kalispell anesthesiologist, died suddenly on June 1, 1999, after a motorcycle accident near Cody, Wyo.



He was born Oct. 30, 1955, in Pittsburg, Kan., to Thomas G. and Joanna Freeman. He graduated with honors from Pittsburg State University in 1977, from the University of Kansas School of Medicine in 1981, and did a three-year residency in anesthesiology at St. Francis Hospital in Wichita, Kan.

A board-certified anesthesiologist, he was a member of the Montana Medical Society, the Flathead Medical Society, the American Society of Anesthesiologists, the Montana Society of Anesthesiology and the Northwest Montana Physicians Group.

His great love of the outdoors, in combination with his medical career, brought him to Kalispell in 1984. He was active in the Kalispell Little League baseball program and in vari-

ous motorcycling and fishing groups. His many interests included woodworking, golfing, backpacking, flying and his cabin at Flathead Lake. He was a member of Kalispell Christian Church.

He married Cynthia Lynn "Cindy" Liston on April 5, 1980, in Junction City, Kan. She survives at the home. Additional survivors include his daughter, Amelia, 16, a student at Flathead High School; his son, Andrew, 14, a student at Linderman School; his mother, Joanna Freeman of Pittsburg; and his sister, Cathie Williams, of Overland Park, Kan.

He was preceded in death by his father.

Services will be Saturday morning at 10 a.m. at the Edgerton School Gymnasium, with the Rev. Duane Hull of Kalispell Christian Church officiating. Local arrangements are being handled by Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

Memorials may be sent to the Kalispell Regional Medical Center to be used to finish a baseball field at the Kalispell Sports Complex.

Jack R. Frye, 61

Jack R. Frye, 61, died Saturday, May 22, 1999, at his home in Kalispell.



He was born April 14, 1938, in Sacramento, Calif., to Robert Elroy and Thelma Louise Harris Frye. He graduated from Sacramento State University where he was a star long distance runner. He then served his country in the United States Army.

He worked as vice president for the Bank of America for 27 years. He also worked for several years as a loan officer for the Whitefish Credit Union in Whitefish and Kalispell offices and also at First Security Bank in Kalispell.

In 1986, he married Julianne Ellison and together they moved to Marion, where he pursued his life-long love of hunting and fishing.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Thelma Frye

He is survived by his wife Julianne of Kalispell; his daughter, Julie Noblitt, of Discovery Bay, Calif.; brothers, Gerald Frye of Shelton, Wash., and Robert Frye of Clearlake, Calif.; his special cousin, Robert Silvers of Sacramento; and his many family and friends.

A memorial service will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Johnson Mortuary in the chapel.

The family suggests memorials be sent to Hospice - Home Options, 1280 Burns Way, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Arrangements are by the Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

1999 Alma Bruch Funk, 84

Alma Bruch Funk, 84, died Nov. 24, after a brief illness. Through the assistance of Home Options Hospice, she was granted her last wish — to die in her own home surrounded by loved ones.

She was born Feb. 23, 1915, in Glasgow, the daughter of Joseph and Lizzie Henry Bruch. The family moved to the Bigfork area in 1931, where they lived and farmed for many years.

On Nov. 4, 1933, she married Adam Funk who preceded her on Nov. 15, 1990.

Surviving family members include three sons; Ed, who with his wife, Dee, cared for her in her home the last three and a half years of her life, LeRoy of Juneau, Alaska, Chuck of Yakima, Wash.; a daughter, Eloise Harris of Villa Park, Calif.; a brother, Charles "Bud" Bruch of Kalispell; a

sister, Anna Lincoln of Clarkston, Wash.; and 12 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; siblings, Ethel Hallock, Kenneth, Gerald, Roy and Harold Bruch; and a grandson, Mark Funk.

She was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother whose extended family was the light of her life. After her last child was married in 1968, she finally did something just for herself when she joined her husband at Spotted Bear where he worked for the U.S. Forest Service. She accompa-



nied him on his packing trips until he retired in 1973.

She often spoke about how much she appreciated living a long, happy life and the many blessings she received. Those who knew and loved her will forever appreciate the myriad blessings she bestowed.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Johnson Mortuary with burial to follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

In lieu of flowers, it is requested that donations be made to Home Options Hospice of Kalispell, or Children's Hospital in Seattle. The latter may be sent in Memory of Alma Bruch Funk, Children's Hospital Foundation, P.O. Box C5371, Seattle, WA 98105.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Estel David Fyall, 77

Estel David Fyall, 77, died on Saturday, Sept. 11, 1999, at his home in Kalispell.

He was born on Aug. 30, 1922, in Calvin, N.D., to Catherine and Andrew Fyall. He attended school in Calvin, where he played basketball. He graduated from Calvin High School in 1940.

He worked in his father's auto shop before enlisting in the Navy in November 1942. He served with the Amphibious Forces Boat Pool No. 131. While with the Navy he was required to drive over the Burma Road. He received the Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal and a Good Conduct Medal.

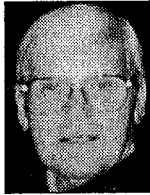
He married Dorothy McDermott on Dec. 29, 1944, in Seattle.

He attended trade school, where he got his training in mechanics, working and making stained glass.

His hobbies were wood finishing, Bible study, recording sports and musical shows, and working with stained glass. He loved his old camper, and truly enjoyed visiting with all kinds of people. His biggest enjoyment came from writing in his extensive journals. He had a big heart and a sweet tooth.

He married Coral Rude on June 28, 1981, in Coeur D'Alene, Idaho. They moved to Kalispell about seven years ago.

He joined the sheet metal union in 1948, and had recently been given his



50 year pin. David was a member of the VFW, Christian Center Assembly of God Church, Bible Study Fellowship and Sheet Metal Union.

He used his talents to build the church steeple at his church in Seattle. He loved playing pinochle, dancing and bowling.

He loved his family and will be truly missed by all.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife, Dorothy; a son, Dennis; two brothers, Tommy and Andy; and one sister, Jessie.

He is survived by his wife, Coral Rude Fyall, of Kalispell; sons, Bill and his wife, Brigitt, of Cupertino, Calif., and Jim and his wife, Lorraine, of Seattle; daughter, Cathy and her husband, Craig Landon, of Seattle; brother, Bob and his wife, Jean, of Whitefish; a sister-in-law, Marion Fyall of Seattle; stepchildren, Neoma and her husband, Phil Anderson, of Kalispell, Craig and his wife, Wanda Rude, of Cut Bank, and Renae and her husband, Ken Solum, of Kalispell; grandchildren, Michael and Katie Fyall, Adam Fyall, Erik and Corala Anderson, Kate and Kari Rude, and Ryan and Sonya Solum; and several nieces and nephews and cousins in Scotland.

Memorial services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at the Christian Center Assembly of God Church, with the Rev. John Weaver officiating. His ashes will be buried at the Washington Park Cemetery in Seattle.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is in charge of arrangements.