

Betty Francis Guay Fabian, 76

Betty Francis Guay Fabian, 76, a lifelong homemaker, died of natural causes Thursday, March 2, 2000, at her home in Great Falls.

She was born April 18, 1923, in Whitefish, and attended schools there.

In 1941 she married Perley Wasson; he died in 1947. In 1948, she married Lewis Larter and they divorced in 1974. In 1989, she married Joseph Fabian; he died in 1994.

She enjoyed crossword puzzles, stitch work, and was a supporter of the Humane Society.

Survivors include a daughter Joan Roberts of Annapolis, Md.; two sons, David Wasson of Kingman Ariz., and John Wasson of Kennewick, Wash.; a brother, Frank Guay of Kalispell; seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial services were held March 6 in Great Falls.

Memorials are suggested to the Humane Society/Animal Shelter, 1010 25th Ave. N.E., Great Falls, MT 59404.

John Charles Nolan Favel, 23

John Charles Nolan Favel, 23, died April 25, 2000, in St. George, Utah as the result of a rafting accident and his successful attempt to rescue a companion.

He is preceded in death by his grandfather, Percy Favel.

He is survived by his father, Harold Monteau of Kalispell, and his mother, Laurie Favel of Polson; his grandmother,

and numerous family members from the Rocky Boy reservation.

Holland and Bonnine Funeral Home in Havre is in charge of funeral arrangements. There will be a wake at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Box Elder today at 7 p.m. A funeral mass will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, followed by interment at the Rocky Boy Cemetery.

Dick Felstet, 60

Dick Felstet, 60, died Nov. 25, 2000, of a heart attack at his home in Wagon West RV Park in Brenda, Ariz. He was born on May 20, 1940, in Bigfork, Minn., to Ray and Kathryn Felstet. He was educated in Superior and served in the U.S. Army. He married Emilie "Em" Riefflin on June 30, 1961. Together they raised two daughters. They took up residence in the Superior and Lolo areas before moving to Columbia Falls in 1978. He worked for Plum Creek for several years until he had to retire because of a permanent injury to his leg. He was an avid hunter and fisherman; the family never went a summer without a big fish fry. He also loved camping and boating and spending time in the great out-



doors. He also grew to love the game of golf, and while wintering in Arizona there was never a day he wasn't burning up the greens on the Wagon West Golf Course.

He was preceded in death by his father, Ray Felstet, and brother Don Felstet.

Survivors include his wife, Em Felstet; mother Kathryn Felstet of Missoula; three sisters, Rita Goodman and Lorna Parks of Missoula, Sonie Guttu of John Day, Ore.; two daughters, Ronda Sorenson and her husband Austin, Brenda Felstet and her fiance Pat McCully; five very special grandchildren, Brandi and Brittany Shero, Ashlee Sorenson, and Meagann and Matthew Longfield, all of Kalispell; and numerous nieces, nephews, and many dear and close friends.

Cremation took place in Arizona. A memorial service will be held Friday at 1 p.m. at the Columbia Falls Community Center.

Mary Lou Worden Felton,

Mary Lou Worden Felton, 57, died June 28, 2000, in the loving presence of her children at Evergreen Care Facility in Missoula.

She was born May 31, 1943, to Henry and Frances Worden in Missoula, where she lived until moving to the Flathead Valley in 1967.

She raised her family in the Flathead Valley until a near fatal car accident in 1983, which left her a convalescent requiring assisted living. After the accident, she was moved back to Missoula to be near her family where she lived the remainder of her life.

She had an incredible talent for making friends regardless of the challenges that she faced.

Her family wishes to extend their appreciation to the numerous people who volunteered to spend time with her during her stay at Evergreen. They also wish to recognize and thank the staff at Evergreen who befriended her and cared for her for nearly a third of her life. She found comfort and friendship in visiting with Dr. Michael Marks of Missoula, for which the family is also incredibly grateful.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

She is survived by her son, Mike and daughter-in-law, Cheryl Lynn Felton; daughter Lisa and son-in-law, Mike Helean; five beautiful grandchildren, Jared, 14, Taylor, 5, Morgan, 4, Chad, 2, and Nathan, 2; a brother, George and sister-in-law, Belva Worden; sister Joyce and brother-in-law, Bob Giffin; and brother Edward and sister-in-law, Betty Worden; several nieces and nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

Mass of the Resurrection will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church with the Rev. Kevin Clarke, S.J. as celebrant. A celebration of her life will be held following the mass in the Reidy Room of the church. Interment of the urn will take place at St. Mary's Cemetery following the reception. Friends and family are welcome to attend.

The family wishes that memorial contributions in her memory be sent to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, 6931 Arlington Road, Bethesda, MD 20814 or Hospice of Missoula, 500 N. Higgins, Missoula, MT 59802.

Arrangements are with the Malletta Family of Funeral Homes, Squire Chapel, 3035 S. Russell.

Gary Gene 'Curly' Fend, 54

Gary Gene "Curly" Fend, 54, of Woods Bay, died on Jan. 20, 2000, at his home of natural causes.

He was born Sept. 24, 1945, in Deadwood, S.D., to Clifford and Dolly Hart Fend. He attended schools in Belle Fouche, S.D., and Keizer and Gervais, Ore.

He worked as a sheetrocker in Salem, Ore., and eventually brought his trade to Montana. He moved to the Flathead Valley in the early 1980s, and continued his sheetrock work in the Mission and Flathead valleys. He also worked as a farm laborer in the Mission Valley.

He lived in Charlo, Ronan, Polson and eventually moved to Woods Bay.

He became a fishing guide and was well known for his professional guiding on Flathead Lake. He loved to fish! He also liked to bowl and was once in a league in Bigfork.

He was preceded in death by his

parents, two brothers, Tom and an infant brother, and two sisters, Karen McDowell and an infant sister.

Survivors include two sons, Larry and Jerry Fend, and his spouse, Donna Gentrup, all of Salem, Ore.; a granddaughter, Jamie Marie Gentrup-Fend of Salem; a stepson, Billy Lannigan and his wife, Jennie, in Salem, and their daughter Kyrsta Reigh Lannigan; a sister, Rose Harrington and husband, Marvin, of Charlo; a brother, Dan Fend and wife, Sally, of Apache Junction, Ariz.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Cremation has taken place. A celebration of his life will begin at 6 p.m. Monday at the Sitting Duck in Woods Bay.

Cremation and arrangements were by the Grogan Funeral Home and Crematory in Polson.

John E. Ferguson, 73

John E. Ferguson, 73, of Eureka, died Sept. 23, 2000, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

He was born on March 20, 1927, at Pomp, West Liberty, Ky., to John Emmett Ferguson and Allie Fugett Ferguson. He served in the Navy during World War II and later served in the Army from 1947 to 1950.

He married Phyllis Jean Haselau on July 22, 1950 in West Liberty.

He worked as a finish carpenter and later as a construction carpenter on projects throughout the United States and Alaska.

Survivors include his wife

Phyllis; six sons including Timothy and his wife, Melinda, Thomas, and William and his wife, Kerri, all of Eureka; five daughters, including Karen Whitlock and her husband, DeLoy, of Eureka; a brother; two sisters; 29 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by four grandchildren, four brothers and two sisters.

Services will be Saturday at 1 p.m. at the Nelson and Vial Funeral Home Chapel in Eureka, interment with military honors will be in Tobacco Valley Cemetery. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to service time on Saturday.

Mathew Mark 'Matt' Ferkovich, 61

Mathew Mark "Matt" Ferkovich, 61, of Whitefish, died of a stroke, at St. Patrick's Hospital in Missoula on Sept. 5, 2000.

He was born at home on March 13, 1939 in Hysham, the son of Joseph T. and Ella Bublich Ferkovich. After graduating from Hysham High School in 1957, he attended college at Mount San Antonio in Walnut, Calif., from 1957 to 1960. He graduated from the School of Pharmacy in Missoula in June 1964.

He moved to Pomona, Calif. to work for the Hamilton Drug Stores. In May 1965, he moved to Mammoth Lakes, Calif. to own and operate his first drug store. He also built and owned a laundromat and other commercial rentals.

In 1976, he sold his home and businesses and moved back to Montana, to Bigfork. He moved to Whitefish when he bought a pharmacy, renaming it Matt's Pharma-



cy. He sold his pharmacy to Safeway Food and Drug in June 1995, and worked there as manager and head pharmacist. After his eyesight deteriorated, he retired in November 1997.

He and Sandra Norton were married in June 1969 at Mammoth Lakes. Together they had two children, Mathew and Markell Kelly. He and Sandra were divorced in 1979.

He missed very few University of Montana Grizzly football games. He took great pleasure in cooking and baking and sharing his culinary creations with his many friends and neighbors. He enjoyed train and railroad history and was an avid collector of toy trains. Bringing great joy to his life were his beloved pets Zorro, Paco, Kitty and Milo. He and his son, Mathew, also spent many camping and fishing trips together.

He is survived by his friend and companion, Bonnie Nelson; his children; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Emil and Sharon of Ocean-side, Calif., Jim and Shelley of Woodland, Calif.; sister, Katherine

DeMars of Colorado Springs, Colo.; sister and brother-in-law, Theresa and Marvin Dodds, of Victoria, British Columbia; sister-in-law, Marie Ferkovich, of Missoula; special nephew, Chris Nadeau, of Salem, Ore.; exchange students, Goran, Milena, and Sanja Micanovic of Bosnia; numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers, Joseph Leonard, and Joseph M.

"We will all miss your radiant smile, quick wit and your great sense of humor."

A memorial service will be held at St. Charles Catholic Church, 230 Baker Ave., Whitefish, on Monday at 11 a.m. with the Rev. Charles Roman officiating. Private inurnment will be in the Forsyth Cemetery at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to the Whitefish Library or to a charity of the donor's choice. Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Garden City Funeral Home and Chapel in Missoula.

Joyce M. Fielding, 83

Joyce M. Fielding, age 83, passed away Aug. 16, 2000, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

She was born Feb. 25, 1917, to George and Coila F. Scharf Flint. She was a graduate of Flathead County High School in Kalispell, and after graduating, entered into nurse's training at the Sacred Heart Clinic in Havre.

She met George Fielding while there and married him in Glasgow. They moved to Kalispell in the early 1930s. In 1960, they moved to Phoenix, where they owned and operated an apartment court for 10 years. George preceded her in death in 1970.

Her hobbies included handiwork, playing cards at Buffalo Hills Terrace and time spent with

her nephew Dick. She moved to Buffalo Hills Terrace in 1990.

She was a member of the Presbyterian Church. Her last move was to Immanuel Lutheran Home in June 2000.

She loved to take cruises, mostly to Hawaii, Alaska, and Mexico.

She is survived by sister, Cleo Neifert of Kalispell; nephews, Richard and his wife, Kitty Neifert, of Whitefish, and Dan and his wife, Jessie Neifert, of Dallas, Texas.

Disposition was by cremation. No funeral services will be held. Memorial contributions may be made in Joyce's name to the Flathead Humane Society.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Annie Fishel, 95

Annie Fishel, 95, a longtime Flathead Valley resident, passed away Friday, May 5, 2000, at Brendan House in Kalispell, of natural causes.

She was born Oct. 3, 1904, in Bonners Ferry, Idaho, the daughter of John and Sophia Casanova.

She married Marion Fishel on July 3, 1923, and he preceded her in death in March 1969. To this union were born 10 children.

She was also preceded in death by a grandson, Gary Jackman, in 1974.

She enjoyed drawing, gardening, flowers, walking and farming. Survivors include five sons, Robert Fishel of Kalispell, James

Fishel of Hemet, Calif., William Fishel of Waitsburgh, Wash., Kenneth Fishel of Kila, Donald Fishel of Lebanon, Ore.; five daughters, Marie DeVall of Kalispell, Lucille Stacey of Great Falls, Reba Jo Rocks of Portland, Helen Jackman of Kalispell, Carol Brady of Norman, Okla.; and by many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren, all who loved her dearly.

Visitation will be 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Tuesday at the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish. Burial with graveside rites will be 12 p.m. Tuesday at the Whitefish Cemetery with the Rev. Jim Davey officiating.

Edna C. Fisher, 97

Edna C. Fisher, 97, a lifelong Flathead Valley resident, passed away Aug. 20, 2000, at the Colonial Manor nursing home in Whitefish of natural causes.

She was born on Nov. 9, 1902, in Kalispell, the daughter of Fred and Cora Null, and lived in the Flathead all of her life, except for six years at Big Arm. She attended high school in Polson and Kalispell.

A highlight of her life was to go

for a car ride to see Flathead Lake, which she loved dearly.

She was preceded in death by her parents in 1963, her husband, Guy, in 1967, an infant brother, Russel, a brother, Finley, in 1957, and a grandson, Harley, in 1981.

She is survived by three daughters, Dolly Sproul in Kalispell, Elaine Luke and Betty Stevens, both of Whitefish; a son, Virgil Fisher, also of Whitefish; 10 grand-

children, 16 great-grandchildren and nine great-great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 2-8 p.m. on Wednesday at Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish. Graveside funeral services will be at 2 p.m. on Thursday at the Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Kalispell with Revs. David V. Kauffman and Fred Krause officiating.

Memorials can be made to the Whitefish Christian Church.

Lt. Col. Lyle Melvin Flaskerud, 75

Lt. Col. Lyle Melvin Flaskerud, 75, passed away Nov. 25, 2000, at the Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell. He was born June 16, 1925, in La Porte City, Iowa, to Melvin Lawrence and Thelma Teeter Flaskerud.

He received his early education in Iowa graduating from high school before serving his country as a bomber pilot during World War II.

Upon returning from the war, he attended the University of Iowa as well as the University of Tennessee graduating with his bachelor's degree.

He met and married Marcella Sauter Hoepfner in Lubbock, Texas, on Sept. 15, 1951.

He rejoined the military, attending pilot's training at Reese Air Force Base. He became a member of the Strategic Air Command flying both B29's and B47's. He worked his way through the ranks and at his retirement was the Chief of the Air Force, Transportation Systems Division, at the Pentagon. He was awarded several medals including the Air Force Commendation Medal and the

Bronze Star.

After his retirement, he enjoyed traveling the country with his wife and fishing. He also enjoyed making wooden toys.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Marcella, in October of this year, his parents, and one brother.

He is survived by one sister, Mary Jane Stanhope and husband Fay of Janesville, Iowa; and two brothers, Russell Flaskerud of Waterloo, Iowa, and Donald Flaskerud of Aurora, Colo.

Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery with Rev. Tim Bartholomew of the Stillwater Free Lutheran Church officiating. Military honors will be by the United Veterans of the Flathead. Visitation will be on Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary.

The family suggests memorial gifts be given to the American Lung Association of Montana, 825 Helena Ave., Helena, MT 59601.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Marcella J. Flaskerud, 72

Marcella J. Flaskerud, 72, passed away on Oct. 24, 2000, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

She was born on June 24, 1928, in Cherokee, Iowa, to Walter and Lilly Oak Hoepfner. She was raised in Cherokee, where she attended schools, graduating from Cherokee High School in 1946.

She married Lyle Flaskerud on Sept. 15, 1951, in Lubbock, Texas, at the Reese Air Force base chapel. They were stationed numerous places over the next few years until he retired from the Air Force.

She was a true outdoors person, she loved fishing, golfing and traveling. They spent seven years as full-time RVer's, traveling the country according to the seasons.



She had been a Red Cross volunteer, a member of the officers clubs at several bases, and was county chairwoman of the Grey Ladies in Ada County, Idaho.

She was preceded in death by her father, mother, and one brother.

She is survived by her husband, Lt. Col. Lyle Flaskerud, retired, of Kalispell; brothers, Elmer and Richard Hoepfner of Cherokee, Iowa, Douglas Hoepfner of Storm Lake, Iowa, and Bob Hoepfner of Des Moines, Iowa; sisters, Bernice Geringer of Omaha, Neb., Eleanor Paschal of Cherokee, Deloa Pickett of Cherokee, and Janice Smith of Sioux Falls, S. D.; numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be Friday from 3 to 8 p.m. at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Fort Harrison Cemetery.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Victor 'Vic' M. Flatt, 75

Victor "Vic" M. Flatt, 75, passed away at St. Peter's Hospital April 7, 2000, after a life-long battle with lung disease.

He was born in the Flathead Valley Oct. 13, 1924, to Alfred and Rosalie Schaller Flatt where he resided until moving to Helena in 1956. He attended schools in the Columbia Falls and Kalispell areas, graduating from Flathead County High School in 1944.

On June 3, 1950, in Columbia Falls, he married Josephine McGowan of the Helena valley.

He worked in the wood products industry in the Flathead area until his move to Helena. In Helena, he worked at Allen Electric for 32 years until his retirement in 1988. He was a 30-year member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

After retiring, his energy turned to wood working, making

various styles of beautiful furniture and wood pieces for his family and friends. He also had a life-long love for the outdoors where he loved to hunt and fish.

He is survived by his loving wife of almost 50 years, Jo; his son and daughter-in-law, John and Linda Flatt; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother Arthur Flatt; and sister, Alice Harrington.

A funeral mass is scheduled for Tuesday at 10 a.m. from the Cathedral of St. Helena.

In lieu of flowers the family wishes contributions to be sent to the donor's favorite charity in Vic's name.

Retz Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

George E. Fleming, 82

George E. Fleming, 82, of Columbia Falls and formerly of Rexford, died Aug. 19, 2000, at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls. He was born Feb. 17, 1918, in Gateway, Mont., the son of Arthur J. and Francis (Thompson) Fleming. George graduated from Lincoln County High School in Eureka and joined the army shortly thereafter. He came back to Rexford in the mid-1950s where he lived until the late 1970s working as a sawyer in the timber industry.

George was the last of his immediate family as his last brother, Eugene Fleming, preceded him in death earlier this month. George also was preceded in death by his parents

and bothers Morris, Lester, Stanley and infant brother, Arthur. He also was preceded in death by one sister Josephine Gray.

He is survived by his nieces Deb Strohmyer of Dillon, Marilyn Lockwood of Bellview, Wash., Shelley Warner of Grand Junction, Colo.; and three nephews, Brian Gray of Kelseyville, Calif., Bob Fleming of Kalispell and Jim Fleming of Eureka.

Graveside services will be conducted at 10 a.m. Wed., Aug. 23, 2000, at the Veterans Home Cemetery of Columbia Falls with Pastor Darrell Newby presiding. Columbia Mortuary of Columbia Falls is in charge of arrangements.

Jean L. Fonger, 77

Jean L. Fonger, 77, of Columbia Falls, died Aug. 26, 2000, at the North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

She was born Aug. 13, 1923, in Genevieve, Mont. The daughter of Clair and Laura L. Harden Duncan, she was raised on the family ranch. She attended Hinsdale High and was captain of her basketball team, graduating in 1941.

She served her country in World War II when she worked in Seattle at Boeing in the role of "Rosie the Riveter" during the mid-40s. On Jan. 24, 1946, she married Dallas L. Fonger in Glasgow. They moved to the Flathead area in 1962, where they owned and operated the Deerlick Cafe in Martin City for the next 10 years. They were married for 31 years until his



death in 1977.

She was a life member of the V.F.W. Auxiliary.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Dallas, and by her father and mother, Clair and Laura Duncan.

She is survived by daughters, Lorelie Schreckendgust and husband, Chuck, of Superior, Jordice Dudley and husband, Ray, of Kalispell, Durinda Steinmetz and husband, Cliff, and Cindy Hagen and husband, Mark, all of Columbia Falls; six sisters; 10 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

She will be best remembered for her loving, caring nature and her devotion to her family and friends.

Graveside committal services will be conducted on Saturday at 1 p.m. at the Woodlawn Cemetery of Columbia Falls with the Rev. David Jones presiding.

Columbia Mortuary is in charge of local arrangements.

James C. Foot, 71

James C. Foot, 71, of Columbia Falls, passed away on March 29, 2000, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

He was born on Sept. 19, 1928, in Kalispell, to Harold and Margery Foot. He was raised in his early years in Big Draw and later in Somers, where the family home still stands.

True to his Montana heritage, he loved the land. He rejoiced when the hay crop was good and winced when the hail threatened. He raised an abundant garden, often yielding so much produce that the root cellar and the freezer were full long before the harvest was complete. He also loved animals including some really ugly barn cats and dim-witted dachshunds.

He and his wife Margreate worked very hard to provide for their family. He instilled in his children confidence in their individual abilities, softened by the need for humility. He taught his children to stand up for themselves but to respect the opinions of others. He challenged his children to be critical in their thought process while recognizing the humor in life. He expected his children to do their best and to enjoy the process of excelling. He required that his children be able to drive a stick shift and change a tire before allowing them to get a

driver's license.

He took great pride in his military service. He served his country honorably during two years of duty, first in the occupation armed forces in Japan following World War II, and then in the Korean Conflict. He received a bronze star in 1953.

He is survived by his wife, Margreate L. Foot, of Columbia Falls; their six children, John, his wife, Cindy, and their children, Andrea and Garrett of Kalispell, Kathy Gallagher, her husband, Randy, and their sons, David and Jacob, of Lisbon, N.D., Kristine Williams, her husband, Dirk, and their sons, Samuel, Cale and Guy of Missoula, Harold, his wife, Laurie, and Jamie, all of Long Beach, Calif., Eric of Missoula; his sister and treasured pen pal, Margery Jean Foot, of Great Falls.

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

In honor of his request for no public funeral services, the family intends to congregate at a later date to celebrate his life and scatter his ashes.

His family asks that memorial contributions be made in his name to the charity of the donor's choice.

Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is in charge of the arrangements.

John Jacob 'Jake' Foot, 45

John Jacob "Jake" Foot, 45, passed away on July 11, 2000, of natural causes while out jogging with his daughter and friends, something he truly loved to do.



He was born on Jan. 15, 1955, in Kalispell. He was raised in the Flathead Valley, graduating from Columbia Falls High School in 1973.

He enlisted in the Army in September of 1976. He got out of the Army in September of 1979.

He married Cindy McNitzky in El Paso, Texas, on July 21, 1979. They moved back to the Flathead Valley in September of 1979.

He had worked at Plum Creek in Columbia Falls plywood plant for the past 25 years.

He was an avid outdoorsman, who loved running, fishing, riding his bike especially with his family. He was a true family man, who dearly loved going on family vacations, and doing things with his

family. He was a member of the F.I.T. Track club. He was preceded in death this past March by his father.

He is survived by his wife Cindy of Kalispell; a daughter, Andrea, of Kalispell; and a son, Garrett, of Kalispell; his mother, Marge Foot of Columbia Falls; three sisters, Kathy Gallagher of North Dakota, Kris Foot of Missoula, Jamie Foot of California; two brothers, Harold Foot of California and Eric Foot of Missoula; father and mother-in-law Bill and Nelda McNitzky of Kalispell; numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and sisters-in-law.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at Faith Free Lutheran Church with the Rev. Ken Mottram officiating. Urn burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

The family has requested memorials in his name be given to the Flathead High School Cross Country Team in care of Paul Jorgensen.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Glenn Kenneth Ford, 42

Glenn Kenneth Ford, 42, passed away on July 1, 2000 at his home in Kalispell.

He was born on May 22, 1958 in Newberg, N. Y., to Kenneth and Helen Hunter Ford. He attended school in Lenore, Calif., where he graduated from Lenore Union High School in 1976. He worked for Hanford High School in the maintenance department or several years before moving to Kalispell in 1980.

He worked for Semitool for seven years, then was employed by Flathead Valley Community College as a physical plant operator for the last 10 years. He will be remembered for his big smile and his wonderful ability to tell interesting stories. He loved hunting, fishing, training and riding horses.

He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Zeb Ford.

He is survived by his wife, Pam, of Kalispell; step-children, Justin Harriman, Tony Reynolds and Jerry Reynolds; his father and mother,

Ken and Helen Ford of Lenore; sister Karen Wheat of Carmello, Calif., brother Mark Ford of Lincoln, Ark.; grandmother Evelyn Ford of Lincoln, Ark.; special nieces and nephews William Wheat, Jennifer Dana and Brandon Ford, and other nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements and cremation.

Archie A. Forman, 91

Archie A. Forman, 91, of Polson passed away on June 19, 2000 at St. Luke Extended Care Facility in Ronan from natural causes.

He was born on Feb. 15, 1909 in Kalispell to William and Dora Forman.

He grew up and attended school in Irvine Flats near Polson.

He married Lorna Wemple on March 25, 1933 in Polson.

He farmed in Valley View near Polson until he retired in 1967.

They moved to their home near Rollins on Flathead Lake. They continued to live there for about 20 years and eventually moved back to Polson.

He was active in the Rollins Volunteer Fire Dept., where he was a former fire chief. He was also instrumental in helping start the Polson Rural Fire District. He also liked to fish.

He is preceded in death by his

wife Lorna in July of 1997, one son, Donald, four sisters and one brother.

He is survived by five children, Archie E. Forman and his wife Barbara of Ronan, Tom Forman of Polson, Linda Richwine of Portland, Ore., Lorna Fox and her husband of Edward of White Sulphur Springs, Nancy Ebel and her husband dour of Florence; 15 grandchildren, 37 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held today at 11 a.m. at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Polson with Rev. John Olson officiating. In lieu of flowers, the family suggest memorials be made to the St. Luke Extended Care Facility of Ronan.

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

Tami Jo Francis Fortin, 38

Tami Jo Francis Fortin, 38, of Coram, died Friday, Dec. 22, 2000, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center after a brief but courageous battle with cancer.

Tami was born Dec. 30, 1961, in Havre to James and Barbara Francis. She received her education in Havre and Livingston.

In 1981, she married David Mofitt in Livingston. They had one daughter, Nicole. They later were divorced.

She then moved to the Flathead where she was employed in the motel industry. In 1984, she moved to Coram where she lived with her husband, David, until the time of her death.

She loved camping and her animals, and was an avid fisherman. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

She is preceded in death by her mother in 1985.

She is survived by her husband, David, at the family home in Coram; her daughter, Nicole Francis of Billings; her father and stepmother, Jim and Patty Francis of Newport, Wash.; her brothers, Donnie Francis and family of North Spokane, Wash., and T.S. Francis of Salt Lake City, Utah; a stepdaughter, Elicia Allen Fortin of Sacramento, Calif.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A funeral service will be held Wednesday, Dec. 27, at 10 a.m. in the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

The Rev. Patrick Pierce will officiate. Burial will follow in Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls. The casket will not be open for viewing.

Lois Muriel Fowlkes, 78

22 April 2000

Lois Muriel Fowlkes, age 78, died Saturday at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish. She was born June 24, 1922, in Vigo County, Indiana, to Harry and Mabel Kester.

Fowlkes was preceded in death by her husband, Hurdis,

and four brothers. She is survived by her daughter, Wanda Craig of Columbia Falls, and a sister, Iva Kester.

Graveside services for Fowlkes will be held Monday at 3 p.m. at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Thelma Bjerneby Fox, 89

Thelma Bjerneby Fox, 89, died on Aug. 18, 2000, in Selinas, Calif.

She was born March 17, 1911 to Elliott and Clara Bjerneby.

She is survived by one son; and a sister-in-law, Agnes

Bjerneby of Kalispell.

Graveside services were held in August at Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Donald Forrest Francis, 84

Donald Forrest Francis, 84, passed away May 20, 2000 at his home in Kalispell. He was born July 6, 1915 to John and Olive Miller Weeks in Brainerd, Minn.



Due to the death of his parents, he was adopted Sept. 6, 1916 by James Guy Francis and Florence Minne Warren in Bay Lake, Minn. He was the youngest of five children each adopted into separate families. His three brothers and one sister preceded him in death. His wife Clara, the mother of his children, preceded him in death in 1988.

In 1917, he moved to Zortman where his parents homesteaded. He worked construction in the Ruby Gulch mine in Zortman and as a cowhand on the Matador Ranch. He worked as a rigging foreman for Sound Construction in Bremerton, Wash., from 1941-42 and there enlisted in the Navy. He was stationed in the Pacific islands building air strips as a member of the SeeBees. After being honorably discharged in 1946 he worked for the Sandall Construction Company until 1959 when he started his own construction company in the Chinook area where he did a little ranching as well. He was the general contractor for the Paradise Dam on the Milk River and built many of the U.S. Immigration office buildings

at the border crossings at Del Beneto and Morgan.

Some of his favorite pastimes were fishing and camping with his friends at Lake Kookanusu, playing cards and watching rodeo. He was a lifetime member of the VFW and the American Legion and the Eagles Club. His wit and sense of humor will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

He is survived by his wife, Doris at the family home in Kalispell; his three children, James Francis and wife Patty of Newport, Wash., Michael Francis and wife Lynn of Fairbanks, Alaska, and daughter Ruby Alice Hornbeck and husband David of Salt Lake City, Utah; several grand children and great-grandchildren; three stepchildren, Mark Hoppal and wife Jeri of Denver, Colo., Lori Lanfear and husband Bob, and Coleen Michael and husband David, all of Kalispell; and four step-grandsons.

Memorial services will be held on Friday at 2 p.m. at the Johnson Mortuary with Chrysta Bourne of the Shining Mountain Church officiating. Military honors will be by the United Veterans of the Flathead. The family suggest memorial gifts be given to the Home Options Hospice; 1280 Burns Way, Kalispell, MT 59901 or to the Eagles Club of Kalispell.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Justin Daniel Francis, 17

Justin Daniel Francis, age 17, was fatally injured on Wednesday, July 12, 2000, in an automobile accident in Seattle, Wash., where he was visiting and working with his father. Justin was born on Dec. 9, 1982, at Kalispell Regional Hospital to Ray D. and Bonnie (Gross) Francis.



He grew up on a farm in Somers, Mont., with his mother, step-father Dick Riedel, and his sister, Melanie Francis. He attended Somers School, Kalispell Junior High, and was a member of the class of 2001 at Flathead High School. He was residing at the

Lower Valley farm with Dick Riedel at the time of his death.

Justin was a very complex and beautiful person. Whether he was helping his mother at her Better Homes and Gardens real estate office, traveling and working with his father in Seattle, helping Dick out on the farm, or teaching his sister how to play pool, he never lost his charm. He loved life with an astonishing intensity and rarely took friends, family, a sunny day or fresh powder on Big Mountain for granted. He enjoyed downhill skiing, riding dirt bikes, working with computers or shooting a challenging game of pool with his friends. Everyone that knew Justin will miss his sincerity, generosity and playful sarcasm. We will cherish his memory, and

its light will never forsake us.

Justin is survived by the following: his mother, Bonnie Riedel of Lakeside; fathers, Ray Francis of Renton, Wash., and Richard Riedel of Kalispell; a sister, Melanie Francis of Kalispell; grandparents, Joyce and Pete Reichenbach of Kalispell; aunts and uncles, Wanda and Lloyd Galloway of Superior, Mont.; Rick and Holly Gross and Bill and Lois Gross, all of Columbia Falls, Gene and Rhonda Gross of Bigfork; and numerous extended family in Utah.

Funeral services for Justin Daniel Francis will be held Tuesday, July 18, 2000, at 10 a.m. at the Lakeside Chapel in Lakeside. Cremation will follow. Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Anna Franz, 100

Anna Franz, 100, passed away Nov. 5, 2000, at Prestige Assisted Living in Kalispell. She was born July 20, 1900, on the Island of Rugen, Germany to Carl and August Schmidt Timm.



She married Walter Franz in Germany on Oct. 14, 1922. In 1923, they emigrated to the United States and the Flathead Valley with her parents, sister, and brother.

She was baptized in the Lutheran faith on July 29, 1900, and confirmed on April 5, 1914. She had been a member of Trinity Lutheran Church for the past 77 years and was active in Ladies Aid. She most recently resided at Prestige Assisted Living in Kalispell.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Walter, daughter Elfriede Knutson, sons-in-law Clarence F. Knutson and Neils O. "Joe" Sliter, parents, siblings, and a great-

granddaughter, Susan Marie.

She is survived by daughters; Louise and husband Noel Furlong of Kalispell, and Ruth Sliter of Bigfork; nine grandchildren, Laurie Schmidt, of Chadron, Neb., Mark Furlong of Columbia Falls, Brian Furlong of Auburn, Calif., Judy Buckmaster of Duvall, Wash., Michael Furlong of Wilmington, Mass., Su Ann Dalton of Bigfork, Bobbi Wolstein of Woods Bay, Jan Boon of Somers, and Clarence Knutson of Kalispell; 22 great-grandchildren, one brother-in-law, Werner Franz, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church with Rev. Darold Reiner officiating. Private family burial will precede the services at Conrad Cemetery. Visitation will be on today from noon until 6 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary.

Memorial contributions may be made to Trinity Lutheran Church, 400 W. California St., Kalispell, MT 59901.

Theresa M. Franz, 92

Theresa M. Franz, 92, died Friday, March 10, 2000, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

She was born on April 28, 1907, in the Pine Grove area north of Kalispell, to

William and Anna Elizabeth Westermann Wachsmuth.

She attended the Pine Grove and Helena Flats grade schools. She graduated from Flathead County High School in 1926, with Normal school training for teaching. She continued her education at Northern Montana College in Havre.

She married Werner Franz in Kalispell on June 6, 1931. They have celebrated 68 years in a loving marriage.

She taught school for 33 years. Prior to her marriage, she taught at Prairie View and Half Moon schools. In 1945, she returned to teaching and taught in the primary grades at Evergreen School for 12 years and at Batavia School for 16 years. She retired in 1972. She was a gifted teacher and touched many young lives with her interest and affection.

She enjoyed music and sang solos for church and school events. She was a member of the Kalispell music club and served as president for a number of years. She was a volunteer for the Community Concert since its beginning in 1939, and sold memberships for some 45 years.

She was baptized and confirmed at Trinity Lutheran Church where she was a life-time member. She



taught Sunday School and was active in Ladies Aid; Ruth Circle; and Thimble Club. She enjoyed traveling with Werner to Lutheran Laymen's League conventions throughout the country.

She had a talent for hand work and crocheted many beautiful doilies and afghans for family and friends.

Her family was important to her and her grandchildren and great-grandchildren were especially cherished. She was a loving, caring person and will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, William Wachsmuth, and a sister, Martha Wilks.

For the past year, she and her husband have made their home at Prestige Assisted Living where her husband now survives her. She is also survived by two daughters, Dorothy Lea of San Diego, Calif., and Theresa Welty and her husband, Floyd, of Kalispell; also eight grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren, and a number of nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be at Trinity Lutheran Church at 2 p.m. on Monday, with the Rev. Darold Reiner officiating. Burial will follow at Trinity Lutheran Cemetery. Visitation will be Saturday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel.

The family suggests memorials be made in her name to Trinity Lutheran Church or School, 400 West California, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Gustav 'Gus' Frank, 94

Gustav "Gus" Frank, 94, passed away April 17, 2000, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

He was born Oct. 13, 1905, to Franz Joseph and Anna Stark Frank in Rodalben, Germany. He moved to the United States with two of his brothers in 1923. They moved to North Dakota and later to Chester.

While in Chester, he met his future bride, Helen Marie Peters, and they were married on June 20, 1946, in Shelby.

In 1950, they relocated to the Mountain Brook area where he farmed until 1988, when his son took over the daily operations. He sold eggs and cream to local distributors, hired himself out in the fall for harvesting grain, and also cut and sold trees and boughs to private contractors.

He will be remembered by his family and friends for his sense of humor, a good-natured smile, and his tilted cap.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Franz and Anna Frank; a son, Alan in 1991; five brothers and one sister.



He is survived by his loving wife of 53 years, Helen; three sons, Gordon "Joe" Frank and Sybil Brown of Lakeside, Thomas Frank and his wife, Joan, Jerry Frank and his wife, Cheryl, all of Kalispell; four daughters, Clara Tennant and her husband, George, of Kalispell, Doris O'Brien and her husband, Mike, of Idaho Falls, Idaho, Nora Flynn and her husband, Kevin, of Townsend, and Linda Frank of Kalispell; seven grandsons and three granddaughters; four nephews and three nieces.

The family suggests for those who wish to make a memorial contribution do so to the Mountain Brook Memorial Scholarship Fund, 2400 Foothill Road, Kalispell, MT 59901 or to a charity of their choice.

Funeral services will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. at the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with Rev. Kevin O'Neill of St. Matthew's Catholic Church officiating. Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery. Visitation will be held Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Johnson Mortuary. A reception will be held at the Frank family home following the burial.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Harry Alvin 'Bud' Frank Jr., 77

Harry Alvin "Bud" Frank Jr., 77, passed away July 20, 2000, at Lakeview Care Center in Bigfork, surrounded by his family.

He was born Sept. 13, 1922, in Butte, to Harry Alvin Frank and Lillian Steck Frank. He attended Butte public schools graduating in 1940. He was a student at Montana State College from 1940 to 1943 in Bozeman. He was a third year student in mechanical engineering.

He joined the Air Force and became a fighter pilot. His favorite airplane being the P38. He flew in both World War II and the Korean War. He married Sybil J. Wright in 1943. They resided in Butte with their four children. She preceded him in death in October 1979.

He had a full life, enjoying vari-

ous occupations and opportunities. He loved outdoors activities like hunting, fishing, golfing, boating and skiing. Other activities he enjoyed were flying, photography, mechanics, and politics.

He married Shirley MacNamara in December 1989. They traveled extensively and resided at Eagle Bend in Bigfork until 1999 when they moved to Red Lodge.

He is survived by his wife, Shirley of Red Lodge; his children, Brian Frank and wife, Barbara, of Kalispell, Carolyn Popovich and husband, Mike, of Billings, Judy Shaw and husband, Steve, of Royal City, Wash., Barbara Rodriguez and husband, Tony, of Yakima, Wash; also 13 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; four step-

grandchildren and five stepgreat-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be Monday at 10 a.m. at the Community Methodist Church, 750 Electric Ave., Bigfork, with Art Crane officiating. A reception will follow. Inurnment will be held on Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Mountain View Cemetery in Butte with a reception to be announced.

The family suggests memorials be given to Alzheimer's Disease Research, 15825 Shady Grove Rd., Suite 140, Rockville, MD 20850-4022 or Community United Methodist Church, 750 Electric Ave. Bigfork, MT 59911.

Arrangements and cremation are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary.

22 April 2000
Austin Taylor Frederick, 6

Austin Taylor Frederick, age 6, passed away Saturday near Big Arm as the result of an automobile accident.



Austin was born in Billings on July 31, 1993. He was attending Peterson Elementary School, where he was in pre-first grade.

Austin loved the outdoors and loved going horseback riding with his mother. He was a typical boy who loved to romp, play in the mud and enjoy life. He was a very loving and caring person who loved his family.

Austin was preceded in death by his grandfather, Orville Gullingsrud, in January 1999. He is survived by his father, Larry Woolston of Broadus; his brother, Adam Frederick, of Scobey; his grandmother and step-grandfather, Carol and Larry Mullen of Troy; an uncle and aunt, Rick and Doreen Gullingsrud of Libby; an aunt, Julie Gullingsrud of Libby; an aunt and uncle, Mary Lou and Jeff Matilas of Libby; and five cousins.

Memorial services for Austin and his mother Deanna will be held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home, with the Rev. Brenda Wills officiating.

22 April 2000
Deanna Marie Frederick, 36

Deanna Marie Frederick, age 36, passed away Saturday at Kalispell Regional Medical Center as a result of injuries suffered in an automobile accident near Big Arm.



Deanna was born in Libby on June 10, 1963, to Orville and Carol Gullingsrud. She was raised and attended schools in Libby. She also graduated from cosmetology school.

Deanna moved to Kalispell in 1994, where she worked for Wal-Mart, Albertson's and Cost Cutters. She was an avid outdoors person, who loved to ride horses, skiing and just being with her

family and friends. She was well-known for being constantly on the go, and loved doing things with her family.

Deanna was preceded in death by her father, Orville Gullingsrud, in January 1999. She is survived by her son, Adam Frederick, of Scobey; her mother and step-father, Carol and Larry Mullen of Troy; a brother and his wife, Rick and Doreen Gullingsrud of Libby; two sisters, Julie Gullingsrud of Libby, and Mary Lou Matilas and her husband Jeff, of Libby; and five nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be held for Deanna and her son, Austin, at 2 p.m. on Tuesday at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home, with the Rev. Brenda Wills officiating.

Julia M. Freebury, 78

Julia M. Freebury, 78, a resident of Medford, Ore., passed away on Aug. 29, 2000, at a local hospital in Roseburg, Ore.

She was born on Sept. 12, 1921, in Grandview, Wash., to John Henry and Margaret May Hale Conn. She moved with her family as a young child to Kalispell where she grew up and graduated from high school.

She was united in marriage to Vernon Freebury on Nov. 15, 1952, in Kalispell. She was office manager for Hance Oil Company-Union Oil distributor in Stayton, Ore., from the mid-1960s to the late 1970s. They moved from Shelton, Wash., to Medford in 1994.

She was a member of St. Luke's Catholic Church in Medford.

She is survived by her husband, Vernon Freebury of Medford; son Dan and wife, Deb Freebury, of Winston, Ore.; sister Elsie Day of Fairbanks, Alaska; brother Don Conn of Oregon City, Ore.; grandchildren Dan Freebury Jr. of LaJunta, Colo., Jennifer Freebury of Salem, Ore., Heather, Christopher and Samantha Freebury, all of Winston, Ore.

She was preceded in death by a son, Douglas Lee Freebury on Oct. 7, 1991; brothers, Jimmy and Billy Conn; and sister, Frankie West.

Funeral services will be held today at 1:30 p.m. at the Mount Calvary Cemetery in Portland.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Taylor's Family Mortuary in Winston, Ore.

Bonnie Freed, 60

Bonnie Freed, 60, a Cut Bank business owner and manager, died Aug. 4, 2000, at a Cut Bank hospital.

She was born on Sept. 17, 1939, in Cut Bank, and graduated from Cut Bank High School in 1958.

In 1959, she married Patrick Pendergrass, they divorced in 1975. She married Lee Freed March 20, 1977, in Cut Bank.

She had worked at Buttrey Department Store, Point Drive Inn, and was a bartender at the Vets Club. She was also a lineman with Western Electric in Brighton, Colo. She owned and managed Alex's country Club in Cut Bank and Bonnie's Consignment Store.

She was a member of the Women of the Moose, a Girl Scout lead-



er, and was a member and Sunday school teacher at St. Paul Lutheran Church.

She enjoyed garage sales, snowmobiling, golf, collecting, tapdancing and drawing.

Survivors include her husband Lee of Cut Bank; two daughters, Kelli Wold of Seeley Lake and Karla Hering of Great Falls; a son, Tim Freed of Cut Bank; seven sisters, Clara Henderson and Debbie Kerouac of Cut Bank, Shirley Dobson of Payson, Ariz., Darlene Kohlbeck, Nancy Waldenberg and Jeri Crow, all of Kalispell, and Linda Flynn of Elmo; two brothers, Dick Alex of Big Arm and R.J. Alex of Castle Rock, Colo.; and five grandchildren.

Her funeral was held on Aug. 8 at St. Paul Lutheran Church, with burial in Crown Hill Cemetery. Day Family Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

James Clarence 'J.C.' Freeland, 87

James Clarence "J.C." Freeland, 87, died on Jan. 18, 2000, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

He was born on March 29, 1912, in Centerville, Mich., the son of Clarence James and Julia Waterfield Freeland. When he was young, the family moved to Spokane, for a few years and then settled in Joplin, Mont. He graduated from Joplin High School in 1931. He and his widowed mother moved to Longview, Wash., in 1936.

He joined the Navy after Pearl Harbor and served almost four years as a SeaBee. He was stationed at Dutch Harbor in the Aleutians and on several islands in the Pacific including Oahu, Okinawa and Guam. He returned to Longview after World War II and married Rose Gordon in 1946.

He worked as a carpenter, pile buck and millwright and served several years as the president of Local 1707 of the Carpenters and Millwright Union in Longview.

Rose died in April of 1981. He got reacquainted with a high school friend Hazel Meldrum at their 50th class reunion and they married in August 1982. They had both worked in his mother's restaurant in Joplin, when they were in high

school.

They lived in Longview, for a year and then moved back to Montana, living in Somers for a year and then settled in Kalispell. They spent several winters in Arizona.

He loved to build things and putter in his garage, and play cards. He was a member of the Eidsvold Lutheran Church in Somers. He was a resident of Immanuel Lutheran Home for two weeks prior to his death.

He is survived by his widow, Hazel Freeland, of Kalispell; his daughter, Connie Freeland of Kirkland, Wash.; six stepchildren, Barbara Hansen of Castle Rock, Wash., Beverly Nagel of Longview, Lloyd Meldrum of Beaverton, Ore., Marilyn Nelson of Kalispell, Elaine Sloan of Jefferson, Ore., and Kenny Meldrum of Anchorage, Alaska; 16 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held at 1:30 p.m. Thursday at the Eidsvold Lutheran Church, Somers, with Rev. Wayne Pris officiating. Burial will be at the Longview Memorial Park, Longview, Wash. Visitation will be held from 12 to 6 p.m. today at Johnson Mortuary.

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

Bertha Furness Fredrickson, 83

Bertha Furness Fredrickson, 83, was born April 30, 1917, the fourth of twelve children, to Norwegian immigrants Kari Hanson and Karl K. Furness, on her parent's farm near Battle View, N. D. She grew up and worked on the family farm, as well as in the homes of neighboring farms. During her formative years, she attended Pleasant View School through the eight grade and Scandia Lutheran Church, being confirmed in the Norwegian language.

On May 9, 1937, she married Julius B. Fredrickson, a neighbor boy she had known all her life. They lived in Tacoma, Wash., until 1942 when they returned to North Dakota, where they farmed for the next 35 years. Her life was filled helping to raise four boys and being a partner on the family farm. She played the piano for Zion Lutheran Church, as well as for community functions. They spent several winters in Arizona and in the Tacoma area. They lived in McGregor until her husband's death in 1977. That same year, she moved to Kalispell where she lived until her death on Oct. 28, 2000. She was very active in volunteer work at the Kalispell Regional Hospital, Northridge Lutheran Church, and played the piano with various groups at area nursing homes. She had traveled to Alaska, Hawaii, Canada, and various points across the United States. She was an avid bingo player and loved to dance, knit, crochet, read, and play the electric organ. She



was very active until Alzheimer's began to control her life.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, four sisters, Sophie Meligan, Minnie Gudvangen, Josephine Berger, and Laura Furness, four brothers, Karsten, Herman, Harvey, and Baby Furness.

She is survived by four sons, Leslie of Williston, N.D., Allan and wife Sandy of Kalispell, James and wife Corrine of Lewistown, and Darrell Leo of Fargo, N.D.; 10 grandchildren, Susan Johnsrud, Tyson Gregg, and Steven, Dale, Dean, David, Darren, Bori, Brent, and Jodie Fredrickson; and nine great-grandchildren, sisters Petrina Barden of Minot, N.D., Sena Barden of Bozeman, and Clara Smith and husband Mickey of McGregor, N.D.; sisters-in-law Joan Furness of Minot; brothers-in-law Arnold and wife Claryce Fredrickson of Tioga, N.D., and Floyd Fredrickson and wife Donna of Battle View, N.D.; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Funeral services will be held at Zion Lutheran Church in McGregor on Friday at 1 p.m. with Rev. James Hamann officiating. Burial will follow at the Scandia Lutheran Cemetery in Battle View, N.D. Visitation will be on Thursday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Fulkerson Funeral Home in Tioga. The family suggests memorial gifts be sent to the Cemetery Fund, Scandia Lutheran Church, Battle View, ND 58714.

Local arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary & Crematory. Arrangements in Tioga are under the direction of Fulkerson Funeral Homes.

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Vincent 'Vinnie' James Frezzo, 58

Vincent "Vinnie" James Frezzo, 58, died May 31, 2000, on Barker Mountain south of Great Falls, in an airplane crash.

He was born Sept. 4, 1941, in Mount Vernon, N.Y.; the son of Carmine and Olga Cristiani Frezzo. He attended schools in Mount Vernon and graduated from A.B. Davis High School in 1959.

He studied forestry at Paul Smith's College, Paul Smith, N.Y., graduating with an associate's degree in 1963. He continued his study of forestry at the University of Montana, graduating with a bachelor of science degree in 1966.

He joined the U.S. Air Force, rising to the rank of captain. He served in Vietnam as the maintenance officer for Forward Air Control at DaNang.

He returned to Montana where he worked on a master's degree in range management at the University of Montana and became a commercial pilot with Johnson Flying Service in Missoula. He also worked for the State Department of Forestry.

In 1978, he was the first director of maintenance for the newly formed Big Sky Airlines. He later worked as a pilot for Strand Aviation in Kalispell, and Minute Man Aviation in Missoula and Kalispell.

In 1986, he started Vinnie's Italian Kitchen in downtown Billings, serving food based on his mother's recipes. After closing the restau-

rant in 1996, he went to work for Lynch Flying Service as a commercial chapter pilot and training supervisor.

Proud of his Italian heritage, he was loved by many for his sense of humor, genial personality, deep friendships, loving nature and wonderful food that he cooked in his restaurant and at his home.

He is survived by his wife Mary Pickett Frezzo; his brother and sister-in-law, Ron and Camille Frezzo, and nieces, Cristina, Gina and Joanna Frezzo, all of Silver Spring, Md.; brothers and sister-in-law, Frank and Donna Jean Pickett and John Pickett of Butte; and niece, Holly Pickett of Athens, Ga.; and nephews, Matt, Jake and Kale Pickett of Butte, and Luke Pickett of Tucson, Ariz.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

A memorial service will be held 2 p.m. Tuesday at the First United Methodist Church in Billings. Graveside services will be held 3 p.m. Wednesday at Sunset Memorial Gardens in Missoula.

Memorials may be sent to the Museum of Mountain Flying, 4505 U.S. Hwy 10, Missoula, MT 59808, Central Montana Search and Rescue, P.O. Box 2801, Great Falls, MT 59403, or the Alzheimer's Research Center, 640 Jackson St., St. Paul, MN 55101.

Michelotti, Sawyers & Nordquist of Billings is in charge of arrangements.

Herbert Friske, 96

Herbert Albert Friske, 96, of Polson, passed away May 14, 2000 at Evergreen Health Care in Polson.

He was born June 12, 1903, in Sarles, N.D., to William and Katherine Friske. He grew up and attended schools in North Dakota and Canada.



He moved to Polson with his family, where his parents operated a hotel.

Friske married Violet Ekman on Oct. 1, 1924, in Polson. He worked in the lumber industry and farmed for most of his working career. He also worked heavy construction in the Billings area as a heavy-equipment operator.

He retired and moved to Rollins.

Friske loved to fish, hunt, and was especially known for his gardening skills.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Violet, in 1995. He is survived by his two sons, Gerald J. Friske, of Anacortes, Wash., and Donald G. Friske, of Rollins; by one daughter, Marlene Rule of Lolo; 15 grandchildren, 51 great grandchildren, and 23 great great grandchildren.

He is also survived by two sisters, Margaret Guinn, of Polson, and Willamena "Minnie" Wilson, of Kent, Wash.

A graveside memorial service will be held on Thursday, May 18, 2000, at 2 p.m. at Lakeview Cemetery, Polson.

Cremation and arrangements are by the Grogan Funeral Home & Cemetery, Polson.

Dorothy Marie Furlong, 81

Dorothy Marie Furlong, 81, passed away on Oct. 17, 2000, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

She was born on June 25, 1919, in Chinook, to Joseph and Jennie Miller

Hewitson. Her family was always first and foremost. From her early childhood, she was taught the family values she carried with her into adulthood. She graduated from Flathead County High School.

She began working as a PBX operator at Bethlehem Steel in her early years, during World War II. She was a bookkeeper for O'Neil Lumber, then for the family business, Sunset Carburetor and Electric.

On Sept. 7, 1940, she married Edmond D. Furlong at her parent's home in Kalispell. She loved crafting, sewing, and traveling. She always kept busy, enjoying the long and enduring friendships she had made.

She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Kalispell. She was a past worthy matron of O.E.S. Adah Chapter 17; Daugh-



ters of the Nile; and longtime member of IC Home Demonstration Club.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Edmond D. in 1979; her parents; one sister, Grace Hewitson; and one brother, Joseph Hewitson Jr.

She is survived by two daughters, Sandra Mullally of Nevada, and Connie Lorentzen and her husband, Ivan, of Kalispell; two sisters, Marian Bucholz of Kalispell, and Ella Mae Knebel and her husband, Harvey, of Kalispell; five grandchildren, Elizabeth and Michael Mullally of Nevada, Erik, Abbie, and Emily Lorentzen of Kalispell, and one great-grandchild, Alexandria Steimer of Nevada.

Funeral services will be held Saturday at 3 p.m. at the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Glenn Burfeind officiating. Burial will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

The family suggests that memorial contributions be sent to WINGS (Financial support for families undergoing cancer treatment), c/o Radiation Therapy, Kalispell Regional Medical Center, 310 Sunnyview Ln., Kalispell, MT 59901.