

## Donald Amos George Kane, 83

Donald Amos George Kane, 83, died Saturday, Sept. 11, 1999, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

He was born Sept. 23, 1915, in Pocatello, Idaho, to Preston and Maude Kane. His large and growing family moved to California around 1920.

He had an interesting and varied work career. He worked for Northwest Pacific, Golden Gate Ferry, the Golden Gate Bridge, and as a gripman for the San Francisco Cable Cars.

It was there where he met the love of his life, Joan Masterson. They married in 1940, and had three children. During this time he started his own business and became a master plumber contractor in San Francisco.

He was a very interesting person, who people always said "had a regal presence" wherever he went. He could have been a professional story teller as he had the ability to capture the imagination of anyone listening.

He had a great journey through life, and enjoyed sailing on his boat in the San Francisco Bay. He loved fishing, golf, camping and his dream

trip to Alaska. He enjoyed writing stories and getting them published.

His family was his benchmark in life, guiding them with a sense of humor and wisdom. We celebrate his time on earth and his inspiration in our lives.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Karen Grantham; brothers, Bud and Allen Kane; and a sister, Rene Varney.

He is survived by his wife, Joan Kane of Whitefish; one daughter, Donna Merola, also of Whitefish; one son, Tim Kane; one sister, Jeanne Batt; one brother, John Kane; also eight grandchildren, Renee Bassett, Lisa Kashin, Tina McDonough, Paden Waldren, Wesley Tate, Debie Juker, Gordon Granthem, and Done Kane; and nine great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be at a later date.

The family suggests memorials be given to Home Options Hospice, 1280 Burns Way, Kalispell, MT 59901. Arrangements and cremation are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

## Robert Lewis Kaser, 64

Robert Lewis Kaser, 64, of Swan Valley, died on Oct. 19, 1999, surrounded by family and friends.

He was born in Missoula on Sept. 6, 1935, to Rude and Winnie Kaser.

He attended Flathead Valley schools and served in the U.S. Navy from 1953 to 1957 — a Korean era veteran.

He married Darlene J. Johnson in Kalispell, on Feb. 28, 1959; five children were born into this union.

He worked in the logging and road construction industry in the Flathead until moving to the Swan Valley homestead in 1975. He and Darlene built their family home, raising cattle and hay. He owned and operated his own logging truck until retirement.

He was a member of Faith Lutheran Church in Condon and a charter member of the local American Legion Post 63, and a selfless contributor of himself and his resources to his community. He was also a member of the Moose Lodge in Yuma, Ariz.

In 1987, he and his wife began traveling south in their motorhome, eventually purchasing a home in Yuma. Wintering in Yuma and summering in the Swan Valley, he continued to help his family harvest Kaser hay and be involved with his adoring grandchildren. His passion for mechanicing and the desert led him to build a dunebuggy and help lead

his friends on trips to the deserts of the southwest.

The loves of his life were his children and grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a half sister, Nona; and his infant granddaughter, Alex Quinn Towe.

He is survived by his wife of 40 years at the family home; his son Barry and wife Karen and Ryan and Matt; daughters, Tori and husband Ron and Jonathan, Katie, Lindsey and Brian Matthew, Val and husband Fred and Erika and Jace Styler, Shelley and husband Larry and Hailey Towe, Kris and husband Bob and Danielle, Clint, Cody, Cole and Clay Anderson, all of the Swan Valley; also many other relatives and a host of friends in Montana and Arizona.

Memorial services will be held Saturday at 1 p.m. at the Homestead on Salmon Prairie Rd., mile marker 51. If inclement weather, services will be held in the Swan Valley Elementary School gymnasium, mile marker 39, Hwy 83, Condon.

Those wishing may make memorials to Swan Valley Q.R.U., P.O. Box 1156, Condon, MT 59826 or Swan Valley Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 1196, or to Partners in Home Care, Inc., 500 N. Higgins Ave., Suite 201, Missoula, MT 59802.

Arrangements are under the care of Garden City Funeral Home and Crematory.

## Bruce M. Kellam, 81

Bruce M. Kellam, 81, died March 23, 1999, at Northern Montana Hospital in Chinook.

He was born on Sept. 17, 1917, in Nearville, Saskatchewan. He married Gertrude Bailey on June 18, 1937, in Havre.

He was a founding partner in Vita Rich Dairy, owned Kellam Oil, and farmed east of Havre until 1966.

He is survived by his wife, Gertrude of Chinook; daughter Ann Kellam of Kalispell; two sons, four grandchildren and many nieces, nephews, and family.

No services are planned at this time. Arrangements are by Edwards Funeral Home of Chinook.

## Jaris Lee Kelley, 59

Jaris Lee Kelley, 59, of Polson, died at her home on March 19, 1999.

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

She is survived by her husband Bob of Polson; eight children including Diane Knutson of Columbia Falls, Leslie Nelson, Rob Kelley, and Randy Kelley of Polson, and John Kelley of West Glacier; 19 grandchildren; two brothers including Fred Albert of Polson; and numerous nieces and nephews.

No services are planned at this time. Cremation and arrangements are by Grogan Funeral Home of Polson.

## Irene E. Kelso, 84

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Irene E. Kelso, 84, a Sunburst homemaker, died Sunday at the Maria's Care Center due to natural causes.

She was born July 28, 1915, in Helena, to William and Anna Taft.

She graduated from Great Falls High School and then from beautician's college.

She married Todd Kelso on Nov. 18, 1939, in Kalispell. They lived in Somers, where her husband worked in the lumber yard. Then, in 1950, they bought the drug store in Sunburst, which they operated until 1972.

She was a member of the Methodist Church, American Legion

and VFW Auxiliary. She enjoyed horses, sewing and painting.

She is survived by her daughter, Starlett, and husband, Ray Fritz, of Sunburst.

She was preceded in death by her husband; two brothers; and one son, Todd Duane Kelso, who died in Vietnam.

Memorial services will be 1 p.m. Monday at the Sunburst Methodist Church.

The family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Fund.

Whitted Funeral Chapel is in charge of cremation and arrangements.

## Charles 'Chuck' H. Kelly, 72

Charles "Chuck" H. Kelly, 72, died Sunday, Jan. 31, 1999, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

He was born July 1, 1926, in Wheeler County, N.D., to Ray and Mary Ann Ehret Kelly. At an early age, he moved with his family to Kalispell.

He enlisted in the Navy at the age of 17, and fought in World War II in the Pacific. When he returned from the Navy he married Marian McCallum on Nov. 15, 1947.

He worked for the city of Kalispell and on construction jobs during the 1950s and 1960s, until purchasing Evergreen Disposal Inc. in 1965. He ran that business until the time of his death. He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

He is survived by his wife, Marian, of Kalispell; one daughter, Kathy



Fritz and husband, Mike, of Rathdrum, Idaho; one son, Terry and wife, Jean, of Kalispell; grandchildren, Brett, April, Ryan, Kelly, and Michelle; four sisters, Fern Lee of Hamilton, Bernice Cook and husband, Merle, Arlene Vinje and Patsy Kelly, all of Kalispell; two sisters-in-laws, June Lesofski of Helena, and Jessie Cayer and husband, Jack, of Spokane; two brothers-in-law, Robert McCallum and wife, Shirley, of Columbia Falls, George McCallum and wife, Verdie, of Helena; also numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. at the Epworth United Methodist Church with the Rev. Bill Carlson officiating. Burial will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

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

Arrangements are by the Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

## Olive Elizabeth Kelley, 93

Olive Elizabeth Kelley, 93, died Sunday, March 7, 1999, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell. She was born October 5, 1905, in Everett, Wash., to Robert and Laura Ballenger Seed. She was the fifth child in a family of nine.



When she was a baby, her family moved to Canada. She lived in both British Columbia and Alberta before returning to the United States in her early teens. She worked in a logging camp cookhouse in Bonner's Ferry, Idaho, where she met Edward Kelley. They were married in September 1925. On their wedding day the couple moved to Essex, where Edward worked on road construction.

Her interests included flower gardening, cooking, and handwork. She worked in the housekeeping department at Kalispell General Hospital, was a "fancy-packer" at the cherry

warehouse for several summers and was known for her candy making. She was also a member of the Epworth United Methodist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, one brother and four sisters.

She is survived by a son, Edward Kelley of Kalispell; five daughters, JoAnna Bitney and husband Frances of Kalispell, Pat Higson and husband Robert, Jeannie Melby and husband Lawrence, and Ellen Fishel, all of Columbia Falls, and Laura Cave and husband Jack of Puyallup, Wash.; one sister, Mildred Foster of St. Maries, Idaho; two brothers, Lawrence Seed of Othello, Wash., and Clarence Seed of Naches, Wash.; and twenty grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren.

Private graveside services will be held on Tuesday at the Glacier Memorial Gardens with the Rev. Bill Carlson of Epworth United Methodist Church officiating.

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

## LaVonne Louise Kennedy, 37

LaVonne Louise Kennedy, 37, of St. Regis, died Saturday, Sept. 18, 1999, while at work in Superior.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday at 2 p.m. at the Community Congregational Church in Thompson Falls with the Rev. Gaylund Olson officiating. Graveside services will be held at Whitepine Cemetery following the church service.

LaVonne was born March 29, 1962, in Kalispell, to Martin O. Bower and Janice A. Butte.

She and Jonathan Grant were married, and later divorced in 1978.

LaVonne and Mitchell Todd Kennedy were married Sept. 19, 1981, in Priest River, Idaho.

She is survived by her three children, Joshua Grant, 21, of Billings, Ryan Grant, 20, stationed with the

U.S. Navy at North Island, Calif., and Christina Kennedy, 16, of St. Regis; her parents, Martin and Linda Bower of Troy and Robert and Janice Butte of Thompson Falls; one brother, Joseph Bower and wife, Sharon, of Sandpoint, Idaho; three sisters, Lana Gardner and husband, Michael of Kalispell, Karren McKinzie and husband, Patrick, of Kalispell, and Kim Cork and husband, Terry, of Thompson Falls; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations in LaVonne's name may be made to the Sanders County Family Violence Intervention Program, P.O. Box 1136, Thompson Falls, MT 59873, or to the charity of the donor's choice.

Coffelt-Bunch Funeral Service in Plains is in charge of arrangements.

## Virginia Marie Kennedy, 80

Virginia Marie Kennedy, 80, of Bigfork, died Monday, Feb. 8, 1999, at the Lakeview Care Center in Bigfork.

She was born Dec. 26, 1918, in Sacramento, Calif., to Orville and Virginia Marie Dunstall. She lived in Sacramento until age five, when she moved to Shelby. She attended schools there, graduating from high school in Shelby.

She married William J. Kennedy



in Shelby, on Feb. 25, 1941. She worked in private casino clubs for a few years before moving to Las Vegas, Nev. She lived in Jackson Hole, Wyo., for a few years, then moved to Bigfork, where she lived until her passing.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother, Joseph, and is now survived by her husband, William "Pete" Kennedy of Kalispell.

Memorial services will be at a later date. Cremation and arrangements are by the Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

## Sister June Kenny, 73

Sister June Kenny, 73, died on Sunday, June 13, 1999, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

She was born on Dec. 19, 1925, in Spokane, to Charles and Hilda Green.

She enjoyed the best of two worlds. She was married, and had seven children. In 1961, they moved to Missoula, where she resided for the next 16 years.

She was a member of St. Anthony's church. In 1966, she became a member of the Third Order of St. Francis. While she was prefect of the Order, Poverello Center was established with her serving as one of the founders and its first director. After her family was raised, she spent some time with a contemplative order in Spokane.

God called her back into the active Apostolate and she returned to Kalispell in 1990, where she established a shelter for the homeless. She was one of the founders of Samaritan House, and served as its first director. She made her final vows as a Franciscan Sister at the Cross in 1993, and delighted in telling stories about her dual role as Sister, mother and grandmother.



She was preceded in death by a son, Richard Kenny, in 1973; a granddaughter, Rosemarie Carls in 1976; and a sister, Wilda Sutherland.

She is survived by one sister, Barbara Evans, in Washington; five daughters and a son, Sandra Jinotti and Veronica Schlaht, both of Missoula, Teresa Hughes of Spokane, Kathleen Joyner of Bothell, Wash., Mary Angela Gidley of Redmond, Wash., and Edward Kenny of California; 18 grandchildren, nine great grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Rosary services will be at 7 p.m. today at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home, with Deacon Fred Topp officiating. Mass of Christian burial will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at St. Matthew's Catholic Church with the Rev. Kevin O'Neil serving as celebrant. Her ashes will be buried with her son in Missoula.

She specifically requested that Masses be said for the repose of her soul or memorials be given to Samaritan House, P.O. Box 592, Kalispell, MT.

She looked forward eagerly to going to be with her beloved and asked that her friends and family join in joyful celebration.

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

## Geraldine L. Kerkendall, 40

Geraldine L. Kerkendall, 40, of Spokane, died Monday, Nov. 22, 1999, at the Harbor View Medical Center in Seattle.

She was born July 13, 1959, in Hot Springs. She was trained as a certified nurses aid. She spent most of her life caring for others.

Survivors include one son; two daughters including Katelyn Crabtree of Libby; parents, Karen and Duane Monroe of Libby and Jim and Marjorie Lee of Kalispell; three brothers; one sister, Jackie Sverdrup and her husband, Jim, of Kalispell; five step-brothers, one stepsister, and one half sister.

Services will be Tuesday at Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Libby. Interment will follow at the City of Libby Cemetery.

Local arrangements are by the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Libby.

## Celia Keefe Kesti, 81

Celia Keefe Kesti, 81, died June 9, 1999, in the hospital in Seattle of pneumonia after surgery.

She was born in Opheim, to Bill and "Brownie" Keefe on April 21, 1918. The family moved to Whitefish in 1923, and to Kalispell in 1925. She graduated from Flathead County High School in 1935.

She worked for Jim Jorgenson and then Charles McGibon in the insurance business. She moved to Seattle in 1942.

She married J.P. Kesti in 1946.

She is survived by a daughter, Penny J. and Brian Jespersion of the Seattle area; a brother, Bill Keefe of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; a sister, Kathryn Emmert of Kalispell; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by an older brother, Jean Keefe; her parents; and her husband.

Cremation has already taken place.

## Marie Kile, 68

Marie Kile, 68, died April 14, 1999, at her home in Columbia Falls of natural causes.

She was born Dec. 17, 1930, in Butler County, Ky. She received her education in Indiana.

She was married in 1948 to Basil C. Hill and they had a son and a daughter. She lived in Kentucky, Indiana, Germany, Colorado and Maryland before moving to Coeur d'Alene in 1964.

She was preceded in death by her first husband in 1977, by her father in 1976 and by her mother in 1991.

She married Floyd Kile in November 1986, and moved to Columbia Falls.

She was employed for 17 years at Hayden Lake Golf and Country Club in Hayden Lake, Idaho, as a book-keeper. She was active in the First Baptist Church in Whitefish.

She is survived by her husband, Floyd Kile, of Columbia Falls; a son, Patrick Hill, of Marysville, Wash.; a

daughter, Vicky Hill, of Coeur d'Alene; four stepchildren, Marsha Furlong, Phillis Rowe, Edwin Kile and Carol Nicholson, all of Columbia Falls; three brothers, Pirtle Burdin of Florida, Sheldon Burden and Salem Burdin, both of Indiana; two grandchildren, 15 step-grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held at the First Baptist Church in Whitefish at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, with the Rev. Kent Morrison officiating.

Graveside services and burial will be at the Westmond Cemetery in Westmond, Idaho, at 10 a.m. on Saturday.

The family suggests that memorials be made to the First Baptist Church in Whitefish or to Hospice, 1280 Burns Way, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Arrangements are under the direction of Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish.

## Austin F. Kimball

Austin F. Kimball, 80, of Bigfork, Montana, dedicated husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, passed away peacefully of heart failure, at his daughter's home in Ogden, Utah, on Jan. 3, 1999, to be rejoined with his Father in Heaven.

Austin was born Nov. 9, 1918, in Ontario, Calif., and was the grandson of Fred S. Kimball, early Ontario pioneer for whom the recently dedicated Kimball Memorial Park was named. Austin was raised on a dairy farm in Ontario. He graduated from Chaffey High School and Chaffey Community College, Ontario. He resided with his wife DeLoris, in Alta Loma, Calif., before moving to Swan Lake, where he lived for the past several years.

He was a member of the Swan Chapel Community Church, Swan Lake. Austin was also a past president of the 20-30 Club of Ontario, past

president of the Lions Club of Chino, Calif., a member of the Elks Lodge of Ontario, Calif., and long-standing member of the Free and Accepted Masons of California, Chino Valley Lodge No. 427.

Austin is survived by his wife of 57 years, DeLoris Ritenour Kimball, Bigfork; his daughters, Diane Amalfitano, wife of Harry Amalfitano, Ogden, Utah; and Sherrie Kimball, Salt Lake City, Utah; three grandchildren, Michelle McCurdy, Scott Amalfitano, and Orion Burnham; and four great-grandchildren.

Masonic Memorial Services were held for family members on Friday, Jan. 8, at Lindquist's Ogden Mortuary in Ogden, Utah.

Cremation was under the direction of Lindquist's Crematory.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that donations be made to the Children's Aid Society of Utah, 652 26th St., Ogden, UT 84401.

## Kitrena Lyn 'Kit'

1999 Kincella, 16

Kitrena Lyn "Kit" Kincella, 16, died on Wednesday evening, Oct. 20, in McGinnus Meadows in Libby.

She was born in Whitefish on Aug. 30, 1983.

She was a member of the Eagles 4-H club for 11 years. She loved to spend her time with her animals, hunting, fishing, riding horses, hiking and participating in cross country and track.

She is survived by her parents, Michael and Laura Kincella; three sisters, Jessica, Shawna and Kelly Rose Kincella; her maternal grandmother, Clara Johnson, all from Libby; paternal grandparents; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Services will be held at the Libby Christian Church Saturday at 11 a.m. with Mark Halland officiating.

## Beulah G. King, 77

Beulah G. King, 77, a long time Eureka resident, died at her home Sept. 30, 1999, from natural causes.

She was born April 23, 1922, in Murray Island (near Rexford) to James L. and Lula Paxton Byers. On July 5, 1941, she married Frederick O. King of Rexford.

Survivors include her husband Fred of Eureka, son Stanley and his wife Kathy, two grandchildren, three sisters-in-law, one niece and one nephew.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Eureka. Visitation will be Monday from 1-8 p.m. at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Eureka. Burial will follow at the Tobacco Valley Cemetery.

Memorials may be given to the Eureka Volunteer Ambulance.

Arrangements are under direction of the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Eureka.

## Robert Dean 'Bob' King, 86

Robert Dean "Bob" King, 86, died early Sunday morning, March 28, 1999, at his home in Lakeside.

He was born Aug. 29, 1912, in Dayton, to Dean and Metta Steere King. He grew up in Kalispell, where he attended schools. While attending Flathead County High School he was known for his outstanding abilities at both track and football; he was a star athlete at both sports. He graduated from Flathead County High School in 1930.

After high school, he attended the University of Montana, where he participated in both track and swimming. During the summers of his college years, he worked in fire lookout stations in the Bob Marshall Wilderness. Later on he also attended Glendale College in California.

He was married to Maxine Reser on May 1, 1937, in Kalispell. They lived in Kalispell for four more years before moving to Los Angeles, where he went to work for the Lockheed Aircraft Co. as an aeronautical engineer in the research and experiment division.

During this period he worked on various experimental aircraft, including the P38 fighter, the huge six engine Constellation that became the first pressurized passenger plane to be placed in service, the U2 spy plane and the jumbo passenger jet L1011. Lockheed eventually moved him into supervision in their cryogenic laboratory, studying super cold. He retired after working there for 34 years.

He moved back to the Flathead in 1975. He and his wife lived in the Somers area before moving to Lakeside.

He was known for being very active in his community. He served on the community water board and was involved in many other events in the communities where he resided.

He was an avid outdoorsman. He



loved to fish and go boating. He especially enjoyed camping with his wife. He was a very good woodworker and loved to dance, especially waltzes.

He was a member of the Lakeside Chapel, where he sang in the choir and served as past president of the men's club.

He loved to help others. If anyone needed tools, his garage was always open, and he was more than willing to help people with their projects.

He was a member of the Elks, DeMolay as a young man, and the Presbyterian Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Survivors include his wife of 63 years, Maxine, at the family home in Lakeside; a son, Dean H. King of Reseda, Calif.; five grandchildren, Jeffrey, Michael and James, all of Phoenix, and Dustin and Danielle of Reseda and two great-grandchildren; brother A.J. Jack King and wife Almeda of Kalispell; sisters, Elizabeth "Betty" King of Kalispell and Susan Clark and husband Oscar of Gallipolis, Ohio; eleven nieces and nephews, Karen Jo Rosenberg and husband Ron of Whitefish, John King and wife Cheryl of Kalispell, Andrew "A.J." King of Kalispell, Cheri Bush of Boise, Idaho, Edwin Bush and wife Connie of Utah, Sally Bush of Anchorage, Alaska, Margie Lorie of Readosa, N.M., Susie Woods of Arrowhead, Calif., Bonnie Emery of Boise, Jenney MacKessy and husband Steve of Greely, Colo., and Susan Stien of Gahanna, Ohio.

Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday at the Lakeside Chapel with the Rev. Terry Dunn officiating. Burial will be at 3 p.m. Friday at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell.

The family has asked that memorials be made to the Lakeside Quick Response Unit, the Lakeside Chapel or the donor's choice.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

## James Merrill Kinniburgh, 64

James Merrill Kinniburgh, 64, died Friday, July 23, 1999, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.



He was born April 1, 1935, in Fort Peck, Montana to James A. and Elva "Todd"

Johnston Kinniburgh. His family moved to Marion, in 1939, where he received his early schooling from grade 1 through 8. He graduated from Flathead High School in 1953.

He worked in the woods and around town until when he was drafted into the Army in 1958. He served until 1960. He returned home and went to work at Superior Building in Columbia Falls.

He married Barbara Martin Young on May 23, 1969, at Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. In 1966, he went to work for Kinniburgh Brothers Logging Co. in Marion. He worked most of the last 30 years in logging.

He always found good in everybody and his kids and grandkids were his pride and joy. He loved to work on his pickup and go on drives. He was a past member of the Marion Fire Dept. He died helping others. We love you, Dad!

He was preceded in death by his father and one grandchild.

He is survived by his wife, Barb at the family home in Somers; his mother Todd Miller and stepfather Dave Miller of Marion; three daughters, Lori Bunker, Christine Howard and husband, Gary, and Mindy Delaney and husband, Matt, all of Kalispell; three sons, John Young of Kalispell, his twin brother, Jim Young and wife, Shannon, of Tenineo, Wash., and James Kinniburgh and wife, Marla, of Kalispell; 11 grandchildren, Tyler Bunker, Justis Young, Levi Kinniburgh and Chancey Kinniburgh, Jackie, Justina, Janelle, Abagayle,

Tanisha Young, Jessica and Allie Howard; two brothers, Kenny Kinniburgh and wife, Arlette, and Robert Kinniburgh and wife, Robbie, all of Kalispell; one sister, Betty and husband, Bob Jenkins, all of Kalispell.

A funeral service will be Monday at 10 a.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Visitation will be Monday from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

The family suggests memorials be sent to the Lakeside QRU, Lakeside, MT 59925 or Somers Fire Dept., Somers, MT 59932.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

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## Judith Elna 'Judy' Kins, 56

Judith Elna "Judy" Kins, 56, of Eureka, died Wednesday, Dec. 8, at her home in Eureka, following a valiant fight against Lou Gehrig's disease.

She was born Sept. 9, 1943, at Miles City, to Kenneth and Emma Doble Kins. She was raised and educated at Ekalaka, and graduated from Carter County High School.

She spent a number of years living and working as a bank clerk and cashier at Livingston, Texas. In the early 1980s, she returned to Montana where she resided briefly in the Flat-

head Valley before coming to Eureka with her daughter Kimberley. She was employed by First National Bank and Glacier Bank in Eureka.

She loving camping, mushroom hunting on the West Kootenai, rummage sales, sewing and making craft items and any excuse to get together with her family and friends to visit and tell stories.

She was a loving and much loved mother, daughter, sister and friend. She will be greatly missed by her family.

She was preceded in death by her

father in 1963, and her mother in 1999.

Survivors include her daughter, Kimberley Kins, a sister, Ethel White, a brother, Charles Kins, all of Eureka; brothers, Bo Kins of Portland, Karl Kins of Katy, Texas; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Services will be conducted at a later date. Arrangements are under the care of Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Eureka.

Memorials may be made to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society-ALS Division or to Eureka Ambulance.

## Timothy W. Kirkland, 43

Timothy W. Kirkland, 43, died Sept. 25, 1999, in Woods Bay.

He was born in Kalispell, on March 24, 1956, to Virgil and La Von Kirkland. He grew up in Superior, where he graduated from high school in 1974.

He later moved to Kalispell, where he married Glenda Eastman in 1978, and of this union, Robbie Kirkland was born.

He was an avid outdoorsman which included gold panning, fishing, hiking, and hunting.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, and brothers Russ Eastman and Darrel Kirkland.

He is survived by his wife Lea

and children Jaque and Christien, and Robbie Kirkland; parents Virgil and Sandy Kirkland, and La Von and Gary Eastman; brothers Keevin and wife, Judy, of Kalispell, Layne and wife, Helen, of Kalispell, Dan and Kim of Polson; and sister Debbie and husband, Gary, of Kalispell; numerous extended family and friends, and an awesome uncle to numerous nieces and nephews. He will be greatly missed.

Visitation will be today from 12 to 4 p.m. at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Funeral services will be Monday at 2 p.m. at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home

with the Rev. Mark Watkins of Gospel Light Baptist Church officiating. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

## Ervin Grant Kiser, 77

Ervin Grant Kiser, 77, of Columbia Falls, died Monday, Sept. 6, 1999, at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.

He was born Aug. 22, 1922, in Coalwood, Mont., to Ruth L. (Warkins) and Elmer E. Kiser. The harsh land and homesteading demanded hard work and he appreciated good hard work.

His family moved to Kalispell in 1936. From there he moved to Great Falls, where he met Ruth E. Overose. They were married on Aug. 8, 1942.

After only six weeks of married life he was sent overseas and proudly served in the U.S. Army during World War II in England and France.

After 38 months he returned home and earned a certificate from Anaconda Copper Company showing 6,000 hours as an apprentice for journeyman carpenter.

He and his wife moved to Columbia Falls in 1952. He got into the fountain-lunch business and was well-known for the best milkshakes and hamburgers in the valley.

In his spare time he built 35 homes, two businesses and furniture as well as toys for his grandchildren.

Later he owned and operated an 18-unit apartment and a small grocery store.

He was preceded in death by his father, Elmer, and his sister, Elma Kiser Sloan.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth, of 57 years at the family home in Columbia Falls; sons and daughters-in-law, Grant and Nancy Kiser of East Helena, Ken and Lorraine Kiser of North Ogden, Utah, and Russ and Robin Kiser of Columbia Falls; a daughter and son-in-law, Crystal and Kelly Ferguson of Columbia Falls; 15 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; his mother, Ruth L. Kiser of Whitefish; four brothers and their wives, Richard and Audrey Kiser of Kalispell, Robert and Elizabeth Kiser of Slidell, La., Phil and Louise Kiser of Columbia Falls, and Lowell and Betty Kiser of Deer Park, Wash.

He was an active member of his church and served in many different capacities. He was a respected businessman, beloved husband and loved father. His greatest joys in this life were his wife, children and grandchildren.

Viewing will be today from 1 to 8 p.m. at Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. Dedication of the grave will be Saturday at 10:30 a.m. at Woodlawn Cemetery for family and friends. A memorial service will be Saturday at 11:30 a.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on Talbot Road in Columbia Falls.

Memorial donations may be given to the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.



## Katherine Levern Kittilsby, 90

Katherine Levern Kittilsby, 90, died on Friday, June 25, 1999, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

She was born March 25, 1909, in Everett, Wash., to William and Anna Balerud Organ. She moved with her family as a child to Minot, N.D., where her father was a cabinet maker. She received her education in Minot, graduating from high school and continuing on at the Minot State College. After college for one year she worked for various wholesale grocery firms in Minot as a secretary.

She married Lyle Kittilsby on May 8, 1937, in Minot, where they lived until moving to Kalispell in 1952. She served for nearly six years as the deputy clerk for the Flathead County Sheriff.

She and her husband relocated to California in 1961, and to Tacoma, Wash., in 1969. They returned to the

Flathead Valley in 1993.

She was a member of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church and enjoyed sports, baking and her grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband Lyle on April 21, 1999, and her parents.

She is survived by her son, Jim Kittilsby and wife Liv Anne of Kalispell; a granddaughter, Kim Kittilsby of Tacoma, Wash.; and a grandson, Tim Kittilsby, wife Lisa, and their son, Eric, all of Mercer Island, Wash.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church with Doug Nemitz officiating. Burial will follow in the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Visitation will be Monday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Johnson Mortuary.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

## Lyle Edward Kittilsby, 89

Lyle Edward Kittilsby, 89, died Wednesday, April 21, 1999, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

He was born May 1, 1909, in Austin, Minn., to Edward and Emma Beckedahl Kittilsby. He grew up in Sherwood, N.D., and graduated from high school there. He then attended North Dakota State University for one year.

He married Katherine Organ on May 8, 1937, in Minot, N.D.

He worked as a sales representative for the International Harvester Co. for more than 20 years in North Dakota. He later became an International Harvester dealer. He moved his family to Kalispell in 1952 and joined the staff of Manion Pontiac/International Harvester, where he was credit manager.

He operated his own furniture store in Kalispell before relocating to California in 1961. He and his wife later lived in Tacoma, Wash., before returning to the Flathead

Valley in 1993.

He enjoyed sports, especially baseball, and the outdoors. He was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church and the Elks.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Alene Kittilsby and Marian Ludwig.

He is survived by his wife, Katherine "Katy" Kittilsby, of Kalispell; one son, Jim Kittilsby and wife, Liv Anne, of Kalispell; one granddaughter, Kim Kittilsby of Tacoma and one grandson, Tim Kittilsby and wife, Lisa, of Mercer Island, Wash.; and one great-grandson, Eric Kittilsby of Mercer Island.

Funeral services will be held Sunday at 2:30 p.m. at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, with the Rev. Richard Nelson officiating. Burial will follow at Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Visitation will be today until 6 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

## A.J. 'Bud' Kleckner, 78

A.J. "Bud" Kleckner, 78, died Monday, Aug. 9, 1999, at his daughter's home in Evergreen, after a short battle with lung cancer.

A long-time resident of Davenport, Wash., he led an active life, fishing and visiting with friends, especially those friends on the Spokane Indian Reservation.

He was born on April 17, 1921, in Seattle, to C. Fred and Dorthey Kleckner. He attended school in Seattle. He served in the American Merchant Marine in Oceangoing Service during the period of armed conflict, Dec. 7, 1941, until Aug. 15, 1945.

Upon discharge he returned to Seattle and married Ruth O. Memmen on Dec. 7, 1946; they later divorced. They had two children.

He was employed for 31 years by Great Northern and Burlington Northern Railroad as a telegrapher out of the Harrington, Wash., depot until his retirement in 1982. He was a member of the Transportation Communications Union.

Upon his retirement he spent his time fishing, gardening and most of all making new friends. He was well-liked by those who

knew him and always said, "I have never met a stranger in my life, just friends I have yet to meet."

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers Harold and Kenneth; sisters Helen and Jean; and grandson Brian S. Erickson.

He is survived by his sister, Emeline Shipman of Chewelah, Wash.; brother-in-law, Reginald Emmert of Lynnwood, Wash.; son, Chris A. Kleckner and his daughter, Jodi, of Spokane; daughter, Linda and her husband, Allen W. Erickson Sr. of Kalispell; grandchildren, A.W. "Bill" Erickson Jr. and his wife, Lauri, of Havelock, N.C., Bob Erickson and wife, Susan, of Veradale, Wash., Ginger and her husband, Gus Kundsvig, of Deer Park, Wash., Cinnamon and her husband, Dale Hall, of Kalispell, and Joe Erickson of Kalispell; eight great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews will all miss him greatly.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers memorials be sent to Hospice of Kalispell.

Memorial services will be held Friday at 4 p.m. at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

## Shirley McManus Kline, 64

Shirley McManus Kline, 64, died peacefully in her sleep on Oct. 27, 1998, at her home in Grand Junction, Colo., after a courageous battle with cancer. She leaves behind her husband, Bob, at the family home in Grand Junction.

She was born on Aug. 30, 1934, in Great Falls, to Nathan and Gertrude McManus, and was the fifth of seven children. She attended grade school in Great Falls, and later at Rollins. She graduated from Polson High School in 1952.

She married Ben Gordon in September 1954. He was a Navy man and she traveled with him to Guam and then to Taiwan and later to Japan. They had two sons, Walter and Wayne.

When her husband retired, they made their home in Pueblo, Colo., where she worked for State Farm for a few years and then went into

business for herself.

Later in her life, she divorced and moved to Grand Junction, where she met and married Bob Kline. They had a business there.

She will be truly missed by her family who took turns being there for her in her last days.

She leaves behind her sons, Walter Gordon of London, England, and Wayne Gordon and his wife, Kelly, and three grandchildren, Brianna, Macala and Boe of Pueblo; her brothers, Harold McManus of Caballo, N.M., Dean McManus of Boulder, and Hugh, Glen, Dell McManus and sister, Carol Warnes of Kalispell.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Nathan and Gertrude McManus.

Memorial services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

## Olive F. Knoepfle, 67

Olive F. Knoepfle, 67, of Columbia Falls died in Kalispell on Tuesday, April 6, 1999.

She was born on May 12, 1931, to Oliver and Margaret Teigen near Noonan, N.D.

She married Dewain Knoepfle in 1953 and lived in Langdon, N.D. In 1964, after Dewain passed away, she moved to Columbia Falls with her five children to be closer to her family.

She had numerous occupations and last worked at North Valley Hospital as a dietary aide. She enjoyed spending time with her family and going to garage sales with friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Dewain; her sons Dana and Darwin Knoepfle; her father, Oliver Teigen; and her brother, Lloyd Teigen.

She is survived by her son,

Demont Knoepfle, his wife, Donna, and their two boys, Dewain and Dustin; her daughters Darla Iverson, her husband, Dennis, and their son, Devin, and Duana DeReu, her husband, Dave, and their daughter Carsyn; a daughter-in-law, Sandra Knoepfle, and her sons Daniel and David; her mother, Margaret; a brother, Delmer; a sister, Donna Smith; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A graveside service will be held at Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls on Saturday at 1 p.m. with the Rev. Bob Nilsen of Calvary Lutheran Church officiating. A gathering will be held afterwards for family and friends at the family home in Columbia Falls.

Columbia Mortuary is in charge of the arrangements.

## Gerald "Jerry" L. Knudson

Gerald "Jerry" L. Knudson, 57, died of heart failure at his home Sunday evening, May 2, 1999, in Helena.

He was born in Cut Bank, on Oct. 15, 1941, to Oliver John and Annice Clapper Knudson. He attended schools in Columbia Falls, and graduated from Columbia Falls High School in 1959. He graduated from the North Dakota State School of Science with a degree in building construction technology in 1965.

He married Wilda Clark on Aug. 30, 1964, in Kalispell.

Working for the Montana Department of Transportation, he drew bridges for several years and then transferred to the traffic division where he was in charge of signing and pavement markings. He retired from MDT after 33 years of service.

He also served 27 years in the 369th Station Hospital Army Reserve unit and retired after achieving the rank

of Command Sergeant Major.

He loved Montana, music, square dancing, boating, water skiing, floating, fishing, and spending time with his family.

He is survived by his wife, Wilda; son Todd; daughter Tracy and her husband, Jeneth Hawke; grandsons, Levi Eugene Boehm and Trey Joseph Knudson; granddaughters, Rhiannon Egosque and Nora Boehm; brother John and his wife, Sharon Knudson; sister Jannice and her husband, Dale Croskrey; many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was a wonderful and caring husband, father and friend. He will be deeply missed by all who loved him and everyone whose life he touched.

Private services have been conducted and cremation has taken place. A memorial service will take place at a later date.

## Stewart Oscar Knutson, 65

Stewart Oscar Knutson, 65, of Columbia Falls, died Monday, March 8, 1999, at his home near Columbia Falls.

He was born on Sept. 4, 1933, in Hannaford, N.D., to Serina and Stark Knutson. He married Joan Marie Mitchell in August 1953. He worked most of his life as a carpenter and building contractor.

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

He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Joan Knutson; six children including Tom Knutson of Columbia Falls; two brothers including Leonard Knutson of Columbia Falls; three sisters including Irene Barnhart and Edith Mason of Columbia Falls; and six grandchildren.

A memorial gathering and visitation will be available for the friends and family on Thursday from 3 to 8 p.m. at Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

## Clarence 'Pat' Fred Knutson, 72

Clarence "Pat" Fred Knutson, 72, of Kalispell, died quietly in his sleep at his residence on Wednesday, Feb. 10, 1999.

He was born July 23, 1926 in Kila, to Fred and Hattie Knutson. He attended school at the Batavia and Boorman schools in Smith Valley, and later attended Flathead High School. He was in the Army 25th Infantry Division from 1944 to 1946 and was honorably discharged.

After returning from the service he worked in the woods for Ed Conrad. In 1954, he began work for Plum Creek Timber Company and retired in 1991, after 37 years of service.

His greatest love was being outdoors, whether it was hunting, fishing, or bringing in firewood for his mother-in-law. He also volunteered many hours of service at the Montana Veterans Home, where he made picture frames for the residents and also called bingo games. He also volunteered for the RSVP and State Lands.

He bowled with the Taverners League in Whitefish. He was a member of the Eagles Lodge in Kalispell, the Moose Lodge in Whitefish, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post in Whitefish.

He married Elfrieda Franz and they spent 37 years together until she passed away. In 1986, he married Ellen Mae Knopfle and was adopted by her family.

He was preceded in death by his first wife Elfrieda; his mother and father, Hattie and Fred Knutson; also his father-in-law, Art Nutting.



He is survived by his wife, Ellen Mae Knutson of Kalispell; one son, Clarence Knutson of Kalispell; a twin brother, Lawrence "Buster" Knutson and wife, Arlene, of Kalispell; two sisters, Betty Brown and husband, Ransom, of Hasburn, Idaho, and Norma Brumbaugh and husband, Harold, of Hayes, Idaho; two mothers-in-law, Ellen Nutting and Anna Franz, both of Kalispell; five stepchildren, Ronnda Mae Wartnow and husband, George L. Jr. of Whitefish, Raymond Lee Richards and wife, Tammi, of Deer Park, Wash., Russelle Richards of Helena, Vernelle Valez and husband, Tony, of Helena, and Danny Knopfle of Belgium; two grandchildren, Erin Knutson and J.J. Knutson, both of Kalispell; and 12 stepgrandchildren, Travis, Bobby and Shannon Wartnow, all of Whitefish, Levi Richards of Deer Park, Wash., Erica and husband, Mike Reinert, of Whitefish, Tammi and husband, Justin Michels, of Whitefish, Kayla Sizemore and Cacey Valez, both of Helena, Dani Sizemore of Kent, Wash., Chad and wife, Sara Richards, of Frielley, Minn., and Kyle and Tyler Richards.

Funeral services will be held Monday, at 2 p.m. at the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with Dr. David Kauffman officiating. Burial will follow with military honors by the Veterans of Foreign Wars at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Visitation will be until 6 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. on Saturday. The family requests memorials to the Montana Veterans Home Bingo Room Sound System Fund, P.O. Box 250, Columbia Falls, MT 59912

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

## Amelia Kohl, 90

Amelia Kohl, 90, a longtime Columbia Falls resident, died Monday evening, Dec. 20, 1999, at North Valley Extended Care in Whitefish, of natural causes.

She was born March 21, 1909, in Culbertson, the daughter of George and Maria Wagner.

She met and married George Kohl in Wolf Point. In 1935, they moved to the Columbia Falls area where they made their home and raised a family.

She was a member of Our Saviors Lutheran Church in Columbia Falls.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, George; daughter,

Joyce; and three sisters, Margaret, Katherine and Lena.

She is survived by two children, Rose Blumer of Columbia Falls and Georgia Murray of Avon; a sister, Katie Escenbacher of Culbertson; and seven grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. today at the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Our Saviors Lutheran Church in Columbia Falls, with the Rev. Tom Gopp officiating. Burial will follow at the Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Kalispell.

## Lewis L. Kollenborn, 87

Lewis L. Kollenborn, 87, of Kalispell, died Monday, Aug. 16, 1999, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

He was born Feb. 6, 1912, in Gifford, Idaho, to Charles and Dolly Kollenborn. He was raised and educated in the Gifford area.

He worked in the woods in the Columbia Falls area from the time he was 13 years old. He later worked for the CCC. During World War II, he worked in the shipyards in Vancouver, Wash., building ships. In 1946, he returned to Columbia Falls, where he worked for Stoltz Land and Lumber Company, for two years on the construction of the Anaconda Aluminum Company, then worked at Plum Creek as a jippo sawyer and box car loader.

He was married to Marjorie Ber-

nice Tracey on June 26, 1941, in Columbia Falls. She preceded him in death on Sept. 3, 1984.

He devoted his life to his family and children. He loved all children.

He is survived by his three children, Darrel Kollenborn, Marla Robinson and Janice Seefeldt, all of Kalispell; nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be today from 1 to 8 p.m. at Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. A funeral service will be held Friday at 11 a.m. at Columbia Mortuary. Burial will follow in Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

The family has suggested memorials be made to the charity of the donor's choice that benefits children.

## Nina A. Kologi, 91

Nina A. Kologi, 91, died on Wednesday, April 28, 1999, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

She was born in Ottawa, Ill., on Sept. 18, 1907, to W.B. and Anna Kloth Curley. In 1908, her family moved to Simms, Mont., where they built the first general store. They helped establish the first post office in early 1909.

The family ranched southwest of Simms from 1914 until 1920, when they moved to the Augusta area, where the children attended high school. After graduating from high school she attended what was then Dillon Normal School, where she received her teaching certificate.

In the 1920s and 1930s, she taught for a number of years in one-room rural schools in the Augusta area, and also in Cascade County.

She married Peter S. Kologi, in Great Falls, in 1934. They made their home near Augusta until they moved to Simms in 1937.

She worked at various jobs, including at the Columbus Hospital in Great Falls for a short time. She also did day-care work at her home.

She was a member of St. Anne's Altar Society at Ft. Shaw, and the Simms' Women's Club. After moving

to Cascade in 1976, she joined the altar society there, and became a member of the senior citizens center. In 1986 they made their last move to Kalispell, where she was a member of St. Matthew's Church.

She enjoyed the outdoors, gardening, maintaining her yard and sharing her flowers with her neighbors and relatives. She liked to embroider and make quilts for her grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Peter, in 1991; a brother, Bill; and a sister, Mary Legault.

She is survived by a son, Stephen C. Kologi of Helena; a daughter, Mariana Turner of Bigfork; a sister, Antoinette Breidenbach of Meridian, Idaho; six grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Graveside services will be at 12:30 p.m. Saturday at Lonepine Cemetery in Bigfork, with Deacon Fred Topp of St. Matthew's Catholic Church officiating.

The family requests that memorials be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

## Lillian Jean Koenig, 89

Lillian Jean Koenig, 89, died Monday, at the Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell. *8 Jan 1999*

She was born July 18, 1909, in St. Paul, Minn., to Robert S. and Ethel B. Cameron Copeland. She moved to the valley with her family as a young lady and received her education, graduating from Flathead High School. She went right to work for the Woolworth Company after graduating.

She met and married Gerald Koenig on Jan. 10, 1935, in Kalispell. Among her various jobs she worked at the hospital during World War II, the Lutheran Home in the dining room, assisted Gerald in his business as well as doing the books for Koenig Brother's Lumber Company.

After retiring in the early seventies, she and Gerald began traveling south for the winters, visiting family and friends along the way.

She was a member of Beta Sigma Phi and an active member of the Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Gerald and her parents.

She is survived by one daughter, Jerry Hood of Columbia Falls; two granddaughters, Della Kienas of Kalispell and Sandi Winter of Phoenix, Ariz.; one grandson, Robert Winter and wife, Deb, of Denver, Colo.; and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Thursday, at 2 p.m. at the Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church with the Rev. Darold Reiner officiating. Visitation

will be Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Johnson Mortuary.

The family suggest memorial gifts be given to Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, 400 W. California, Kalispell, MT or to the charity of the donors choice.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

## Seth Koester

### Seth Koester, newborn son

of Sid and Stacy Koester, died shortly after his birth on Jan. 3, 1999, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

He is survived by his parents, Sid and Stacy of Kalispell; grandparents, Darrell and Betty Trueblood of Kalispell, and Marilyn Koester of Ronan; great-grandparents, Floyd and Esther Kraus of Kalispell.

He was preceded in death by two grandfathers, Berton Isch and Don Koester.

Private family services will be held at a later date. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

## Charles 'Chuck' Alfons Krall, 81

Charles "Chuck" Alfons Krall, 81, died May 14, 1999, in Reno, Nev., where he resided the past 29 years.

A native of Danvers, Mont., he was born Oct. 29, 1917, to Joseph and Mary Kolar Krall.

A graduate of Fergus County High School in Lewistown, and Montana State in Bozeman, he worked for the Soil Conservation Service, USDA, for 30 years. He served in Conrad from 1946-1957, Bozeman from 1957-1961 and 1966-1967, Butte from 1961-1966, Denver, Colo., from 1967-1970, and he retired in 1976, as State Conservationist for Nevada. From 1977-1978, he worked for the State Agriculture Commission in Olympia, Wash.

He was a World War II Army veteran, having served from 1943 to 1945 in the Pacific as a Staff Sgt.

He was a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, serving as Post Commander in both Conrad and Bozeman. He was also a life member of MSU Alumni Association, AGR Fraternity, a member of BPOE Elks 2122, NARFE, National Association of Soil Conservation Districts, the Soil Conservation Society, and numerous conservation and agriculture organizations.

He married Loretta Nigg on May 17, 1947, in Conrad. She survives in Reno, Nev. They have five children, Charlene and her husband, Fred Brown, of Kalispell, Nadine Krall, Larry Krall, and Sue and her husband, Andy Sutherland, all of Reno, and Sandra and her husband, Gary Payne, of Santee, Calif.; seven grandchildren, Rick, Dawn, Mike, and Lora Brown of Kalispell, Trina Krall, Jessica and Aaron Sutherland of Reno; and six great-grandchildren, Lauren, Cassie, Victoria and Teeny Weinhandl, and Alfons and Brodrick Brown, all of Kalispell; five sisters and two brothers, including Emily Schelly of Great Falls, Joe Krall of Conrad and Jim Krall of Bozeman; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and siblings, Tom Krall, Agnes McFarland, and Antoinette Krall.

He enjoyed a good joke, a drink and cigarette, dancing, softball, hunting, fishing, and gardening. He was a registered master gardener.

Memorial Mass will be held today at 2 p.m. at St. Albert the Great Catholic Church in Reno, with interment following at Our Lady of Sorrows Cemetery in Reno.

## Sheldon 'Ed' Koser, 81

Sheldon "Ed" Koser, 81, of Bigfork, died March 17, 1999, in Yuma, Ariz., where he was a winter visitor for the past 20 years.

He was born in Medicine Lake on Nov. 3, 1917.

He retired from the Montana Employment Service.

Survivors include his wife Lucille Koser of Bigfork; sister Marge Clemens of Kalispell; sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Bea Johnson and Sherman Johnson of Kalispell; sister-in-law Ruth Nelson of Whitefish; and 10 beloved nieces and nephews and many grandnieces and nephews.

He has been cremated. Family memorial services will be announced at a later date.

## Pieter Jacobus Kroon, 86

Pieter Jacobus Kroon, 86, died on Jan. 28, 1999, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell, where he had been a resident for the past eight years suffering from Alzheimer's disease.

He was born Aug. 23, 1912, in Amsterdam, the Netherlands.

He was the youngest of three children and the only son of Jacob Pieter Kroon and Hermance Hulzebus from the Netherlands. He attended Delft University in Delft, the Netherlands and trained as a mechanical engineer in the field of turbine design.

He married Mary Emmeline Teves in 1939, and they had three daughters. After surviving World War II, he and his wife immigrated to the United States, settling in Swarthmore, Pa.

He worked in the design department of Westinghouse Corporation and Scott Paper Company, retiring from Scott Paper Company in 1968.

After 41 years in Swarthmore, he and his wife moved to Whitefish, to be closer to their eldest daughter, Ada Casazza, and her husband Lawrence J. Casazza and their three

children.

He will be missed by his wife, Mary Emmeline Kroon, who is presently living in Twin Falls, Idaho; his three daughters, Ada Casazza, currently living in Washington, D.C., Dory Gardenier of Grave, the Netherlands, Emmeline Kevan, of Twin Falls. He will also be missed by his seven grandchildren, Chris Casazza of Seattle, Claire Casazza and Danielle Hurd of Boise, Idaho, Katie, Kristine, and James Litke of Twin Falls, and Pieter Gardenier of Grave, the Netherlands.

We will remember him for his unique inventions, his love of gardening, camping, cooking, fishing and bicycle rides, his practical jokes, and his zany sense of humor, his unusual ideas and opinions, and his commitment and loyalty to family and friends.

Private family burial will be Monday at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Immanuel Lutheran Home.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

## Evelyn Myrtel Krutzfeld, 82

Evelyn Myrtel Krutzfeld, 82, died on Saturday, April 3, 1999, at the home of her daughter in Columbia Falls. She joined "Shorty" and her family.

She was born March 19, 1917, in Devon, Mont., to Orin and Florence Lull Marsh.

She married Walter "Shorty" Krutzfeld in June of 1935, and lived and resided in Shelby. Of this marriage, two children were born, Ronald and Marie.

She was a full-time homemaker and a wonderful wife and mother. She will be missed.

She was preceded in death by her

husband Walter in 1989; her son Ronald; six brothers, and two sisters.

She is survived by her daughter, Marie Erdman of Columbia Falls, nine grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be Friday at 2 p.m. at Shining Mountain Church, 475 Eighth Ave. E.N., Kalispell, with the Rev. Chrysta Bourne officiating. Burial will be held at 2:30 p.m. April 16, 1999, in Shelby, at the Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.