

Magda Valtinson, 87

Magda Valtinson, 87, died Wednesday, Sept. 22, 1999, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

She was born Aug. 15, 1912, in Terry, to Norwegian immigrants John and Alma Larson Ueland. At an early age, she moved with her family to northern Minnesota and was raised on the family farm in the Pomeroy area. She graduated from high school in Grand Rapids, Minn.

On Valentine's Day 1940, she married Arnold Valtinson, and in 1949 she moved with her husband and two children back to Montana. She was a resident of the Flathead Valley since that time.

During the 1950s and 1960s she was employed by the Peterson and Uptown motels.

She was a devoted member of the Sons of Norway, the Scandinavian Fraternity and Northridge Lutheran Church.

In earlier years, she was an accomplished guitarist and, together with her brother, entertained at many barn dances throughout northern Minnesota during the late 1920s and 1930s.

She had many interests, including gardening, flowers, crocheting, quilting, music and socializing. She loved people and family and made several trips to Norway to visit with distant relatives. She was fluent in Norwegian and loved to sing Norwegian as



well as English songs.

In recent years as age slowed her physical abilities she developed an avid interest in word puzzles, devoting several hours a day to them.

A testament to an individual's ability to overcome adversity through a strong will and determination, she was a diabetic for 57 years and coped with three heart attacks during the past three years, all without complaint. She succumbed to the fourth one.

She will be greatly missed by her family and friends. Her energy and positive attitude toward life were a lesson for us all.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1981; and four brothers, Alf, Ernest, Johnny, and Norman Ueland.

She is survived by her two sons, Larry Valtinson of Kalispell, and Lynn Valtinson and wife, Pat, of Great Falls; two grandchildren, Erika and Kristina, both of Great Falls; two brothers, Leif Ueland of International Falls, Minn., and Finn Ueland of Heron; two sisters, Signe Ferguson and Kenny Hendrickson, both of Kalispell.

Funeral services will be Saturday at 1 p.m. at Northridge Lutheran Church, with the Rev. Dan Heskett officiating. Burial will follow at Conrad Memorial Cemetery. 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.

Ethel Vandevanter, 86

Ethel Vandevanter, 86, died Thursday Oct. 14, 1999, at Lake View Care Center in Bigfork.

She was born March 27, 1913, in Columbia Falls, to Bradford O. and Pearl Adams Leighty. She attended Deer Park School and Flathead County High School, graduating in 1932. She then attended Northern Montana College, where she received her teaching certificate. She taught one year at Battle Butte School in Niara-da.

She married W. Eugene Vandevanter in Missoula, on Jan 25, 1936. They lived at Flathead Mine, and then moved to Columbia Falls. The Vandevanter Brothers operated a fur farm from 1932 to 1953, started Vandevanter Meats in 1945, and The Trap Zoo in 1953. She worked along side of them and did the book work.

She loved to crochet, read, bowl and travel. She and her husband traveled in their motor home to many area fishing lakes and for a few years to Salten Sea, Calif. They took many tours and traveled to Australia, New



Zealand, Europe and South Africa as well as Alaska and Hawaii. She moved into the Lake View Care Center in September 1997 and lived there until the time of her passing.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1996, three brothers and three sisters.

She is now survived by her daughter, Sharon Brittenham and husband, Jim, of Columbia Falls; two grandsons, Patrick Brittenham of Salem, Ore., and Jody Brittenham of Vancouver, Wash.; eight sisters, Thelma Carter of Columbia Falls, Irene Broad and Esther Ingram of Kalispell, Bertha Peterson of Everett, Wash., June Kinny of Colville, Wash., Laura Fuller of Addy, Wash., Violet Lundy of Aloha, Ore., and Ardith Wolfe of Puyallup, Wash.; three brothers, Andy Leighty of Columbia Falls, Earl Leighty of Kalispell, and Jim Leighty of Tacoma, Wash.

Funeral services for will be today at 2 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Burial will follow at Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Hazel Elizabeth VanMeter, 76

Hazel Elizabeth VanMeter, 76, died Sunday, Feb. 14, 1999, at the Kalispell Regional Medical Center.



She was born Nov. 12, 1922, in Cameron, Mo., to Wallace and Jessie Kuney Karriher. She received her early education in Cameron, where she graduated from high school and went on to teach in the country schools. On her first job she was given \$20 a month and a mule to ride to work.

She met and married Dennis J. Joyce in 1946, in Cameron. They moved to Pueblo, Colo., where they owned and operated a bakery.

The family moved to the Flathead Valley in 1956, and shortly after she was back to teaching. She taught in most of the country schools over the years until 1976, when she took a position in Lyman, Wyo.

She met and married Jerry VanMeter there, and retired from teaching in 1980. In 1983, they moved back to the valley but became snow birds, going to Arizona most winters.

She was known as an energetic, on-the-go kind of person, always willing

to help those in need. It was said that she earned her wings here. Among her loves were her grandchildren and quilting.

She is survived by four sons, Dave and Toni VanMeter of Fairbanks, Alaska, Don and Mary VanMeter of Bishop, Calif., Dave and Kathy Joyce of Crookston, Minn., Dennis Joyce of Condon; seven daughters, Sandy and Mike Muro of Redding, Calif., Linda VanMeter of Chattanooga, Tenn., Jan and Jeff Brinton of Kila, Paula Anderson of Kalispell, Jewel Bond of Vernal, Utah, Patty and Chris Pagan of Ladysmith, Canada, and Carol Andrus of Rigby, Idaho; many brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law; and 30 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Thursday, at 2 p.m. at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Stake Center with Bishop Kelly Galloway presiding. Visitation will be Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Johnson Mortuary, and one hour prior to the service at the church. Burial will follow in the Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Terry D.

VanQuekelberg, 47

Terry D. VanQuekelberg, 47, of Hibbing, Minn., died Thursday, Dec. 23, 1999, at the Fairview University Medical Center — Mesabi in Hibbing.

He worked in Montana in the logging industry before returning to Grand Rapids, Minn., to work as a logger.

He was preceded in death by his father and a half-sister.

Survivors include his mother; daughter Shawn Stevenson of Columbia Falls; one sister; two brothers include Rodney of Columbia Falls; a granddaughter; his former wife, Cindy Schmidt of Columbia Falls; seven nieces and nephews; and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Memorial services will be held on Monday at 1 p.m. at the Rowe Funeral Home in Grand Rapids. The Rev. William Conley will officiate. Burial will be in the Hazelwood Cemetery in Blackberry, Minn.

Mary Margaret Vars, 69

Mary Margaret Vars, 69, of Whitefish, died Wednesday, July 14, 1999, at St. Vincent Hospital in Billings, of natural causes.

She was born May 27, 1930, in Jamestown, N.D., to William and Agnes Conley.

As a licensed practical nurse, she worked in hospitals in Livingston, Kalispell, and Whitefish, where she was also office nurse for Dr. David Kauffman for many years.

She had a big heart and the right personality for being a nurse. Kind, generous and outgoing, she loved to entertain friends and family and to prepare large meals. She enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren, especially watching them play sports.

She married Tom Vars on Aug. 27, 1963.

She was a member of St. Charles parish in Whitefish, and attended St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church while in Billings.

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

Survivors include her husband, Tom, of Whitefish; four children,

Terry Wink and wife, Kelly, in Billings, Cindy Shores and husband, Tom, in Garland, Texas, Patricia Goetz and husband, Tony, in Kamiah, Idaho, Tammy Bauerle and husband, Gary, in Greeley, Colo.; 10 grandchildren, Genny, Tyler, Kyle Wink, Christi and Tommy Shores, Ember and Tara Goetz, Kurt, Craig and Logan Bauerle; two great-grandchildren, Christina and Jonathan; six brothers and sisters, Don Conley and wife, Dee, Sue Behles and husband, John, Mel Conley, Leonard Conley, Beanie Conley, Mark Conley and wife, Donna.

Visitation will be from 1 to 7 p.m. Monday and a Christian wake service at 7 p.m. Monday at the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish. A mass of the Christian burial will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at St. Charles Catholic Church in Whitefish, with the Rev. Charles Roman, celebrant. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Kalispell.

Memorials can be made to the American Diabetes Association or to the American Heart Association.

Denise Van Rach, 46

Denise Van Rach, 46, of Belton, Mo., died May 2, 1999 at Camden Health Center in Harrisonville, Mo.

She was born Feb. 1, 1953, in Lansing, Mich., to Ralph and Beverly Van Loton.

She was a Montessori school teacher and lived most of her life in Montana. She painted wildlife and nature, was a taxidermist, and guided as a hunting and fishing outfitter. She was also a seamstress for wedding attire.

She is survived by four children including a son, Vassar Rach, and a daughter, Sarah Jolene Turman, both of Kallispell; her fiancé, her parents, a brother, and a sister, and two grandchildren.

She has been cremated and inurnment will be in Montana.

Memorials are suggested to the Liver Foundation.

John 'Jack' William von Lutzow Sr., 53

John "Jack" William von Lutzow Sr., 53, died Monday, March 22, 1999. His son Jack Jr., 13, was by his side to bring him home.

He was born May 3, 1945, in Chicago, Ill., to Charles "Bunny" William and Dorothy "Dot" Leatzow. He graduated from Morgan Park High School in Chicago.

He received his bachelor of art in political science at St. Joseph's College in Rensselaer, Ind., and his master of art degree and Ph.D. in philosophy at DePaul University in Chicago.

In the early 1970s, he was chief of public relations for the Centers for Disease Control in Chicago, and in 1974, he moved to Houston, Texas, and became a true entrepreneur.

He was president and owner of Arts for Industry and, from 1976 to 1987, president of American Hydraulic Service and Refuse Technologies in Houston and Dallas, Texas.

He met his wife Tammy and they were married in 1982. With the birth of their first and only child, Jack William von Lutzow Jr., the love of this father's life, the family decided to give up city life and moved to Whitefish in 1988. He and his wife have owned and operated The Whitefish Grille from 1988 to present.

In the last year, his family was blessed with two great adventures. He saw all his old friends and family from Chicago, to Three Lakes, Wis., to Scottsdale and Tucson, Ariz. He



was so refreshed and revitalized and plans were to make changes in the future.

He was a true, loyal, honest man with a soft spoken but strong spirit. He was always full of optimism and believed his mind, with proper focus, could extend his years. He was a deep thinker. Many folks and friends crossing his path have been touched for life from his words of wisdom.

He was an awesome husband and his son, Jack, was the light of his life. He spent much of his time filling Jack with words of life, knowledge, dreams and goals. Having lost his father at age nine, he wanted to make sure he covered all the bases.

He will be missed by his family and friends. His son knows his father is in Heaven and happy, because the angels told him as he drove his dad home.

He is survived by his wife, Tammy, and son Jack, Jr., of Whitefish; his brother, Charlie Leatzow, of Vero Beach, Fla.; his sister, Carol Prather of Hinsdale, Ill.; his cousin, Mark Leatzow, of Marlon; his cousin, Victor "Cap" Leatzow, of Kallispell; and his cousins, Robin, Steve, Bobby and Bobby von Lutzow and his aunt, Betty von Lutzow, all of Scottsdale.

The memorial service will be held at the Nazarene Church in Whitefish, on Friday at 1 p.m. Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish is in charge of arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, the family has set up a special account for Jack von Lutzow Jr.'s education at American Bank in Whitefish.

Daniel M. Vial, 39

Daniel M. Vial, 39, of Libby, died Wednesday, Sept. 8, 1999, as the result of injuries received in a truck accident near Greensboro, N.C.

He was born Dec. 9, 1959, in Ft. Benton, to Mel and Joan Vial. He was associated with Vial Funeral Homes Inc. of Libby and Eureka for several years, and later was employed as a commercial truck driver for Swift Trucking.

He was preceded in death by his father, Mel, on Aug. 18 of this

year.

Survivors include his daughter; his mother, Joan Vial of Libby; a sister, Debra Huisentruit and her husband, Maurice "Mo" of Troy; two nephews; a special friend; and numerous uncles, aunts, and cousins.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home Chapel, with the Rev. Charles Couch officiating. Interment services will follow at the City of Libby Cemetery.

1999 Mel Vial, 67

Mel Vial, 67, longtime funeral director and former coroner of Lincoln County, died Wednesday, Aug. 18, at St. John Lutheran Hospital in Libby.

He was born in Hamilton on Dec. 28, 1931, the son of H. DeWitt Vial and Eunice Carpenter Vial. He was raised and educated in Hamilton, graduating from Hamilton High School in 1951.

He served with the U.S. Air Force, both state-side and overseas, being honorably discharged at the rank of staff sergeant.

He married Joan Rothlisberger on Sept. 11, 1955, in Hamilton. He attended the San Francisco College of Mortuary Science, graduating in December 1956. During his internship, he was associated with Sherman & Reed Funeral Home in Butte, and the Lucy Funeral Home in Missoula. He later moved to Ft. Benton, where he operated the Benton Funeral Home for an extended period of time.

In the mid 1960s, he resided in the Great Falls area where he worked in highway and missile silo construction and later as a bookkeeper for a Deer Lodge car dealership.

He returned to funeral service and worked at the Beck Funeral Home in Deer Lodge, and later for the Cashmore Chapels of Laurel, Columbus, and Red Lodge before coming to Libby in 1969. He was associated with the Gompf Funeral Home for three years before he and his wife founded the Vial Funeral Home in February 1973; in October of 1973, they purchased the interests

of the Gompf Funeral Home, merging the two firms. They continued to operate the Vial Funeral Homes of Libby and Eureka, until retiring in 1992.

He served as Lincoln County Coroner for over 20 years; he also served as an alderman on the Libby City Council from 1973 to 1978, and on the Montana State Board of Crime Control; he also had been an active member of the Libby Chapter of the American Red Cross. He was a member and past master of Libby Lodge 85, AF & AM; the York Rite and Order of the Eastern Star; a member of Bagdad and Algeria Shrine Temples and the Deer Lodge Oriental Band; as well as a member and past president of the Kootenai Valley Shrine Club and Kootenai Valley Klowns. He was also a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars; the American Legion; the Elks; Eagles; the Montana Funeral Directors Association; Montana Coroner's Association; and the National Funeral Directors Association.

He enjoyed traveling and worked tirelessly for the cause of the Shriner's Hospital for Crippled Children in Spokane.

He was an active participant and sponsor of league bowling and collected and restored antique cars. He enjoyed woodcrafting and was particularly known for his work in building and repairing grandfather clocks.

He was preceded in death by his father in 1979, and his mother in 1996.

Survivors include his wife, Joan,

of Libby; daughter, Debra Huisentruit and her husband, Maurice "Mo" of Troy; son, Daniel Vial of Sparks, Nev.; four brothers, Vernon Vial and his wife, Mary, of Chandler, Ariz., Virgil Vial and his wife, Jan, of Anchorage, Alaska, Don Vial and his wife, Dot, of Salmon, Idaho, and David Vial and his wife, Doral, of Gig Harbor, Wash.; a brother-in-law, Dan Rothlisberger and his wife, Cheryl, of Woodbridge, Va.; three grandchildren, Jeremy Huisentruit of Kalispell, Josh Huisentruit of Missoula, and Shannon Vial of Boca Raton, Fla.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home Chapel, with the Rev. Charles Couch officiating. Interment with Masonic and military honors will be in the City of Libby Cemetery. Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children, P.O. Box 2472, Spokane, WA 99210-2472.

Ilynn E. Vick, 82

Ilynn E. Vick, 82, of Kalispell, died peacefully at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish, on July 9, 1999. The Lord has one more kind and gentle spirit to add to his heavenly home.

He was born May 14, 1917, in Sheyenne, N.D., to Martin and Kathryn Vick. As a child he lived in North Dakota and Chicago, Ill., before moving to the Flathead Valley with his parents, sister, and brother. He graduated from Flathead High School in 1936.

He worked at Landry Oil for many years before buying his own gas station in 1940, where the Daily Inter Lake parking lot is now. He joined the service on March 15, 1942, and served as an engineer in Italy and North Africa.

Upon returning to the Flathead after the service, he met Robbie Martin at the Park Inn Cafe. They were married on Dec. 27, 1946.

He then purchased McCulloch Chain Saw Sales and Service and owned it for approximately 12 years. After he sold his business, he worked for Western Building Center until his retirement.

He was a member of the First Pres-

byterian Church and was active in the sheriff's posse for many years. He also was a member of the Elks and Eagles. He enjoyed golfing, bowling, and traveling. He and his wife made two trips to Hawaii and enjoyed going south in the winter months.

He was preceded in death by both his parents, and his beloved wife Robbie who died in 1992.

Surviving family members include three daughters and their husbands, Shari and Ron Johnston of Twin Falls, Idaho, Kathy and Gavin Corrigan of Kalispell, and Patti and Ron Rock of Austin, Colo.; one sister, Estille Will of Kalispell; and a brother, Martin Vick Jr. of Missoula; six grandchildren, two great-grandsons, plus many nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be held on Tuesday at 2 p.m. at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

At the families request memorial contributions may be made to Home Options, 1280 Burns Way, Kalispell, or the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory in charge of arrangements.

Leora Alice Bowers Vincent, 83

Leora Alice Bowers Vincent, 83, died Tuesday, Nov. 23, 1999, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

She was born Oct. 8, 1916, in Salem, Ind., to Fletcher and Martha Ann Bowers. They moved to the Fairfield area in 1917, where she received her early education and graduated from Simms High School.

On June 30, 1937, she married Bert Vincent.

Besides her husband, she is survived by four children, Loreva Oakley of Fairfield, Arlene Higgins, and husband, Wes, of Kalispell, Laurence Vincent and Diane of Simms and Vickie Jones and husband, Don, of Salem Ore.; daughter-in-law, Charlotte Vincent, of Fairfield; her brother, Oral Bowers and wife, Marvine, of Great Falls; 13 grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; three brothers, Harold, Amos, and Ellis; and one sister,



Dorothy.

She was so devoted to her husband of 62 years and to her family. After living in the Fairfield area all of her life, she and her husband moved to the Flathead Valley in 1996. She liked traveling and did spend some winters in Arizona, and was happy to do it as long as she was able, but her love of Montana and the yen to see the buttes again always brought her home.

She always had special moments with her husband on rock hunting expeditions and with her grandchildren working on craft projects. Nothing was ever too complicated or too messy.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at the United Church of Christ in Fairfield, with burial following at the Fairfield Cemetery.

Arrangements are under the direction of Buffalo Hill Funeral Home in Kalispell and Croxfords and Son's in Great Falls.

The family suggests memorials be given in her name to the charity of your choice.

John Joseph Vojta Sr., 69

John Joseph Vojta Sr., 69, died Saturday, Dec. 25, 1999, at his home in Kalispell.

He was born July 4, 1930, in Universal, Penn. In 1952, he married Audrey Rousseau in Pennsylvania. Prior to his retirement, he was employed as a welder for Westmont Tractor of Kalispell.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing and woodworking. He was a member of the Disabled Veterans of America.

He was preceded in death by his

mother, Anna Bouma. Survivors include his wife, Audrey Vojta, of Kalispell; two children, Barbara Plessinger, of Blairsville, Penn., and John J. Vojta Jr.; three grandchildren, Jennifer Vojta, Christine Vojta and Matthew Plessinger; and two sisters, Sylvia Turko, of Las Vegas, Nev., and Doloris Rimmel, of Pittsburgh, Penn.

Memorial services will be held at a later date. Arrangements and cremation are under direction of the Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Mervin G. 'Pete' Volkenand, 63

Mervin G. "Pete" Volkenand, 63, of Libby, died at his home.

He is survived by three sons including Duane and his wife, Julie, and Dean and his wife, Faith, all of Libby; one daughter; one brother; two sisters including Pat Kasberg of Kalispell; eight grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Service will be Thursday at 1 p.m. at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Libby. Interment will be at the City of Libby Cemetery with military honors provided by the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion.

Local arrangements are by the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home.

Argyle Kackley Voorhees, 89

Argyle Kackley Voorhees, 89, died Saturday Feb. 27, 1999, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

She was born Nov. 14, 1909, in Colfax, Wash., to Theodore and Linnie Kackley Allen. As a child she moved to Taber, Alberta, Canada.

She was married on Oct. 18, 1926, to Clyde Noah Voorhees.

She was like the Energizer bunny as she followed her grandchildren in various sporting events.

In 1978 she moved to Tempe, Ariz., where she acquired many more honorary grandchildren. In October 1997, she moved in with her daughter Ava Lynn and her husband, Gordon.

She was a member of St. Michael's Episcopal Church in Eureka for 55 years. She also was a member of the Eastern Star in Eureka.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Clyde, a daughter Alene, a son-in-law Bob, a sister Trene and a brother Bill.

She is survived by:

— Her son Cliff and his wife Betty; grandchildren Mac and Helen McCrory, Kip and Cindy Voorhees, and Gary and Shelley Smith; great-grand-

children Mike and Barbie, Shane and Michelle, Daryl and Michelle, K.J., Brent and Lacie, Tara, Gary and Britany; and great-great-grandchildren Cameron, Jordon, Kaila, Jacob, Heather and Crystal McCrory.

— Grandchildren Jeff Purdy, Mark and Patti Price and Tim and Judy Purdy, and great-grandchildren Joanie, Tosha and Aleece Purdy, Shane, Seth and Travis Price, Robin, Robert and Silver Purdy;

— Daughter Ava Lynn Riley and her husband Gordon; grandchildren Rob and Kris Riley, Russ and Barb Riley, Tom and Julie Riley, Jon and Lynn Riley, Scott and Sheila Riley, and Steve Riley, and great-grandchildren John, Marcus, Sean, Keyna, Terin, Daniel, Jessica, Samuel, Nikole, Kayla, Nicholas, Cody, Taylor and Nathan Riley.

Other survivors include a sister, Polly Voorhees of Hemet, Calif.; a brother and his wife, Ted and Esther Allen of Taber, Alberta; and a sister-in-law Anne Allen of Lethbridge.

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