

# Clifford Robert White Jr. (Rob)

Clifford Robert White Jr. (Rob), beloved son, brother and friend, passed away on Jan. 8, 1999, in Spokane, Wash., at the age of 37. He was born March 3, 1961, in Kalispell, Montana, and graduated from Bigfork High School in 1979.

Rob worked as a crew member on cars owned by Marshall Chesrown and driven by 1991 NASCAR Southwest Tour champion Rick Carelli. Prior to stock car involvement, he worked as a mechanic in motorcycle racing. As a hobby he participated in a strenuous physical training program at least six days a week. He worked a regular job as a heavy line mechanic at Chesrown Chevrolet in Denver, Colo. He handled an air wrench and changed front tires on pit stops. He was a self-taught mechanic, a trade he'd worked at for more than a decade.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Rose White Tronson.

He is survived by his father and stepmother Bob and Jean White of Ferndale; stepfather Roy

Tronson of Great Falls; sister Alice and husband Scott Ganz, and their children Shane and Shanna of Bigfork; sister Lisa and husband Trey Berryman and their children Chelsea and Emily of Hugo, Minn.; sister Victoria and husband Barry Hullett and their children Kayla, Jenna and Alysa of Colbert, Wash.; brother Scott White and wife Dawn and their children Sean, Shelby and Danielle of Littleton, Colo.; stepbrothers and sisters from Montana; many aunts, uncles and cousins; and all his family at Chesrown Racing in Denver, Colo.

Racing was his life, and he considered everyone he met a part of his family. Many, many friends all had a special place in his heart.

They will miss him, for he was everything wonderful.

A memorial service will be held at the Little Brown Church in Bigfork at 3 p.m. Friday, Jan. 15.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Spokane, Wash., and to the Children's Miracle Network.

## 1999 Constance 'Connie' Woodworth White, 95

Constance "Connie" Woodworth White, 95, died Thursday, Nov. 18, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

She was born in Middletown, Conn., on Nov. 17, 1904, the fourth child of the Rev. and Mrs. Francis T. Brown. She grew up in the suburbs of New York City, graduating from high school in Yonkers, N.Y. She attended Mount Holyoke College in South Hadley, Mass., and Russell Sage College in Troy, N.Y., where she received her degree in 1928.

That same year she and a younger brother made the trip from New York to Flagstaff, Ariz., in a Model T Ford. While in Flagstaff, she became an assistant to the staff at the Lowell Observatory. She then met Cecil A. White and they were married on Dec. 21, 1929.

They began their life together on a cattle ranch near Sedona, Ariz., in 1930, subsequently owning and living on ranches near Prescott, Ariz., Miles City, and Musselshell. They then lived in Roundup, where Cecil preceded her in death in 1975. She moved to Kalispell in 1976 to be near her son and family.

She was a member of Christ Episcopal Church and Chapter AB, PEO.

She is survived by her one son, Charles, and her daughter-in-law, Marian, of Kalispell; four grandchildren, Linda Anderson, Barbara Graham, Kenneth and Robert White; six great-grandchildren; one brother; and one sister.

A family memorial service will be held at a future date.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

## Thain White, 85

Thain White, 85, of Dayton, died at his home in Dayton of natural causes Friday, April 30, 1999.

He was born in Millburn, Ill., on Jan. 26, 1913, and attended schools in Hog Heaven, Lakeside, Bozeman, and Kalispell.

A rancher and a businessman, he was a lifelong naturalist and student of northwest and local history. As a young man, he was very proud of having worked on the Going-to-the-Sun Road.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ernest and Hazel White, and a sister, Brosia McDivitt.

He is survived by his wife Fay at

the family home; a son, G.E. White of Mills, Wyo; daughters, Margaret and her husband Bill King, of San Francisco, and Ruth White of Dayton; and five grandchildren.

In accordance with his wishes, there will be no services and cremation has taken place.

Memorials may be made in his name to Northwest Historical Society, P.O. Box 2293, Kalispell, MT 59903-2293 or St. Joseph Capital Fund, 213 1st St. W., Suite 209, Polson, MT 59860.

Cremation and arrangements by Grogan Funeral Home in Polson.

## Wanda Genowefa White, 79

Wanda Genowefa White, 79, died Sunday, Aug. 22, 1999, at her home in Martin City after a battle with breast cancer.

She was born April 11, 1920, in Pierz, Minn., to Paul and Elizabeth Kuklinski. Stricken with polio at 18 months, she grew up in state medical facilities in Minneapolis, where she was educated. She spent summers and holidays with family and friends on her parent's farm in Freedham, Minn.

Mrs. Pillsbury of Minneapolis sponsored her college course work there. While residing in St. Paul and Minneapolis she was employed at Munsingwear Manufacturing.

Her daughter, Darlene, was born in Minneapolis. She and Darlene then moved with her brother, Paul, to the Seattle area, where they were employed in the war effort. She worked during the war as a courier for Boeing Co.

In 1945, she married Arthur Job. They farmed in Mandan, N.D. Later the marriage was dissolved.

She moved to the Flathead in 1948 with her daughter and her future husband, Roy M. White. They worked at Apgar. Roy, a construction worker, was employed at Hungry Horse Dam. They also raised chickens on U.S. 2, and built and operated the Wagon Wheel Motel and Cafe at the same location.

Twin sons, Edwin and Earl, were born to the couple on Dec. 7, 1955.

They moved to various construction sites, and in 1962 the family returned to the U.S. 2 address, where Roy began a building materials busi-

ness while Wanda raised her family until 1977.

When displaced by the U.S. 2 road construction, they built a new home on South Fork Road on the Hungry Horse Reservoir. She resided there until the time of her passing.

She enjoyed many activities. She was in great demand for her cake baking and decorating. Her enjoyment in her work showed in the finished projects. She gardened, preserved foods, and maintained her beautiful home and grounds.

She was energetic and strong-willed. She was an accomplished person at whatever she set her mind to do.

In 1976, she was stricken with breast cancer. Following medical treatment, the disease went into remission for 20 years. It recurred within the last five years, but did not render her helpless in any way until her final demise.

Throughout the years she kept contact with many life-long friends and relatives. She will be sadly missed by everyone.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Roy; a granddaughter; and 13 siblings.

She is survived by two sons, Edwin Stanton MacVaugh of Baltimore, Md., and Earl MacVaugh White of Coulee Dam, Wash.; a daughter, Darlene Elizabeth Lance of Tacoma, Wash.; four grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Cremation has taken place. At her request no services will be held.

Columbia Mortuary is in charge of local arrangements.

Arthur B. Whitney, 88, died Oct. 31, 1999, from complications of a 17-year battle with prostate cancer, in the loving arms of a family member in Bigfork.



He was born Sept. 21, 1911, in Bigfork, to Ward B. and Ida Hart Whitney in their rented home, a little house across the street from the present location of the Community United Methodist Church of Bigfork. The Ladies Aid Society adjourned early to greet him, and he has been an active member of the church ever since.

The family moved from Bigfork to Kalispell, when he was in his teens so that he and his oldest and next younger brothers could attend Flathead County High School. He graduated with the class of 1929, and briefly attended the Butte School of Mines.

He began his working career at age 14 as a farm hand, later as a carpenter on the Fort Peck dam and for his father who built Six Mile for the Ryan family, the Kelly/Evans Estate of Swan Lake, and he drove car for the Kelly and Evans families. He retired in 1968, from the U. S. Forest Service as a ranger alternate for the Swan District. He was officially inducted into the Flathead National Forest Back Country Hall of Fame in 1985.

Since his parents had lived in rented houses during his youth, having a home became very important to him. He and his brothers Jack and Ralph, built a log house in Bigfork for their parents, and he built his own home next door as preparation to ask Maude L. Bally to be his wife. They were married in Kalispell, Nov. 7, 1940, and celebrated their 57th anniversary prior to Maude's death Jan. 12, 1998.

The tree farm that he loved on the hill behind their home, has been a lifetime experiment in forest management. He said, "If you don't live the lifetime of a tree, you don't know about trees."

He believed that people should participate in their own community to keep it healthy. He served 15 years on the board for the Bigfork School District, 14 of which were as its chair. He participated in his church; was a volunteer fireman; and served on the Flathead Airport Authority which was responsible for building the original portion of the terminal building in 1981. He served on the board of the Flathead Bank from its inception in 1970, because he believed that a community needs a bank to remain economically strong.

His love of nature and of his community is evident in the agreement with the Bigfork Development Company to create the nature trail along the Swan River which is used daily by many people. He was a life-long student and lover of history and geology.

He believed that life was good and that he lived in the land which

God had kissed. He survived the cold winters of Montana as he worked in the back woods where he had bears step over him as he slept. He realized his dream to fly when he earned his instrument rating and worked toward commercial licensing. He also saw the good in each person he met, because he saw people as souls struggling to deal with life events.

He saw life through the eyes of a man who lived through the depression. His family has no idea how many people he has given a new start in life. As one news reporter said of him, "He (was) an angel in a Stetson." His son-in-law said of him, "He stayed with core values that defy time and change, and at the same time prospered and gained the respect of those who knew him."

He is survived by one son, Arthur Jay Whitney and wife, Sandra Lode Whitney of Helena; two daughters, Barbara Jo Whitney Nordfors and husband, David Nordfors of Seattle, and Mary Susan Whitney-Kurtz of Bend, Ore.; two of his three brothers, Jack Whitney and wife, Ursula, and Wayne Whitney and wife, Helen, all of Bigfork; one of his two sisters, Phyllis Lahn and husband, Russ, of Portland; six grandchildren, Byron Jay Whitney and wife, Dana, of Missoula, Allene Marie Whitney of Albuquerque, N.M., Ellen Jennifer Kurtz of Spokane, David Whitney Kurtz of Bend, Ore., Randall Nordfors and wife, Deborah, of Kirkland, Wash., Douglas Nordfors of Charlottesville, Va.; and our dear family friend, Hazel Halvorson Peterson; and many nieces, nephews, grandnieces and nephews along with a sister-in-law, Lois Bally King and he loved them all.

A memorial service will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. at the Community United Methodist Church in Bigfork with the Rev. Jan Witman officiating. A reception will follow in the church hall.

The family suggests memorials be given in his name to the Art and Maude Whitney memorial flower fund at the Community United Methodist Church of Bigfork or to the Bigfork division of Montana Land Reliance or to Home Options Hospice, 1280 Burns Way, Kalispell, MT 59901

A graveside service was held Tuesday, Nov. 2, 1999 at 1 p.m. at Lone Pine Cemetery in Bigfork.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

## Anna Wik, 80

Anna Wik, 80, a former resident of Kalispell, died May 22, 1999, in Enumclaw, Wash.

She was born Sept. 22, 1918, to Adolph and Bertha Larson Nelson in Pelican Rapids, Minn.

She and her husband owned and operated Payne & Wik for 10 years. She was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Melvin, on June 22, 1998; sister Altona Gorton and grandson Timothy Schoonover.

Survivors include her son, Melvin Wik Jr. and wife, Nancy, of Maple Valley, Wash.; daughters, Patricia Schoonover and husband,

Edwin, of Ocean Shores, Wash., and Janet McCrindle and husband, David, of Enumclaw; eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren; four sisters, Evelyn Taylor, Janet Donovan and husband, Clayton, Beatrice Havens and husband, Eugene, all of Kalispell, and Lois McCluskey and husband, Kent, of Enumclaw.

The memorial service will be Thursday at Trinity Lutheran Church in Enumclaw, at 1 p.m.

Memorials may be made to Trinity Lutheran Church, 1535 Washington Ave., Enumclaw, WA 98022 or Enumclaw Fire Dept., 1330 Wells St., Enumclaw, WA 98022.

## Ethel Hensen Newton Willcutt, 91

Ethel Hensen Newton Willcutt, 91, died Aug. 28, 1999, in her sleep at her home in Valley Center, California...

She was born Jan. 6, 1908, in Livingston. At age 2, she and her family moved to Polebridge, where her parents, Ben and May Hensen, homesteaded. She graduated from Flathead High School. She resided with her aunt and uncle for four years while attending classes.

In 1926, she married Frank Newton and began a wonderful marriage lasting 51 years until his death in 1977. They homesteaded on the North Fork of the Flathead River about six miles north of Polebridge. They weathered many adversities on the North Fork, beginning with a fire that burned their cabin during their honeymoon.

Frank, Ethel and the couple's two children, Evelyn and Carol, enjoyed their North Fork paradise for many decades right up to the present. The word on the North Fork was that "no one could fry fish like Ethel." Her



pies were the best, their garden the envy of all who consumed its produce.

In 1933, the family moved to California, where she was the long-time manager of a large apartment complex. There she took up bowling and won many awards.

In 1983, she married Harold Willcutt. They divided their time between the North Fork and Tucson, Ariz. This too was a happy marriage until his death in 1991.

Following his loss, Ethel took to world (or at least northern hemisphere) travel with her daughter, Carol. Each summer, however, was spent on the North Fork, her true home. She enjoyed needlework and crocheting throughout her life.

She is survived by her daughters, Evelyn and Carol; four grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren, one of whom, Cheyenne, was born on Ethel's 89th birthday, a special joy for her.

She will be deeply missed by her beloved family and her many friends on the North Fork and in California. Her independent spirit and sense of humor reflect a life spent on the North Fork.

## Alice Wilson, 83

Alice Wilson, 83, a lifetime resident of the Tobacco Valley, died Wednesday evening, Sept. 8, 1999, at Mountain View Manor.

She was born March 4, 1916, on the family homestead on Pinkham Creek, the daughter of Milo H. Leib and Mattie Moore Leib. She resided with her family in the Pinkham Creek area and attended the Pinkham Creek School.

She and her husband Tom continued to reside in the Eureka area where she raised her family. She remained a resident of the Tobacco Valley, entering Mountain View Manor in May of this year.

She enjoyed reading, quilting, embroidery work and particularly enjoyed being a grandma and great-

grandma.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Tom, in 1973; four grandsons, Robert, Thomas, Jim and Willy; and a great-grandson, Thomas.

Survivors include three daughters, Julia Wilson of Eureka, Mary Wise of Elgin, Ore., and Mattie Monger of Anaconda; two sons, Tom Wilson and Robert Wilson, both of Eureka; a sister, Marie Roose of Eureka; 19 grandchildren, 34 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

Services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, with the Rev. Chris Tabbert officiating. Visitation will be Friday from 3 to 8 p.m. at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Eureka.

## C. Clarke Wilson, 91

C. Clarke Wilson, 91, died at his home in Kalispell, July 15, 1999.

He was born Oct. 6, 1907, in Emporia, Kan., to Ellsworth and Mamie Van Gundy Wilson. He moved to the Flathead Valley in 1914, with his family and lived in the Bigfork area for 20 years. The family then moved to Evergreen and started Wilson's Gardens.

He loved to tinker and invent useful gadgets for speeding up his work. Among his various jobs was cutting ice blocks from Flathead Lake, logging, cutting Christmas trees and picking huckleberries.

During World War II he went out to Vancouver, Wash., and worked in the shipyards as a welder and in a year and a half was the best welder on the job. He also worked for Valley Sand & Gravel, then retired from Pacific Hide and Fur after 18 years.

He lived on the family farm the rest of his life.

He was preceded in death by his wife Gretchen, parents, and his brother, Ralph.

He is survived by four daughters, Linda Taylor and husband, Paul, Fern Schelin, and Nadine Jellison and husband, Tim, all of Kalispell, and Ruth Wilson of Portland, Ore.; one son, Doug Wilson of Kalispell; four grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services will be Monday at 10 a.m. in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Larry L. Lautaret of the Whitefish Community Church of God officiating. Burial will follow in the Lonepine Cemetery in Bigfork.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

## Clyde Edwin Wilson, 91

Clyde Edwin Wilson, 91, died Friday, July 9, 1999, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

He was born July 20, 1907, to George E. and Effie Dahlenberg Wilson in Pinele, Mont.

He was raised in eastern Montana, where he rode broncos and raced horses with cowboy champions Patty Ryan and Bob Askins. He worked for Rue Brothers Construction of Bismarck, N.D., in the early 1930s.

He married Elizabeth Montana Riley Oct. 11, 1930, in Baker, Mont., in a double ring ceremony with her brother, Dwight Riley, and wife, Alice.

He operated cranes on bridgework on the Powder River and the Missouri River at Townsend, in 1937.

He moved his family to Kalispell and worked on the Fresno Dam before building a Colby Log Home in Smith Valley. He built Colby homes and business buildings in the Kalispell area and in the Wallace, Mullan and Asurn, Idaho area, including Hennesey's Steak House, now incorporated into the Outlaw Inn, and Boisberts Dance Hall at McGregor Lake.

He moved houses in the Flathead for many years and sold his equipment to Gary Treweek. He also raised cattle, wheat and hay on his ranch below Lone Pine Park, which he eventually subdivided. He spent the last few years trying to survive a

construction lung accident.

He was an avid fisherman and fished in Canada and had a cabin at Duck Lake where he did extensive fishing. Bowling was an even greater interest, as he sponsored his own teams and played on many other teams. He consistently was a championship winner.

He was preceded in death by his parents and three sisters, Fern Sesser, Audrey Huff and Dorothy Kennedy.

He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth, of Kalispell; three sons, Kenneth W. Wilson and wife, Carolyn, of Kalispell, George E. Wilson and wife, Marge, of Coeur D'Alene and Clyde E. Wilson Jr. of Bremerton, Wash.; 13 grandchildren, 36 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel, with the Rev. Daniel Lambert of Easthaven Baptist Church officiating. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Visitation will be Tuesday and Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. both days at Johnson Mortuary Chapel.

The family suggests memorials be sent to the American Lung Association, 825 Helena Ave., Helena, MT 59601.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

## Douglas C. Wilson, 57

Douglas C. Wilson, 57, died quietly in his sleep during the early morning hours of Sept. 14, 1999, with his devoted wife, Bien, by his side.

He was born in Denver on July 13, 1942, to Harold G. and Wilda May Wilson. He was the grandson of Clinton DeWitt O'Neil, one of the pioneering founders of the Flathead Valley's timber industry.

He spent his early years in Olney and had many fond memories of riding his horse on errands for his parents, who owned and managed the Olney Mercantile. He liked nothing more than to take a rifle and head into the woods, and made several friends among what he thought of as the local mountain men on these trips.

The death of his father at a tender age left a lasting and painful mark on his life, and he spent the rest of his time in this world reconciling this tragic event, which necessitated an unceremonious departure from Olney to the big city of Kalispell. This yanked him out of a world and a way of life that he had grown to love and would never forget.

He was an avid hunter, fly fisherman, and woodsman (some of his friends lovingly referred to him as the Great Northwest Guide). His daughter remembers numerous times when each cast of the fly line would return a brook trout, and in poetic motion he would cast again to repeat the cycle. He shared his love and appreciation for the outdoors with his children, who continue to enjoy and appreciate this rich legacy.

He was a man of passions, talents, and abilities — there are few of his

friends don't own a hunting or kitchen knife made by his own hands. He would give any stranger the shirt off his back and was known to help many people who were down on their luck with a good meal and a place to stay until they could get a proper foot in front of them. He loved dogs, cats, birds, mice and other wee beasties.

His stint in the Army was spent mainly in Korea, after which he worked as a guard in the California prison system. After the Watts riot he decided to move back home to Kalispell to become a police officer, where he could do more good. Sadly, he was medically retired after injuries received in the line of duty.

His later years were filled with the care and comfort of his wife Bien. Her unwavering devotion and unconditional love enabled him to live his last years on his own terms.

He is survived by his wife, Bien, and her children, Trang Cameron, Oanh Thomas, Xuan Widchienmadaya, Rose Smith, Hawn Le, Alex Long Le, and Ben Le; his daughter, Barbara Carter and her husband, Rob, of Kalispell, and his son, Walter Wilson of Seattle, both from a previous marriage; his sisters, Willa Marie Johns of Spokane and Bobbie Lou Truckner of Kalispell; his aunt, Mrs. DeWitt O'Neil of Kalispell; his uncle and aunt, Carle F. and Joyce O'Neil of Columbia Falls; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held Friday at 1 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

## James Ewell Wilson, 92

James Ewell Wilson, 92, died Sept. 12, 1999, in Santa Monica, Calif.

He and his late brothers, Francis "Rip" Wilson of Kalispell, and Edward Ewell Wilson of St. Joseph, Mo., were born at Lonetree Ranch in near Fort Benton, which is listed on the National Registry of Historical Places, in cooperation with the Montana Historical Society. Their father, Edward Wilson, Jr. homesteaded there in the early 1890s. The ranch was designated as both mail and stage stops between the railroads at Fort Benton and Lewistown. As children, James and his two older brothers were known to entertain the stage riders with their talking magpies.

He attended Fergus County High

School in Lewistown, and completed his degree in veterinary medicine at Colorado State University. As a caring and brilliant veterinarian, he practiced for over 50 years in Los Angeles.

He is survived by wife, Helen Louise Wilson; daughter, Julia Wilson Pryor; grandchildren, Brooke Pryor Schiller and William Wilson Pryor; great-grandson, Wilson James Schiller, all of California; as well as niece Barbara Spies and nephew Dick Wilson, both of Bigfork.

A private memorial is planned.

In lieu of flowers, it would have pleased Jim greatly if gifts were sent in his memory to: CSU Veterinary Teaching Hospital, 300 West Drake Rd., Fort Collins, CO 80523.

## Lucille Agnes Wilson, 97

Lucille Agnes Wilson, 97, died on Thursday, July 29, 1999, at the Brendan House in Kalispell.

She was born Dec. 30, 1901, in Utica, S.D., to Fred A. and Mary Margaret Stefani Cusick.

She married Clyde A. Wilson in Spokane, in 1922. She owned and operated small grocery stores in Tacoma, Wash.

In her later years she moved back to Kalispell, where she enjoyed her family, many friends and her knitting. She will be dearly missed.

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

She is survived by a daughter,

Shirley Kidder; two sisters, Betty Emerson of Columbia Falls, and Mary Slama of Deer Park, Wash.; one brother, Fred Cusick of Kalispell; two grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday at Johnson Mortuary followed by a rosary service at St. Matthew's Catholic Church at 7 p.m. A Mass of Christian burial will be held Tuesday at 10 a.m. at St. Matthew's Catholic Church. A committal service will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

## Braden Lane Williams, infant

Braden Lane Williams, infant, died Dec. 13, 1999, at Onslow Memorial Hospital in Jacksonville, N.C.

He is survived by his parents, Dr. Karen J. Armstrong and Robert Lee Williams of Jacksonville; a brother, Mattson Williams of Jacksonville; maternal grandparents, John and Penny Armstrong of Kalispell; paternal grandparents, Hazel and Gary Mucken of Milwaukie, Ore.; and maternal great-grandmother, Evelyn Welch of Kalispell.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Onslow Memorial Park in Jacksonville. Jones Funeral Home in Jacksonville is handling the arrangements.

## J. Roger Wilson, 66

J. Roger Wilson, 66, of Whitefish, died Friday, Dec. 31, 1999.

He was born and raised and graduated from high school in Burlington, Iowa. He attended Shattuck Military Academy in Faribault, Minn., during summers of his high school years.

He served in the U.S. Army in Germany from 1954 to 1956.

He earned his bachelor's and master's degrees at Bradley University in Peoria, Ill.

He enjoyed swimming, boating,

and downhill skiing. He had been an active elder in the past for First Presbyterian Church of Whitefish.

Since 1983, he was an investor and did computer work.

Surviving him are his son, Kirk Wilson, of Whitefish, and daughter, Sheila Knudtsen, of Denver.

Cremation has taken place and a private family service is planned today at 2 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church in Whitefish.

## 1999 Donna Jean Williams, 70

Donna Jean Williams, 70, of Columbia Falls died Oct. 24 at her home. She was born May 6, 1929, to Peter and Emmalena Ferder in Mandan, N.D.

She was preceded in death by

her parents and her daughter. She leaves her brother, Jim Ferder and his wife, Linda, of Columbia Falls; one niece, Gretchen Ferder of Kalispell; and one nephew.

A memorial service will be

held Monday, Nov. 1, 1999, at 3 p.m. at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. Rev. Don Bureson of the New Covenant Fellowship in Columbia Falls will officiate.

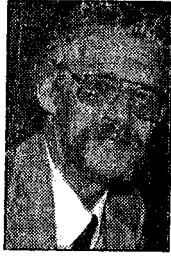


## Leslie Jerry Williams, 60

Leslie Jerry Williams, 60, died peacefully at his home in Columbia Falls, on Friday, Oct. 29, 1999.

He was born Dec. 24, 1938, in Idaho Falls, Idaho, to Clarence and Barbara Williams. At the age of 13, he started working on his brothers' fishing boats.

When he was 17, he joined the U.S. Army. After his discharge from the Army, he became a merchant sea captain in his early 20s. In 1964, his ship, which he owned and operated, sank in a storm off the coast of Alas-



ka. He spent 20 minutes in the water until he was rescued. He then went to work on another ship in 1975. While at that job, he fell 40 feet onto the ship's deck and spent many years recovering. He was disabled, and unable to continue his life on the open seas that he so dearly loved.

In 1987, he opened Corkie's Raft, a bar and supper club which he operated until it was destroyed by fire in April of 1992.

On July 26, 1997, he married Corinne "Corkie" Wollan. They moved to Columbia Falls in September of 1998.

He was preceded in death by his father Clarence Williams.

He is survived by his wife Corinne

"Corkie" Williams at the family home in Columbia Falls; his mother, Barbara Bell of Bellingham, Wash.; sister Jeannine Keplinger of Kodiak, Alaska; brothers, Lloyd Cannon of Edmonds, Wash., Bill Williams of Bellingham; two sons, Greg and Michael of Lynnwood, Wash.; stepson Duane Nielson of Columbia Falls; stepdaughter Bobbie Nielson of Kalispell; and three grandchildren.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made in his name to Home Options Hospice, 310 Sunnyview Lane, Kalispell, MT.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and crematory in charge of arrangements.

## Marian Louise Williams, 67

Marian Louise Williams, 67, died on Wednesday, Dec. 1, 1999, at her home in Evergreen.

She was born on Aug. 13, 1932, in Oklahoma City, Okla., to Al and Blanche Henning. She moved with her family to Montana at a very young age. She was raised in Pioneer, Mont., then moved to Los Angeles, where she graduated from high school. She then attended business school in Los Angeles.

She married Fred Williams on May 9, 1950, in Lovington, N.M. They would have celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary this coming May.

She lived in Montana off and on for many years, finally moving to the Flathead Valley to stay in 1985.

She loved the outdoors, if it would have been possible, she would have lived outdoors. She had many passions, animals of all kinds was one of them, fishing, and wood carving were two others. She loved to paint and was

a very accomplished artist. She was also an avid reader who enjoyed reading all types of books and magazines.

She was a truly loving and caring person who is already dearly missed by her family.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and one brother, Jimmy.

She is survived by her husband Fred at the family home in Evergreen; two daughters, Mary Lynn Whiteaker of Columbia Falls, and Carla Williams of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; three sisters, Charlotte Short of Kalispell, Elsie MacGeorge of Belfair, Wash., and Francine Elton of Utah; one brother, John Murdock of Utah; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews; and many, many friends.

Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. today at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is in charge of arrangements.

## Vivian Zylken Wilzen

Vivian Zylken Wilzen died peacefully in her Seattle home Oct. 27, 1999.

She is survived by her sons Ted Jr. and Bob, her daughter-in-law Barb, and grandsons Tom and Andy.

A memorial service was held Nov. 2 in Seattle at First Lutheran Church

of West Seattle.

She graduated from Flathead County High School in 1939. She was employed at F.W. Woolworth's before moving to Seattle in 1942, where she worked for Boeing until her marriage in 1945 to Theodore Wilzen.

## Thomas D. Wolfinger, 64

Thomas D. Wolfinger, 64, died on Sunday, Oct. 17, 1999, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

He was born on May 9, 1935, in West Rock Hill Township, Pa., to Anthony F. and Florence L. Wolfinger.

He worked as a truck driver for many years before retiring in 1997. He and his wife, Pat, moved to Kalispell in 1997.

He is survived by his wife, Pat, at the family home in Lakeside; two

sons, Scott and Kevin Wolfinger, both of Pennsylvania; one daughter, Robin Wolfinger of Delaware; and six grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Northridge Lutheran Church, with the Rev. Dan Heskett officiating. Burial will be at the White Marsh Cemetery in Colmar, Pa.

Local arrangements are by Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

## 1999 Rose Wilson Wollan, 70

Rose Wilson Wollan, 70, died at her home on Helena Flats on Friday, Nov. 12, after a lengthy illness with cancer.

She was born May 8, 1929, to Robert and Rosalia Wilson. She lived her entire life in the Flathead Valley.

She met Burton Wollan after he was discharged from the Army. They were married two years later on Oct. 9, 1949. They had just celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

She is survived by Burt at the family home; her three daughters, Corinne Williams and Charlene Byington, both of Columbia Falls, and Marlene Harmon of Laurel; five grandchildren, Bobbi Nielsen, Duane Nielson, Kimberlie Rose Byington, Corrigan Kearns and Jenny Hanlon; one great-grandson, Kyle Nielsen; all residing in the Flathead. She is also survived by one brother, Robert Wilson; sister Shirley Kirkland and her loving twin sister, Betty Stockwell who donated bone marrow for her in 1994.

She was preceded in death by her parents and an older sister, Helen



Ruggles, and son-in-law Jerry Williams.

She and Burt spent 18 winters in Yuma, Ariz. She always preferred to be at home with family.

She enjoyed camping, fishing, horses, snowmobiling, playing horseshoes, and Scrabble. She loved the outdoors in lawn and garden and loved interior decorating and floral arrangements, both indoors and out. She had a great love for farm animals and pets. They held a special place in her heart.

Her main occupation was wife, mother and homemaker. She also spent many years working seasonal jobs in the Valley.

She was a long-time member of a pinochle club in the winter months and a long-time member of Calvary Lutheran Church in Evergreen.

She is dearly loved and will be missed by all who knew her.

Funeral services will be held Monday at 2 p.m. at Calvary Lutheran Church with the Rev. Bob Nilsen officiating, followed by graveside services at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Donations may be made to Hospice and Calvary Lutheran Church.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

## 'Bob' Robert Emery Wood, 73

"Bob" Robert Emery Wood, 73, a renowned western artist, died Monday, Jan. 4, 1999, at Christian Rest Home in Lynden, Wash.

He was born July 19, 1925, in Rochester, Minn., to Henry and Helen Brown Wood.

Following high school, he attended art school in Detroit, Mich. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. In 1948, he began his commercial art career in Minneapolis, where he practiced until moving to Kalispell, in 1968.

Following his move to Montana he became well-known as a fine artist of the true West, using oil, watercolor, pen and ink, and particularly bronze sculpturing. His themes were that of wildlife and the western life of Mon-



tana. He moved to Lynden in 1997, to be near family.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Richard Wood.

He is survived by five children, Richard J. Wood of Mound, Minn., Claudia K. Fuzzle of Warsaw, Ind., Kathleen M. Dean of Lynden, Wash., Nancy L. Wilson of Warsaw, and Michael E. Wood of Phoenix, Ariz.; 19 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; brother James H. Wood of St. Cloud, Minn., and numerous other relatives.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday, at 11 a.m. in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Interment will follow in the Fairview Cemetery. Visitation will be held Monday, from 9 a.m., until 6 p.m. at the Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Arrangements under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

## Diane M. Woods, 41

Diane M. Woods, 41, died at her home in Kalispell on Thursday, June 17, 1999.

She was born at Kalispell General Hospital on October 22, 1957, to Thomas and Janet Henneberry Deutsch.

She attended Russell School and graduated from Flathead High School. She married Ira Gene Wood on June 25, 1977, in the rose garden at Woodland Park.

She spent most of her time raising her children and taking care of her family. She was a devoted mother and loved her children dearly. She was always there for them whenever they needed her.

She enjoyed going boating and camping with her family, especially to Hungry Horse Reservoir. She also had a love for gardening. She loved to spend time in her greenhouse and sell bedding plants at the Farmer's Market.

She had a special place in her heart for children, which made her a very special aunt. She had a wonderful personality and a great sense of humor. She will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.



She was preceded in death by her mother, Janet, and her maternal grandparents, Dan and Lucille Henneberry.

She is survived by her husband, Gene, and son, Justin Sean Woods, both of Kalispell, and a daughter, Jessica Jennifer Woods, of Portland, Ore. She is also survived by her father, Thomas J. Deutsch; four brothers, Wayne Deutsch and wife, July, Thomas Deutsch and wife, Eliza, Dan Deutsch and wife, Linda, and James Deutsch; a sister, Kim Alexander; nieces and nephews Carrie, Christopher, Michael, and Katie Deutsch, Katherine, Tommy and Jarod Deutsch, Ashley and Shawn Deutsch, and Clint and Brittany Alexander; her grandmother, Marian Deutsch; and two aunts, Lois and Margie Deutsch.

Memorial services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. at the Johnson Mortuary Chapel, with Deacon Fred Topp of St. Matthew's Catholic Church officiating. The family suggests memorial gifts be given to the charity of the donor's choice.

She is now at peace and in heaven in the arms of God.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

## Mary Cecilia 'Sis' Woodland, 93

Mary Cecilia "Sis" Woodland, 93, died on Saturday, Sept. 25, 1999, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

She was born Nov. 22, 1905, to Hannah and Michael Goggin,

Irish immigrants, in Butte. She grew up in Butte and attended school there.

She married John W. Lavery and they spent part of their marriage in the Salt Lake City area. They were blessed with one daughter, Patricia.

In 1938, she returned to Butte, where she re-met and later married her childhood friend, Melvin W. Woodland. She and Melvin lived in Butte, where she worked for the local telephone company and raised Melvin's son, Edgar Woodland. The couple also had a son together, Robert.

In 1954, they moved to Kalispell, where Melvin operated the Mobile Gas Station on First Avenue East, downtown Kalispell, until his retirement in 1970.

They were avid golfers and bowlers. She also enjoyed her bridge club and her flowers in her yard, and was a hospital volunteer for over 25 years.

She loved to knit and crochet. Everyone loved her crafts and was lucky enough to receive them as gifts of love.

She worked at Martins Clothing Store, for Guest Photo and Art, and then later for Herb and Mitzi Ogle at



the House of Hobbies, where she could work and share her talents and love of crafts with others.

In 1985, she moved to the Bay area to be with her daughter, Patricia.

She resided there until returning to Kalispell in the spring of 1992. She resided at Immanuel Lutheran Home from 1992 until present.

She will be missed greatly by all of her family and remembered fondly by those who knew her for her wit and sense of humor.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, James and Joseph; and her husband, Melvin, on Sept. 25, 1971.

She is survived by her daughter, Patricia Lavery Johnson of Walnut Creek, Calif.; her son, Robert Woodland and his wife, Rosemary, in Kalispell; her stepson, Edgar Woodland and his wife, Penni, of Lake Tahoe, Calif.; seven grandchildren, including Kelley Woodland Wood and Melvin Scott Woodland of Kalispell; and seven great-grandchildren, Amanda and Cody Wood and Tanner, Travis and Stephanie Rose Woodland, all of Kalispell.

There will be a graveside memorial service Wednesday at 2 p.m. at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery, with the Rev. Kevin O'Neill of St. Matthew's Catholic Church officiating.

The family requests memorials be sent to the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell in lieu of flowers.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

## Lawrence Richard Worthington, 79

Lawrence Richard Worthington, 79, died Thursday, Sept. 16, 1999, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

Richard was born in Tamarack Mine near Wallace, Idaho, on Nov. 26, 1919, to Chauncey Raymond and Ida Papworth Worthington. The family moved to Mullan, Idaho, where he received his education.

In 1945, he married Earlene Hudson and they moved to Kalispell. He was employed at Flathead Motor Sales and Harlow's Chevrolet, then worked for Plum Creek Lumber for a number of years.

He greatly loved hunting and fishing, especially in the Thompson River area.

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

He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Earlene, of Kalispell; one son, Jim Worthington and wife, Lynnelle; a daughter, Marla Arndt and husband, David, all of Kalispell; and a brother, Victor, of Lewiston, Idaho; six grandchildren, Heather Hanson of Helena, Deborah and Erin Arndt of Kalispell, David Aasland, Sharmon Leedham and Sara Nofziger, all of Oregon City, Ore.; and three great-grandchildren.

At his request no services are planned at this time. Cremation and Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

## Minnie C. Moseng Woster, 77

Minnie C. Moseng Woster, 77, died Sunday, Dec. 12, 1999, at her home in Columbia Falls following a long illness.

She was born April 4, 1922, on the family farm near Benedict, N.D. to Karl O. and Martha Engeroen Moseng. She attended school at Velve, Minot, and later in Hettinger, N.D.

She was married to Edwin O. Woster on Oct. 11, 1940, in Miles City. They moved to Longview, Wash. Then they moved to Corpus Christi, Texas, and in 1954, they moved to Columbia Falls.

She authored and illustrated two works of her Depression days childhood on the prairies of North Dakota. She was a long-skilled oil scene painter and sketched scenes of her childhood.

She was a known runner and often participated in the Governors Cup Race in Helena.

She was active in Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Columbia Falls. She headed up the soap making at the church for a time and for many years quilted for their Lutheran World Relief Projects. For a long time, once a year, she would wear the Norwegian costume her father had given his daughters to share, and be the hostess-greeter at the church's smorgasbord.

Her first trip to Norway was in 1968, with her two sons, Edwin and

Eric. There she met her cousin, Odd Wiig, a well-known sculptor. They traded artwork throughout the years. They met again when she returned to Norway in 1985. His home was a virtual gallery of her artwork.

Since 1994, she was a victim of a neuro-muscular disease that steadily took from her and was so unclear in nature that she had to live in a state of grave uncertainty. She always enjoyed meeting the friendly faces that frequented the Nite Owl Cafe or the B&B. She took delight in the solidarity and the fine quality atmosphere of her adopted town of Columbia Falls.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Ed; a son, Eric; and five brothers and sisters.

She is survived by her son, Edwin Woster of Santa Barbara, Calif.; two daughters, Carol Woster of Columbia Falls and Ilene Woster of LaPorte, Texas; two sisters, Myrtle Schmidt and Charlotte Borud of Minot, N.D.; a brother, Harold Moseng of Benedict; numerous nieces and nephews; and many cousins in Norway.

Visitation will be Friday at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls from 1 to 8 p.m. A funeral service will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. at Our Saviors Lutheran Church in Columbia Falls. The Rev. Tom Gopp will officiate. Burial will follow in Woodlawn Cemetery.

## Helen J. Wurst, 68

Helen J. Wurst, 68, died Friday, Feb. 19, 1999, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center of emphysema.

She was born Sept. 16, 1930, in Miles City, to Clarence and Elvera Lampman. She was raised in the Flathead Valley where she attended Flathead High School.

She married Carl A. Wurst on Jan. 8, 1949. They recently celebrated their golden wedding anniversary.

She worked for 25 years for First Federal Savings and Loan.

Throughout her life, she enjoyed entertaining family and friends with gourmet meals. She was also an excellent seamstress and truly enjoyed gardening, especially growing roses.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Clayton and Sidney; and one sister, Wilma.

She is survived by her husband Carl and a son, Christon, at the family home; two daughters, Carla Holman and her husband, Richard, of Whitefish, and Beth Tkachyk and her husband, Kelly, of Lakeside; six grandchildren, Ryan Roberts and Brandon Roberts, both of Kalispell, Brittney Roberts and Moriah Tkachyk of Lakeside, Andrea Holman of Griffin, Ga., Benjamin Holman of Whitefish; three great-grandchildren, as well as numerous brothers and sisters-in-laws, nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home with the Rev. Paul Taylor officiating. Entombment will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

## Iva F. Wyman, 92

Iva F. Wyman, 92, died Friday, Nov. 26, 1999, at North Valley Extended Care in Whitefish.

She was born on July 18, 1907, in Springfield, Ore., to Theron Jerome and Cora Hammond.

She completed her schooling in Oregon and then went to Wyoming to visit her oldest sister. While there, she met Frank Shunn Wyman. They were married in Sheridan, Wyo., on Dec. 18, 1926. They later moved to Sidney and lived in the Sidney and Crane area, where their eight children were born.

They moved to Columbia Falls in 1947. They moved to the Kila area in 1950. After her husband's death, Iva moved to Columbia Falls to be near some of her children.

She worked in the Christmas tree yards making wreaths, for Orleys Restaurant in Kalispell, and the B&B Bakery in Columbia Falls.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two sisters, three brothers, her husband, a daughter, three sons, one daughter-in-law, one granddaughter and one grandson.

She is survived by two daughters, Ilene and her husband, Jerry Howard, of Columbia Falls, and Carol Grilley of Soldotna, Alaska; two sons and their wives, Orval "Buzz" and Linda Wyman of Kila, and Franklin "Dave" and Etta Wyman of Columbia Falls; daughter-in-law, Dorothy Wyman of Billings; and 20 grandchildren, numerous great-

grandchildren and several great-great-grandchildren.

She loved to fish and pick huckleberries and spend time in her flower gardens. She was a loving mother and grandmother and will be missed by all who knew and loved her.

She was a member of First Baptist Church in Columbia Falls for many years. She also belonged to the North Valley Senior Center and the Ladies Auxiliary of the V.F.W.

The family suggests memorials be made to North Valley Senior Center in Columbia Falls in her name.

Visitation will be from 1-8 p.m. today at Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Columbia Mortuary, with the Rev. Jim Landis of Calvary Baptist Church in Victor officiating. Burial will follow at C.E. Conrad Cemetery in Kalispell.