

Lester C. Aasheim Sr., 59

Lester C. Aasheim Sr., 59, passed away Dec. 9, 2000, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

He was one of twins sons born June 9, 1941, in Bottineau, N.D., to Joseph and Mabel Aasheim. He attended elementary schools in that area, then moved to Lewistown, where he finished his freshman and sophomore year. He went out on his own and worked at the Lewistown A&W Root Beer stand.



At about age 18, he joined a construction crew as a lineman that installed telephone poles, lines and telephones. While working in the Faith, S.D., area he met his wife, lifelong love, and friend, Marilyn Peterson.

They were married Jan. 21, 1963, in Spearfish, S.D. He then worked at a Standard station, and later on his wife's parent's farm. The young couple moved to Lewistown, where he was a fry cook at the Yogo Inn in 1964. In 1966, they moved to Kalispell, where he worked as a chef at Orly's Supper Club, now the Black Angus.

In 1970, Orly's closed, and he started working at Plum Creek Timber Co. in Columbia Falls in the plywood division. He worked on the green chain, then as plugger, prepress operator, and hot press operator until he injured his back in 1985. He had a series of back surgeries and was unable to work from then on. His wife said that his most important job was to take care of her, which he did exceptionally well.

He enjoyed his family, his friends and many service clubs including Elks, Lions, Shriners, Eagles, Moose and others. He was always fair and kind to everyone. He was a great host, and enjoyed meeting people and becoming their friend. He was a wonderful chef, specializing in barbecuing steaks, burgers, and meals. He loved his children and adored his grandchildren. He loved to play games with them, go boating, watch them ski, and just be with them. He loved driving his T-Patrol Shrine car in many area parades, handing candy to the children.

He served as trustee of Kalispell Elks Lodge #725 BPOE, and also served as Tiler and Inner Guard. He was a member of the Rambling Elks Club and Sunrises Lions Club, where he held most of the offices, including president, secretary/treasurer and 37D Lions district governor. He was also a member of the Flathead Valley Chapter of the Montana Landlords

Association; the Kalispell Eagles #234, where he was a 21-year member; Bald Eagles Club; Bigfork Masonic Lodge #15 A.F. & A.M.; Algeria Shrine; Oriental Shrine Band; Flathead and Clark Fork Shrine Club; Scottish Rite and York Rite; and Kalispell Moose Lodge #1922.

He was presented with the Lion of the Year award for 1991-92; the Elk of the Year award for 1996-97, and Officer of the Year award 1999-2000 for the Kalispell Elks Lodge #725. He was also named honorary president of Flathead Shrine Club in June 2000.

He was preceded in death by his mother Mabel in 1945, father Joseph in 1995, sister Arlean in 1992, brother Glenn in 1980, and step-brother Jerome in 1994.

He is survived by his daughters, Lois and husband Terry Heckman and their children, Traver and Shayne, of Loveland Colo., Joyce and husband Darrel Bosket and their children, Marissa and Peter; son Lester C. Aasheim Jr. "Les," of Kalispell; Robin Aasheim of Kalispell; sister Jean and husband Leo Zorn and families of Bottineau, N.D.; brothers Wallace and wife Pat Aashiem and families of Renton, Wash., Jim and Elaine Aasheim and families of Bottineau, N.D., LeRoy C. Aasheim, his twin, of Kalispell; sister Dorothy and husband Charles Smith of Garrison, N.D.; brothers Clayton and Connie Aasheim and families of Kalispell, Bill and Terry Aasheim and families of Forbes, N.D.; mother-in-law

Gladys Peterson of Faith S.D.; brothers-in-law Carl and Judy Peterson and families of Opal S.D., and Mark and Phyllis Peterson and families of Belle Fourche, S.D.

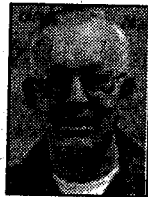
The family extends a special thanks to Hilda Hoehn and Justin, Eric, Whitney and Alexa.

Funeral service will be held on Friday at 9:30 a.m. at the Kalispell Elks Lodge, 1820 U.S. 93 S., Kalispell. The Rev. Dan Heskett will officiate.

The family requests memorials be made to the Sunrises Lions Club of Kalispell or LCIF, Scholarship Fund at Kalispell Elks Lodge #725, the charity fund at Kalispell Eagles, or to the Shrine Hospital in Spokane.

Oliver 'Ab' Absalonson, 70

Oliver "Ab" Absalonson, 70, died in the loving company of family on Jan. 17, 2000, after losing a long battle with cancer.



A son of Anton and Olga Absalonson, he was born on March 3, 1929, in Badger, Minn. Shortly thereafter, his mother Olga died and the family moved to Kalispell in 1930, to Bottineau, Minn., in 1932, back to the Kalispell area in 1935, and finally settling in Whitefish in 1945.

On Aug. 27, 1950, he was married to Betty Jean Lewin in Whitefish. They made a home in Whitefish, where he worked for the Great Northern Railway and Burlington Northern Railway. He took personal pride in his work and art as a railroad telegrapher until his retirement in 1991.

He was a devoted husband, father and friend to many. A fisherman at

heart, he also enjoyed hunting, camping, and league bowling with friends in Whitefish.

He is survived by his loving wife of 49 years, Betty, of Whitefish; sister Alice Fulkerson of Whitefish; brother Orvall Absalonson of Whitefish; sons, Michael and wife, Sandy, and Steve and wife, Susan, all of Kalispell; five grandchildren, Ryan, Kirk, Christa, Brent, and Jeff, all of Kalispell; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Personal goodbyes may be made at the Austin Funeral Home Chapel between 1 and 8 p.m. today. Funeral services will be held at the Christ Lutheran Church in Whitefish on Friday at 11 a.m. with the Rev. John Bent officiating. Interment will be at Glacier Memorial Gardens in Kalispell. A luncheon for friends and family will follow interment at the Christ Lutheran Church in Whitefish.

Osman Abraham, 82

Osman Abraham, 82, passed away April 23, 2000 at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls. He was born April 27, 1917 in New Rockford, N.D., to Allay and Lilly Juma Abraham.

He later moved to Stanley, N.D., where he was engaged in farming. He served in the army during World War II and served in the 137th Infantry Regiment.

He returned to North Dakota and later opened a bakery at

Mohaul. In 1965 he came to Montana where he followed construction as a carpenter until his retirement. In 1970 he married Mayme Wilson in Bonners Ferry; they later divorced.

He was a member of the American Legion, Eagles Lodge, a life member of the Disabled American Veterans and Carpenters Union #911.

He is survived by two brothers, Hamid Abdallah of Havre and Hasin Abdallah of Stanley; three sis-

ters, Sarah Shoop of Menard, Texas, Annie Hash of Wales, S.D., and Mary Anderson of Canada.

Graveside services will be held on Thursday at 2 p.m. on Thursday at Glacier Memorial Gardens with Military Honors by the United Veterans of the Flathead. Visitation will be on Wednesday from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary. Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

G.J. 'Skip' Adams, 80

G.J. "Skip" Adams, 80, a retired military veteran, died of heart failure on Nov. 22, 2000, at a Great Falls Hospital.

He was born July 15, 1920, in Milwaukee, Wis., and was raised and educated in Milwaukee.

He served with the Army Air Corps and the Air Force, retiring as a lieutenant colonel.

He married Bettye K. Whittington in Mississippi in 1946.

He was a chairman of the Red Cross of Flathead Valley.

He is survived by his wife; two daughters including Barbara Adams of Kalispell; a son; nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

At his request no services were held.

Memorials are suggested to Great Falls Shrine Club Transportation Fund, P.O. Box 2361, Great Falls, MT 59403.

Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Chapel of Chimes Funeral Home.

Everett W. Adams

Everett W. Adams, 81, passed away at his home near Whitefish on Tuesday evening, July 4, 2000, of natural causes.

Everett was born on Sept. 21, 1918, in Newport, Wash., the third of ten children.

He married Lillian Privette when he was 19 and the couple were married for 63 years. Lillian passed away on Feb. 1, 1999.

He had a long and productive career in the lumber industry. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II in Germany.

Everett had a great many talents. He could build or fix anything. He loved the outdoors and wildlife. He was a dedicated husband, father and grandfather. He will be remembered as a person who loved his family and God. He will be greatly missed by us all.

Everett is survived by three brothers; two sisters; a son; two daughters; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Graveside services are at 10 a.m. Friday, at the Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Kalispell.

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

Stella I. Adams, 88, died April 12, 2000 at Scripps Mercy Hospital in San Diego, Calif.

She was born June 24, 1911 in Flaxton, N.D. to Oscar and Clara Olson. She attended school in Chester, Essex and Kalispell, and graduated from Flathead High School in 1928.

She taught school in Galata for two years. She married Harlan C. Stoner in 1929 and spent most of her married life in Spring Valley, Calif.

Stella I. Adams, 88

She was a homemaker, really a perfectionist, as everything had to be done yesterday. Her husband died in 1969.

She married H. Kenneth Adams in Kalispell in 1972. She resided here until 1998 when she moved to San Diego to be near her son and family.

She attended Epworth United Methodist Church in Kalispell.

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

She is survived by her son Harley Stoner and his wife Donna; two grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, all of San Diego; her sister Florence Homuth and her husband Vern, her brother Ray Olson and his wife Sylvia, all of Kalispell; many nieces and nephews including Diane Torger-son of Kalispell.

Graveside services were held April 16 at El Camino Memorial Park in San Diego.

Dee Adkins, 68

Dee Adkins, 68, of Livermore, Ky., died May 2, 2000, at Owensboro Mercy Health System.

She was born in Island, Ky., and retired from the former Owensboro-Daviess County Hospital.

She attended Livermore General Baptist Church and enjoyed sewing and crafts.

She was preceded in death by her ex-husband, F.H. "Tom" Adkins; two parents; and one

brother.

Survivors include three sons, Forrest H. Adkins Jr. of Columbia Falls, Billy Lee Adkins of Kodiak, Alaska, and Steven Allen Adkins of Livermore; a daughter, Patti McCubbins of Columbia Falls; eight grandchildren; a great-grandchild; five brothers, Eugene Strong, Leonard Strong, B.J. Strong and Tony Strong, all of

Livermore, and Fred Strong of Philpot, Ky.; and four sisters, Margaret Phillips of Loma Linda, Calif., Oddia Warnock of Phoenix, and Virginia Drake and Martha Ann Sharp, both of Livermore.

Expressions of sympathy may take the form of donations to Trilby Elizabeth "Dee" Adkins Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 2268, Columbia Falls, MT 59912.

James Michael Adkins, 40

James Michael Adkins, 40, formerly of Kalispell, died in Boise, Idaho, Aug. 20, 2000, while mountain biking in the Boise foothills. He suffered from a massive heart attack.

He was born Nov. 23, 1959, in Kalispell, to James Olen and Kay Hinman Adkins. He was the first child born into his family. He was educated in Montana as well as Idaho public schools, graduating from the University of Montana in 1994, with a bachelor's degree in communications and a juris doctorate in 1998, from the University of Montana School of Law. He was a deputy attorney general for the State of Idaho at the time of his death.

He loved the outdoors, kayaking, fly fishing, skiing, mountain biking and passed away doing something he enjoyed. He and his wife went

through law school together. They built a wood-strip canoe and were in the process of building a Mackenzie river drift boat for fly fishing. He was an optimist and had many plans in the works. He loved life and he loved his family.

He is survived by his wife, Kara Adkins of Boise; one daughter, Aubri Kristine Adkins, and one son, Nathan Garth Adkins, both of Kalispell; his parents, James and Kay Adkins of Kalispell; four sisters, Tamara Kaye Adkins of Salt Lake City, Kimberly Ann Stark and husband, Gene, of Kaysville, Utah, Nichole Eileen Yorgason and husband, Tyler, of Pleasant Grove, Utah, and Shanon Dee Adkins of Salt Lake City; two half sisters, Gail Johnke and Toni Desjardin, both of Livingston; his grandmother, Eloise Hinman of

Kalispell; also nieces and nephews, Anthe, Adrienne, and Brynne Yorgason, Regan and Caleb Stark.

Funeral services will be Friday at 11 a.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints meeting house on Whitefish Stage Road in Kalispell with the Rev. Kelly Galloway officiating. Burial will follow at Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Visitation will be today from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel and Friday at the LDS Church from 9:30 a.m. to time of service.

The family suggests memorials be made in his name to KUFM public radio, University of Montana, Missoula, MT or American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 1002, Kalispell, MT 59903.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

James Olen Adkins, 72

James Olen Adkins, 72, passed away peacefully at his home in Evergreen on Sept. 24, 2000, after a courageous battle with cancer.

He was born March 28, 1928, in Millard, Ky., to Roland and Rosa Adkins.

He graduated from the eighth grade at Pine Creek and attended high school in Livingston. In 1945, he and his brother Neal drove over the Alcan highway to Alaska where they worked for several months. In 1950, he married Charlene Dunlap in Livingston. Three girls were born into the family. The marriage later ended in divorce. In 1956, he moved to Thompson River where he worked as a logger. In 1958, he married Kaye Hinman. They soon moved to Missoula where he earned a bachelor's degree in history and political science at the University of Montana. Following graduation, he taught two years in Poplar. After moving to Kalispell, he worked at Stoltze Lumber until his retirement in 1993.

He and Kaye had five children. He loved his family very much and was always happy when they were together. In later years, he loved doing his own family history and helping others learn how to do theirs. He loved the outdoors and spent many hours working and enjoying the outdoors. He was a member of the Church of Jesus

Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Roland and Rosa Adkins, one brother, Neal, one sister, Madeline, one daughter, Pamela and one son, Michael.

He is now survived by his wife, Kaye, at the family home in Kalispell; six daughters, Gail Juhnke and husband Dave, and Toni Desjardin, all of Livingston, Tamara Adkins and Shanon Adkins of Salt Lake City, Kimberly Stark and husband Gene of Kaysville, Utah, Nicole Yorgason and husband Tyler of Pleasant Grove; two sisters, Verna Adkins of Libby, and Marge Bothman of Libby; and two brothers, R.T. Adkins and wife Elaine of Kalispell, and Barry Adkins and wife Arlene of Payson, Ariz.; 14 grandchildren, several great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be Friday at 11 a.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints meeting house on Whitefish Stage Road in Kalispell with Rev. Kelly Galloway of the Kalispell, 1st Ward, officiating.

Visitation will be Thursday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Burial will follow at Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

Simon O. Agpaoa, 93

Simon O. Agpaoa, 93, died July 18, 2000, at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.

He was the oldest veteran living at the home. He was born in Claveria, Cagayan Province, Philippine Islands on Oct. 31, 1906.

He served in the 2nd Battalion,

148th Infantry Unit, U.S. Army during World War II and was awarded the Purple Heart and Philippine Liberation medal.

He is survived by two daughters of Whitefish, Roberta Beck and husband, Bill, and Barbara Acree and husband, Al, and grandson,

Darren Beck; son, his wife, and daughter; one brother; and 15 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren.

Graveside services and honor guard ceremony will be held at the Montana Veterans Home at 10 a.m. on Friday with burial to follow.

Marie Louise Alaimo, 84

Marie Louise Alaimo, 84, died on Sept. 23, 2000, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

She was born on Aug. 27, 1916, in Cleveland, Ohio, to Carmello and Marie Magistro. She had lived in Bigfork for about 3 1/2 years.

Funeral services and burial

will be at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Covina, Calif.

She is survived locally by her daughter, Joanna Juair and husband, Millard; and granddaughter Marie Juair.

Bigfork Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements for the family.

Eugene Joseph Albert, 74

Eugene Joseph Albert, 74, died on Friday, Jan. 7, 2000, at his home in Rollins.

He was born May 19, 1925, in Brainerd, Minn., to Clement and Helen Albert.

After graduating from high school in Richland, Wash., he joined the Army where he retired after 20 years of service. In 1999, he was awarded the Purple Heart for a World War II bombing mission over Berlin in 1945.

He was an avid conservationist and outdoorsman, enjoying fishing, hunting, skiing and golf.

He was an active member of St. Anne's Catholic Church in Somers.

He will be greatly missed by his

friends and family.

He was preceded in death by Dorothy Albert.

He is survived by two sons, Phil Albert of Kalispell, and Conrad Albert of Tulsa, Okla.; three daughters, Andrea and Janine Albert of Kalispell, and Annette Fountain of Rapid City, S.D.; two brothers, Clem and Dick Albert; and two grandchildren, Jason and Jacqueline Fountain.

Funeral services will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday at St. Anne's Catholic Church in Somers. Visitation will be held on Monday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary.

Arrangements by Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Wilma Marguerite Prichard Albert, 89

Wilma Marguerite Prichard Albert, 89, passed away on Nov. 8, 2000, at Brendan House in Kalispell.



She was born on June 7, 1911, in Fredona, Kan., to Tom and Elva

Armstrong Prichard. She graduated from Brockton High School in Brockton in 1929.

She married Ralph Albert on June 11, 1930. They lived for years in Libby where she worked as a cook in her own restaurant. She also worked as a camp cook for the Royal Logging company.

She loved sports, especially basketball and baseball. She was a very good basketball player when she was younger. When she became older, she was a devout fan of both basketball and baseball.

She will be remembered for her great love of her family, and her church. She is going to be greatly missed by all her family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two sisters, her husband, Ralph, and her son, Tom.

She is survived by her son Fred and his wife, Kaye Albert; daughter-in-law Mary Albert; grandchildren, Ralph Albert, Bob Albert, Jo Henley, Kelly Lee, Karla Ogle, all of Kalispell, Russell Albert and Kyler Albert, both of Denver; nine great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Visitation will be from 3 to 6 p.m. today at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home, interment will follow the services at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Elizabeth Margaret Albrecht, 94

Elizabeth Margaret Albrecht, 94, passed away on June 1, 2000 at Colonial Manor in Whitefish.

She was born on August 22, 1905 in Helena to William and Theresa Albrecht. She had lived for the past 19 years at Colonial Manor in Whitefish, where she was dearly loved by all the staff.

She was preceded in death by her sister Helen Svennungsen.

She is survived by a nephew, Dr. Mark Svennungsen and a niece Kay Cebulla both of northern California.

Graveside urn burial will be at 2 p.m. on Thursday at C.E. Conrad Cemetery with Rev. Fred Topp of St. Matthew's Catholic Church officiating. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory are in charge of the arrangements.

Alice L. Alexanderson, 75

Alice L. Alexanderson, 75, died on April 22, 2000, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

She was born on Aug. 10, 1924, in Three Forks, to Walter and Melba Lauterback.

She had worked for many years as a checker in various grocery stores.

She was preceded in death by her husband Frank and a

son Richard D. Alexanderson.

She is survived by a son Jerry Fikel of Kalispell; a brother Jim and his wife, Ellen Lauterback, of Kalispell; two aunts; and many nieces and nephews.

Private family services are being held. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Elmer A. Alger, 81

Elmer A. Alger, 81, died April 5, 2000, at his home.

He was born on Dec. 1, 1918, in Clinton, Mont. to Bert and Astrid Mattson Alger. He worked for the B. A. and P. Railway and the Anaconda Copper Company.

He married Catherine Tracy on Feb. 5, 1940.

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

He is survived by his wife Catherine; three children, including Colleen Hutchens of Kalispell, and Terrie Alger of

Ronan; seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren; two sisters and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation begins at 4 p.m. at the Longfellow Finnegan Funeral Home today. A vigil service follows at 7 p.m. Funeral services are at 10:15 a.m. on Saturday at the funeral home and proceed to Holy Family Church for a mass at 10:30 a.m. Burial will be at Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

Memorials to Anaconda Catholic Community or Shodair Children's Hospital.

20th Nadia Mariena Allen, 87

Nadia Mariena Allen, 87, passed away peacefully at her home in Kuna, Idaho.

She was born June 24, 1913, in Everett, Wash. Her childhood was spent around Jennings.

On Sept. 30, 1940, she and Sam Allen were married. They followed the carpenter trade and touched many lives in various states.

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

"She was a wonderful lady and leaves us many happy memories as mom, grandma, great-grandma, aunt and friend."

Graveside services will be at Conrad Memorial Cemetery on Friday at 10 a.m. J.L. 1986 00

Roseann H. Allen, 50

Roseann H. Allen, 50, passed away Tuesday, March 21, 2000, at her home in Kalispell.

She was born July 16, 1949, in Hanover, N.H., to William Edward and Frances Wilcox Hodge.

She was a loving wife, mother, and sister.

On Sept. 9, 1970, she married Daniel R. Allen at West Fairlee, Vt. For many years, she was a professional chef and baker. Throughout her life, she not only cared for her husband and daughter, but also for many house pets and farm animals. Her hobbies included gardening and sewing.

She was preceded in death by her parents, William Edward and

Frances Hodge, and one brother.

She is survived by her husband, Daniel Allen of Kalispell; one daughter, Jennifer of Eagle River, Wis.; three sisters, Norma Lusiner of Shelley, Idaho, Maxine Parshley of Vershire, Vt., and Sandra Dunne of South Peacham, Vt.; and one brother, David Hodge of Jacksonville, Fla.

Funeral services will be held Friday at 2 p.m. at the home of David and Ellie Allen in Somers. The Rev. Andy Larson of the St. Ignatius Church is officiating. Burial will follow.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Bernice Lee Allred, 90

Bernice Lee Allred, 90, passed away on Dec. 15, 2000, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell. She was born Sept. 23, 1910, in Iona, Idaho, to John E. and Lydia Lovina Longhurst Lee.

Being one of the eldest children of six, she had many responsibilities put upon her at a very young age. She had faced many challenges in life and was able to face up to them and overcome many. At one time she and her brother Ernest were up-rooted from the family home to go and finish their schooling. She graduated from high school in Choteau.

The family moved from Idaho to Montana where she met her husband, Clifton "Cliff" Allred. They courted for a short time and were married on Jan. 1, 1929, in Bynum. They lived there about one year and then moved to a farm outside of Ronan. Ten years later they moved to Charlo. She was a very active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in the Charlo Branch of the church, and served as the Relief Society president while there. She liked handcrafts and belonged to many different church groups. In 1950, they moved into the town of Ronan. They lived there for many years. In May of 1969, she suffered

a severe stroke and moved to Kalispell to be near her family.

She is preceded in death by her loving husband, Clifton, her parents two brothers, and three grandchildren.

She is survived by six children, sons Boyd Allred and wife Beth of Vancouver, Wash., Keith Allred and wife Myrtle of Spokane, and Neal Allred and wife Carol of Casper, Wyo.; daughters Eva Rieben and husband Charles of Modesto, Calif., Eunice Cahoon and husband Richard of Hermiston, Ore., and Lynne Lippy and husband John of Kalispell; 24 grandchildren, 52 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; three sisters, Lucille Austin, Elizabeth Hogge and Blanche Simonson; and one brother, Joseph Lee.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday at 11 a.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints Stake House on Whitefish Stage Road in Kalispell with Rev. Kelly Galloway officiating. Burial will follow at Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Visitation will be today from noon to 5 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

A.W. 'Bud' Andersen, 75

A.W. "Bud" Andersen, 75, of Missoula, passed away on Sept. 19, 2000, at his home from complications of cholesterol emboli syndrome.

He was born on June 9, 1925, in Harlem, to Albert and Katherine Andersen. He attended school in Harlem, and after school he served in the U.S. Army, Pacific Front, during World War II.

He married Lillian J. Fuller on Oct. 26, 1946, in Chinook. They moved back to Harlem where he worked at the sugar beet factory, then went to work for Montana Dakota Utility from 1951 through 1955, when the company was bought out by the Montana Power. In 1955, he moved to Missoula where he retired in 1988 after 33 years with The Montana Power Company.

He was a member of the Hell Gate Chapter of the Elks for 31 years and a life member of the Garden City Chapter #5 of Disabled American Veterans. He has been a member of the St. Paul's Lutheran Church since 1955.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping and teaching his kids and grandkids sportsmanship and the important values of life. He touched the hearts of many people and was known as a good friend, brother, uncle and grandpa to many.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Lillian; his parents; brothers; sisters; and his son-in-law, Lyle Brunner.

He is survived by his son, R.L. "Bud" Andersen of Whitehall; daughter-in-law, Becki Andersen of Helena; two daughters, Katherine and her husband, Rick Gibson, Sandra and her husband, Clayton Christofferson, all of Missoula; his grandchildren, Ronetta Andersen, Renee Strohmayr, her husband Rick, and children, Jasmine, Jordan and Brittany; Chris Gittings, his wife Megan and son Connor, Chad Christofferson, his wife, Erika, and their child due in November, Carl Christofferson, Jessica Christofferson, Jason Brunner, his wife, LeeAnn, and children, Joshua and Virginia, Angela Brunner and companion, Jeanette Wetzel, of Missoula and her children, Jim and Antje Presnell, and their children Kaylee and Justin, Jaimie and George Lentz and their children, Carmen, Amanda, and Nakesha; his many nieces and nephews and other relatives.

He was loved by all and will be greatly missed.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and from 3-6 p.m. on Sunday at the Garden City Funeral Home.

Services will be at 2 p.m. on Monday at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 202 Brooks, Missoula, with the Rev. David Ophus officiating. Burial will be at Sunset Memorial Cemetery.

The family suggests memorials to the charity of the donor's choice.

Arthur L. Anderson, 66

Arthur L. Anderson, 66, died on Aug. 7, 2000, at Lake View Care Center in Bigfork.

He was born on April 21, 1934, in St. Louis, Mo., to

Joseph and Helen Anderson.

He is survived by his daughter Belinda Erickson of Kalispell.

Cremation has taken place

and private family services will be held at a later date.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements for the family.

Grant Duaine Anderson, 93

Grant Duaine Anderson, 93, passed away in Brendan House in Kalispell, on Sept. 27, 2000.

He was born Jan. 26, 1907, in Mt. Pleasant, Utah, to John D. and Hilda W. Kolstrom Anderson.

He married Genevieve Paul on April 18, 1935, in the LDS Temple in Salt Lake City, Utah. He worked for the Park Service in Yellowstone and Glacier National Parks until retiring in 1969. He then moved to his home near Lake Blaine.

He loved storytelling, gardening, fishing and living and working in the outdoors. He was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Bigfork Ward.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Genevieve, a granddaughter, and one great-grandson.

Survivors include a daughter, Elaine, and husband, Lyndell George, of Dardaville, Ark.; sons,

John Anderson of Columbia Falls, Roger and wife, Rosemarie Anderson, of Houch, Ariz.; daughter-in-law, Hazel Anderson, of Las Vegas; grandchildren, Kim Brown and husband, Jon, Tim Anderson, Kristen Anderson, Teri Merritt and husband, Christopher, Wendy and husband, J. Steven Stuart, Kevin and wife, Shelly George, and Robin Anderson.

Graveside services will be held today at 2 p.m. at Glacier Memorial Gardens in Kalispell. Officiant will be Bishop Tim Dalton of the Bigfork Ward. Visitation will be today from 9 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel.

Those who wish may make contributions in his name to the Creston VED/QRU, 51 Riverside Road, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Arrangements under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Grant F. Anderson, 74

Grant Francis Anderson, 74, died Jan. 3, 2000, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

He was born Aug. 8, 1925, in Seattle, to Van and Ether Vradenburg Anderson.

He is survived locally by his

wife, Betty Anderson of Kila; one daughter, Sharon Smith and her husband, Larry of Kila; two grandchildren, and one great-grandson.

There are no services scheduled at this time. Arrangement and cremation are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Joseph 'Merlin' Anderson, 86

Joseph 'Merlin' Anderson, 86, died peacefully at his daughter's home in Polson on May 25, 2000.



He was born Aug. 9, 1913 to Joseph and Charlotte Judy Anderson in Salem, Idaho. He married Nina May Dawson on August 23, 1935 at Logan, Utah. They raised seven children.

He had one of the first self-serve grocery stores in Afton, Wyo., before going back to school to further his education and becoming a naturopath and chiropractic physician. He practiced naturopathy in Franklin, Idaho for seven years before moving to Kalispell in 1956. He was one of the first to offer alternative medicine therapy, massage and herbs in the valley, bringing relief to many. He practiced for over 25 years in Kalispell before retiring and moving to Orofino, Idaho in 1976. He and his wife worked side by side making lasting friendships.

He was an avid gardener, always raising more than he could use so he could share his bounty with others. In Orofino, they again made many wonderful friends sharing his wisdom and knowledge. He loved fishing, camping, dancing, telling stories and especially family activities. He became an accomplished poet in his later years, leaving a wonderful legacy of his thoughts and feelings,

advice and humor for future generations. In 1994 they returned to the Flathead Valley, living at Buffalo Hills Terrace, Mountain View Manor and finally with their daughters in Whitefish and Polson, again making many new friends as well as the enjoying renewed ties with old friends and patients. He had a great love for his Savior. He served in many callings in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints enjoying them all from scout master to district president and patriarch. He not only taught of the Savior and his love for us, but lived it by his daily examples. He truly lived the commandment 'Love One Another' in deed and thought.

Survivors include his wife Nina, three daughters and their husbands, Nina K. and Steve Laird of Whitefish, Nancy and Ron Andrews of Kooskia, Idaho, and Judy and Rob Sloan of Polson; four sons and wives, Merlin D. and Raquel Anderson, Nyle and Elizabeth Anderson and Layne and Patricia Anderson of Orofino, Idaho, and Norman and Tammy Harding of Polson; fifty grandchildren and fifty-one great grandchildren; and a sister, Ethelda Crowley of Twin Falls, Idaho.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. on June 17 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 1380 Whitefish Stage Road, Kalispell.

A family graveside service was held May 26th at Glacier Memorial Gardens,

Orvin S. 'Swede' Anderson, 90

Orvin S. "Swede" Anderson, 90, passed away on Dec. 30, 2000, at the Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

He was born on Sept. 1, 1910, in Bottineau, N. D., to Halvor and Clara Absolonson Anderson. He came to the Kalispell area with his parents in 1918.

In 1937, he met and married Evelyn Linquist on Valentines Day in Eureka.

As a young man he was a tour boat captain in Glacier Park and then a truck driver and later he was a mechanic with Flathead Motor Sales in Kalispell for many years. He retired as a mechanic from Louisiana Pacific in Columbia Falls.

After retirement, he had the time to be an avid gardener. Spring, summer or fall, you could find him in the garden.

He was preceded in death by his

parents, one daughter, Judith Dean Anderson, and one sister, Hazel Erickson.

He is survived by his loving wife, Evelyn, one daughter, Jan Heimbuch and husband, Wayne, of Glendive, one son, Bob Anderson and wife, Ann, of Kalispell, three grandchildren, Ryan, Amanda, and Krystee Heimbuch, all of Glendive, one brother, Chet Anderson and wife, Helen, of Bozeman, and one sister, Edith Davis and husband, Dean, of Richland, Wash.

Funeral services will be Friday at 11 a.m. at Johnson Mortuary with the Rev. Glenn Burfeind of the First Presbyterian Church officiating. Burial will follow in the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Visitation will be at Johnson Mortuary today from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Robert Alton 'Bob' Anderson

Robert Alton "Bob" Anderson, went to be with his Heavenly Father on July 16, 2000 at Kalispell Regional Medical Center after suffering numerous strokes and a heart attack.



He was born on June 26, 1918 in Glasgow to Robert E. and Cecyl Ruth Anderson. The family lived in Canada for awhile before moving to the Halfmoon area in 1922 where he attended the Canyon View School and Columbia Falls schools. In August of 1940, he and several others picked up Maureen A. Martin at the train depot to take her to her new job at the Montana Veterans Home. He liked her so much, that on Oct. 13, 1940, he took her to his uncle's house in Great Falls, where they were married. They celebrated their 59th wedding anniversary this past October. On June 30, 1955, he went to work at the Anaconda Aluminum Plant in Columbia Falls as a journeyman electrician. He then went through the ICS and obtained his master Electricians License. He worked as the meter and instrument technician until

his retirement in 1980. He also did various electrical and electronic jobs in the Flathead Valley for several different businesses including Columbia Falls Laundry, Columbia Falls Police Department, and wiring the Canyon View School in Halfmoon. He was also very willing to help all his friends with their electrical needs. He loved to write poetry, draw and work in his garden. He loved children, and when he was younger helped his mother deliver several children. He was very active in his church all of his life. He was ordained an elder in 1944. He worked with his father and others to start a branch of the church in Columbia Falls. He had been active in organizing several church family reunions from 1986 until his health would no longer permit him to do so.

He was preceded in death by his father in 1966, his mother in 1987 and two brothers.

He is survived by his wife, Maureen at the family home in Halfmoon; his daughter, Barbara Rital and her husband Jerroll of Terry, his son Milo and his wife Deborah of Halfmoon, Columbia Falls; a sister, Veryl Kappas and her husband Russell of Forest Grove,

Ore., sister Bonnie Fleming and her husband Larry, of Beaverton, Ore., sister-in-law Evelyn Anderson of Hillsborough, Ore., granddaughter Jennifer Holton and her husband Gordon and their son Byron of McKinney, Texas, granddaughter Melanie Knaphus and husband Loren and their son Cade of Salt Lake City, Utah, granddaughter Melanie Jordan and her husband Karl of Kalispell, granddaughters Linda and Kim Anderson, grandson Robert "Bobby" Anderson and his wife Katie and their daughter Hannah of Minneapolis, Minn., grandson Fred Jordan and his wife Petina of Monroe, La., grandson Robert Jordan of Brownwood, Texas, and numerous cousins and other family.

Visitation will be today from 5-8 p.m. at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. on Wednesday at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home, burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens. In lieu of flowers, the family request memorials be made in Bob's name to either the Montana Eye Bank, or ALERT in care of Kalispell Regional Medical Center. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements for the family.

Epharm Robert 'Bob' Arnold, 77

Epharm Robert "Bob" Arnold, 77, of Whitefish, died April 27, 2000, at his home in Whitefish.



He was born on Oct. 12, 1922, in Whitefish, to Myrtle and Edith Arnold. He attended Whitefish schools. As a young man, he worked for the W.P.A. during the depression and later as a welder in shipyards.

He married Nellie Mae Walter on June 30, 1941, in Kalispell.

He entered the U.S. Army in 1944 and served with the 1st Cavalry. He also served in the Army Reserves and Guards, and retired in 1983. He later also worked for Flathead Mines, Great Northern Railroad, then for Burlington Northern Railroad until his retirement in 1988.

He was a member of the Moose Lodge in Whitefish where he has held all of the officer positions, was a life member of the V.F.W. where he held offices and was the captain of the honor guard. He was also a member of the Cooties and the American Legion.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing and walking in the woods, especially with his son and grandsons.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his wife of

Whitefish, his son, Walter Arnold and wife Elaine of Whitefish; grandchildren, Robert and Rowena Arnold of Eielson AFB, Alaska; grandson David and Lori Arnold of Libby; great-grandchildren Ruben, Marvette, Tonya, Cheryl and Duane; granddaughter Wendy Hinkley and husband Bryan of Columbia Falls, and great-granddaughter Leahdonis; granddaughter Katrina Porter of Columbia Falls, and great-grandchildren Angelicka, Jaymie and Christian; son Marvin "Tony" Arnold of Olney; daughter Joanne May of Lakeside; granddaughter Jozetta McDonald and husband Roger of Charlo; great-grandchildren Christopher, Michael and Chadera; grandson Mike May of Whitefish; great-granddaughter Mykal Anne; granddaughter Mary May of Whitefish; great-grandchildren Ashley and Dylan; many nieces, nephews and other relatives; and his many friends that walked beside him during his life.

Visitation will be today from 1 to 8 p.m. at the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish, and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Moose Lodge in Whitefish. Services will be held on Sunday, 2 p.m., at the Moose Lodge. The Rev. David V. Kauffman will be officiating. Cremation will follow the service and a memorial service in Browning will be announced at a later date.

Arianna Christine Ashley, 5

Arianna Christine Ashley, 5, passed away on Oct. 13, 2000, as the result of a pedestrian auto accident.

She was born Nov. 8, 1994, in Sumner, Wash., to Michael and Sandra Ashley. She was in kindergarten. She was a very loving little girl who loved to play, and was very fond of dancing. She is truly going to be missed by all her family and friends.

She is survived by her parents, Michael and Sandra; grandmother Ilene Bliss; sisters, Angie Marshall and Jenna Griffith; brother James Griffith, Joe Ashley and J.J. Ashley. A memorial service will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Friday at Kingdom Hall in Bigfork.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements for the family.

Clifford Cyrus Asselstine, 84

Clifford Cyrus Asselstine, 84, died Friday, June 16, 2000, at his home in Bigfork.

He was born in Simms, Mont., on Sept. 24, 1915, the son of Russ and Gladys Asselstine. He received most of his education in Canada, attending Banff High School and college in Calgary, Alberta. He married Anita Lewis Sept. 23, 1941, in Las Vegas, Nev., and she preceded him in death on Sept. 16, 1976. They had one daughter, Shirley Anne (Shan).



Cliff joined the U.S. Navy in 1937 and proudly served for 21 years. He was an officer on the Admiral's staff of the Flag Ship USS Pennsylvania during the attack on Pearl Harbor. Following the attack, he was appointed to escort the flag to Washington, D.C., where he then joined the staff of the Commander in Chief of the U.S. Fleet. He worked in war staging at the Pentagon prior to his assignment to the USS New Jersey, where he served in the Pacific Theater for the remainder of World War II. Cliff received numerous medals, battle stars and citations during his distinguished career before retiring from the Navy in 1958. He was a member of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association. After his retirement, Cliff and his wife, Anita, and daughter, Shan, returned to Montana, making their home in Woods Bay. Cliff then went to work for Gambles department store in Kalispell as the furniture manager, and

worked there until the store closed.

Cliff loved all sports and was a regular at most of the Bigfork High School games until ill health kept him from attending. In his younger days, Cliff was quite an athlete himself. He played football, baseball and hockey and later, minor league baseball for San Francisco. He was a true sports fan and knew every player on every team and all of their stats. He also loved to hunt and fish. He spent many a day in the woods or in his boat on Flathead Lake. He always had a great hunting or fishing story to share. He loved music and played the banjo. He played banjo with the Len Davis Orchestra while he was in Canada.

He married Margie Aune in 1979 in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, and she survives him. He was preceded in death by his parents and wife, Anita.

He is survived by his wife, Margie; sister, Nell Childers of Bigfork; daughter, Shan and her husband Ron of Bigfork; step-daughter Marianna Ward of Kalispell; granddaughters, Anita Lynne David of Kalispell, and Sheila Jupka and her husband Gary of Missoula; great-grandchildren Darcy and Ryan Jupka of Missoula; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Viewing will be held Monday, June 19, 2000, from 4 to 7 p.m. at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Richard Auge, 59

Richard Auge, 59, died on Nov. 13, 2000, in Elko, Nev.

He was born in Whitefish on Jan. 28, 1941, the son of Geneva Hotel. He was educated in Whitefish schools and served in the armed forces. He mar-

ried Kay Hoots in Ely, Nev. He worked in gold mines in Nevada.

He is survived by four sons, two sisters, and his mother, Geneva Hotel of Whitefish. Services were held in Elko.

Oliver P. Aurand Jr., 61

Oliver P. Aurand Jr., 61, passed away at his Kalispell home on Dec. 31, 2000.

He was born in Kalispell, on July 22, 1939, to Oliver and Leone Lininger Aurand. He graduated from Lewis and Clark High School in Spokane, in 1956, where he had been a star football player.

He joined the Army and was with the 101st Airborne Division in Vietnam. He was in the Army for nine years. He retired from the Spokane County road department as a heavy equipment operator and had recently moved back to Kalispell. He enjoyed fishing and hunting, and most recently playing pool.

He held memberships in the V.F.W. and the Eagles Lodge #234 in Kalispell.

He married Colleen Aurand in

March 2000 in Lethbridge, Alberta.

He was preceded in death by wife Charlotte in 1978; youngest son, Robert Aurand in 1992; sister Agnes Newell; and brothers Frank and Hank Rauthe and Jerry Aurand.

He is survived by his wife Colleen of Kalispell; ex-wife, Jesslyn "Dee" Aurand of Spokane; sons, Daniel and wife, Cecilia Aurand of Spokane, Carl Aurand of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; brother, Carl Rauthe of Kalispell; sisters, Jennie Meyers and Elsie Sundberg of Kalispell; six grandchildren, Michele, Danielle, Kevin, Sabrina, Alyeka, and Kelly Aurand; one great-granddaughter, Gabriela Mendez-Aurand.

Memorial services will be held at a later date in Spokane.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary.

Marguerite Marie Avery, 90

Marguerite Marie Avery, 90, died at Prestige Assisted Living in Kalispell on Dec. 14, 2000.

She was born Feb. 19, 2000, in Wheaton, Wis., to Charles N. and Sarah Bellack Shaw.

Graveside services will be held on Friday at 1 p.m. at Lake View Cemetery in Polson.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.