

Eilene Graham Kair, 74

Eilene Graham Kair, 74, passed away on Oct. 18, 2000, in Kalispell.

She was born May 31, 1926, in Kalispell, to Art and Mildred Soderstrom Smith. She received her early education in Kalispell graduating from Flathead County High School.

She married Gerrold Graham on May 4, 1942, in Kalispell. To this union were born three sons, Gary, Dennis and Danny. She was widowed in 1959 when her husband died as a result of a power line accident.

She married Richard Kair in 1960 after which the family moved to Eastern Washington. They later divorced.

She moved to Issaquah, Wash., in 1963, and began work for the Sunstrand Data Control in 1971. She assembled precision electrical components that are used in airliners and by the aerospace program. She was very proud of the work she did until her retirement in 1992.

She very much enjoyed her grandchildren and her annual



trips to Kalispell to visit her mother. She was a member of the Eagles, and a registered member of the Salish Kooteni Tribe.

During her younger years she enjoyed all types of outdoor activity, working in her garden and yard; and loved to crochet.

She was preceded in death by her husband, her father and stepfather, Robert Frach Sr., and one brother, Marion D. "Buzzy" Smith.

She is survived by three sons, Gary and Marianne Graham of Hoodspport, Wash., Dennis and Shirley Graham of Des Moines, Wash., and Danny and Elizabeth Graham of Sammamish, Wash.; her mother, Mildred Frach of Kalispell; two sisters, Sharon Hawk of Kalispell, and Lois Enevold of Orofino, Idaho; one brother, Robert Frach Jr.; 11 grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be held today at 5:30 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Robert Reasner officiating.

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

William Kallay III, 47

William Kallay III, 47, of Kalispell, died Sept. 29, 2000, at his residence.

He was born Sept. 22, 1953, in Meadville, Pa., the son of William and Grace Padrutt Kallay. He was the owner of an antique business in Kalispell.

He is survived by his parents; four sons, Adam of Northridge,

Calif., and Westley, Steven and Andrew, all of Ventura, Calif.; a daughter, Destiny, of Northridge; and a sister, Laura Brice, of Denver.

A memorial service will be held in Los Angeles at a later date.

Preferred memorials are to St. Paul's United Methodist Church, Defiance, or the American Heart Association.

Calvin 'Cal' Kallem, 46

Calvin "Cal" Kallem, 46, passed away on Nov. 21, 2000, at his home in Kalispell after fighting a courageous battle with cancer.

He was born on July 25, 1954, in Shelby, to Clifford and Jean Kallem. He was raised and attended schools in Glasgow. On May 4, 1979, he married Debbie Wersal in Glasgow, and in 1981 they moved to Kalispell.

He loved the outdoors; including, fishing, hunting and camping. He also enjoyed playing horse shoes, woodworking, and playing the guitar. He loved getting up and going to work for the Flathead County Road Department, where he was a mechanic for the last several years. He was a wonderful husband, father, and son who often thought of others before thinking of himself. He will be



greatly missed by all who knew him.

He is preceded in death by his father, Clifford, and nephew, Jeremy Turner.

He is survived by his wife Debbie Kallem of Kalispell; son Nicholas Kallem of Kalispell; daughters Ameer Kallem of Connecticut, Ashley Kallem, and Cara Kallem, both of Kalispell; mother Jean Kallem of Glasgow; brothers Chester Kallem and wife Terrie of Rapid City, S.D., Les Kallem and wife Teri of Bozeman; sisters Marilyn Haurer and husband Fred of Box Elder, S.D., Marketta Turner and husband Paul of Glasgow, Kristi Helmick and husband Richard of Bakersfield, Calif.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Cremation has taken place and a memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home with Rev. Doug Nemitz officiating.

Buffalo Hill Funeral home is in charge of arrangements.

Ryan Jay Kaneen, 25

Ryan Jay Kaneen, 25, of West Yellowstone, passed away July 3, 2000 as a result of injuries he sustained in a motorcycle accident in West Yellowstone.

Cremation has taken place.

He was born in Long Beach, Calif., on March 18, 1975, and moved with his parents to Coram in 1976. He lived in Bozeman, Kalispell, and recently attended the College of Oceanography in Long Beach, and was looking forward to a career in commercial diving. He was employed by Hamilton Stores and Wild West Pizza in West Yellowstone.

He loved to skateboard, snowboard, and dive, but most of all he loved to be with his family and friends. He loved life, and lived it to the fullest. His great sense of humor and zest for life will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

Survivors include his parents, Pam Patterson and Bruce Patterson of West Yellowstone, Bill and Ellen Kaneen of Kalispell; grandparents, Verne and Bonnie Brown of San Clemente, Calif., Bill and Lois Patterson of Port Angeles, Wash.; brother and sister-in-law, Brad and Connie Kaneen of Corona, Calif.; brothers and sisters,

John, Julie and Jason Kaneen of Kalispell, and Misty Patterson of Bozeman; aunts and uncles Bob and Nancy Brown of Irvine, Calif., Jean and Bill Robinson of Washington; nieces and nephews Seth and Shelby Kaneen of Corona, Calif.; cousins Todd and Kurt Brown of Irvine, Calif.

A celebration of his life will be held at the family home at 3915 Targhee Pass Highway in West Yellowstone on Thursday at 2 p.m. Friends are welcome. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the new Gallatin County 4-H Skate Park, P.O. Box 10712, Bozeman, MT 59719.

Carus G. Kappen, 52, died Sunday, Jan. 2, 2000, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

He was born Feb. 26, 1947, in Miles City, to Kenneth and Barbara Kappen.

His mother passed away when he was only 6 years old, and he moved to Bowman, N.D., to live. He graduated from Bowman High School in 1965.

He married Karen Foss on Oct. 12, 1968, in Hazen, N.D.

He moved to Kalispell in 1972, where he lived until his death.

He went to work as a parts man at Korn Buick, then Scarff Buick, for 27 years.

He loved to volunteer his time and energy to worthwhile causes, having spent 25 years as a volunteer fireman for the South Kalispell Volunteer Department, where he was president of the South Kalispell Volunteer Fire Fighters Association for 15 years. He served as president of the Montana State Fire Fighters Association for two years.

He volunteered many, many hours over a 26 year span at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell. It was something he loved and looked for-



ward to doing.

He enjoyed motocross, and truly loved playing golf.

He was very proud of his two sons and all that they had accomplished. He really enjoyed the time he spent with his grandchildren, especially playing in the pool with them.

He will be truly missed by all his family friends, and especially his close friends Debbie and Randy, Ron and Joyce and Ron and Charlie.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 31 years, Karen of Kalispell; two sons and their wives, Jody and Sharon Kappen and Jason and Melissa Kappen; five grandchildren, Kristian, Kameron, and Erin Kappen, Eric Cox, and Demi Kappen; one brother and two sisters; and a very special friend and father-in-law, Lucas Foss.

Memorial services will be held at 3 p.m., Thursday at Calvary Lutheran Church in Evergreen, with the Rev. Bob Nilsen officiating. A reception will follow at the South Kalispell Fire Dept.

The family requests memorials in his name to be made to Wings Cancer Support, 310 Sunnyview Lane, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Duane R. Karlin, 52, passed away on Friday, Aug. 25, 2000, at his home in Kalispell.

He was born on Sept. 20, 1947, to Rudolph and Hedwig Morman Karlin. He attended Flathead County High School, graduating in 1966.

He was first employed by Texaco Service Station, then moved on to B & B Food Stores. He also worked for Manions Cars, Absalonson Builders, McElroy and Wilken Gravel Company, and finally with the Flathead County Road Department.

On March 2, 1968, he married JoAnn Lewellen at St. Matthew's Catholic Church in Kalispell, and they remained married for 32 years. He was a member and board member of the Glacier Street Rod Association; member of the Big Sky Mopar Club; member of Risen Christ Parish; and a 4th degree member of the Knights of Columbus.

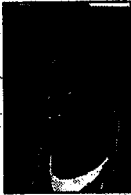
He was preceded in death by his father, Rudy Karlin; brother-in-law Jesse Lewellen; nephew Ryan Karlin; and niece Laurie Haag.

He is survived by his loving wife of 32 years, JoAnn Karlin of Kalispell; one son, Duane Karlin of Kalispell; one daughter, Darlene Grachek and her husband, Mike, of Kalispell; mother and father-in-law, Jean and Joe Lewellen of Harlem; one granddaughter, Emily Morgan Grachek of Kalispell;

mother Edwig Karlin of Columbia Falls; six sisters, Janette Nicklaus and her husband, Ray, of Columbia Falls; Doreen Frankenhauser and her husband, Robert, of Auburndale, Fla.; Gloria Clarke and her husband, Albert, of Golden Valley, Ariz.; Carol Haag and her husband, Ronald, of Columbia Falls; Kathy Armstrong and her husband, Tom, of Destin, Fla.; and Corliss Butzloff and her husband, Mike, of Wolf Point; sister and brother-in-law Hattie and Gary Wiysel of Columbia Falls; three brothers, Darrell Karlin and his wife, Nora, of Kalispell, George Karlin and his wife, Dana, of Columbia Falls, and James Karlin and his wife, Rita, of Kalispell; numerous nieces and nephews, cousins, aunts and uncles; and a special friend who was like a daughter, Stephanie Evans and her children, Alex and Katie.

The mass of Christian burial will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Risen Christ Catholic Church with the Rev. James Connor officiating. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be Monday, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary. A Christian vigil service will be held Monday at 7:30 p.m. at Risen Christ Catholic Church.

The family asks that memorial donations be made to the Risen Christ Parish Renovation Fund, 65 West Evergreen Drive, Kalispell, MT 59901. Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.



Rose E. Karlsen, 77

Rose E. Karlsen, 77, of Missoula, died on Wednesday, April 26, 2000, at Hillside Manor of natural causes.

She was born on Aug. 17, 1922, in Warroad, Minn., to John and Ruth Brandli.

She is survived by two daughters including Ardith

Scovel of Kalispell; five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Services will be held on Sunday at 4 p.m. at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses. Arrangements are under the direction of Garden City Funeral Home and Crematory.

Walter Kasberg, 75

Walter Kasberg, 75, went to be with the Lord on Dec. 2, 2000. He passed away at home in Kalispell after a lengthy battle with cancer. He was born Sept. 25, 1925, in Ironwood, Mich., to Alvin and Mable Hansen Kasberg.

He spent his childhood in Michigan, graduated early from Green Bay High School to serve in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II. He graduated from the University of Montana in 1951. In 1953, he married Pat Volke, from Libby. His career was with the U.S. Forest Service from 1951 to 1978. In 1963, he moved from Butte to Kalispell and served as the Flathead Forest engineer until his retirement.

He had a deep love and faith for the Lord. He was a loving husband, wonderful father and a very



special friend to so many. He enjoyed spending time with his family and friends, camping, hunting, skiing and racquetball. He was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Good Sam's Club and the Kalispell Lions Club.

He is preceded in death by his father and mother, two brothers and daughter, Peggy Ordish.

He is survived by four children, Don Kasberg and wife Lean, Debbie Crane and husband Bob, Jane Benson and husband Wayne, Mark Kasberg and wife Jane; one sister, Ester Larson of Redding, Calif.; 10 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held on Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Bethlehem Lutheran Church with Rev. Doug Nemitz officiating. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial gifts be sent to Kalispell Lions, Box 321, Kalispell, MT 59903.

Cremation and arrangements are under the care of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Violet 'Vi' M. Kassner, 88

Violet "Vi" M. Kassner, 88, died on Wednesday, Feb. 16, 2000, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

She was born on Jan. 7, 1912, in Blooming Prairie, Minn., to Mark and Clara Miller. She attended school in Mankato, where she graduated from high school in 1929. She then attended business school, which she graduated from in 1931.

She married George Merton Moses in June of 1932. She worked in the wholesale and retail grocery business for 36 years as an accountant and office manager, first for Mocol and Sons for six years then for L. Sales and Sons for 30 years. She retired in 1974.

She married Willard Kassner in September of 1964. She moved to the Flathead Valley in 1974, where she has been active as a volunteer in many organizations, including serving on the administrative board and as treasurer for the United Methodist Church of Whitefish from 1982 until 1996.

She was active in Whitefish Golden Agers, serving as treasurer from 1978 until 1998. She served on



the Council on Aging for six years, and the fish program for several years.

She was named lay person of the month in June of 1997, by the Whitefish United Methodist Church. She was a member

of the church from 1979 until her death.

She was preceded in death by her husband Woody Kassner in 1978.

She is survived by two children, a daughter, Marilyn Clements of Kalispell, and a son, Forrest Moses of Florida City, Fla.; three sisters, Marleen Johnson of Keokuk, Iowa, Ruth Herriman and Pearl Gohla, both of Mankato; one brother, Gordon Miller of Mankato; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Memorial services are being planned for March 11, time and place will be published at a later date. Arrangements are by Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory.

Robert E. Kellenberger, 76

Robert E. Kellenberger, M.D., age 76, died Sunday, Sept. 10, 2000, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center. Dr. Kellenberger was born March

14, 1924. He was a long-time resident of the Flathead Valley. Funeral services are pending. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Merton Keith Kelley, 62

Merton Keith Kelley, 62, died at his home in Hemet, Calif. He was born on Nov. 29, 1937 in North Home, Minn.

He served in the US Army from November of 1956 until November of 1962.

He was a mechanic for W.R. Grace of Libby for seven years, and a resident of Libby for 20 years.

He is survived by his wife at their home in Hemet; three daughters, including Arlysse Roberta Lupo of Kalispell; a son; four brothers including Arnold Kelley, Clifford Kelley

and Lonnie Kelley, all of Libby; two sisters and eight grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. today at the Harford Funeral Home Chapel in Hemet. A chapel service will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. at the Prince of Peace Lutheran Church of Hemet with the Rev. James Hallmann officiating.

An additional service will be held on Saturday at 2 p.m. at Mountain View Funeral Home in Lewiston, Idaho. Burial will be at the Lewis-Clark Memorial Gardens in Lewiston.

Ruth Joy Kelly, 88

Ruth Joy Kelly, age 88, passed away July 5, 2000, at the Immanuel



Lutheran Home in Kalispell, Mont. She was born Sept. 12, 1911, in Great Falls, Mont. She was the second of four children in a farming family.

Ruth moved to Kalispell when she was nine years old, and graduated from Flathead County High School in 1929. She taught for two years at Prairie View and Prospect Park, now West Valley School. She enjoyed playing the piano.

Ruth's father died in 1932 and she went to work at J.C. Penney's to help support the family. After the death of her mother in 1937, Ruth became the mother of the other three children. Her older brother died in 1937 and her only sister in 1942.

In 1940, Ruth went to work for Montgomery Ward managing the ready-to-wear department. In 1948 she transferred to Salt Lake City where she supervised 25 employees. In 1970 Ruth became a buyer for Ward's, traveling extensively to New York twice a year. Later she worked as a manager trainer. She set up catalog stores in Arizona, new Mexico, Colorado and

Wyoming.

She enjoyed flower gardening, housekeeping, baking, handwork and cooking — canned peaches were one of her specialities.

She spent two weeks every summer in Whitefish with her brother Jack and his wife Ruth. She traveled to Hawaii and took a cruise to Haiti.

She was a Soroptomist and a member of Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church in Salt Lake City. Ruth returned to Kalispell in October 1989 to live at Buffalo Hill Terrace Apartments. She moved to Immanuel Lutheran Home June 3, 1994, where she resided until her death.

Ruth was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Jack Joy and Lee Joy; and her sister, Betty June Joy.

Ruth is survived by a sister-in-law, Ruth of Whitefish; and two nieces, Sandra Joy Hartman and her husband Dewey of Whitefish, and Nancy Picucci of Portland, Ore.

Graveside services for Ruth Joy Kelly will be held on Monday, July 10, 2000, at 11 a.m. at C. E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery with Rev. Peter Ramseth officiating.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Richard 'Dick' George Keltesch, 74

Richard "Dick" George Keltesch, 74, passed away Wednesday, May 3, 2000, at Evergreen Butte Nursing Center in Butte.

He was born April 23, 1925, in Milwaukee, Wis., to Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Keltesch. He grew up in Milwaukee, Wis., where he was known to many as "Red."

In 1943, he joined the United States Marine Corps and became a rifleman. He served in World War II in the Asiatic and Pacific areas including Guam, Marianas Islands, Okinawa, and the Ryuku Islands. As a member of the Tokyo Bay Occupation Force (F-31), he participated in the initial landing and occupation of the Tokyo Bay area and the capture of HIJMS Nagato, which symbolized the unconditional and complete surrender of the Japanese Navy.

He was awarded the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, the Victory Medal for World War II, and the Purple Heart for a wound received in action on April 15, 1945. He was discharged from the Marines in 1945.

After serving in WWII, he returned home and married his first wife, Carol Anderson, in Milwaukee, and began a career as an ironworker for 42 years.

On Aug. 23, 1986, he married Kathy Ruis in LaMesa, Calif. After retiring in 1989, he lived in Arizona for a year and then moved to Lakeside, with his wife, Kathy.

He enjoyed everything outdoors, including hunting, fishing, and camping. He truly loved spending time trap and sport clay shooting.

He was a member of the Ironworkers Union Local 8 and Local 229, as well as the NRA and the VFW.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and three sisters, Ruth, Marge, and Kathy.

He is survived by his loving wife, Kathy, of Lakeside; eight children, Sandy German and her husband, Harry, of Big Bend, Wis., Dave and Terri Keltesch of Longmont, Colo., Dale-Ann Ragelin and her husband, Dan, of Milwaukee, Nicholas Keltesch and his wife, Fona, of Eagle, Wis., Andrew Keltesch and his wife, Jodi, of San

Diego, Calif., Linda Reihizer and her husband, John, of East Troy, Wis., and Christine Keltesch of Milwaukee; three sisters, Judy Hinze and her husband, Gabe, of Greenfield, Wis., Esther Rettig of Milwaukee, and Marilyn Chultz of Greenfield; two brothers, Bob Keltesch and his wife, Cookie, of New Holstein, Wis., and Jim Keltesch and his wife, Sharon, of Milwaukee; his first wife, Carol Keltesch; 2 stepchildren, Jonathan and Michael of Lakeside; 16 grandchildren, four great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be held Tuesday at 2 p.m. at the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with Deacon Fred Topp officiating. A reception will follow the service at Spinaker's, 7210 Hwy 93 South, Lakeside.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Robert Louis Kelso, 86

Robert Louis Kelso, 86, a longtime Lakeside resident, passed away Saturday, March 25, 2000, at Sacred Heart Hospital in Spokane.

He was born April 8, 1913, in Wildorado, Texas, to Robert William and Neila Richenberg Kelso.

He was preceded in death by his wife Irene in 1978 and is

survived by a daughter, Georgia Vaughn.

Funeral services will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel. A private family burial will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Dorothy Verdine Kemmis, 94

Dorothy Verdine Kemmis, 94, died May 4, 2000 at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

She was born Feb. 19, 1906, in West Milan, N. H., to William Gregory and Georgia Anna Mae

Hodgdon Higgins.

Funeral services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. at the Jehovah's Witness Church in Kalispell.

Arrangements and cremation are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary.

John E. Kennedy, 83

John E. Kennedy, 83, of Chico, Calif., died April 10, 2000, at Enloe Hospital in Chico.

He was born Sept. 18, 1916, to William and Nora Kennedy in Kansas City, Mo. He was raised and attended schools in Frankfurt, Kan.

He was a technical designer for Lockheed Inc. during World War II. Following the war in 1948, he was an architectural designer for over 40 years in Chico. He designed many residential and commercial buildings in Chico, including the Chico Elks Lodge and the Newman Center.

He was a member of the Chico Planning Commission and the Butte County Planning Commission. He was instrumental in the founding and development of the Chico Work Training Center and was active with it for many years.

He enjoyed motorcycle riding, golf, painting and in his later

years flying.

He lived in Bigfork during the 1990s before returning to Chico.

He was preceded in death by his son, John Patrick Kennedy.

He is survived by his son David Michael Kennedy of Paradise, Calif.; five daughters, Margo Anne Kennedy of Angwin, Calif., Mary Kathleen Kennedy of Chico, Julie Kennedy of Healdsburg, Calif., Jean Irving of Chico, Anne Kennedy of Seattle; two brothers, William "Pete" Kennedy of Bigfork, and James "Jake" Kennedy of Frankfurt, Kan.; and four grandchildren.

Private family services will be held. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Chico Work Training Center, 2255 Fair Street, Chico, CA 95928.

Neptune Society of No. California, Chico office, is handling the arrangements.

Robert V. Kettleson, 52

Robert V. Kettleson, 52, of Lincoln, Neb., died March 28, 2000.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Friday at Metcalf Funeral Home with the Rev. Robert Chitwood officiating. Visitation will be from 2 to 8 p.m. today with family receiving friends from 4 to 6 p.m.

Memorials are suggested to the family. Cremation to follow services.

He was born May 16, 1947, to Vernon and Helen McCauley Kettleson in Whitefish. He was raised in Whitefish where he graduated from high school.

He married Beverly Ann Avery on May 31, 1996, in Havre. He had lived in Spokane, Havre, and in Lincoln. He was retired as general foreman with Burlington

Northern-Santa Fe Railroad where he worked for 32 years.

He was a member of the Izaak Walton League as the newsletter editor; Parents Without Partners; Moose Lodge; and the Eagles.

He is survived by his wife of Lincoln; his mother, Helen Helm of Lincoln; son Travis Kettleson of Lincoln; stepchildren, Eileen Crosby of Lincoln, Kathy Smith-Arndt of Lincoln, and Don Smith of Milford, Neb.; grandchildren, Tyler, Gage, Jordan and Trenton; cousin Richard Dukelow of Somers, and Patti Mackie of Spokane.

Metcalf Funeral Home, 245 N. 27th Street, Lincoln, NE 68503, phone 402-474-6161, is in charge of services.

Vera C. Kiefer, 79

Vera C. Kiefer, 79, died on Dec. 8, 2000, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

She was born on April 22, 1921, in Hansboro, N.D., to Robert and Ruth McCauley. She will be buried at Guardian

Angel Cemetery in Stevens Point, Wis.

She is survived locally by her brother, Larry W. McCauley.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Donna Kimball, 62

Donna Kimball, 62, died on Thursday, Jan. 27, 2000, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

She was born on June 2, 1937, in Vona, Colo., to Cecil and Wava Overlease.

She called Bigfork her home for the last 32 years.

Of her many interests, which included gardening and horsemanship, she will mostly be remembered for her kind soul and generosity towards those in need.

She was preceded in death by Carole Desmond, whom she referred to as "a friend so rare." Also preceding her in death were both parents; brothers, Virgil and Ed Overlease; and one stepson, Ross Kimball.

She is survived by her loving hus-

band, William Kimball of Bigfork; daughter, Melody MacLachlan of Sandpoint, Idaho; son, Monty Kimball of San Francisco; stepsons, Scott Kimball of Kirkland, Wash., Tom Kimball of Rancho Santa Margarita, Calif., Todd Kimball of Fenton, Calif.; sister, Lila Rahmoeller of Lakewood, Colo.; and brothers, John Overlease of Hotchkiss, Colo., Cecil Overlease Jr. of Fowler, Colo., and twin, Donald Overlease, of Tucson, Ariz.

At her request, no public services will be held. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that memorials in her honor be made to the charity of one's choice.

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

Preston Hunter Kimbrough, 70

Preston Hunter Kimbrough, 70, of Columbia Falls passed away Tuesday, June 13, 2000, at his home in Columbia Falls.

He was the son of Robert and Thursa Hunter Kimbrough, born on Dec. 15, 1929, in Cushing, Okla. He attended schools in Oklahoma, Wyoming and Washington. He later moved to Montana in 1954, working on the construction of the Anaconda Aluminum Plant in Columbia Falls. He later worked in that plant from 1955 until his retirement in 1983 as a line foreman.

He married Birdena May Bruner on Aug. 7, 1954, in Kalispell. They lived in Columbia Falls for 46 years.

He enjoyed bowling, hunting, fishing and later working in his garden raising a wide variety of flowers as well a vegetables, berries and even grapes.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother Duke; and grand-

daughter Marcy.

He is survived by his wife of almost 46 years, Birdena of Columbia Falls; three sons, Dan of Columbia Falls, Don and wife, JoAnn, of Billings, and Richard of Columbia Falls; two granddaughters, Rebecca and Alena of Billings; two brothers Robert Bradley Kimbrough Jr. of Pasco, Wash., Gilbert Thomas Kimbrough of Centralia, Wash.; two sisters, Ora Ida Kimbrough and Thursa Marie Sloom, both of Kennewick, Wash.; and two aunts, Vera Juanita Campbell of Richland, Wash., and Jean Spegal of Kennewick, Wash.; and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be today from 1 to 8 p.m. at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. Services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. The Rev. Jerry Buchanan of the First Baptist Church in Columbia Falls will officiate.

Andrew Gordon Kimes, 68

Andrew Gordon Kimes, 68, of Shelby, died Nov. 8, 2000, at the Marias Medical Center of congestive heart failure.

He was born May 1, 1932, in Kalispell, to Marshal and Claudie Hill Kimes.

He worked as a truck driver most of his life and for farmers in the Shelby area.

He is survived by two sisters including Delores Courter of

Kalispell; one brother, Claude Kimes, of Kalispell; aunt and uncle Ben and Clarice Kimes of Lakeside; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday at the Shelby Jehovah's Witness Church. Burial will be in the Conrad Cemetery in Kalispell.

Whitted Funeral Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Violet "Vi" Kindopp

Violet "Vi" Kindopp, 76, passed away at her home in Kalispell on Dec. 12, 2000.

She was born Sept. 2, 1924, in Glendive, to William and Christina Swanson Sutherland. She graduated from Dawson County High School.

She married Harlley Beeler of Wibaux. They were later divorced. She married Oswald Kindopp on Jan. 10, 1960, in Wolf Point, and moved to Kalispell in 1967. She worked as a clerk for the Outlaw Inn for 17 years before retiring in 1993.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Oswald, her parents,

one brother, one sister and an infant son.

She is survived by one daughter, Bonnie Chrostowski of San Diego; two sons, Ronald Beeler and wife, Elaine, of Glendive, and Rodney Kindopp and wife, Beth, of Kalispell; two sisters Gen Malkuch of Somers. and Christina Weaver of Milwaukie, Ore.; six granddaughters, one grandson and nine great-grandchildren.

No services are scheduled at this time.

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

Gladys Mae King

Gladys Mae King, 93, died Sept. 16, 2000.

She was born in Columbia Falls on Dec. 23, 1906. She was the daughter of Dee and Verga Phillips, long time residents of the Whitefish area.

When she was nine months old, the family moved to Pleasantville, Iowa, then returned to Montana when she was 12 years old. She attended school in Manhattan, graduating from high school in 1926.

She was married in Bozeman to Thurman Stocking in 1926. He preceded her in death in November of 1948.

In 1950, she took the Practical Nurses Training Course at the Bozeman Deaconess Hospital, graduating in 1951. She was among the first students taking the first state board examination given for licensed prac-

tical nurses in Montana. In 1951, she moved with her daughter, Caroljean, to Whitefish, where she was employed at the John B. Simons Memorial Hospital for 18 years.

In January 1956, she was married to Percy C. King of Whitefish, where they have resided for many years. He preceded her in death on June 9, 1997.

She is survived by her daughter, Caroljean Shorter, and son-in-law, Bill Shorter, of Catoosa, Okla.; her grandson, Brett M. Miller, and his wife, Brenda R. Miller, of Whitefish; three great-grandchildren, Britta Dotson, Bridgett and Brielle Miller, a granddaughter, Lisa M. Jabara, and her husband, John Jabara; and great-grandson, Daniell A. Jabara, of Catoosa, Okla.; three

step-sons, Jimmie Dick King, of Whitefish, Donald D. King, of Lakewood, Texas, and Ronald Ray King, of San Mateo, Calif.; 10 King family grandchildren, and numerous great-grandchildren.

She was from a family of 11 children, of which Bill Phillips, Art Phillips, and Grace Powell preceded her in death.

She is survived by sisters Beth Tuttle, of Bozeman; Ruby Randall of Kalispell; Beulah Watkins, of Laurel; Edna Conn, of Whitefish; Dena Hicklin, of Polson; and brother, Carl Phillips, of Monterey, Calif., and one brother-in-law, Kirby Hicklin, of Polson.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. on Wednesday at the Austin Funeral Home, Whitefish. She will be interred at the Whitefish Cemetery.

Mary E King

Mary E. King, 48, of Beach, N.D., and the Flathead Valley, passed away Aug. 26, 2000, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center after a difficult battle with breast cancer.

She was born on Jan. 27, 1952, in Storm Lake, Iowa, the daughter of Harlan and Jean King. She was raised in Sioux Rapids, Iowa, where she graduated from the Sioux Rapids Community High School in 1971.

After high school, she worked at State Farm Insurance Co. in Algona, Iowa, before operating her own day care center there. She moved to Whitefish, in the 1980s, where she was employed at a chiropractic clinic and the Whitefish Pilot newspaper, and she later moved to Kalispell where she became an Excel Telecommunications representative.

Recently she became co-owner of Dakota Cowboy Supply, a new saddle, boot and leather works store in Beach.

Her many hobbies included gardening, cooking, hiking, camping, working with horses, and watching wildlife.

She greatly enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren, family and friends. She loved meeting people of all ages and her quick, humorous wit and sincere kind

heart will always be remembered. She enjoyed making people laugh.

She is survived by her partner, Lonnie Davis, of Beach; sons, Brad Weishaar and wife, Joy, their daughter, Breann, of Lincoln, Neb.; Mar Weishaar and his wife, Dayna Freier, and children, Micah, Alexa, and Madison of Davis, Calif.; her father, Harlan King, of Spencer, Iowa; three sisters, Shirley Swearingen of Lake Havasu City, Ariz., Harla Malz of Belle Plaine, Minn., Jolee Fassler of Sioux Rapids; two brothers, Richard King of Rembrandt, Iowa, and Tim King of Havelock, Iowa.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Jean.

Her love of life, laughter and energy has inspired her many friends and family. She will be missed greatly.

Cremation has taken place by Buffalo Hills Funeral Home in Kalispell. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday at the residence of Jack Waller and Laurie Gaiser, 750 Twin Bridges Rd., Whitefish.

Memorials or donations will be given to the Susan G. Komen Foundation for Breast Cancer Research, c/o Marc Weishaar, Box 4434, Davis, CA 85617, in loving memory of Mary.

Katherine Kingery, 75

Katherine Kingery, 75, passed away on Thursday, April 27, 2000, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

She was born on Sept. 2, 1924, in Whitefish, to Tony and Mable Kingery. She attended schools in Whitefish.

During World War II, she worked in the shipyards. She loved restaurant work and had worked at several different restaurants over the years, mostly in Portland and Spokane.

She enjoyed camping, huckleberry picking, taking short trips, and especially loved Glacier Park.

Over the years she had several stunks for pets and dearly loved having them around. She also enjoyed growing and displaying flowers, especially roses. She also

considered herself a city farmer, raising poultry.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Tony and Mable Kingery; three brothers, Clinton E. King, Chester G. Kingery, and Richard King; one sister, Betty Jean Porteous.

She is survived by long-time companion, LaVerne McDowell of Whitefish; a sister, LaVerne Taylor of Whitefish; numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Chrysta Bourne officiating. Urn burial will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and

Ruby Frances Wiggill Kirby, 88

Ruby Frances Wiggill Kirby, 88, passed away in Cardston, Alberta on Sept. 17, 2000.

She was the beloved wife of the late Eldon E. Kirby of Kalispell.

She was born on Nov. 13, 1911, in Kimball, Alberta, the daughter of Arlen Francis Wiggill and Julia Melvina Wheeler Wiggill. She married Eldon Eugene Kirby on June 12, 1937. They raised three children, Denis, Judith, and Linda Ann. They lived in several towns in Alberta, Canada and in Kalispell. She recently resided at the Cardston Auxiliary Hospital.

She lived in Kalispell from 1948 until 1990 when she returned to Cardston. While living in Kalispell, she worked at the Flathead County High School cafe-



teria until retiring.

She loved doing handicrafts, caring for family, and traveling. She was a very good cook and enjoyed baking very much.

She is preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Eldon, in 1978, and her daughter, Linda Ann Holombo, one brother, Bill, and her sister, June Kearl.

She is survived by her two children, Denis Eugene Kirby and wife Melba of Ogden, Utah, and Judith Esta Anderson and husband Robert of Missoula; grandchildren, Kathryn Kirby Taylor and husband, Kevin, Nancy Kirby, Lynette Kirby Kap and her husband, Jason, and Kent K. Anderson; her great-grandchildren, Nicholas and Cameron Taylor and Ellis Kap; two sisters, Phyllis Leavitt and her husband, LaMont, of Leavitt, Alberta, and Iris Henry and her husband, Edgar, of Del Bonita, Alberta; one sister-in-law,

Retta Richards Wiggill of Cardston; one brother, Jerry Gordon Wiggill of Pincher Creek, Alberta; one brother-in-law, Russell Kearl of Cardston.

The family wishes to thank the nurses and staff of the Cardston Hospital and Auxiliary Unit for their kind loving care.

Friends may meet the family at Salmon Funeral Home, Cardston today from 7-8 p.m. or at the church on Wednesday from 10-10:45 a.m. prior to the service. The funeral service will be held at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Cardston Alberta West Stake (Waterton Hi-way) on Wednesday at 11 a.m. with Rev. Mike Nelson officiating.

Interment will be held on Thursday at 1 p.m. in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Cardston Auxiliary.

Clifford Kirkland, 88

Clifford Kirkland, 88, died Nov. 26, 2000, at Heritage House in Soldotna, Alaska, of natural causes.

He was born in Sidney, on Sept. 8, 1912. He moved to Kalispell in 1929, and resided here until moving to Alaska in 1947. He moved to Ninilchik, Alaska, in 1951.

He was preceded in death by his parents, five brothers and one sister.

Survivors are brother and sister-in-law, Archie and Shirley Kirkland, of Kalispell, and numerous nephews and nieces.

Memorial services were held in November in Ninilchik.

Leah A. Stapley Kirkland, 28

Leah A. Stapley Kirkland, 28, died May 4, 2000, at her home near Kalispell.

She was born Dec. 21, 1971, in American Falls, Idaho.

She is survived by her parents, Steve and Susan Stapley of Columbia Falls; her mother; her two children, Jacque and Christian of Columbia Falls;

three brothers including Jeremy and his wife, Bobbie Stapley, and Rob Stapley, all of Kalispell; and her grandparents, Loran and Betty Stapley of Columbia Falls.

A memorial service will be held Monday at 2 p.m. at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

Leslie Ann Shapley Kirkland, 28

Leslie Ann Shapley Kirkland, 28, went to be with our Lord and Creator Thursday, May 4, 2000.

She was born in American Falls, Idaho, Dec. 21, 1971, to Stephen and Shirleyann Stapley. She moved to the Columbia Falls area as a small child with her parents. She attended school in Columbia Falls and graduated from Columbia Falls High School in 1990.

She married Shane Edwards in 1990. They were later divorced and she married Tim Kirkland. She left two beautiful children that loved her dearly.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Tim Kirkland.

She is survived by her two children, Jacquelyn and Christian; her parents, Steve and Susan Stapley of Columbia Falls, and Shirley



Gurley of Seattle; three brothers, Jeremy Stapley and wife, Bobi, and Rob Stapley, all of Kalispell, and Dan Johnson of Missoula; grandparents,

Loren "Red" and Betty Stapley of Kalispell, who were always there for her; numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and many precious and dear friends.

She will be greatly missed by us all.

A memorial service will be held 2 p.m. Monday at the Columbia Mortuary with Ron Kendall officiating. Burial will follow at a later date.

Columbia Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

Beverly A. Klein, 66

Beverly A. Klein, 66, of Polson, passed away at home surrounded by her family on Aug. 1, 2000, after a brief battle with cancer.

She was born on April 21, 1934, in Storm Lake, Iowa, to Granville and Gladys Meredith.

She married Bill Klein and they moved to Columbia Falls shortly after they were married. They later moved back to Iowa and then to California before eventually returning to Montana in 1978. They built their dream home in Polson where she has since resided.

She worked at Security State Bank and First Interstate Bank for more than 20 years. The bank and its employees were her second family and she was well-known for taking good care of her customers.

She enjoyed playing cards, gardening, sewing and crafts.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband Bill; and daughter Roxanne.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Ann and Orlando Lopez of Canyon Lake, Calif.; two sons, Scott Klein and his wife, Jan, of Cut Bank, and Doug Klein of Polson; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; one brother, Bob Meredith and his wife, Jone of Alta, Iowa; and several aunts, uncles, nephews and nieces.

A memorial service will be held on Thursday at 4 p.m. at the Grogan Funeral Home. Cremation and arrangements are by Grogan Funeral Home and Crematory.

Roberta 'Gramma Bert' M. Klein, 87

Roberta "Gramma Bert" M. Klein, 87, of Columbia Falls, died Tuesday, March 7, 2000, at the North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

She was born Sept. 25, 1912, in Plover, Iowa, to James and Grace Grove. She graduated from Plover High School.

She was married to Chester "Chick" W. Klein on Aug. 12, 1934, on the lakeshore of Clear Lake, Iowa, at a family reunion. Her grandfather, a Methodist minister, officiated. They made their home in Plover, and raised seven children there.

They moved to Columbia Falls in 1969. She first worked at the B&B Bakery and later at Todd's Cafe (now the Nite Owl); the Glacier Inn Restaurant; and Gracie's Attic. She was best known for her pies and caramel rolls.

She had the heart of an angel and the love of everyone who had the privilege to know her. She loved life, her family, her friends,

and baking pies. She will be missed by many. She was a grand lady.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two children, her husband, and four sisters.

She is survived by her children, Grace Becke, Rick Klein and Butch Klein of Columbia Falls, Beverly and her husband, Ron Kunik of Chinook, and Sandy and her husband, Tom Eddy, of Stanwood, Wash.; 11 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren, and three step-great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be today from 1 to 8 p.m. at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. A funeral service will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. at the Fellowship Alliance Church in Columbia Falls. The Rev. Harley Bennett will officiate. Burial will follow in Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

The family has suggested that memorials be made to the North Valley Search and Rescue Association or to the charity of the donor's choice.

Rev. William 'Bill' John Kliber, 70

The Rev. William "Bill" John Kliber, 70, passed away Wednesday, Aug. 30, at home in Missoula, after a short illness.

He was born Aug. 3, 1930, in Buffalo, N.Y., to William F. and Celia Kliber. He lived in Buffalo and graduated with honors from Bennett High School in 1948.

He attended college at Syracuse University where he was a double major in English and Bible and religion, and a double minor in history and philosophy. He graduated with honors in 1952. He received a Danforth Grant to Yale University in New Haven, Conn., where he received a master's of divinity in 1955 and a master's of theology in 1968.

He was ordained as a deacon in the United Methodist Church in 1953, and as an elder in 1955.

He was in the U.S. Naval Reserve in 1947-1952, and the U.S. Air Force auxiliary chaplain in 1956-1957.

He accepted a ministerial position as a youth minister in Orange, Conn., with the Orange Congregational Church while in seminary at Yale in 1953-55.

In 1955, he arrived in Libby, and served the First Methodist Church, leaving in 1957 for Great Falls. He founded, built and was pastor of the Christ United Methodist Church in Great Falls, serving until 1961. From 1961-1972, he was Methodist campus pastor and director of the Wesley Foundation's Faith and Life Community, University of Montana in Missoula.

In 1972, he became the senior pastor at First United Methodist Church in Missoula until 1981, when he returned to Syracuse University as Protestant chaplain for one year. He returned to Mis-

soula, in 1982, and from that time until 1986, he was a high school teacher and executive director of the Montana Eye Research Foundation.

From 1986 until his retirement in 1993, he was pastor of the Grace United Methodist Church in Livingston, as well as the pastor of the Shields Valley United Methodist Church in Clyde Park.

In 1959, he met and fell in love with Marynell Schafer and they were married on Dec. 30, 1959. They became an instant and constant team. She put the extra twinkle in his eye and an extra bounce in his step that he carried through all of his life.

He was an active member on numerous boards and work camps of the United Methodist Church and Campus ministry throughout his life. His civic and community life involvement was extraordinary.

In Livingston, he was on the United Way board of directors; member and president of Rotary International; Women-in-Transition advisory board member; Hospice board of directors; Community Concert Series board of directors.

In Missoula, he was board president of the University of Montana School of Religion; co-founder and board of director member of the Big Brothers and Big Sisters; co-founder and board of director member of the Poverello Center; member Rotary Club of Missoula; Commission on Missoula City/County Gambling Commission; District #1 school board trustee; University of Montana Foundation; Deer Lodge State Prison Board of Review; Missoula Youth Homes member board of directors; Summit-Independent

Living Center for the Physically Disabled member board of directors; Missoula Community Theater board of directors; Mayor's Committee for Downtown Missoula Renewal; University of Montana's College of Fine Arts advisory board; Ronald McDonald House of Missoula steering committee; founding father and advisor of the Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity at the University of Montana; University of Montana Fraternity and Sorority council advisor.

He enjoyed everything that life offered. He found joy and goodness in all things and every person he encountered. He will be missed.

He is survived by his wife Marynell of Missoula; one daughter, Kristin Larsen and husband, Craig, and their two children, Erika and Kaitlin, of Baudour, Belgium; two sons, Brad Kliber and wife, Linda, of Whitefish, Drew Kliber and wife, Heather, of Salt Lake City; brothers, Phil Kliber and Arthur Kliber, both of Buffalo, N.Y.; a sister, Mary McAuley of Phoenix; six grandchildren and one great-grandson.

A celebration of life will be held 2 p.m. Thursday at the University of Montana Theater with the Rev. Peter Shober officiating.

He requested memorials, in lieu of flowers, to Camp Mak A Dream, 3700 S. Russell, Missoula, MT 59801; United Methodist Foundation, P.O. Box 7646, Missoula, MT 59807-7646 and/or the Ronald McDonald House of Missoula, Community Medical Center Campus, 2827 Fort Missoula Road, Missoula, MT 59804.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Malletta Family of Funeral Homes Livingstone Chapel, 224 W. Spruce, Missoula, MT 59802.

Charles Eugene 'Chuck' Knickerbocker, 82

Charles Eugene "Chuck" Knickerbocker, 82, died of cancer recently at his home near Bigfork.

He was born on March 13, 1918, at Lamoure, N.D., to Charles E. and Clara Knickerbocker. He attended schools there, gaining a lifelong fascination with things mechanical, and eventually becoming an encyclopedia of both old and new machinery and motors.

In December of 1943, he married Jane Wollerman of Grand Rapids, N.D.

During World War II, he enlisted in the Army Air Corps and trained as a bomber pilot. A refueling accident kept him from seeing overseas duty with his squadron.

After military service, he, his brother Richard, and their father contracted as home-builders in the post-war housing boom, and he added many phases of construction to his storehouse of knowledge. He also became a perfectionist in whatever he was building. During these later years, he also worked as a heavy-equipment operator.

In the early 50s he attended Moorhead State College, studying to the master's degree level, and gaining teaching certificates in industrial arts and mathematics. From 1956 until his retirement, he taught industrial arts in Redlake and Frazee, Minn., Flathead High in Kalispell and at a vocation/technical college at Wadena, Minn.

He developed lasting respect and friendships with those students willing to learn.

During his teaching stint at Flathead High, he became friends with Waino Lindbaum, who operated the Flathead mine in the mountains south of Kila. Later, he worked for Lindbaum as a cat-skinner through the heavy snows of 1968-69.

In 1973, he and his wife purchased property along the Swan River just east of Ferndale. Upon retirement they moved there per-

manently to raise flowers and vegetables, help with construction of the Bigfork Baptist Church, feed the turkeys and deer, give technical advice to sons-in-law, entertain numerous visitors, rebuild antique furniture, travel widely, and in general live a quiet and independent life.

He was preceded in death by his parents, four sisters, and one brother.

He is survived by his wife Jane at the family home; one sister; daughters Karen and her husband, Ron Rude, of Plains, and Sandy and her husband, Frank Boyd, of White Sulphur Springs; five grandsons, and four great-grandchildren.

A visitation will be held Friday from 3-5 p.m. at the Bigfork Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. on Saturday at Swan Chapel in Swan Lake with the Rev. Gary Morton officiating. Interment will be a private family ceremony at C.E. Conrad Cemetery with military honors.

The family request that memorials be made to Hospice of Kalispell. Bigfork Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements for the family.

Willis Martin Kneedler, 79

Willis Martin Kneedler, 79, passed away on Thursday, April 27, 2000, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

He was born on Aug. 4, 1920, in Harlem, to George and Princee Kneedler. He attended schools in Harlem, graduating from Harlem High School in 1938.

After high school, he went to work for the Great Northern Railroad. When World War II came along, he enlisted in the Navy, where he served as the person in charge of all fresh water aboard his ship.

After the war, he went back to work for the Great Northern Railroad, then the Burlington Northern, and finally Amtrak out of

Whitefish. He worked for 40 years in the railroad industry, mostly as an engineer.

He was a member of the Masonic Lodge of Havre, Algeria Shrine Temple, and was a 32nd degree member of the Scottish Rite of Missoula. He belonged to the Kalispell Elks Lodge; Kalispell Moose Lodge; the United Veterans of the Flathead Valley; and the Columbia Falls Eagles Lodge.

Graveside urn burial will be held at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery Thursday at 10 a.m. with the Masonic Lodge and the United Veterans of the Flathead Valley conducting the services.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Douglas Jack Knox, 21

Douglas Jack Knox, 21, passed away Sept. 14, 2000, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

He was born Aug. 30, 1979, to Jack and LaVerne Knox in Kalispell. He attended and graduated from Bigfork schools. He enjoyed playing little league baseball and was on the wrestling team. He also loved the outdoors and spent much of his time with his dad hunting, fishing, and snowmobiling. At the age of 12, he shot his first moose, which he was

very proud of.

He was very talented and mechanically minded, hoping one day to own and operate a small engine repair shop or other business in the Valley. He worked at various jobs, the last being Thomas Construction of Bigfork.

He will be loved and missed immensely by his many friends and family.

He is survived by his parents, Jack and LaVerne "Bubbles" Knox of Bigfork; sisters, Brandie

and Scott Snider of Columbia Falls, Amy Knox stationed with the U.S.M.C. in Madrid, Spain, Rita Knox of Somers; nephews, Tyrel and Kiegan Snider; and many aunts, uncles and numerous cousins.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the Little Brown Church in Bigfork. Burial will follow at Lonepine Cemetery in Bigfork.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Constance Ann 'Connie' Kohler, 41

Constance Ann "Connie" Kohler, 41, of Clyde Park and former Whitefish resident, died at Livingston Memorial Hospital from a pulmonary embolism on Sept. 14, 2000. Following a family visitation, cremation took place at Franzen-Davis Crematory in Livingston.

Memorial services will be at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday at The Great Northern in Whitefish.

She was born on Jan. 14, 1959, in Helena. She was born Jan. 14, 1959, in Helena. She spent her early life and attended schools there, graduating from Capital High School in 1977. She attended Rocky Mountain College where she met Randy Kohler. They were married in 1981. While at Rocky, she was a cheerleader and was very active in drama, choir, and in

the marching band as a flag major. She graduated with a bachelor of arts in English. Following her graduation, she and her husband moved to Whitefish where she worked at various jobs, including at the Whitefish Library. In 1988, the family moved to Billings, where her husband acquired his teaching certification and she became a Web master and was close to being certified as a computer technologist.

Both she and her husband loved to ski, swim, go boating, and camping and visit a cabin they had access to near Essex.

Survivors include her husband, Randy J. Kohler; two daughters, Melissa Kohler, born in 1986, and Rachel Kohler, born in 1990, all of Clyde Park; her brother, John J.

Coggeshall of Helena; her fathers, Jack Coggeshall of Missoula, and Ben Clark of Columbia Falls; and two cousins.

She was preceded in death by her cousin, Stephanie Tanner; her mother, Barbara Coggeshall; and her grandparents, John and Gracie Bielenberg.

Her husband, Randy, will always love her and she will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

A memorial fund has been established in Clyde Park and donations may be sent to First National Bank of the Rockies, 205 First Street, Clyde Park, MT 59018. Her family has also suggested that she would have loved for anyone who would like to to plant a rose bush or a tree in her memory.

Donna Kraft, 22

Donna Kraft, 22, of Gallatin Gateway, passed away Aug. 3, 2000, at Billings Deaconess Hospital, surrounded by her family and friends.

She was born Nov. 24, 1977, in Bozeman, the daughter of Donald Earl and Janet Lynn Cleveland Kraft. She was raised in Kalispell.

She moved back to Bozeman, in 1994, and graduated from high school there. She worked for a summer at Montana State University as a custodian and did housekeeping in Gallatin Gateway; she also worked at McDonald's, Gallatin Laundry, Revelation Engi-

neering, and as a courtesy clerk in a grocery store.

She collected Tiggers and stuffed animals. She loved children. She loved animals, especially horses, and enjoyed the outdoors, camping, snowmobiling and four wheeling. She was full of life and loved people.

She was preceded in death by two uncles, Richard Kraft and Fred Zindler; great-grandparents George and Oleta Sprinkle, Adam and Audrey Zindler, Walter and Merrita Kraft, Earl Randles and Andy Cleveland.

She is survived by her parents; her brothers, Walter and James, a favorite cousin, Walt Marquart, all of Gateway; maternal grandparents, Linda and Richard Cleveland of Gateway; paternal grandparents, Ralph and Margaret Kraft of Kalispell; great-grandmothers, Dorothy Pilgrim of Rapid City, S.D., and Ada Cleveland of Washington; aunt Helen Kraft and uncle Robert Kraft, both of Kalispell; and numerous cousins and friends.

Cremation has taken place at Dahl Funeral Chapel. Memorial services will be held at a later date.

William S. Krause, 87

William S. Krause, 87, a resident of Kalispell, entered into eternal rest on Dec. 7, 2000, at Brendan House surrounded by his loving family.

He was born in Belvidere, Ill., to Clara Ethel Sewell and Paul August Krause.

He attended Pomona College and was a graduate of the University of California, Berkeley and Southwestern University. He was a member of the State Bar of California. As a member of the Claremont Congregational Church, he served as deacon, trustee and was a member of the finance committee, and was a member of the Kiwanis Club.

During World War II he served in the United States Navy as lieutenant junior grade airport transport officer, Naval Air Transport Service, Squadrons VR3 and VR7, and following his active duty he served in the Naval Reserve. Until his death he remained a member of the Naval Institute.

Prior to the war, when aviation was in its infancy, he was employed by United Airlines, Commercial Airline Operations Division. He retired as vice presi-



dent and trust officer of Title Insurance & Trust Company, Los Angeles, Calif., in 1979.

In 1989, he and his wife, Carroll, fulfilled a lifelong dream by moving to Kalispell. He loved the beauty of the majestic mountains, the glorious forests, the peace and quiet of his country home and caring for his beloved pet donkeys.

He is survived by his devoted wife, Carroll; his daughter, Paula Eaton and husband, Bob, and his son, Gregory Cook, residents of Kalispell. He also leaves behind his California family, a son, David Krause, and wife, Connie; a grandson, Paul Krause, and wife, Jennifer; and great-grandson, Preston Paul Krause.

A private service will be held at a later date. His cremains will rest in Forest Lawn Memorial Park-Covina Hills in the Court of the Masters.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Patient Fund at the Dialysis Clinic, Inc. as a gift to his friends and family at the clinic who so lovingly cared for him.

He will long be remembered for his gentleness and courage and he will live on in the hearts of all who were fortunate enough to have him cross their path.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

John S. Kreber, 77

John S. Kreber, 77, passed away on Sept. 21, 2000, at his home near Columbia Falls.

He was born Aug. 1, 1923, in Sioux Falls, S.D., to Harry T. and Catherine F. Kreber. He was raised and educated in South Dakota. He worked on the family farm for several years.

He was married to Sylvia M. Luxford on Oct. 4, 1952, in Pipestone, Minn. They lived in Sioux Falls, S.D., until moving to Malta in 1959. They moved to Columbia Falls in 1962, where he worked for Plum Creek Lumber until he retired in 1988.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing, gardening, and making whirly gigs in his spare time.

He is preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Sylvia, in 1991, and a brother.

He is survived by a son, Tom, of Columbia Falls; a daughter, Caroline Lips of Omaha, Neb.; 15 grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren.

A funeral service will be held on Wednesday at 1 p.m. at the St. Richard's Catholic Church in Columbia Falls. Rev. Joe Pat Moran will officiate. Burial will follow in St. Richard's Catholic Cemetery.

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

Warren J. Krogstad, 89

Warren J. Krogstad, 89, who summered at his family's Bigfork property for most of his life, died July 16, 2000, in Billings.

In ill health, he was taken from Bigfork to a Billings hos-

pital earlier this month.

His father, Ben, acquired the Yellow Bay property in the late 1920s. The summer home is at 19068 East Shore, Big Fork.

He is survived by his wife of

64 years, Ileen; two daughters; a twin sister; two grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Services are pending with the Nordquist Cremation and Funeral Home in Billings.

Karol J. Krueger, 63

Karol J. Krueger, 63, passed away on Nov. 4, 2000, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

She was born July 28, 1937 in New Salem, N.D., to Fred and Wilma Krueger. She lived on a small farm in New Salem until 1947 when she moved with her family to Kalispell. She graduated from Flathead High School in 1955. She attended Montana State University at Bozeman, where she graduated in 1959 with a degree in elementary education. She then attended college at the University of Utah, where she received her master's degree.

She taught school at Helena and California until 1966, when she went to work for the Department of Defense as a teacher in military schools. She spent three years in Japan, one year in Newfoundland and 16 years in Frankfurt, Germany. During her years with the D.O.D., she traveled extensively, having been in 53 countries and islands around the world. She retired in 1986 and returned to Kalispell, where she was self employed.



She was always a very active person who enjoyed all sports. She was known as an avid golfer. She truly loved and enjoyed being with her great-nephews and great-niece. She will be deeply missed by her family and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her father Fred Krueger, and her grandparents.

She is survived by mother Wilma Krueger of Kalispell; a twin brother Kenneth and his wife, Betty, of Kalispell; nephew Gary and his wife, Jessica Krueger, of Kalispell; a niece Kelly and her husband, Jeff Craig, of Henderson, Nev.; great-nephews Derek, Trent and Ryan Krueger, and Stevan Craig; great-niece Carissa Krueger; and several aunts and uncles.

A viewing will be held from 3 to 8 p.m. on Monday at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. A private family burial will take place at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home chapel with the Rev. Glenn Burfeind officiating.

Memorials may be made to the donors' choice.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Georgia Krshka, 75

Georgia Krshka, 75, passed away peacefully on May 9, 2000, in Kalispell.

She was born in Shelby, on April 13, 1925, to Pete and Mary Jacquemart. She spent her childhood in Shelby, where she graduated from high school.

She left Shelby and worked in Denver for an oil company but later returned to her home state of Montana.

She married Frank E. Krshka in Helena, on June, 6, 1949. They celebrated their 50th anniversary last year only a few months before he passed away. They owned and operated the Glacier Park Trading Post in East Glacier for several years. In those years she met many people and touched their lives with her warm smile and caring attitude.

She was a charter member of the East Glacier Women's Club, and belonged to Jaycees in Shelby and Cut Bank.

She and her husband moved to

the Bear Creek area near Essex after they sold their business in East Glacier. This was truly her home. She loved the peace and magnificent beauty of this area. Many will remember the view out her dining room doors into the remote and grand mountains of Glacier Park. Abundant wildlife graced her backyard, including grizzly bears, a sight she feared and loved.

She enjoyed snowmobiling in the wide open spaces of her backyard, cross country skiing and walking to take in the splendor. She was a gracious hostess, one could always count on cookies in the cookie jar when stopping to visit and expect wonderful homemade candies at Christmas time. She also had owned many dogs over the years, and adored each and every one.

She was preceded in death by her husband Frank E. Krshka on Feb. 20, 2000; her parents, Mary and Pete Jacquemart; two sisters,

Patsy Brown and Peggy Mallette; as well as one brother, Pete Jacquemart Jr.

She leaves behind a large extended family including a sister, Helen Schnee of Shelby, and her husband, Jerry Schnee, Jeanne Lyon of Kalispell; numerous nieces and nephews who she always made feel special. She had several wonderful and supportive friends that were a part of her family, Don and Jan Smith of Essex, Caroline and Bill (Logan) Erickson of Great Falls, and Mary Kay Murphy of Cut Bank. Her smiling face will be remembered fondly and missed by all of us.

A memorial service will be held in East Glacier at the Church of the Ascension on May 22 at 11 a.m. to celebrate the life of Georgia and her late husband Frank.

Contributions can be made to the Montana Hope Project.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Frank E. Krshka, 79

Frank E. Krshka, 79, of Kalispell, died at Kalispell Regional Medical Center on Feb. 20, 2000, of heart failure.

He was born to Ada and Frank Krshka on May 7, 1920 in Carlyle, Ark. He attended elementary school in Arkansas, secondary school in Kuna, Idaho, and four years of college at the College of Idaho and at North Idaho College.

He was married to Georgia Jacquemart on June 8, 1949, in Helena. He and Georgia lived in Cut Bank for several years. In his early days he was a partner at KSEN (KIYI) Radio in Shelby. There he took his turn on the air announcing, one of the early voices of the station.

Later he and Georgia moved to East Glacier, where they owned and operated the Glacier Park Trading Post and This and That Gift Shop. He and his brother-in-law, Kenny Brown, were partners in this business. Anyone who frequented East Glacier during those years would remember his welcoming smile as they entered the Trading Post.

After his retirement from the Glacier Park Trading Post, he spent many hours working at the Isaac Walton Inn near his home in Essex. His work there was a labor of love. He will be remembered by the many visitors who passed through, as he found it his personal mission to make them feel at home and help them enjoy the pristine beauty that

surrounds the area. Many will remember his weather reports broadcast daily from the Isaac Walton on KSEN Radio.

He served as a Glacier County Commissioner for two terms, was on the board of directors for Golden Triangle Mental Health, and was their president for eight years. He was on the board of directors for The Bank of Glacier County, later First Interstate Bank. He was a member of the Cut Bank Elks Lodge. Frank enjoyed football, and in his early days whitewater rafting with the late Don Clapper and Bob Blumfield of Shelby.

He headed the annual statewide reunion for the Hope Project that is held each summer in Essex. He worked relentlessly for the Hope Project, as it was one that touched his heart. His work helped to raise money to benefit many children with life threatening illnesses who enjoy receiving a special wish from the project.

Frank is survived by his wife, Georgia; his sister-in-law, Jean Lyon of Kalispell; sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Helen and Jerry Schnee of Shelby; and many nieces and nephews who will miss him very much.

Memorial services will be held at a later date. Memorials can be made to the Hope Project, 2077 Mission Trails, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Floyd James Kraus, 91

Floyd James Kraus, 91, passed away April 30, 2000 at Heritage Place. He was born January 2, 1909 in Fessenden, N. D., the son of Alexander F. and Mary Ann Heizelman Kraus.



He farmed around New Rockford, N. D., until 1932. He then worked for Haas and Sons for nine years as well as working as a mechanic for Plymouth Garage. He was employed as a clerk for B-N in Minot, N. D., for 27 years until his retirement in February 1974. He was married to Margaret Winberg at New Rockford, N. D. in 1934. He had two daughters, Patricia Wenzel of New Rockford, N. D. and Joan Bommersbach, Rapid City, S.D. Margaret and he were divorced in 1950. He married Ester Brenden on June 9, 1968 in Nashua, Mont., and they moved to Kalispell in 1976.

He was a member of the senior center; he loved to play cards, go dancing, traveling, and enjoyed spending the winter months for a few years in Arizona. He also enjoyed spending time with family and friends. He was a member of

the Elks Lodge, the Moose Lodge, B.N. Veterans Transportation Communication Union and a charter member of the Eagles.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother Raymond Kraus and one sister, Margaret Terry.

He is survived by his wife Esther Kraus of Kalispell; two daughters, Patricia Wenzel of New Rockford, N.D.; Joan Bommersbach and her husband Tom, Rapid City, S.D.; 10 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren, and six great-great-grandchildren; one sister, Anne Martell of New Rockford, N.D.; also one nephew and three nieces; five step-children, Jeanette Forest of Bullhead City, Ariz.; Betty Trueblood of Kalispell; Darlene Ramsbacher of Ft. Peck; Gary Brenden, Paso Robles, Calif., and Susan Vertz, Tucson, Ariz.

Visitation will be held from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday at the Johnson Mortuary, with cremation following. A memorial service and burial will take place at a later date in New Rockford, N. D. at Evans Funeral Home.

Local arrangements and cremation are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Cremation.

Rita S. Kruckenberg, 45

Rita S. Kruckenberg, 45, a Fairbanks resident, died Jan. 10, 2000, of lung cancer at her sister's home in Anchorage, Alaska.



She was born Dec. 20, 1954, in Kalispell. She attended grade school at St. Matthew's and graduated from Flathead High School. She moved with her family to Fairbanks in 1973.

She was employed as a teamster in construction, warehousing and trucking. She worked the oil fields and various areas in Alaska for the past 27 years in the construction field.

From a young age she loved horse-

back riding in the foothills of Lone Pine. She enjoyed winter vacations in Mexico and traveling with her cat.

She is survived by her parents, Norman and Angie Kruckenberg of Fairbanks, Alaska; brothers, Raymond of Missoula, Richard of Fairbanks, and Ronald of Anchorage; sisters, Rosanne Kruckenberg of Anchorage, Regina Kegley of Lynnwood, Wash., and numerous nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins in the Kunda and Kruckenberg families of Kalispell, Arlee, and Billings.

An intimate family service was held at the home of her sister Rosanne in Anchorage. A memorial service in celebration of her life is planned to be held this summer in Kalispell.

Cremation arrangements were by the Anchorage Funeral home.

Jerry Lee Kubu, 61

Jerry Lee Kubu, age 61, passed away on Friday, July 7, 2000, at the Kalispell Regional Medical



Center in Kalispell, Mont. He was born on Oct. 25, 1938, in Wolf Point, Mont., and raised by loving parents Joseph and Leora (Reeser) Kubu.

Jerry received his education in Kalispell, graduating from high school and then enlisting in the Navy. After his naval service, Jerry returned to Kalispell where he married Dorothy Termatt on July 21, 1962. They were later divorced. He also attended the Flathead Valley College, studying business administration. Jerry worked in various towns in retail sales before settling in Hamilton, Mont. in 1971, where he met and married Betty Irion on Dec. 7, 1972. After their divorce in 1992, Jerry moved to Kalispell where he worked for the Fred Meyer store.

Jerry's passions were hunting, fishing and playing keno as he visited with his friends around town.

Jerry was preceded in death by his father, Joseph.

He is survived by three sons, Frank and wife Connie of Veradale, Wash., William of Kalispell and Edward of Hamilton; two daughters, Ann Kubu of Pittsburg, Calif., and Twyla Kubu of Hamilton; his mother, Leora of Kalispell; a step-sister, Diean Jukich and husband Mike of San Diego, Calif.; and five grandchildren; and by a very dear friend of the family, Deanie Bronson of Kalispell.

Funeral services for Jerry Lee Kubu will be held Tuesday, July 11, 2000, at 2 p.m. at the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with Rev. Steve Snipstead of the Faith Free Lutheran Church officiating.

Visitation will be Monday at Johnson Mortuary from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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

Paul L. Kurth, 82

Paul L. Kurth, 82, died Jan. 26, 2000, in Missoula.

He was born Jan. 2, 1918, in Froid, to Gustav and Ida Fox Kurth.

Memorial services are tentatively scheduled for a later date in February at the Johnson

Mortuary Chapel. Visitation will be held Monday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Johnson Mortuary, with cremation following.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary Crematory.

Agnes Kusler, 91

Agnes Kusler, 91, died Sunday, March 19, 2000 at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

She was born October 21, 1908 in Byesville, Ohio to George and Helen Naismith McNeil. The family moved to Billings by train, then went by stagecoach to Washoe. They settled in Bearcreek where she received her education. She also attended college in Dillon.

On June 20, 1933 she married Calvin J. Kusler at Columbus. He died in 1971.

They lived in Bearcreek, Lewistown and Libby. They moved to Kalispell in 1949 where he was associated with the school system.

She was an active volunteer and worked on the election board for many years. She was an avid reader, enjoyed embroidery and cut work and loved to cook. She loved to share her baked goods with neighbors and friends.

She was a member of the Presbyterian Church and Marie Chapter #36 Order of Eastern Star of Lewistown for more than 50 years.

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

She is survived by her sister, Helen McKay of Aurora, Colo., four nephews and two nieces.

Graveside services are at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery with Rev. Brenda Wills officiating. There will also be a memorial service performed by the Adah Chapter #17 Order of Eastern Star of Kalispell.

The family suggests memorials be sent to Montana Heart Association, 310 Sunnyview Lane, Kalispell, Montana.

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