

**BETZ, Philip**, 83, passed away on Friday, Jan. 14, 2000, at Brendan House in Kalispell. Arrangements are pending.

*Buffalo Funeral Home*

## Doris Irene Bilant, 85

Doris Irene Bilant, 85, passed away Nov. 3, 2000, at her home in Whitefish. She was born Oct. 24, 1915, in Great Falls to William H. and Florence M. Hodge. She was raised and educated in Great Falls. She attended Normal School in Dillon and received a two-year teaching certificate. There she met and later married Joe Bilant in 1936. They first lived in Melstone and then in Forsyth before moving to Whitefish in 1945.

She was devoted to her family and she participated in PTA, Girl Scouts, Band Boosters and Rainbow Girls. Anything her children were involved in received her support.

In addition, she was a long-time member of the Whitefish Hospital Guild and Fortnightly Study Club. She helped deliver Meals on Wheels with him and later served meals at the Whitefish Golden Agers Center. For many years she was a member of Eastern Star.

For a brief time she worked at Lacy's Studio. Later she took courses which prepared her to work as a library aid at Muldown



Elementary School. She enjoyed reading, listening to music, and playing pinochle with friends. She loved her roses, sweet peas, peonies and African violets. Her family fondly remembers family drives, picnics, the numerous clothes she sewed and the special meals she prepared.

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

Survivors include her sister, Gladys Walker of Great Falls; one son, David Bilant and wife Chris of Whitefish; and four daughters, Jolene Smith and husband Rod of Bigfork, Judy Allen and husband Dan of Corvallis, Ore., Joyce Zahorksy and husband Ernie of Aurora, Colo., and Bonnie Jo Bilant and her husband Peter Bowen of Silverthorne, Colo.; four grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

The family requests no flowers and instead suggests that any memorials be sent in her name to the Whitefish Public Library, Mothers Against Drunk Driving, or a charity of choice. Friends are invited to a gathering in remembrance of her with the family on Nov. 9 between 4-8 p.m. at the family home, 728 Columbia Ave., Whitefish.

## Esther Birnel, 77

~~Esther Birnel, 77, died Tuesday, April 11, 2000, at Colonial Manor in Whitefish.~~

She was born Oct. 25, 1922, the daughter of Fred Carl and Clara-belle Jackson Wittlake. She attended schools in Kila. She was an avid doll collector, loved bird-watching and enjoyed camping.

On March 27, 1938, she married Ernest P. Birnel in Kalispell.

She was a homemaker and for many years worked as a volunteer at the Seventh Day Adventist Community Service Center. She always enjoyed spending time with her family and grandchildren. She was a member of the Seventh Day Adventist Church of Kalispell.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

She is survived by her husband of more than 60 years, Ernest Birnel of Kalispell; her son, Ronald

and wife, Donna, of Kalispell; a daughter, Darlene McIntyre, of Loma Linda, Calif.; six grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren; a sister, Wilma Zundell and husband, Lester, of College Place, Wash.; two brothers, Fred Wittlake and wife, Rea, of Columbia Falls, and John Wittlake of College Place; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family suggests memorials be sent to the Seventh Day Adventist Community Service Center, 494 9th Avenue EN, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Gerald Schulze officiating. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. today at Johnson Mortuary. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens in Kalispell. Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

## Harold William 'Buck' Black, 95

Harold William "Buck" Black, 95, of Polson, died on Sept. 20, 2000, at his home in Polson.

He was born on Oct. 21, 1904, to James Laird and Marion Irene Black in Grant County, S.D.

In 1935, he moved to Polson and opened the Gambles Store with John Cochran. He owned and operated the store until 1967. He married Mary Elmore Fierce on Aug. 6, 1938, in Polson.

In 1957, the family moved to a small cherry orchard in Polson.

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

He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Mary, of Polson; his children, including daughter Mary Calanche and husband Grey Eagle of Ronan; nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday at 11 a.m. at the First Presbyterian Church in Polson with the Rev. Dave Anson officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made to the charity of your choice.

Cremation and arrangements are by Grogan Funeral Home and Crematory in Polson.

## Edith A. Blair, 89

Edith A. Blair, 89, of Thompson Falls, passed away on Aug. 6, 2000 at Clark Fork Valley Hospital in Plains.

She was born on April 29, 1911, at Julietta, Idaho, the daughter of Clarence and Mary Southwick Taber. After graduating from high school, she attended the University of Montana. On July 3, 1931, she married Lee M. Blair at Corvallis. The couple made their home in Victor, Hamilton and Willow Creek before moving to Kalispell in 1949. There she worked as bookkeeper at MacIntosh Music for many years. She was a lifelong member of the Methodist Church. She was past president of Chief Ignace Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution at Kalispell. She was also past state treasurer of the Hospital Volunteers and past president of the

Century Club in Kalispell.

She moved to Thompson Falls in 1993 where she was a member of the Thompson Falls Women's Club. She enjoyed gardening, reading, music and interior decorating.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lee, in 1981, and her sister, Ruth Applebury Greenup.

She is survived by one son and daughter-in-law, Donald and Rene Blair of Thompson Falls; two daughters and sons-in-law, Janis and Bob Wiswell of Thompson Falls, and Barbara and Bill Closson of Vancouver, Wash.; eight grandchildren and fourteen great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held on Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Epworth Methodist Church in Kalispell.

Coffelt-Bunch Funeral Service is in charge of arrangements.

## Margaret 'T.C.' Bleskin, 82

Margaret "T.C." Bleskin, 82, a lifetime resident of the Flathead Valley, passed away Dec. 10, 2000, at the home of her daughter in Albuquerque, N. M.



She was born Nov. 24, 1918, in Columbia Falls to Arthur and Mary Taddei Peters. She received her early education in the Badrock School near Columbia Falls and graduated from Flathead High School in 1937.

She met and married Albin Bleskin in Columbia Falls on Dec. 12, 1939.

She spent her life in service to others; first to her children and then to the community. She very much enjoyed the many hours she spent with the Catholic Women's Counsel, the Daughters of Isabella, the Sunshine Chorus, and the W.P. She was proud of the numerous awards she received from her hours given in volunteer service at the Kalispell General Hospital.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Albin, her parents, five brothers, and a grandson.

Tobias Bleskin.

She is survived by two sons, Peter Bleskin of Great Falls, and Michael Bleskin of Albuquerque, N.M.; one daughter, Marcia Ouellette and husband, Roger, of Albuquerque; two brothers, Jack Peters and wife, Marie, and Robert Peters and wife, Carlene, all of Kalispell; one sister-in-law, Dolores Peters of Columbia Falls; nine grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. She was loved by her family and friends and will be truly missed.

Mass of Christian burial will be on Monday at 10 a.m. at St. Matthew's Catholic Church with the Rev. Vic Langhans as celebrant. Burial will follow at the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Visitation will be Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary and a rosary will be held on Sunday at 7 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary.

The family suggests memorial donations be given to the charity of the donor's choice.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

## Joyce K. Bliss, 101

Joyce K. Bliss, 101, died Saturday, Jan. 1, 2000, at Prestige Assisted Living in Kalispell.



She was born Nov. 7, 1898, in Duluth, Minn., the eldest child of Frank and Ivah Hanchett Carpenter.

At an early age, she moved with her family to McIntosh, Minn., where she began her education. In 1910, the family moved to a homestead near the small town of Reserve. She attended rural schools, graduating in the first graduating class at Medicine Lake High School in 1919. From 1921 to 1931, she was employed as a bookkeeper with the Nash-Finch Wholesale Grocery Co. in Williston, N.D.

On June 17, 1931, she was married to George Bliss at her parent's home in Reserve.

She made the Flathead Valley her home for the past 69 years. She and her husband operated a dairy farm for many years, before retiring in 1963.

She was a longtime member of the

Presbyterian Church, having served the church in many capacities over the years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, George in 1979; two sisters, Ivah Thornburg and Flora Christensen; one brother, Harvey Carpenter; and one son-in-law, Ronald Radabah.

She is survived by two daughters, Joyce Radabah of Kalispell and Barbara Weaver and her husband Art of Columbia Falls; seven grandchildren, Ronna Christman of Helena, Cynthia Martin, Scott Radabah, Bruce Weaver and Jan Guy, all of Kalispell, and Steve and Brian Weaver of Columbia Falls; thirteen great-grandchildren; one great-great grandchild, and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family suggests memorials be made to the First Presbyterian Church, 540 South Main, Kalispell, or to the charity of their choice.

Graveside services will be held at 10 a.m., Friday at Glacier Memorial Gardens in Kalispell.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

## Leo 'Lee' Bodily, 60

Leo "Lee" Bodily, 60, died on Jan. 24, 2000, at his home in Ferndale, surrounded by his loving family.

He was born June 7, 1939, in Boise, Idaho, to Carson and Myrtle Bodily. He was raised and went to school in Boise, before serving four years in the Navy. He moved to the Northwest in 1979, and married Sherry Johnson in 1983. He worked as a log truck driver and was very proud to be part of the timber industry. He enjoyed wood-working and spent countless hours in his shop.

He liked to fish and he had a special love for the outdoors and all of

nature's splendor.

He was preceded in death by his father, Carson A. Bodily.

He is survived by his wife Sherry Bodily of Ferndale; sons, Carson L. Bodily and David Campbell of Kellieville; daughter, Cara Bodily of Camanche; and his mother, Myrtle Bodily, sister Jerene Fulmer and husband, David, of Ogden, Utah, and three grandchildren.

Cremation has taken place and a celebration of his life will be held at a later date.

Arrangements are under the direction of Bigfork Funeral Home.

## Mildred K. Boettcher, 86

Mildred K. Boettcher, 86, passed away June 1, 2000, at the Lakeview Care Center in Bigfork.

She was born in Great Falls, on Oct. 18, 1913, to William and Sophia Morlock Kacher. She graduated from St. Mary High School in Great Falls in 1931.

She married Arthur W. Boettcher in 1934. During the early years of their marriage they lived in Glasgow, Great Falls, and Neihart. During World War II they lived in Seattle. In 1944, they returned to Montana and settled in Shelby.

She worked in several establishments in Shelby, including Boorman's Mens Store and the Rainbow Hotel. In 1957, she and her husband moved to Great Falls where she was a retail clerk for many years at Buttrey's Department Store and the Paris.

After they both retired they spent the winters in Apache Junction, Ariz. Her husband passed away there in 1977, and a short time later, she returned to live in Great Falls. She did volunteer work at the public library and

Columbus Hospital. She went to live at the Lakeview Care Center in Bigfork, in the fall of 1989, and was a resident there until her passing.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Arthur, in 1977; her parents, William in 1929 and Sophia in 1954; and one brother, Lester in 1959.

She is survived by two sons, Art Montana and wife, Aseriath LaRue of Pecos, N. M., and Richard Boettcher and wife, Roxy, of Kalispell; three grandsons, Scott Boettcher of Los Angeles, Calif., Curt Boettcher of Atlanta, Ga., and Rod Boettcher of Billings; one granddaughter, Donya Parrish of Helena; and great-grandchildren.

No services are planned but a time of visitation will be held on Monday from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. at the Hillcrest Lawn Memorial Chapel in Great Falls. She will then be entombed next to her husband in the mausoleum.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

## George H. Bolen, 82

George H. Bolen, 82, died Wednesday, March 15, at Eureka.

He was born Dec. 19, 1917, at Shawmut, the son of Harry and Marie Bolen. He came to the Tobacco Valley with his parents and family in 1927, where the family had lived north of Eureka on what is now known as the Lindsey place.

Following his father's death, the family moved into Eureka where they operated a store. He and his brother trucked produce in from Spokane to the store. He also worked in the Christmas tree industry and also in various lumber mills in north Lincoln County.

He enlisted in the United States Army in 1941, serving in the infantry in the Pacific Theater during World War II until being honorably discharged in 1945.

He married Neva West in 1946, and to this union were born two children, Marlene and Ernie. He began driving school bus in in 1947, and later was employed in maintenance for Eureka schools for both District 13 and high school, remaining there for 18 years of service until retiring in 1987.

He and his wife Neva resided on their farm south of Eureka, oper-

ating a greenhouse and planting numerous flowers and gardens in their yard, making a beautiful and scenic approach to Eureka along U.S. 93.

Survivors include his wife Neva at the family home; his daughter, Marlene Leonard and her husband, Jim, of Chehalis, Wash.; his son, Ernie Bolen and his wife, Toni, of Eureka; two brothers, Bill Bolen of Columbia Falls, and Jess Bolen and his wife, Lela, of Eureka; grandsons, Shane Patrick and wife, Shannon, of Sumner, Wash., Shawn Patrick and friend, Stephanie, of Newcastle, Wash.; a granddaughter, Carrie Bolen and friend, Brian, of Tacoma, Wash.; great-grandsons, Dylan Patrick and Dalton George Henry Patrick of Sumner; numerous nieces and nephews as well as many other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a twin sister, Georgetta; a sister, Eva Cael; and a brother, Jack.

Services will be today at 2 p.m. at the Church of God with the Rev. Carl Pershall officiating. Interment with military honors will be at Tobacco Valley Cemetery. Visitation will be until noon today at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Eureka.

## William H. 'Bill' Bolen, 86

William H. "Bill" Bolen, 86, passed away July 9, 2000, at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.

He was born in Frederick, S.D., on Sept. 5, 1913, to Harry and Marie Bolen. He proudly served in the United States Navy. In 1949, he married Margaret H. Bolen in Kalispell.

He worked for the United States Forest Service for several years before owning his own business in Eureka. He owned and operated Bolen-McCulloch Chainsaws and Repair, Kasaka View Trailer

Court and a Christmas tree farm. When asked about him everyone would tell you he was a very hard worker who came in early and stayed late. He was a wonderful gardener and an avid sports fan.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife Margaret Bolen; brothers, George and Jack Bolen; sisters, Georgetta Whilt and Eva Cael; sons, John Bolen and Tom Skelly.

He is survived by daughters, Ann Baney and husband, Duke, Janet Langford, Jean Beaulieu and husband, Patrick, of Missoula,

Nancy Serba and husband, Walt, of Missoula; brother Jess Bolen and wife, Lila, of Eureka; sister-in-law Nena Bolen; grandchildren, Matt, Russ, Scott and Gregg Baney, Paula Armstrong, John and Amanda Langford, Danielle and Anthony Beaulieu, Nicole and Will Serba; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at the First Baptist Church in Eureka.

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

## Violet R. Bousman, 86

Violet R. Bousman, 86, Columbia Falls, passed away Dec. 4, 2000, at the North Valley Extended Care in Whitefish.

She was born July 10, 1914, in Waukesha, Wis., the daughter of Otto and Martha Leipski. She was raised and educated in Waukesha and graduated from Waukesha High School.

She worked for an insurance agency in Waukesha until retiring in 1976. She was married to John H. Bousman in 1969. They moved to Columbia Falls in 1977.

She was an active member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Columbia Falls and the Church Women United.

Her parents, a brother, two

sisters, and her husband, John in 1988, preceded her in death.

She is survived by a son, John E. Schroeder and his wife, Donna, of Waukesha; a daughter, Anamarie LePera and her husband, Lane, of Incline Village, Nev.; two stepsons, John C. Bousman of Waukesha, and William James Bousman of Burlington, Wis.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held Friday at 2 p.m. at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Columbia Falls. The Rev. Thomas Gopp will officiate.

Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is charge of arrangements.

## Vernon Leroy Bowman, 45

Vernon Leroy Bowman, 45, died Feb. 12, 2000, at his home in Kalispell.

He was born June 19, 1954, in Kalispell, to Barney and Marcie R. Sindt Bowman.

He is survived locally by his mother, Marcie Curto; brother Gene Bolduc and his wife, Judy, of Kalispell; sister Vickie Altenburg of Kalispell; and many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Memorial services are pending at this time.

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

## Dorothea 'Dot' Irene Bourn, 66

Dorothea "Dot" Irene Bourn, 66, passed away Aug. 17, 2000, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

She was born Aug. 29, 1933, in Winthrop, Wash., to Roe and Matilda Wickert Strausbaugh.

She received her early education in Washington. She married A. George Miller in March 1950 in Spokane. Together, they had six children, three girls and three boys. She moved to northwest Montana in 1953, and was subsequently divorced.

She then married Ray Lalum and they were together for 19 years before he passed away in 1990. She then married William Bourn who passed away in 1993. She resided in Seeley Lake and due to her health, moved to Kalispell in 1999. A special thanks to Brendan House for providing a loving and caring atmosphere for her remaining home until the time of her death.

She lovingly raised her six children, remaining active in their lives and the lives of her grandchildren. Along with her pets, she enjoyed traveling to Alaska, Ohio,



and Arizona, enjoyed reading, crosswords, and managed small family restaurants. She was a long standing member of Pop's Cafe Coffee Klatch in Seeley Lake.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and all three husbands.

She is survived by three sons, Richard Miller and wife, Vicki, of Clovis, Calif., Michael Miller and wife, Linda, of Canaseraga, N.Y., and John Miller and fiancé, Melissa, of Wyoming, Mich.; three daughters, Teri Cottle and husband, Gary, of Kalispell, Cindy Callaway and husband, Ed, of New Knoxville, Ohio, and Cheryl Lewis and husband, Gary, of Seeley Lake; three brothers, Dee Strausbaugh of Ellensburg, Wash., Mark Strausbaugh of Lynnwood, Wash., and Norman Strausbaugh of Wenatchee, Wash.; grandchildren, Margaret and Crystal Miller, Jason and Ramsey Callaway, Joseph and Jennifer Miller, Robyn, Samantha and Paul Lewis, Eric and Jordan Miller; also several nieces and nephews.

Graveside services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. at the Veterans Cemetery in Columbia Falls, please call 892-3256 for directions.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

## Dorothy J. Brading, 92

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday at the Columbia Falls United Methodist Church for Dorothy J. Brading, who died Sept. 23, 2000, at the age of 92.



She was born during a snow-storm on Oct. 11, 1907, and was delivered by a doctor who arrived by horse and buggy. Her life spanned the great change of the 20th century.

She was loyally devoted to her friends and family, as well as to her family home and the Columbia Falls community.

She was the third of eight children born to Arthur L. and Eva Jordan. She graduated from Columbia Falls High School in 1925. She was proud to have been one of the first members of the girl's basketball team.

She attended the University of Montana in Missoula where she became lifelong friends with Dorothy M. Johnson. She earned a bachelor of arts degree.

In 1930, she moved to Portland, to work at the main branch of the public library. She met and married newsman, William A. Warren. They moved to San Francisco, in 1933, where he covered the Water Front riots and later events of World War II.

While in San Francisco, she was a reviewer for the Oregonian. She reviewed operas and many concerts. Her greatest thrill was sitting on stage when Lawrence Tibbett sang.

In late spring of 1942, she and their three daughters temporarily moved to the family home in Columbia Falls. While there, she taught English at Columbia Falls High School for one and a half years and for one year at Polson High School.

In June of 1945, she and her

daughters rejoined her husband in Portland. She earned certification in remedial reading which she taught in the Portland Public Schools until her retirement in 1971. During those years, she earned a master's degree in education from the university of Oregon. She also enjoyed teaching evening classes of English for the foreign born as well as reading for illiterate adults.

On Sept. 4, 1971, she married rancher Fred Brading of Hobson. She learned to be a ranch wife, including getting cows out of the flower beds and hosting branding dinners.

She was widowed in 1979. She returned to Columbia Falls, where she lived until her death. She and her sister, Suse (Margaret Ellen Walker 1909-1987) supervised the restoration of the family home on Fourth Avenue West.

Friends, family, church circles and many fourth graders enjoyed coming to her home. She would recount the history and lore of Columbia Falls. She shared her rock and angel collections. She was well-known for reciting poetry from the epic "Highwayman" (Noyes) to "King John was not a Good Man" (Milne). Because her keen memory of events and names, she was consulted by many for historical information.

She is survived by her dear sister, Mary Gorton; cousin, Dorothy Wixson; loving daughters, Diane L. Hickman, Carol M. Johns, and Susan Stebbins; stepson, Lindsay D. Warren; 16 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; eight great-great-grandchildren; and beloved nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Memorial gifts may be directed to the Wildcat Athletic Endowment Association, P.O. Box 2732, Columbia Falls, MT 59912, or to the Columbia Falls United Methodist Church.

## Mack A. Bradbury, 81

Mack A. Bradbury, 81, died Monday, March 13, 2000, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

He was born Jan. 17, 1919, in Boise, Idaho, the son of Orrie and Lyde Cambridge Bradbury.

On Dec. 21, 1941, he married Helen Twogood in Berkley, Calif.

He was an Alaskan pioneer, living there with his wife for 22 years. Later in life he was a self-employed truck driver and heavy machinery operator. He was instrumental in organizing and

building the fire department in Lake Tahoe. He was also a member of the first large Arctic expedition in 1950.

But above all he was a loving and devoted family man and husband. He was a strong Christian man.

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

He is survived by his loving wife, Helen Bradbury; one son Joel Bradbury of Bigfork; two very special adopted daughters, Donna Nicholson and her husband, Al, of Sparks, Nev., and Ev

Wood and her husband, Mike, of Bigfork; grandchildren, Matt and his wife, Lisa, Adam, Jason and his wife, Natalie, Schauntelle and her husband, Jason, Sarah, Jeff, Joe and David; great-grandchildren, Ashley Lynn, Cody Scott, Cassie Seeley, and Scotty Seeley; and a sister, Edna Steward, of Napa, Idaho.

Memorials may be made to the Bigfork QRU, in memory of of Mack A. Bradbury.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at the Swan Chapel in Swan Lake, with the Rev. Ron Pierce and Rev. Gary Morton officiating.

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

## Alice Bernice Brandley, 92

Alice Bernice Brandley, 92, of Whitefish, passed away on Oct. 11, 2000, at Kalispell Regional Hospital of natural causes.

She was born on April 30, 1908, in Littlefork, Minn., to Halsten and Olga Anderson. She enjoyed her dogs, and traveling, painting, and cooking until the time that she was no longer physically able to do those things. She resided in Colonial Manor for the last five years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Donald Brandley; her brothers, Richard, Ira, Robert

and Louie Anderson; and her sisters, Olga Baab, Bud Peterson, and Harriet Hoefler.

She is survived by many nieces and nephews including Dawn Anderson Nock of Ephrata, Wash., Jennifer Anderson Sipe and Ric Anderson, both of Whitefish, and Randy Anderson of Naturita, Colo.

Graveside services will be held on Monday at 2:30 p.m. at Glacier Memorial Gardens with the Rev. Charles H. Roman officiating.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Austin Funeral Home.

## Ila M. 'Jackie' Brady, 82

Ila M. "Jackie" Brady, 82, died April 22, 2000, at Lake View Care Center in Bigfork.

She was very active in the Pioneer Retirement Group and many charitable organiza-

tions.

She is survived by a daughter, Debra Brady of Bigfork, and two sons.

Bigfork Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.



## Bevra 'Dawn' Bras, 41

Bevra "Dawn" Bras, 41, of Lonepine, died as a result of an automobile accident on Feb. 3, 2000, near Elmo.

She was born Jan. 24, 1959, in Hot Springs, to Bill and Marg Christensen.

She attended school in Hot Springs, and graduated from Hot Springs High School.

She married Lando "Bud" Bras Jr. on Sept. 10, 1977. They ranched together for the past 22 years. She loved the ranch life and took great pride in their black Angus cattle.

She loved being a mother to their two children, Justin, 19, and Koren, 13. She was always there supporting and encouraging their many interests.

While growing up, she was very active in 4-H. She set high standards for herself and won many awards. Her love for 4-H carried over into her adult life as a leader for the Little Bitterroot 4-H Club and as a secretary for the Sanders County 4-H Council. She was also a board member for



Sanders County Soil Conservation District and a member of the Hot Springs Presbyterian Church.

We will miss her care, compassion, thoughtfulness and, most of all, her loving smile.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Carl and Rosa Christensen and Kermit and Mary Hopkins.

She is survived by her husband, Bud; children, Justin and Koren; parents, Bill and Marg Christensen of Ronan; brother, Shawn Christensen of Hot Springs; and sister, D'Ann Christensen of Rollins.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday at 1 p.m. at the Lonepine Hall in Lonepine. Visitation will be held on Monday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Grogan Funeral Home in Polson, and Tuesday from 11 a.m. until service time at the Lonepine Hall. Interment will follow.

The Rev. Jerry Boles of Colorado will officiate the service. He married the couple and baptized their children.

Memorials may be made to the Lonepine Hall or Sanders County 4-H.

## Phyllis Kay Bray, 59

Phyllis Kay Bray, 59, passed away Aug. 19, 2000 at her home in Whitefish. She was born on Oct. 1, 1940 in Humboldt, Neb., to Arnold and Gol-da Goodhart Jun.

She grew up in Humboldt, Neb., graduating from Humboldt High School in 1957. She briefly attended business school in Lincoln, Neb. before moving to Texas to be with her future husband, whom she met on a blind date in 1957. They were married on November 11, 1958 in San Angelo, Texas. Together, they traveled the west with his job until settling in Ketchikan, Alaska for 11 years. In 1976, they moved to the Flathead Valley and had remained here since.

She was initially a homemaker, raising three boys. Once her children were grown, she pursued her



dream of becoming a teacher. She graduated from Flathead Valley Community College in 1991 and from the University of Montana with a bachelor of arts degree in elementary education in 1993. She began teaching at the Glacier Christian School in 1993, teaching first and second grades and art.

She loved her family and teaching children. She was very involved in her church, teaching vacation Bible school and leading the "Friday Night Joy Club". She also enjoyed reading, gardening, outdoor activities, doing crafts, and playing the piano. She was a selfless person who only thought of others, even during her illness. She never complained and only remembered her testimony to those around her.

She was preceded in death by her father, Arnold Jun of Nebraska City, Neb.

She leaves to mourn her passing a loving and devoted husband,

Gary Bray of Whitefish; cherished family, three sons; Paul Bray and wife Susan of Kalispell, Kenneth Bray and wife Vonnie, and Joel Bray and wife Stacey, all of Cheyenne, Wyo.; her mother, Gol-da Jun Mehlun of Kalispell; one brother, Robert Jun and wife Lauren of Otoe, Neb.; three grandchildren, Julia and Joshua Bray of Kalispell, and Violette Bray of Cheyenne, Wyo.

Funeral services will be held today at 3 p.m. at Bethel Baptist Church in Kalispell with Rev. David Pestel officiating. Burial will follow at Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls. Visitation will be at Johnson Mortuary Chapel today from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The family suggests memorials be given in her name to Glacier Christian School, 80 E. Railroad St. Columbia Falls, MT 59912.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary

## Howard Theodore Brekhus, 76

Howard Theodore Brekhus, 76, passed away on Friday, Sept. 22, 2000, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

He was born on March 29, 1924, in Velva, N.D., to Melvin and Cecilia Brekhus. He was raised and educated in Velva, where he graduated from high school in 1941.

He enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1942 where he served until his dis-

charge in January of 1947.

He married Fern Miller on Dec. 21, 1948, in Velva. They lived in Velva until 1952 when they moved to Bigfork.

He was a true outdoorsman. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and looking for artifacts.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Fern and one sister.

He is survived by two sons,

Mark Brekhus of Manhattan Beach, Calif., Melvin Brekhus of Irving, Texas; one daughter, Mary Brekhus of Bigfork; a brother, Gary Selberg of Velva; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

He requested that he be cremated and no services.

Bigfork Funeral Home and Buffalo Hill Crematory handling the arrangements for the family.

## Barbara Bristow, 60

Barbara Bristow, 60, passed away June 23, 2000, at the Vencor Hospital in Denver.

She was born Dec. 27, 1939, in Bay City, Mich., to Buford and

Dorothy Church Hosford. She received her education in Bay City, graduating in 1958.

After graduation, she attended Elkhart University in Elkhart, Ind., earning her degree as a dental assistant. She worked as a dental assistant in Bay City for seven years before marrying Jerry Bristow on July 9, 1966.

After his retirement from active duty, the family settled in Colorado Springs, Colo., until moving to Kalispell in 1998.

Her hobbies included gardening, decorating the house, and photography. She and her husband enjoyed bowling and spent many years bowling in leagues



together.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

She is survived by her loving husband of 33 years, Dr. John "Jerry" Bristow of Kalispell; two sons, Daniel Bristow and his wife, Tracey, of San Jose, Calif., and Daniel Bristow and his wife, Sandra, of Colorado Springs, Colo.; sister Judith Tuohy of West Palm Beach, Fla.; and three grandchildren, McKenna, Emma, and Alissa.

Graveside services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. at Fairview Cemetery with the Rev. Glenn Burfeind officiating. Visitation will be Thursday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary.

The family wishes that memorial contributions in her memory be sent to: Interstitial Lung Disease Fund, University of Colorado Health Sciences Center, c/o Marvin I. Schwarz, M.D., 4200 East 9th Ave., C272, Denver, CO 80262.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

## Evelyn M. Brittain, 86

Evelyn M. Brittain, 86, died Tuesday, Jan. 25, 2000, at a Havre care center of natural causes.

She was born in Creston, Aug. 31, 1913, to O.L. and Marguerita Plummer Mongan. She lived in Montana until 1954. She lived in California for 20 years.

She married Lawrence Thompson — they later divorced.

She became a nurse's aid and then a registered nurse. Due to illness, she moved back to Montana and lived in Whitefish until 1986, when she moved to Havre, and lived at Eagle's Manor Retirement Apartments and later the Northern Montana Care Center.

She was a member of the Moose Lodge of Whitefish, and the Southern Baptist Church.

She liked to crochet, read and play cards and do word search puzzles.

She was preceded in death by one son, Fred Thompson, and one daughter, Patty Thompson.

She is survived by two sons, Roy Thompson of Spokane, Cecil Thompson of Columbia Falls; one daughter, Carol Nabor of Havre; 13 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren, and seven great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Monday at Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Kalispell.

Memorials in her honor may be made to donor's choice.

Services and arrangements are under the direction of Holland and Bonine Funeral Home.

## Charlotte A. 'Char' Brogdon, 59

Charlotte A. "Char" Brogdon, 59, passed away March 16, 2000, at the Brendan House in Kalispell.

She was born Jan. 27, 1941, in Great Falls, to Wade E. and

Dorothy I. Burchett Barnes. She attended schools in Missoula and Kalispell, and graduated from Great Falls High School in 1959. She enlisted in the U.S. Navy in January and served until December of 1960.

On Nov. 10, 1960, she married Hubert Brogdon in Illinois. He died in 1986. During their marriage, they lived in Illinois, California, Japan, Virginia and Montana.

She enjoyed camping, knitting and working crafts.



She was a member for over 20 years of the Rebekahs and the Eagles Lodge. She also served as a PTA president, treasurer of the American Legion Baseball, also a Brownies and Girl Scout leader.

She received awards for outstanding volunteer for Family Services in Japan, outstanding receptionist in Virginia.

She is survived by her son Wade E. Brogdon of Sterling, Va.; daughter Paula L. Brogdon of Cheyenne, Wyo.; mother Dorothy Darrow of Kalispell; sisters, Wanita Parker and husband, Spencer, of Crescent City, Calif., Clarice Barnes of Lakeside; brother Allan Barnes and wife, Jeannie, of Kooskia, Idaho; half sisters, Bonnie Woods of North Carolina, Barbara Burns of Arizona, Beverly Weinger of Great Falls, Ardess Hartung of Kalispell; seven grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by

her husband Hubert and her father Wade Barnes.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, at Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Terry Van Heyningen officiating. There will be a Rebekah memorial service following.

Visitation will be Saturday from 9 a.m. until service time at Johnson Mortuary Chapel.

O'Connor Funeral Home in Great Falls, will have a visitation Monday from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. when graveside services will be at Highland Cemetery in Great Falls, with military honors and Rebekah services.

The family suggests memorial gifts be sent to Home Health Options, 1280 Burns Way, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

## John A. Bronson, 78

John A. Bronson, 78, passed away May 1, 2000, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

He was born July 9, 1921, in Great Falls, to Fred and Ida Jacobson Bronson. He was a graduate of Neihart High School in Neihart, and also attended automotive school in Kansas City, Mo. He was a member of the United States Army and served in Italy and Africa during World War II.

He enjoyed spending time with his friends at the Eagles Club in Kalispell. In addition to being a member of the Eagles he was also a member of the local chapter of Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He was preceded in death by his



parents, Fred and Ida Bronson; and three brothers, Lee Bronson, and Earl Bronson and his twin brother James A. Bronson.

He is survived by two sisters, Betty Nebel and her husband, David, of Condon, and Edie Kaps of Kalispell; two brothers, Verne Bronson and his wife, Jessie, of Condon, and Ron Bronson and his wife, Judy, of Kalispell; a sister-in-law, Deanie Bronson of Kalispell; and many nieces and nephews.

As per his request, there will be no services held. He will be cremated and his ashes will be scattered over Kings Hill (near Neihart) where they will merge with the already scattered ashes of his twin brother Jim.

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

## Dorothy May Brown

Dorothy May Brown died Jan. 24, 2000, in San Jose, Calif.

She was born April 17, 1918, to Lawrence and Thelma Gorton in Kalispell.

She attended Montford grade school and graduated from Flathead High School in 1936.

She married J. Willard "Bill" Brown on Feb. 28, 1937. In October 1944, they moved to Phoenix, Ariz., where he was flight instructor at Thunderbird Field.

She lived in the San Francisco Bay area for about the last 50 years. Bill passed away on Sept. 26, 1963.

She owned and operated her own businesses in Palo Alto, Calif., for



about 15 years after her husband's death.

She was a member of Valley Church in Cupertino, Calif., and for many years was active in the Christian Business Women's Association.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bill; and a son, Jeffery, who passed away in 1982 at age 27.

She is survived by two sons, James and wife Janet of Santa Barbara, Calif., and Steven and wife Sherrie of San Jose; five granddaughters; and two sisters, Mildred Pulled of Memphis, Tenn., and Irene Walter of Kalispell.

Friends are invited to attend a memorial service to be held at 2 p.m. Sunday at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 603 S. Main St., Kalispell.

Cremation arrangements are by the Neptune Society of San Jose.

## Harry Francis Brown, 68

Harry Francis Brown, 68, died Sept. 27, 2000, in Portland, Ore.

He was born on May 4, 1932, in Kalispell.

He was a sheet metal worker, and was employed by Ray F. Becker. He lived in the Portland area for 36 years.

He served his community as a Cub Master, Scout Master, and a supporter of the Vicki Mill School of Dance.

He married Joyce Lindland.

He is survived by his wife, Joyce; three sons, Michael Brown and Tim Brown, of Portland, Harry L. Brown of Tigard, Ore.; two daughters, Tammy Brown of Milwaukie, Ore., and Darlene Brown of Portland; and six grandchildren.

A funeral service will be held on Thursday at 1 p.m. at Riverview Cemetery Chapel in Portland.

Burial will be at 3 p.m. on Thursday at Mountain View Oregon City Cemetery.

## June Brosten, 77

June Brosten, 77, died Oct. 29, 2000, at her home in Lower Valley after a short illness.

She was born June 4, 1923, in Whitefish to Lena and Lawrence

Christopherson. Following the death of her mother while she was an infant, she lived with Edith and Art Papendick. She was later adopted by the Papendicks after the death of her biological father. She lived in the Stillwater area in her early childhood. In 1934, she moved to the Lower Valley area.

She graduated from Flathead High School in 1940. Shortly after her graduation, she married Pete Brosten on June 14, 1940. She continued to live in Lower Valley after their marriage.

Participating in many family activities was important and rewarding to her. She also enjoyed the close friendship of Lyle Holler. The many hours she spent with paintbrush or pencil in hand pro-



ducing one of her sketches or paintings were also rewarding to her.

She was a charter member of the Somers Saddle Club and also a member of the Hodgson Homecraft Home Demonstration Club.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Pete, her parents, two granddaughters, one infant brother and her step-father, Gilman Sagen.

She is survived by her sister, Helen Kaeding of Kalispell; a daughter, Lynda Hober and her husband Terry of Missoula; two sons, Larry and his wife Judy, Jerry and his wife Aileen, all of Kalispell; 11 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

A private family burial service will be held Thursday at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home Chapel. Rev. Ron Pierce will officiate.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be sent to hospice.

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

## Roy Lee Brown, 41

Roy Lee Brown, 41, died Saturday, Jan. 8, 2000, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

He was born June 2, 1958, in 29 Palms, Calif., to Ronald and Leoma Jean Brisco Brown.

He moved to Montana when he was 7 years old. He spent the majority of his life as a mechanic, and enjoyed his work. He was well-known for his storytelling, his sense of humor, and his caring disposition. On June 16, 1990, he married Sharon Ann Osborne at Seeley Lake. He had an outgoing personality, and his friends and family will always have special memories of him.

He enjoyed restoring antique vehicles and making homemade knives. He loved family time camping, hunting, and weekends on the lakes in the summer. He cherished the time he spent alone with his wife and loved his children and grandson very much.

Roy was a giant of a man, standing 6-foot-4 and weighing 250 pounds, but could be as gentle as a lamb, while as strong as a mountain. His presence in any situation was always welcomed. His family and friends will always miss him.

He was preceded in death by his stepfather, Jack Strickrodt.

He is survived by his loving wife,

Sharon Brown of Kalispell; one son, Philip Brown of Seeley Lake; one daughter, Marlee Brown of Seeley Lake; stepchildren, Olin, Jessica, and Savanna Fjell, all of the family home in Kalispell, and Carisa Hoerner of Columbia Falls; his father Ronald Brown of Albany, Ga., and his mother Jean Strickrodt, of Kalispell; one grandson, Trevor Hoerner of Columbia Falls; two brothers, Ronnie Brown and his wife Renate of Missouri and Jack Strickrodt of Coram; one sister, Ronda Feucht Condon; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held Friday at 1 p.m. at the Faith Chapel in Seeley Lake with the Rev. Tom Gopp of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Columbia Falls officiating. Burial will follow in the Seeley Lake Cemetery. Visitation will be Thursday, Jan. 13, 2000, from 1-6 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary. Following the burial a reception will be held in the Seeley Lake Community Hall.

A memorial fund has been set up on behalf of the family and donations can be directed to the Roy Brown Memorial Fund, c/o 1316 Fourth St., Whitefish, MT 59937.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

## Ralph E. Bruce, 84

Ralph E. Bruce, 84, passed away on Dec. 30, 2000, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

He was born June 16, 1916, in Pendleton, Ore., to Fred P. and Della Brown Bruce.

He spent his early years around horses and learning the fine points of fly fishing. He spent several years on the rodeo circuit before joining the U.S. Navy and serving aboard the USS Philip, a destroyer, in the Pacific during World War II.

He spent many years traveling around the country working at many different jobs. Cooking and visiting with people were the two jobs he enjoyed the most.

He ran several restaurants in Kalispell, Florida, and Palmer, Alaska, before returning to Kalispell. He was a self-taught fiddle player and played with the Old Time Fiddlers for many years, winning several



awards at their contests in Polson. He was a well-known face at the Sykes social club and at Snappy's for fly tying equipment.

He had earned a small aircraft pilot's license and was an active member of the American Food Critics Association. He had a positive, can-do, carefree attitude about life and always a friendly smile and a joke for people he came in contact with.

He married Veryl Fowler in August, 1934 and they had two daughters. In 1953, he married Helen Aker in Missoula. She preceded him in death in 1995.

He is survived by daughters, Ruby May Hecks of Long Beach, Wash., Shirley Jean Brady of Veneta, Ore.; stepdaughter, Ardean Bronson of Kalispell; stepson Don Nelson of Kalispell.

His ashes will be placed next to his wife and companion of many years, Helen, at the Conrad Cemetery.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

## Nels 'Earl' Brugman, 86

Nels "Earl" Brugman, 86, of Roseburg, Ore., died Friday, Feb. 25, 2000, in a Roseburg area care center.

He was born April 23, 1913, in Huron, S.D., the son of William and Mamie Dowell Brugman.

In 1932, he left home to enlist in the U.S. Navy. On May 27, 1939, he was united in marriage to Ethel "Marie" Miller in Collingdale, Pa. With his wife at his side, he worked his way up through the ranks, ultimately achieving the rank of lieutenant commander. He was a veteran of both World War II and the Korean War and served throughout his career in Norfolk, Baltimore, Cape Canaveral, Harvey Point, Panama, Philadelphia, Atlantic City, and finally, at New Orleans.

He retired from the Navy in 1957, after more than 25 years, having

served most of that time as a jet engine maintenance officer involved in naval aircraft research and development. Among other notable endeavors, he was part of the team that helped perfect the tail-hook arresting system that enabled aircraft to land safely on aircraft carrier decks.

When he retired, he moved with his family to Torrance, Calif., and took up his second and third careers as a stock broker and property manager. His wife died in 1983.

He was a member of the Holiday Ramblers trailer club and attended many of their events — particularly if they took place anywhere near good fishing. Until last year, he made his home between Libby in the summer months, and Beaumont, Calif., in the winter. He settled in Roseburg,

one of his favorite fishing area stops on the route between the two, when his health prevented him from traveling any longer.

Survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law, William "Bill" and Ellen Brugman of Lakewood, Calif., Gary and Christine Brugman of Manhattan, Calif.; a brother, Everett Brugman, and sisters, Alice Nelson and Ethel Currington, all of Rapid City, S.D.; four grandchildren, Marjorie, Janet, Mary K. and Beejel; and three great-grandchildren.

In addition to his wife, he was preceded in death by a brother, Oren Brugman, and a sister, Effie Luke.

Private family services will be held at a later date. Roseburg Funeral Alternatives and Funeral Alternatives Crematory of Myrtle Creek, are serving the family.

## Carol Elaine Brunett, 65

Carol Elaine Brunett, 65, of Columbia Falls, joined several loved ones on Tuesday, March 14, 2000, when she went home to be with the Lord after a long struggle with lung disease.

She was born July 25, 1934, in Las Vegas, Nev., to Marvin and Berta Russell. The family moved to Hungry Horse in 1947. She graduated from Columbia Falls High School in 1952. She was very athletic and enjoyed tumbling.

She was married to Donald Wayne Brunett on Sept. 12, 1952, in Columbia Falls, where they resided and raised four children and three grandsons.

She worked in several Columbia Falls businesses, ending her career at the Stop-n-Shop grocery with her beloved friend and mentor, Dorothy Krell.

She enjoyed motorcycling, snowmobiling and camping with

her family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her father, Marvin Russell, and two brothers, Donald and Jim Russell.

She is survived by her husband of 48 years, Don, at their home in Columbia Falls; her mother, Berta Russell, of Oceanside, Calif.; her children, Beverly Wilman of Millageville, Ga., Bill and Kathy Brunett and Nancy and Ernie Veigel, all of Columbia Falls, and Neil and Denise Brunett of Helena; 10 grandchildren, Amy and Pat McCubbins of Springfield, Ore., Robert Chase II of Kooski, Idaho, James Jr., Jason and Jacob Johnston and Kristy



Brunett of Columbia Falls, Karlee and Olivia Brunett of Conrad, Alex and Nate Brunett of Helena; two great-grandchildren, Cameron and Skyler McCubbins of Springfield; and several other relatives.

She was a devoted, loving daughter, wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She always put her family and friends ahead of herself and will be deeply missed by everyone.

Visitation will be today from 1 to 7 p.m. at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. A vigil service will be held today at 7 p.m. at the Columbia Mortuary. Mass of the Christian burial will be Monday at 10 a.m. at St. Richard's Catholic Church in Columbia Falls. The Rev. Joe Moran will officiate. Burial will follow in Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

## Charles A. Budge, 75

Charles A. Budge, 75, passed away peacefully on March 16, 2000, at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls, where he had resided for the past five years.



He was born to James T. and Viola Bruce Budge in Smoot, Wyo., on July 27, 1924.

After graduation from high school in Jackson, Wyo., he enlisted in the U.S. Army and was attached to Troop B, 113 Calvary Recon Squadron and served in Europe. He was wounded twice at the Battle of the Bulge and received a Purple Heart and Oak Leaf cluster. After a lengthy hospital stay at Fort Baxter in Spokane, he was honorably discharged on October 1945.

He married Ronnie Moore on June 6, 1947, at the Chapel of Transfiguration in Moose, Wyo. To this union was born their daughter Brenda.

He attended the University of Wyoming and then transferred to Utah State in Logan, Utah, where he obtained a degree in forestry in 1953.

He spent 38 years in govern-

ment services, 34 of them with the National Park Service and was stationed in 13 NPS areas.

The highlight of his career was being named the first superintendent of Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve in Alaska.

He was preceded in death by his parents and oldest brother, Bruce.

He is survived by his wife Ronnie of Whitefish; his daughter, Brenda Guiltner and granddaughter, Wendy, of Sidney, British Columbia; his brother, Darrell Budge of Pinedale, Wyo.; a sister-in-law, Marge Budge of Jackson; niece Janis Williams; and nephews, Eric and Robert Budge.

Services will be held at Holy Nativity Episcopal Church, 214 East 2nd in Whitefish on Friday at 11 a.m. Austin Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be given to Holy Nativity Building Fund, P.O. Box 1923, Whitefish, MT 59937; the Alzheimer Disease Research, 15825 Shady Lane Rd., Suite 140, Rockville, MD 20850; or E&AA Education Trust Fund, 470 Maryland Dr., Suite 1, Fort Washington, PA 19034.

His ashes will be scattered in mid August over the Wrangell Mountains in Alaska.

## Elaine Bullman, 89

Elaine Bullman, 89, of Myrtle Point, Ore., died Jan. 30, 2000, in Myrtle Point.

She was born May 18, 1910, in Romania to John and Mary Surcan Stoican.

She lived in Myrtle Point since the 1950s. She was a homemaker. She loved visiting with people and dancing.

She was a Gold Star mother, a member of the Lutheran Church in Myrtle Point and also a Lady Elk.

She was married to Edward Bullman. He died in May of 1975.

She is survived by a sister, Anna Belle Fordham of Seattle; three half

brothers, Daniel Stoican and Nicholas Stoican, both of Gig Harbor, Wash., and Larry Stoican of Sequim, Wash.; a sister-in-law, Ann Perry of Kalispell; a dear friend, Mac Shanahan, of Myrtle Point; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her son, Robert Bullman, who was killed in the Korean War.

Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday at Myrtle Point Care Center, 637 Ash St., with interment at Glacier Memorial Park in Kalispell.

Amling/Schroeder Funeral Home in Myrtle Point is in charge of arrangements.

## Hildegard Margaret Bullman, 90

Hildegard Margaret Bullman, 90, died in Coupeville, Wash., on June 26, 2000.

She was born in Hohenstein-Ernstthal, Germany on Sept. 15, 1909, to Richard and Elisabeth Doberenz Baldauf.

She grew up in Germany during World War I. Her father was critically injured in the war and died in 1921, leaving her mother to raise a family in very difficult times. In 1923, at the age of 13, she moved with her family to the United States and settled near Kalispell. For a period of years she went to live with her sister in St. Louis, but in 1934, she moved back to the Kalispell area.

In 1935, she married Carl Bullman and moved to Libby where she resided until 1994, when she returned to Kalispell. She moved to Oak Harbor, Wash., three months ago to be near her daughter, Susan.

Throughout her busy life she was employed at various jobs and was an active member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Libby. She worked at Emerson Electric in St. Louis and also worked as a nursemaid in St. Louis and Kalispell. She later worked in the kitchen at the hospital in Libby.

Her main vocation in life, howev-

er, was to be a full-time wife and mother. She loved to crochet and do needlework and made many lovely things for her family and friends.

She is survived by two sons, Lon Werner Bullman and wife, Maudie, of Jacksonville, Fla., Father Rudolph Carl Bullman of Helena; and one daughter, Susan E. Cann and husband, Mike, of Oak Harbor; six grandchildren, Greg Bullman of Jesup, Ga., Patricia Smiley of Antioch, Calif., Bruce Cann of Clearlake, Wash., Daniel Cann of Sedro Woolley, Wash., Rodney Cann of Mt. Vernon, Wash., and Douglas Cann of Oak Harbor, Wash.; and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Carl, in 1964; one brother, Rudolf; and one sister, Elsie.

Funeral services will be held at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Libby on Saturday at 11 a.m. The Rev. Rudolph Bullman will officiate. Burial will follow at the City of Libby Cemetery.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Burley Funeral Chapel, Oak Harbor and Nelson-Vial Funeral Home in Libby.

Memorials can be made to the American Heart Association, 4414 Woodland Park Ave. N., Seattle, WA 98103.

## Sharon L. Bunyea, 66

Sharon L. Bunyea, 66, of Kalispell left this earth to be with her Lord and Savior on April 26, 2000.



She was born on July 8, 1933, in Kila, to Bert and Daisy Parkison. She attended Bible Baptist Church for 25 years and was a faithful Sunday school teacher for many of those years.

She married Vern W. Bunyea on June 7, 1957, and they lived happily together for 42 years. Together they raised four children. She chose not to work outside the home but to raise her family instead. She enjoyed reading her Bible, sewing, yard work, cooking, crafts and camping with her family.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Bert and Daisy, and two sisters, Donna Harp and Vaida Cole.

She is survived by her husband Vern; brothers, Dewey Parkison, Larry Parkison and his wife,

Shelly, of Kalispell; sister Jeanette Halverson and her husband, Ron, of Libby; her children, Rick Raybourn of Vicksburg, Miss., Steve Raybourn and his wife, Jolene, Joni Richards and her husband, Glenn, and Patty Bunyea, all of Kalispell; grandchildren, Lisa Shew and her husband, Jarrod, Trisha Eisinger and husband, Matt, Gracie Elliston, Trever Strolsch, Ashley Richards, Dustin and Daisy Berg, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Viewing will be from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Bible Baptist Church with the Rev. Nathan Bemis officiating. Interment will follow at Lonepine Cemetery in Bigfork.

In lieu of flowers, donations are requested to Bible Baptist Church in loving memory of Sharon Bunyea, P.O. Box 5432 Kalispell, MT 59901.

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



## Vincent D. 'Ben' Burkdoll, 86

Vincent D. "Ben" Burkdoll, 86, of Visalia, Calif., died Jan. 2, 2000, in Visalia.

He was born on Jan. 26, 1913, in San Dimas, Calif. He was raised in San Dimas and Exeter, Calif.

Early in his life he worked as a truck driver, then as a ship-fitter at Mare Island in Vallejo, Calif., for seven years. He then worked in the family trucking business, Silva/Miller of Napa, Calif., until 1949. He farmed in the Visalia area from 1949 until retirement.

He especially enjoyed hunting, fishing, gardening and traveling. His family was his greatest pride and enjoyment.

He was a member of the Visalia Elks for 45 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Martha Burkdoll; two brothers, Alfred and Louis Burkdoll; and a sister, Lucille Turner.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 61 years, Gertrude Burkdoll of Visalia; beloved daughters, Phyllis

McIntire of Visalia and Shirley Baer and her husband Larry of Bigfork; two sisters, Alice Burnett of Los Osos, Calif., and Joyce Brunson of Tulare, Calif.; seven grandchildren, Laura Wolfenstein of Bakersfield, Calif., Stephen McIntire of Visalia, Samuel Baer of Kalispell, John McIntire of San Diego, Carin Utterback of Helena, Susan McIntire of Visalia and Charles Baer of Pasadena, Calif.; and four great-grandchildren, James and Caitlin Wolfenstein of Bakersfield, Kira McIntire of San Diego and Lauren Utterback of Helena.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at the Evans-Miller Exeter Chapel in Exeter. Visitation will be at the chapel from 2-7 p.m., Wednesday.

Donations may be made to the American Heart Association, 1495 W. Shaw, Fresno, Calif., 93711 or to the donor's favorite charity.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Evans-Miller Exeter Chapel.

## Trent William Burke, 36

Trent William Burke, 36, of St. Regis, died July 23, 2000 in St. Patrick's Hospital in Missoula from injuries suffered in a diving accident July 14 in St. Regis. He was born August 1, 1963 in Denver.

He graduated from Columbia Falls High School in 1982. He was a veteran of the United States Navy. He was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran Faith.

He was an avid outdoorsman, enjoyed life, and lived it to the fullest. His favorite pastimes were hunting, fishing, hiking, and bull riding. In past years, he had worked as a horse trainer, farmer, and truck driver. At the time of his death, he was a logger in St. Regis.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandfather, William Burke of Moundsville, W. Va., and maternal grandmother, Lena Pulec of Franklin, Neb.

He is survived by his four daughters, Candice Leann Burke

of Akron, Ohio, Katie Lynn Hayes of Kalispell, Kaycee Grace Burke and Glenna Kay Burke of Columbia Falls; his parents, James and Ruth Burke of Columbia Falls; two brothers, Clint and wife Christa Burke of Lakeside, and James Burke Jr., of Columbia Falls; two sisters, Shannon and husband Dean Orcutt and Becky and husband Brendt Lynch of Holdrege, Neb.; maternal grandfather, Carl Pulec of Franklin, Neb.; paternal grandmother, Beryll Burke of Moundsville; and several aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

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

A service will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Columbia Falls with Rev. Terry Forke officiating. Burial will follow in Woodlawn Cemetery.

## Donald Gene Burnell, 67

Donald Gene Burnell, 67, of Clarkston, Wash., a computer researcher and teacher, died March 20, 2000, at Sacred Heart Medical Center in Spokane, of complications from heart surgery.



He was born Dec. 9, 1932, in Kalispell, to Arthur and Inez Burnell. He attended grade school in Kalispell and graduated from Flathead County High School. He served in the U. S. Army from 1952 to 1955.

He married Janice Lyonais on June 14, 1955, in Seattle.

He earned a bachelor's degree in mathematics at the University of California at Berkeley and master's and doctoral degrees in mathematics at the University of California at Davis.

In 1967, he and his wife moved their family to Pullman, Wash., where he taught and researched at Washington State University and the University of Idaho in computer information systems. He later spent six years teaching with Boston University's overseas program in Europe.

He moved to Clarkston, in 1993. His interests included fly fishing, reading, traveling, gardening, cooking and making bread.

Survivors in addition to his wife at the family home in Clarkston are three sons, Edward Burnell of Los Angeles, Kevin Burnell of Longview, Wash., and Tom Burnell of Federal Way, Wash.; two daughters, Suzanne Burnell and her husband, Dan Hughes, of Seattle and Catherine Burnell and her husband, Gary Craddock, of Albuquerque, N.M.; two brothers, Les Burnell of Capertino, Calif., and Harry Burnell of San Francisco; a sister, Lucille Graham of Kalispell; eight grandchildren, many nieces and nephews and other extended relatives.

He was loved by all, especially the little children that he took fishing, and will be missed by many.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Shirley Barrett.

A memorial service was held March 25, 2000 at Vassar-Rawls Funeral Home in Lewiston, Idaho.

The family suggests any memorial contributions by made in Burnell's name to the Tri-State Hospital Foundation in Clarkston or charity of the donor's choice.

## Perley Meserve Burnham, 98

Perley Meserve Burnham, 98, passed away on Oct. 12, 2000, at his home in Kalispell. He was born Oct. 19, 1901, in Portland, Maine to Charles Stewart and Esther Mary Meserve Burnham.

He graduated from Thorton Academy High School in Maine in 1919 and from George Washington University in Washington, D.C. He married Theresa F. Lyon in Springfield, Mass., on June 10, 1937. He worked for the U.S. Forest Service and later for the U.S. Department of Agriculture as a civil engineer. He retired in 1970 after 42 years of service. The Burnham family resided in Alexandria, Va., until his retirement, they moved permanently to Kalispell in

1975. He was a life-long golf enthusiast, first playing in 1923 at Sea Island, Ga. He continued to play golf until the age of 96.

He is survived locally by his loving wife of 63 years, Theresa Burnham; two daughters, Judith Burnham of Kalispell, and Mary Belle Olson and her husband Eric of Great Falls; a son, David Burnham of Whitefish; three grandchildren, five great-grandchildren; and a brother, Reuben Burnham of Boston, Mass.

Funeral services will be today at 12:10 p.m. at St. Matthew's Catholic Church. Burial will follow at Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

## Jerie 'Jake' Glen Burnside, 57

Jerie "Jake" Glen Burnside, 57, died June 30, 2000 in Kalispell.

He was born April 2, 1943 in Walkerton, Ind., the son of Glen R. and Mable M. Burnside.

The family moved to Montana when he was 5 years old. He attended schools in Trego and Kalispell. As a young man he competed in O-Mok-See rodeo events with his two brothers, Rex and Ray. They took many trophies and ribbons, along with a state championship title.

He married Betty Rae Simpson on June 30, 1961, and they had one

daughter, Roxanne. On August 28, 1965, he married Sandy Wilmoth, and they had four children, Ty, Travis, Shanna and Brandy. He married Elsie Hoptowit on Dec. 19, 1980. She has three children, Ray, Bobbi Jean and Becky Jo.

He loved all of his children and was very proud to be a grandfather.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brother Rex in 1968, and sister Fay in 1990.

He is survived by his wife Elsie Burnside of Kalispell; daughter Roxanne Kopec and family of Angola, N.Y., children Ty, Travis

and Shanna Burnside, all of Kingman, Ariz., and Brandy Burnside of Deming, N.M., step-children, Ray, Bobbi Jean, and Becky Jo Hoptowit; brother Ray Burnside of Thompson Falls; sisters Gay Rose of Harbor, Ore., Sue Nesten and Hazel Stefanatz of Kalispell; foster brother Bill Collier of Kalispell, 22 grandchildren and numerous other family members.

Graveside services will be Friday at Glacier Memorial Gardens at 2:30 p.m.

Johnson Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

## Henry 'Hank' J. Byrne, 101

With the passing of Henry "Hank" J. Byrne, Montana is much the poorer for he was not only a fine man, but a great historian.

A resident of Heritage Place, he passed away on Nov. 19, 2000, at the age of 101. He shared his stories with family, friends, strangers and anyone who cared enough to listen. Among his favorite audiences was a group of grade school children who came regularly to visit him.

He was born July 20, 1899, to William and Catherine Callahan Byrne, on their homestead just east of Cayuse Prairie School. His mother died when he was only two years old, so his oldest sister, Maggie Reimer, helped to raise him.

He was preceded in death by all of his siblings, his brother Jack, and four sisters, Maggie Reimer, Laura Plummer, Delores Strouse and Mary (who died at age 25); his wife of 60 years, Mary Koenig Byrne; his son, Dick, and grandson, Gary.

He is survived by his daughter, Lois Lyford, and husband Ron of Kalispell, and their children, Lori of Chandler, Ariz., and Larry and his wife, Beth, and family of El Cajon, Calif.; his daughter-in-law, Frances Byrne; her son Douglas Byrne and wife, Liz, and family of the Many Lakes area; Sandra Ramstead and husband John and family of Great Falls; Kathy Bolt and husband, Ed, of Kalispell; six great-grandchildren and three step-great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews, all of whom will miss him terribly.

He loved to make up rhymes and wrote them for special occasions, some were included in his book, "Views on Life in Montana," which also featured prose insights on how the Flathead used to be. When the movie crew from "Heaven's Gate," advertised for teamsters, he applied, but instead of driving horses he was cast as head butler.

He loved to sing and especially enjoyed yodeling. He continued to teach anyone who wanted to learn



to yodel until well after his last birthday. He worked at ranching and trading horses as a young man. Later he was a logger for the J. Neils Lumber Company, a carpenter at Hungry Horse Dam, school bus driver for over 30 years into both Kalispell and Columbia Falls, and during that time, became an excellent body and fender man for the Chevrolet garage. Before he went back to farming and ranching, he served as custodian at First National Bank and several schools: Russell, Cornelius Hedges and the new junior high.

After his wife, Mary, died in 1988, he rented his ranch and lived with his daughter Lois and her husband for two years. He then decided to sell his ranch (now the Crossroads Golf Course), in order to live at Buffalo Hill Terrace where he could walk safely in the halls. He was very happy there in the beginning. After a short stay in the hospital, he chose to move to Heritage Place and resided there the past several years.

He didn't get beyond his sophomore year in high school and yet he was wise. He didn't have training as a comedian, yet he made people laugh with his wonderful wit. He never made it a policy to write up contracts when a verbal agreement was made, for his word was his bond. Those who wish to honor him might do so by giving thanks for lovely sunsets, helping people whenever needed and laughing as often as possible.

Memorials to St. Matthew's School Fund, Hospice, Heifer International, Habitat for Humanity, or Heritage Place would be appropriate, as would any charity that helps young people such as Katie Craig.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. until noon on Friday at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Mass of Christian burial will be at 2 p.m. on Friday at St. Matthew's Catholic Church. Rev. Vic Langhans will serve as officiant. Interment will follow Mass at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

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